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With this edition, Wake Forest Magazine offers a range of features that celebrate the Pro Humanitate spirit, from Coach Tom Walter’s sacrifice for Kevin Jordan to the quest for a new Sudan championed by the Braggs of Charlotte. Among the stories is a piece by Edwin G. Wilson (’43), provost and professor emeritus, describing the February day that Reynolds Professor of American Studies Maya Angelou received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, a new honor for a Wake Forester. The Wake Forest community in Washington, D.C., marked the event with a luncheon to pay tribute.

Maya Angelou is a person with tremendous presence and a certain charisma. It comes from the power of her mind, her experience, her poetic way with words and her insight into whatever she is describing. Her impromptu remarks were deeply moving, particularly her deep appreciation of Wake Forest. It was a quintessential Wake Forest moment, reflecting our University’s motto.

I see Pro Humanitate very broadly. It is a powerful orientation to serve. Our lives are to be given to purposes broader than ourselves. The classical notion encompasses the central purposes of the University, which is thinking and then doing. “For humanity,” in a sense, is to exalt that which is best and most noble about being human, and it certainly involves taking care of the less fortunate. It involves building communities in which human dignity can flourish. Excellences of the mind, the heart, the soul and the hands — I don’t like the word “balance” because it sounds bland — those kinds of creative tensions are the highest form of Pro Humanitate.

I do think on a number of fronts we are learning new facets of Pro Humanitate. Our concern for educating the whole person is not only to have students learn subjects but also to be able to reflect meaningfully about “Why am I here?” and “What are my gifts?” The big, ultimate questions of how one wants to contribute in life. We seek to offer strategies to help students come to terms with those larger issues, and, in doing so, that suggests a wonderful outlook for Pro Humanitate. Students will not just blindly accept the currency of our culture, which is that material acquisition and living the good life are the Holy Grail. Pro Humanitate — it gets into why does one live. It’s not for self-gratification. It’s for higher, more important purposes.

I hope this issue of the magazine offers you a sense of how the spirit of Pro Humanitate endures for the Wake Forest community — in Winston-Salem and beyond.

Warm regards,

Nathan D. Hatch
A V O I C E  F O R
Victor Pauca sits at a small table with his speech therapist, who asks him what he wants to do: play with Dora the Explorer or Spiderman?

No blackboard interaction here. Instead, her chalk is an iPod Touch. On the screen she shows Victor images of each toy, encouraging him to make his choice by touching the appropriate “button.” Victor, who has limited speech and motor skills, curiously eyes the screen and touches Dora. He waves his arms triumphantly as she sets the toy spinning around the table.
A software application helps Victor and his father, Paúl, communicate. Right: The Pauca family (right): Paúl, seated, with Victor (left) and Francesca; Sofia (standing, left) and Theresa.

**In Victor’s Classroom** at Winston-Salem’s Children’s Center for the Physically Disabled, dictionary-sized assistive and augmentative communication devices (AACD) with four-figure price tags have been set aside in favor of something more adaptable and less expensive: touchscreen technology. Victor’s teacher, Chris Sladky, holds help in the palm of her hand.

On this day Victor finds his voice through a software application based on matching images with phrases. But this isn’t just any app: it is the brainchild of his father, Wake Forest Professor Paúl Pauca (’94, MS ’96), and his students; and it is named Verbal Victor for one dark-haired, charming little boy.

Pauca, associate professor of computer science, and his wife, Theresa, sensed something was not right with their son early on when he fell behind in his developmental milestones such as crawling, sitting, walking and speaking. At age two-and-a-half he was diagnosed with Pitt Hopkins Syndrome (PTHS), a rare genetic disorder affecting his muscle control, speech and overall development. Now 5, Victor is a curious, active child who communicates through an engaging smile, sounds and hand gestures.

“Having your child diagnosed with something essentially ‘incurable’ is one of the hardest things a parent can go through,” says Pauca, who came to Wake Forest as an undergraduate from Peru. “It’s like going through a really deep valley where you are isolated from the rest of the world. But we pull through it with hard work and determination.” Says Theresa, “It helped us realize that happiness is a choice we make. We could choose to be bitter or to be better. We chose to be better.”

It was Theresa — a former special education teacher whose father, Reynolds Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science Robert Plemmons (’61), introduced her to the man she would eventually marry — who proposed the idea to her husband of pursuing a more adaptable, affordable AACD to improve life not only for Victor but also for others. Thus began an ongoing labor of love uniting professor, students, teachers, speech therapists and parents of PTHS children worldwide.
Younger sister Francesca, who is teaching Victor how to cook, helps him navigate the front steps to their home.
PAUCA AND HIS SOFTWARE ENGINEERING STUDENTS first did their homework: what had been previously implemented and what improvements might they make? Once they found a niche they worked in two-week cycles, developing the program, sharing it with users and refining the product based on feedback. “We can do something to help many people along the way and integrate it with our students’ education. It’s a benefit for many people, not just the children.”

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Tommy Guy (MA ’09, MS ’10), a former graduate student of Pauca’s and now a doctoral candidate at the University of Toronto, was lead programming engineer. He says the team was looking for basic functionality with a simple interface using camera and microphone to enable customization. “And we wanted it to be affordable,” says Guy, who received funding from Wake Forest’s Center for Entrepreneurship to develop a prototype including new features.

Verbal Victor has a dynamic display with customized image “buttons” accompanied by phrases that express the user’s desired action, such as “I want to eat” (a lunchbox) or “I want to play” (toys). It is simple to download on the iPhone/iPad and convenient for teachers and parents to adapt by adding pictures and recording new phrases. Best of all, it’s currently $6.99 on iTunes. As of mid-spring the app had been downloaded over 1,100 times worldwide.

Pauca and team are working on a new version featuring page locking, image editing and the ability to combine buttons to make complete sentences. Developers are also looking at online button-sharing.

Tommy Guy (MA ’09, MS ’10), lead programming engineer for Verbal Victor (top), says the development team wanted a simple, practical interface. The app uses photos and sounds to communicate with Victor (center). Paul Pauca says the app has the potential to benefit many people with communication disabilities.
Pauca is researching grants to further develop Verbal Victor. His goal is to use his expertise, mobile technology and knowledge regarding speech and communication to develop better and more affordable applications for people with disabilities such as autism, Parkinson’s disease and stroke.

He acknowledges he hasn’t invented anything new; he’s just tailored something for a particular type of child. His own child. “Victor makes it easy for us because he is the hardest working kid. He has achieved things we didn’t think he could.”

When Victor was first diagnosed, his parents searched the Internet and found one other family whose child had PTHS. They formed an international support group that now numbers over 100 families and counting. The Paucas organized a local faith-based support group for parents of children with disabilities, created the Pitt Hopkins Syndrome Fund under the Winston-Salem Foundation and the Pitt Hopkins Syndrome International Network. Together with other families they have raised $15,000 to fund research through 5K races around the country. The second annual Race for Victor and PTHS is scheduled for Oct. 1 at Tanglewood Park.

As the Pauca forge ahead with PTHS awareness and research, the family mission of being better, not better, is heartwarmingly personified in Victor’s sisters, Sofia (11) and Francesca (8). They are their brother’s biggest advocates, reading to him, playing with him and bragging about his achievements. Francesca has “cooking lessons” for him every Tuesday and sets therapy goals for them to accomplish together.

Once Sofia and her father were discussing genes and DNA when she expressed interest in becoming a scientist who could work on those things. Pauca encouraged her to learn more about PTHS and maybe even discover a cure.

Sofia said she would like that, but she wasn’t sure about finding a cure. “Because then,” she said, “parents might just bring their kids to me and say, ‘Fix the problem,’ and never learn the wonderful things their children could teach them.”
THE WASHINGTONIANS

WAKE WASHINGTON INTRODUCES STUDENTS TO THE LANDMARKS, MONUMENTS, POLITICS AND PLAYERS THAT MAKE THE CAPITAL CITY HUM

By SUSANNAH ROSENBLATT (’03) ★ PHOTOGRAPHED by ROD LAMKEY
The University had this fabulous history of study abroad — really had been an early leader in all of that — and understood the importance of experiential learning,” said former Alumni Association President Nancy Kuhn (’73). Washington was only a few hours from campus, yet “we didn’t have any presence here.” So Kuhn, director of external relations for the Business-Higher Education Forum, spearheaded an in-depth investigation of programs run by other universities in the city. Through that research, The Washington Center emerged as the ideal partner to help launch WAKE Washington. The respected nonprofit has helped connect college students with outstanding internships for more than three decades, and every semester it offers dozens of challenging courses taught by top-tier instructors.

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Vaughan, from rural Versailles, (pronounced Ver-sales) Ky., spends most of her days working at a full-time internship where she creates civics education materials and does media outreach for nonprofit Rock the Vote. The rest of the time she’s thinking on her feet in criminal law class, listening to war stories from a panel of veteran campaign managers or touring the White House. And that’s just just Mondays.

“It sounds really nerdy,” Vaughan said, “I’m just constantly politically starstruck.”

The WAKE Washington program, now in its fifth year, offers motivated undergraduates the chance to live in the nation’s capital and work full-time at the competitive internship of their choice while completing a course through the University’s affiliate organization in the city, The Washington Center. On top of that, students must conduct an independent study and write a major paper with the guidance of a Wake Forest professor. The rigorous program offers students across every major a real-world taste of government, politics, think tanks and nonprofits, and a chance to hobnob with high-profile power brokers.

WAKE Washington students “see this big world that’s right in Washington, D.C.,” said Associate Dean of the College Paul N. Orser (’69, P ’01), who directs the program.

For years, members of the Board of Visitors, trustees and some Washington alumni had been contemplating how best to forge a Wake Forest-Washington connection. In 2006, the University began formally exploring ways to establish an institutional presence in D.C., a city that had long attracted growing numbers of young graduates.

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For students interested in being a good citizen, becoming a contributor to society … this city embraces, embodies that spirit of good citizenship,” said The Washington Center President Michael B. Smith.

Vaughan, 20, felt that pull early. She’s been in love with D.C. since she saw the Washington Monument for the first time — when she was three. From the beginning, she says, she was a wonk: “I grew up watching the news instead of watching cartoons.” She bounced straight from a semester in Paris to rooming with three young women from China, Iowa, and New Jersey at The Washing-

courses, Washington Center activities and independent study research keep them so busy they hardly encounter other WAKE Washington students.

The Center works with more than 500 colleges and universities across the country, provides intensive advising, and organizes a full slate of enrichment opportunities for participants including meeting face-to-face with a member of Congress, hearing from panels of distinguished speakers and engaging in community service. Students select a concentration, such as International Affairs, Media and Communication or Advocacy, Service and Arts, and choose their internship. WAKE Washington alumni have interned with the Federal Trade Commission, INTERPOL, the NAACP, the Peace Corps, the Republican National Committee and Voice of America, among other organizations.

“It’s quite a change of pace from the Wake Forest bubble,” Andy Bunker says.
The Studio Art minor is soaking up every minute. She might be dashing to the National Portrait Gallery courtyard to cram in LSAT preparations, or research the paper on youth voting she is writing for Associate Professor of Political Science John Dinan, or filling up on the famous hot dogs from Ben's Chili Bowl. There’s something new to discover at all hours: she and a group of Washington Center friends found themselves walking the National Mall after midnight one warm Friday night, strolling miles from the Capitol past the Lincoln Memorial and moonlit war monuments, finally collapsing into a taxi at 2 a.m. Next project: getting a card for the Library of Congress.

“It’s cool to feel like I’m actually part of the city,” Vaughan said.

But WAKE Washington isn’t exactly a relaxing break from campus life. Rather, Orser requires applicants to the elite program to write two essays and interviews them; participants’ average GPA is 3.7. That makes sense, as WAKE Washington students must have time management down to a science to balance a full-time job, a three-credit course, a directed study, plus the professional portfolio and constant events required by The Washington Center. Students “don’t go up there with rose-colored glasses thinking, ‘This will be a nice party semester,’” said Debbie Best (’70, MA ’72), William L. Poteat Professor of Psychology and former Dean of the College who helped oversee the program’s creation. “It’s probably the hardest semester they’ve spent. But boy, do they come out of there knowing they can conquer the world.”

The intensive combination of challenging academics and meaningful professional experience in a metropolis offers students something they can’t find on campus.

Junior political science major Andy Bunker joined House Speaker John Boehner’s office in the spring, where he helped field the deluge of constituent calls after President Obama’s State of the Union address: “Getting to see how it all comes together is pretty wild.”

While her friends back in Winston-Salem were wrapping up exams and packing during their last week of college, communications major Jackie McConville (’07), was working for the Washington, D.C., boutique public relations firm Swanson Communications, which sent her ringside in Las Vegas to help...
“What our alumni tell us, survey after survey: ‘This experience transformed me,’” Washington Center President Smith said.

The University’s enhanced connection to Washington has proved a boon to faculty scholarship as well. The Upton Foundation, which has lent crucial financial support to the WAKE Washington program, also provided Wake Forest political science department Professor and Chair Katy Harriger the opportunity to dissect Supreme Court desegregation decisions through researching justices’ papers at the Library of Congress. Harriger approves coursework undertaken by political science majors during their time in D.C.; so far, she’s been impressed by the quality of students’ academic work.

“In terms of getting some experience and building some credentials in the Washington environment, I don’t think the program can be beat,” Harriger said.

Formalizing the link between Wake Forest and Washington, a city with innumerable opportunities and full of young professionals, just makes sense, Orser said: “If you can’t find something meaningful to do in Washington, D.C., you’re either dead or comatose.”

And Vaughan is a testament to getting the most out of every moment. She still has a few items to check off her must-do list: see every room in every art museum. Try a fancy cupcake from every bakery she can find. Get off the metro at a random stop to discover a restaurant she can call her own.

She’s learned to curb the urge to make eye contact and smile at passing strangers, and she’s had to keep tabs on her friends and the campus parties she’s missing via Facebook. But living in D.C. through WAKE Washington, Vaughan doesn’t feel as though she’s missing out: “I wouldn’t turn it down for the world.”

Susannah Rosenblatt (’03) is a former journalist with the Los Angeles Times, a Michelin travel guide co-author and works as a Senior Project Director with KSA-Plus Communications in Arlington, Va., specializing in education communications.
This spring Wake Forest School of Law launched a new program in Washington, D.C. The Metropolitan Externship provides third-year students with the opportunity to spend a semester in practice in a diverse legal environment under the supervision of experienced attorneys.

Students spend approximately 35 hours per week interning in a government agency or non-governmental organization. Placements include Executive Branch offices such as the Departments of Justice or State, or independent agencies such as the Federal Communications Commission, Federal Trade Commission, or Federal Elections Commission. Non-governmental groups include advocacy groups, human rights organizations and trade associations. International organizations, such as the IMF or World Bank, are also included in the program.

In addition to the practice component, students attend a weekly class taught by Adjunct Professor David J. Gottlieb, who also organizes the project, and they complete journals. For more information, go to dc-externship.law.wfu.edu/
Rep. Donna Edwards’ devotion to public service blossomed toward the end of her freshman year, alongside her hallmates from the Bostwick A-side basement. Edwards and friends volunteered with Big Brothers Big Sisters, bringing young women to campus to experience college life, occasionally accompanying them to class.

“It really was that experience that told me all along I wanted to do something that was related to public service, to building community, strengthening communities,” said Edwards, the first African-American woman to represent Maryland in Congress. She still maintains friendships with the freshman women she oversaw as a resident adviser.

Edwards considers a semester in Salamanca, Spain, a pivotal moment that helped awaken a more global perspective.

“Wake Forest allowed us to see the world in a larger context than just our own community or our own campus.”

Her connection to the University was immediate the first time she visited: “I remember the moment standing on the middle of the Quad: I looked around and I said, ‘This is going to be my home.’”

Edwards considers her undergraduate years a touchstone in her personal and professional life, which included co-founding and heading the National Network to End Domestic Violence, before she began representing Maryland’s 4th Congressional District, near Washington, D.C. In her second full term after her initial victory in a 2008 special election, Edwards is focused on helping create what she terms “21st century” jobs. Regardless of major or career aspirations, every student can benefit from experience in D.C., Edwards said.

“You learn a lot about how government works, the ways that it doesn’t work so well. It gives us an opportunity to understand the complexity of our system — and the beauty of it,” she said. “It’s a great gig if you can get it.”

First-term N.C. Sen. Kay Hagan couldn’t have avoided a life in politics if she’d wanted to. Her uncle was Lawton Chiles, a Florida governor and U.S. senator. Her father served as mayor of Lakeland, Fla. As a state senator in North Carolina, and now U.S. senator, Hagan has kept the family business going.

The summer after graduating from Florida State University before beginning law school at Wake Forest, Hagan interned in Chiles’ Capitol Hill office. There, she said, she put her political science classes to work.

She urges students to take advantage of the manifold professional opportunities: “You’re at the seat of power in Washington, D.C. It’s a very vibrant city. There is always so much going on.”

Back home, Hagan has worked since 2009 to bring jobs to North Carolina and support small business owners. Her goal is to help kick-start the slumping U.S. economy, what she deems one of the biggest challenges facing the country.

It’s the “talented professors” that spring to mind when Hagan recalls the School of Law. Even more memorable than her outstanding legal education, Wake Forest law school is where Hagan met her husband, Chip (JD ’77). They’re still in touch with law school friends, a group she’s traveled to Argentina with and saw recently at the wedding of a friend’s daughter (bride and groom were both Wake Forest grads, too).

Her solution for the WFU basketball team? It’s right there at home. “I look at North Carolina as the basketball hotbed of the nation,” Hagan said. “We need to recruit more North Carolina basketball talent. I want to see the Demon Deacons in the Final Four next year.”
Rep. Larry Kissell, a native of Biscoe, N.C., in his second term, says his History of the South course with legendary Dr. David Smiley always stuck with him. He drew inspiration from Smiley, as well as other history and politics professors, when he left a decades-long career in the textile industry to teach high school social studies — and represent the state’s 8th Congressional District.

“We flocked to that class,” Kissell said. “It was not the information that made it so appealing, it was the way Dr. Smiley taught. He made history real. He didn’t teach facts … he taught [us] where we came from.”

Kissell’s progression toward public service, his desire to make a difference, has its roots in his time at Wake Forest, where he majored in economics. The congressman believes a Wake Forest education, coupled with Washington work experience, can open students’ eyes to the workings of government and the value of service. Education is one of Kissell’s policy priorities, along with shoring up American jobs and advocating for textile workers and veterans.

A proud Deacon, Kissell has worn a Wake Forest shirt on more than one trip to Afghanistan, sparking conversations with troops. Hanging in his Capitol office is a photo of Randolph Childress (’95) hitting the game-winning jump shot that earned the Deacons an ACC championship victory over Carolina.

A true fan, Kissell has faith that the basketball program will rebound. Maybe not before his daughter Jenny, a fellow Deacon and junior biology major, graduates, but soon: “They’ll be back,” Kissell says.

Sen. Richard Burr believes working in Washington is not that different from a Wake Forest liberal arts education: learn a bit of everything so you’re prepared to do anything.

“I don’t think you can get this education anywhere,” Burr said of spending time in the nation’s capital. “It’s about people skills. It’s about crisis management. It’s about the functions of government that have a direct impact on any career.”

These days many employers, Burr said, respond well to students with a wide range of experience and expertise — not simply a specialized graduate degree.

Besides valuing the breadth of his Wake Forest education, Burr has carried other lessons into five terms in the U.S. House of Representatives and two in the Senate. His father, a Presbyterian minister, instilled in Burr a sense of responsibility to the community. And his time wearing No. 38 as a strong safety for the beleaguered Deacon football team taught Burr “how to overcome adversity.”

Now, the senator is focused on sparking economic growth, creating jobs and tackling the national debt.

When he’s back home in Winston-Salem, you might spot him at Diamondback Grill or explaining why patience is required for any fan of Deacon basketball. “The last guy I’m going to second-guess is Ron Wellman (P ’98, P ’04), because he’s usually right,” Burr said. “We’re one great player away from having a sensational year.”
Habits of the Digital Age

ILLUSTRATIONS by HAYES HENDERSON
The Scholar sits down to write, and all his years of meditation do not furnish him with one good thought or happy expression: but it is necessary to write a letter to a friend,—and, forthwith, troops of gentle thoughts invest themselves, on every hand, with chosen words.¹

Ralph Waldo Emerson was probably not exaggerating when he described those “troops of gentle thoughts” that came to him when he sat down to write a friend. Indeed, letter writing inspired him so much that it took more than 30 years for editors Rusk and Tilton to publish the hundreds of pages found in 10 volumes of Emerson’s letters.

What accounted for the amazing capaciousness of his epistles? The thought of an absent friend? The time spent in solitude with pen and paper? We know that Emerson’s habit of letter writing was not remarkable. From the 18th through the 20th centuries, we have rich access to history and feeling through letters that chronicle lives across race, class and cultures. So many participated in the epistolary tradition — lovers, warriors, businessmen, the leisure class, immigrants, the bereaved and slaves, like Harriet Jacobs, petitioning for freedom.

As a graduate student in the 1980s, before the advent of digital literacy, I became immersed in the lives of two prolific letter writers who shaped my career. The graduate director at my university asked me and a female friend to help an elderly woman, with failing eyesight, write letters to those who sent condolences after her husband’s death.

Rather reluctantly, but greatly in need of a second job, I mulled over whether I should accept such “feminized” labor. But I soon realized I had a remarkable opportunity. Although she had been known as a prominent doctor’s wife, Mrs. Kohn lived a rich life of her own; under her maiden name, Sally Wood, she had been a World War I nurse, an activist, a novelist and a translator. Transcribing letters at her dining room table, I realized Mrs. Kohn grieved not only for her husband, but also for her close friend, Caroline Gordon, who was dying in Mexico. The two women were often separated, but faithfully exchanged letters. Kohn had Gordon’s letters spanning decades in her attic.

Because a collection of Gordon’s short stories had been recently published and many of her novels were being reissued, Wood thought that Gordon’s letters would provide “young feminists” an understanding of the complex life led by women writers of the early 20th century. At first, Gordon resisted having her letters made public, but finally permitted her friend to edit a volume. The very first letter I transcribed, dated 1924, powerfully described Caroline Gordon’s anguish at losing not only Wood’s company, but also her infant daughter, whom Wood helped deliver a few weeks earlier. Familial and economic pressures led Gordon to send her daughter to her mother in Kentucky, while she and husband, Allen Tate, struggled to become writers in New York City. Over the next months, Mrs. Kohn told me stories of her friend’s life as she debated which letters should be shared; I typed, listened carefully and wrote my dissertation on Gordon.

Writing practices change over time and we, as writers and scholars, have to consider how new technologies affect our sense of history, our scholarship, our sense of privacy and community. We rarely depend on the postal service to keep in touch with friends. We rarely hold letters in our hands, and my students tell me they have difficulty reading cursive. As we email, blog, tweet or post, we sometimes act with the immediacy of our medium and send messages we wish we could recapture.

We share our lives with our social networks, rather than writing individual friends. As scholars, we will soon turn toward digitized documents and scan newspapers and public records to analyze our past. But we may miss the ease and inspiration Emerson felt as he wrote his letters. We may never share Emily Dickinson’s ritualistic reading of hers:

_The Way I read a Letter’s – this_  
’Tis first – I lock the Door –  
And push it with my fingers – next –  
For transport it be sure –

_And then I go the furthest off_  
To counteract a knock –  
Then draw my little Letter forth  
And slowly pick the lock –

– (“636”, excerpt)

Emerson, Gordon, and, particularly, Dickinson had time to withdraw, to reflect, to narrate their lives through letters, but each experienced the absence of others so keenly they had to use words to maintain both their lives and their friendships. In the digital age, we friend with a click and interpret fragments across the screen.

Anne Boyle, Ph.D., is professor of English. Her teaching and research interests include women’s and gender studies, women in literature and writing and technology.
I've been thinking a lot these days about how the way we interact is mediated through interfaces such as Twitter, Facebook and instant messaging. On first learning of these tools, I wondered how anything meaningful could be communicated in such shorthand. I read with consternation newspaper articles speculating about the effect of heavy use of the Internet on children's ability to process complex thoughts and to hone social interaction skills. Will the sound bite and the Internet post replace what for me seem intrinsically to be deeper forms of engagement?

Mulling over these questions, I wonder if such speculation is alarmist. Could I be among the millions of individuals experiencing the separation anxiety that comes to every generation when it senses that it is depending on outmoded forms of communication? How did those who came before me feel when email messages replaced the old-fashioned letter and the computer replaced the typewriter? Were there qualitative and perceptual shifts that took place in communication styles and modes of interaction, or has new media simply altered the form of our written and spoken utterances?

Like many of my colleagues, I have started thinking about the quality of interactions that take place in such abbreviated formats. Recalling how my sense of community is so intimately tied to direct encounters, I can't imagine a world where I am unable to relish the serendipity of a conversation over a cup of coffee or a spontaneous get-together. Perhaps I am unfairly characterizing the move to new digital formats for transmitting information. Maybe the “tweets” and online postings aren’t a substitute at all, but merely a way of supplementing current forms of communication. In the same way, the hours that my students and younger colleagues spend surfing the Web, reviewing news items on RSS feeds or reading the Facebook walls of friends, are equally enriching in reinforcing a sense of community. For isn’t that what, at its heart, communication enables? The shared Latin root comm_ni(s) for the words “community” and “communication” means “common,” and it embodies the concept of a shared, meaningful experience.

As I contemplate this topic, I realize that there is an inherent danger in substituting face-to-face contact with relationships that exist almost entirely in the digital domain. The essence of our “selves” is in some ways reduced in the latter case. What makes an individual feel inherently more comfortable texting in a situation where they are simultaneously interacting with a live person, or prefer listening to a presentation rather than interacting with someone directly in a two-way dialogue?

As both a teacher and a trained planner, I am reminded in this debate of the dialogue during the past two decades in the realm of urban planning. Theories of smart growth and New Urbanism have trumpeted the importance of the design features of Main Street that made urban...
I began this reflection on Feb. 16, the day that Borders Books and Music filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy. Details followed via an emailed statement from Borders CEO Mike Edwards, which I read on the small screen of my Blackberry. “Borders pioneered the in-store experience, providing customers with a vast assortment of books in a warm, relaxing environment,” he wrote, “and we intend to build on this. Our stores will continue to be community gathering places.”

Feb. 16 was also the day that the owners of Special Occasions, a Winston-Salem landmark for 27 years and one of the largest black-owned bookstores in the South, declared the need to close their doors. Co-owner Ed McCarter said to a Winston-Salem Journal reporter, “Technology is great until it interacts with your business or your job.”

Later that day, I absentmindedly flipped through the virtual pages of an e-book while watching breaking news unfold on cable TV. I already feel nostalgia for the musty smell of a vintage hardback or the weight of a large newspaper spread out across my lap. But, I have to admit that I am part of the problem.

In my four years as an undergraduate at Wake Forest, and my three years as an assistant professor, I entered Special Occasions exactly twice. The first time was to buy my books...
The statistics about American reading practice paint a grim picture that goes beyond the question of “paper or plastic.” Reading scores are dropping within our primary and secondary schools, even as postgraduate study becomes a crucial indicator of an individual’s long-term economic well-being. The National Endowment for the Arts released reports in 2004 and 2007 that provide sobering statistics (view the full summary at www.nea.gov/news/news07/TRNR.html). For example, the average American, aged 15-24, watches television for two hours per day but reads for only seven minutes per day. In 2002, only 52 percent of young people, aged 18-24, read a non-required book for pleasure. Twenty percent of 17-year-olds categorized themselves as “non-readers” in 2004; and in 2005, only 35 percent of high school seniors were “proficient” in reading. Even college graduates have shown marked declines in the quality and amount of daily reading. Such statistics matter because, notes the report, “Literary readers are more likely than non-readers to engage in positive civic and individual activities — such as volunteering, attending sports or cultural events and exercising.” Thus, as we negotiate the new marketplace for books in the United States and elsewhere, we should not lose sight of the real stakes behind the real debate. Instead of worrying about the future of the material book, we should just hope that young people don’t abandon reading in all of its forms.

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There is a recurring narrative of modern life that suggests again and again that the “next new thing” will make all of the other “things” obsolete. Why do we take all of these prognostications seriously? Indeed, we cackle when we look back to the ’50s and ’60s and revisit their predictions that our 21st century travel would be by jetpack and monorail and we’d all be living in the world of “The Jetsons.”

This essay ruminates on the future of the handshake, as literal act and as metaphor for direct human contact versus technological substitutes. Even now, is Steven Jobs hunkered down somewhere in Silicon Valley developing the iHand so that we might replace this venerable mode of exchange with something shiny from Apple? No matter; human touch, and its most ubiquitous franchise, the handshake, are here to stay.

The most substantive human and societal challenges are represented by the handshake. Its precise origins are in mists of pre-history as a bevy of scholars will tell you. As a mode of greeting, it signals equality, mutual acceptance and displays the absence of weapons. The fact that the handshake is nearly automatic is not a sign of its lack of significance but rather of the depth to which it is engrained in our social exchanges.

If you doubt it, consider the restraint necessary to withhold one’s hand when another offers his or hers; that withholding could be explained only by a serious personal injury to one’s self or as a categorical rejection of the other party. Recall the significance attached to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton’s handshake with Somali President Sharif Sheikh Ahmed in 2009. Before the meeting, the “will he or won’t he” speculation was rife; with that one act the Somali leadership reached out to the modern world and rejected the position of Islamist extremists that men have no physical contact with women unrelated to them. The profound meaning of that handshake is not something that Twitter and its 140 characters can touch.
there is always videoconferencing via Skype to allow you to see the new grandchild. No real need to travel there and actually hold the baby, is there? In both cases you want face-to-face contact rather than via a microwave signal; you want to see them, hug them, and be in their presence. The new technology is a help to be sure, but you have no doubt there is something deeper and richer in face-to-face interactions. What is true in your family is all the more true in the wider world.

While it appears simple, the handshake is actually a subtly coordinated cooperative act. We notice this feature only when something goes awry with this “automatic” activity, and we have to unwind the momentary awkwardness. Consider the special coordination and playfulness that go into the handshake/salute routines displayed by some basketball and baseball players after a notable play. They have taken the basic art form of the handshake and customized it to give it a larger and idiosyncratic meaning.

In this sense, there is a grammar of the handshake that establishes both what is normal and how the ritual can be made unique and memorable.

The fact of the matter is that the perennial human problems are encountered in human face-to-face interactions; that is the mode for their solution as well. The legendary media scholar Marshall McLuhan (originator of the concepts of “Global Village” and “The Medium is the Message”) argued that media function as extensions of our senses. So a light bulb is a medium and becomes an extension of our eyes. By that logic, the media can help us to do important human things with greater speed or reach — and we value those benefits — but the core issues of our lives and of society remain face-to-face and human.

I’ll offer evidence from your own experience: if you have a student at Wake Forest now, the chances are great that both of you have cell phones and use them to communicate several times a week (per day?). Since this technology is so effective, there is no need for that child to come home for a weekend or at semester break, right? You are current with each other’s lives, what else is there? If your kids are a bit older, then

Courtesy of new technologies, we are told we live in a world of virtual realities. The pivotal point is the word “virtual.” Its advocates want you to think of the term as meaning “nearly real.” The central reality is that that which is sold to us as “nearly real” is most assuredly not real. Do you want to see that grandchild via Skype or hold her in your arms? You know the difference.
I can’t believe his spirit was not broken by what he endured,” says Leslie Bragg.

James Lubo Mijak
LUBO’S DREAM

Wake Foresters and a Lost Boy wage ‘peace through education’ for the new Sudan

By Maria Henson ('82)
Photographed by Chris Record
In January southern Sudanese voted to secede. The Republic of South Sudan, where Lubo and the Braggs have set their sights, is due to become independent and the world’s newest country on July 9.

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To this day Phillips has never been to Africa. But for him to ignore Sudan is unthinkable now. Lubo brought Africa and its injustices to him. “He’s like a brother. I’ve known him for a decade, probably spent more time with him outside of my family than with anyone else,” Phillips says. For all practical purposes, Lubo has become family, a gentle presence frequently at the Braggs’ farm in Huntersville, N.C. “He’s enriching our lives. What he’s giving to our children is way beyond what we’re giving,” says Phillips’ wife, Leslie McLean Bragg (’91).

Together they aim to fulfill Lubo’s dream of building permanent primary schools in southern Sudan. “From education comes wisdom,” Lubo says, “and from wisdom comes peace.” And with the help of Wake Forest alumni and parents inspired by the Braggs in this, the 10th anniversary of the Lost Boys’ arrival in the United States, the dream called Raising Sudan is becoming a reality.

A country one-quarter the size of the United States and marked by the Nile River and its tributaries, Sudan has known little peace since its independence from Britain in 1956. Two civil wars followed, the most recent from 1983 to 2005, ending thanks to a peace agreement and the promise of a referendum.

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Lubo became one of the displaced, one of the 30,000 Lost Boys named after the band of orphans from “Peter Pan.” The first attack on his village, Nyarweng, in southern Sudan, came in 1984. Soldiers marauded and confiscated some of his family’s livestock. It was his childhood duty as a youngster to tend his father’s cattle, 334 sheep and 37 goats. When the final attack came, in 1987, he left his village and the remaining flock behind, running for his life, never again to see his parents. Eventually he came upon a procession of other desperate orphans and displaced people. They trekked hundreds of miles...
Lubo has provided a deeper cultural understanding, says Leslie Bragg: “It’s taken away ‘the other’ and the ‘them’ and replaced it with ‘us’.”
It was Martha Kearse, now minister to children and families at St. John’s Baptist Church in Charlotte, who noticed the gangling young men in Harris Teeter with “big bags of chicken legs” and “huge bags of rice” in their carts. “They were clearly African, and they were also completely lost,” she says. With purpose she complimented one on his wildly colorful African shirt — she wanted to help them check out — and then invited them to her church. “I had been reading about them in The New York Times Magazine,” she says. “I just remember thinking, ‘Bless their hearts to have moved from Kenya to Fargo.’” Or to Charlotte.

Lubo remembers the ride from the airport when he strained to no avail to see the tops of high-rises Uptown. “Wow, this is the home,” Lubo remembers thinking. The food was different from his simple fried bread and beans: “Everything was salty; everything was sweet.” On the day in February when we meet, Lubo appears thin, soft-spoken, quick to flash a smile broad as a moonbeam despite bleak memories. He wears a pressed red-striped shirt and black dress shoes polished to a gleam that matches his skin. He recalls his first Charlotte home. It was mysterious, potentially dangerous: “We were told ‘Be careful of electricity. When you are bitten by electricity, you might be shocked and killed.’ We were scared. Electricity was everywhere in the apartment.” Church friends later calmed the Lost Boys by explaining how
distinctly complicated terrain — the DMV and insurance forms. Lubo succeeded at Central Piedmont Community College and at UNC Charlotte, where he earned a bachelor’s degree. He works two jobs, one as an assistant to the portfolio manager at the family’s investment management firm, founded by Frank Bragg (‘61), Phillips’ father, and at Presbyterian Hospital, where he sterilizes surgical equipment.

Lubo credits Phillips with guiding him “to prepare me to be a good citizen with the love of this country.” He is now an American citizen with an appreciation for the “very wonderful” Bragg family of parents, siblings and in-laws (with 11 Wake Forest degrees among the immediate family) “whereby everybody sticks together.” Frank Bragg, the patriarch (P ’88, ’90 and ’93), says, Raising Sudan “fits with our philosophy to do whatever we can to make it a better world.”

Lubo says, “In the African culture if somebody worry about you, care about you … he’s a good friend; he’s
they’ve done something very unique to collaborate together,” Shafer says. They have joined dreams to build two schools, one this year in Lubo’s village and, with ground-breaking tentatively set for fall, the next in Aliap. The Lost Boys and their advocates rely on Mothering Across Continents to consult, coach and mentor them and on World Relief, the nonprofit with ample experience in Africa, to oversee the construction projects on the ground.

RAISING SUDAN

“Groups like mine help a dreamer…,” says Patricia Shafer, founder and executive director of Mothering Across Continents. In the case of Raising Sudan, several dreamers.

James Lubo Mijak and the Braggs dreamed of a permanent school in Lubo’s village of Nyarweng. In Atlanta Lost Boy Ngor Kur Mayol had the same vision: a permanent school for his village of Allap, about an hour away from Nyarweng in southern Sudan’s Ruweng County in the Unity State, among the most impoverished places in a country the size of Texas with only about 25 miles of paved roads.

Phillips, who turns 40 in August, tells his buddies, “Don’t throw me a party. Build me a school!”

Here with son John and Lubo at the Huntersville farm.

To learn more, see: www.motheringacrosscontinents.org/Raising_Sudan.html
Phillips has been the most active individual fundraiser for Raising Sudan, and his fellow Wake Foresters have answered his call: Of the money Phillips has raised, more than 50 percent has come from members of the Wake Forest alumni community.

The quest is about more than money for the schools, Phillips adds. It’s about “momentum,” providing a model for other Lost Boys to duplicate, and it’s a gift for Lubo, who now has a family in his homeland after marrying and becoming a father of twins.

“The upside is enormous in this brand new country, and further, without the right investment in education right now the downside is enormous. This is the time to feed the fire of education, peace, reconciliation, democracy,” Phillips says. “This is our village. These kids belong to all of us in Charlotte and to everyone. I’m going to see that their school is built.”

Phillips enlisted the expertise of Mothering Across Continents, a Charlotte nonprofit that works as a catalyst shepherding dream projects that can serve as sustainable global models for change. The goal: two schools to serve 300 children apiece with four classrooms, eight latrines, teacher accommodations, a water source, a kitchen, desks and equipment for a total of $375,000. “Nothing crazy. Just solid and permanent structures with well-trained teachers,” the Braggs and Lubo wrote in their first fundraising letter last summer. On many of the letters addressed to friends from Leslie’s Christmas card list Phillips added two handwritten words in closing. “‘Pro Humanitate,’” he tells me, “knowing they would know exactly what I meant: ‘If not us, then who?’”

Patricia Shafer, founder and head of Mothering Across Continents, says building in a post-conflict society in a remote location without infrastructure is “like building on the moon.” But Phillips has been “strategic” and “relentless in the best sense of the word” in pursuing the dream of Raising Sudan. “Here is where the light of Phillips shines,” she says. “If he is not an example of Pro Humanitate, I don’t know who is.”

By mid-March construction was underway for the school in Lubo’s village, with $160,000 raised toward school construction with the goal to complete the buildings before the rainy season begins this summer.

The Bragg boys sold art to relatives at Thanksgiving for Raising Sudan, including this Wake Forest ‘logo’ for 30 cents. “We didn’t make that much money, but I guess every little bit counts,” says 9-year-old Claude.
ONE SELFLESS ACT CHANGES TWO LIVES

by

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KEN BENNETT
Baseball Coach Tom Walter and Kevin Jordan, one of his players, reunite at Wake Forest Baseball Park just five weeks after the transplant procedure.
Pro Humanitate. As people struggled on the Wake Forest website and various sports blogs to find the words, in any language, that summed up the humbling exchange between Deacon baseball Coach Tom Walter and his centerfielder, Kevin Jordan, many found sanctuary in the University’s motto.

It’s not a bad place to land when you’re wrestling with a story that will, I believe, forever change the way a great many people think of Wake Forest. For a little perspective, however, Pro Humanitate is not the Latin phrase that inspired or unnerved the generation that arrived on campus in the mid-’70s.

No, that would be, “In loco parentis,” the admonition that the University felt compelled to serve as the chaperone, alcohol monitor and curfew enforcer we were so desperate to avoid.

In loco parentis. In place of a parent. That pledge was so ominous then … and sounds so different now for those of us who’ve brought children into the world and released them into the wild. Keith Jordan, Kevin’s father, speaks for many of us:

“Sending him seven hours away from home, we were heartsick. We’d never been separated that long. It was pins and needles.

But you have to have that faith, that understanding that everything happens for a reason.”

Kevin Jordan had far more of the unreasonable on his plate last year than the average freshman. In the late spring of 2010, doctors at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta finally discovered why the Columbus, Ga., baseball star was losing strength and weight: ANCA vasculitis, a nasty autoimmune disease that had crippled his kidney’s ability to function.

Between those daunting first-semester classes, Kevin was spending 11 hours a day handcuffed to a dialysis machine. He’d lost 40 of his 198 pounds, and most of his power and speed, when he and his parents sat down in August with Coach Tom Walter at the Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center to hear Dr. Barry Freedman describe Kevin’s health issues.

Keith Jordan remembers worrying the Deacons would pull his son’s scholarship: “Most schools probably would have. Here’s a kid coming to school and he can’t help my team.”

What does Tom Walter remember? “Looking at our trainer (Jeff Strahm) with my mouth hanging open. I couldn’t believe what this young man had gone through.”

And he couldn’t stomach what Kevin would have to deal with unless he received a kidney transplant. “The wait time on the donor list is a minimum of three years,” Walter said. “Fifteen people die every day waiting for a kidney.”

At the end of Freedman’s candid update, Walter didn’t hesitate. “I wanted to be tested,” he told the Jordan family, “because I think I might be a match.”

“I think we have it covered,” Keith Jordan said.

He didn’t know how wrong, nor how right, he was.

Walter — in his second year coaching the Deacons — grew up in Johnstown, Pa., and survived one of the great floods that deluges the town every 50 years or so. And he was coaching at the University of New Orleans, on the rim of Lake Pontchartrain, when the floodwaters of Hurricane Katrina swamped the city in 2005.
WHAT DOES TOM WALTER REMEMBER?

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His Privateers spent the next six months practicing and playing at New Mexico State and South Alabama before finally returning to New Orleans in early February 2006. The baseball field remained the eye of their storm. “We called it ‘The Alamo,’” Walter said. “Everything around us was devastated, but the flag was always flying in centerfield. It was our sanctuary, no matter how bad things were around us.”

Walter always believed he was meant to be in New Orleans when the hurricane hit. He felt a similar sense of intervention and the divine when he realized Kevin could not find similar sanctuary at Wake Forest, even as the freshman was slowly drained of energy and hope.

When Kevin’s mother, Charlene, and his brother did not qualify as a donor match, the Jordans turned to his coach. After the tests were complete and the transplant was scheduled, Walter called his parents, who now live in Virginia.

“Are you okay with this?” his mother, Anne, remembers him asking.

That she’d raised a son who was willing to make that kind of sacrifice? Yes. She was okay with that.

“All I could think of was Charlene, Kevin’s mother. All I could do was put myself in her place,” Anne Walter said,
“and think how I would feel if it were the other way around.”

There were two surgeries on that February morning at Emory University Hospital. Dr. Ken Newell operated on the 42-year-old donor and Dr. Alan Kirk on the 19-year-old recipient, and it’s safe to say the immeasurable gap between giving and receiving vanished in the private waiting room reserved for their families.

Tom Walter’s parents were there with Keith and Charlene Jordan. They sat together through that anxious morning, and there was nothing, Anne Walter said, quite like the moment when Kirk arrived to say the new kidney was in and — e bellisimo! — working like a charm.

“The look on their faces,” Anne said, “particularly Charlene. I was holding her hand. I get teary-eyed thinking about it. She was unbelievably happy.”

“You live in faith. You have to understand that piece of it,” Keith Jordan says, two months later. He is still getting calls from people who want to talk about his son and the kidney they have decided to donate.

Tom Walter still struggles a bit to catch his breath when he climbs a flight of stairs, but he’s back at the local Alamo with the Deacon baseball team, hitting fungos and tending the flock.

And Kevin Jordan — who is back up to 185 pounds and will be back on campus for summer school in July — is working out again at Momentum Physical Therapy and Northside High School in Columbus.

“It’s pretty tough to do a sit-up,” he admits. “The area where the surgery was is real sore. But swinging a bat? I don’t feel it. Run at full speed? I don’t feel it.”

He and the original owner of his kidney talk every week.

Not long after he emerged from surgery, Kevin Jordan said this: “I’m just really thankful. I don’t think I have the words for it in my vocabulary.”

Few of us do. That’s why we turn to the Latin.

*In loco parentis.*

The belief, the hope, the promise that another parent — or community of parents — will care for your son or daughter with the same devotion that you do.

Some of us are lucky. We happened upon Wake Forest, often by chance, and when we’re asked why we love the place, we remember Sunday mornings on the Quad, Saturday nights at the stadium and Wednesday afternoons with the romantic poets.

But everyone else? This is the story they will remember. When they hear the words “Wake Forest,” they will celebrate the kidney that passed from Tom Walter to Kevin Jordan, a gift as big as life.

And when they become fathers, this is the history they will tell their sons.

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Earlier this year, the Z. Smith Reynolds Library received the 2011 Excellence in Academic Libraries Award, given annually by the Association of College and Research Libraries, a division of the American Library Association. Maria Henson (’82) of Wake Forest Magazine talked with the library’s dean, Lynn Sutton, about how the library garnered the award and why ZSR is the place to be on campus.

Its special collections include N.C. Baptist history and manuscripts of such luminaries as former Esquire editor Harold T.P. Hayes (’48) and Wilbur J. Cash (’22), author of “The Mind of the South.” Following are edited excerpts from the conversation.

Congratulations. Tell me about the award.

I jokingly said it was the NCAA championship for libraries. The usual winners are big research libraries.

For example?

Last year’s winner was Indiana University. Year before that was Minnesota. Previous winners were Cornell, Virginia, N.C. State, Georgia Tech. For us to compete at that level and come out on top, it’s really a testament to everyone here. I was pleased to see that the awards committee recognized that a smaller library could make contributions at the same level as some of the other libraries, just in different ways. They said where we stood out is that our mission is so closely aligned with the mission of the University. The mission of the Z. Smith Reynolds Library is to help our faculty and students succeed.

Usually library missions are ‘We’re going to select, collect, acquire, organize (and) provide access to print and digital resources.’ Our mission: We completely flipped it around. And what we say is, ‘It’s all about you. It’s all about you, the user.’

The first year I got here (students) came to me and said, ‘Could you possibly extend the hours to 1 a.m.?’ They were very timid about asking me that, and I said, ‘Sure. If that’s what you think you need.’ We said it’s not about us and when we want to work. It’s about the students and when they need to come in and study. So we changed the hours so that we’re open 24 hours, five days a week. It started this back and forth, very comfortable relationship with the student body here, unlike I’ve ever seen at any other university.

Tell our readers about games like Capture the Flag happening here.

The way I put it is we love our students, and our students love us. And they can come to us with a wacky idea, and they won’t be turned aside. Our motto is to think of a way to say yes before you have to say no.

There are things happening here that are very social.

A couple of years ago I did a research study with my colleague from UNC Greensboro to see essentially why students use the library. What is important to students about the library? What is the library brand? There had previously been a (national) study saying globally what is the library brand; and the answer to that — which is probably about four years ago — was that books are still the library brand. When you go to the person on
the street in Seattle or in Germany (and ask) what do you think of when you think of a library? They say books. But we replicated the study with our students here at Wake Forest and at UNCG, and what we found was the students — they want a quiet place to study, they want people to help them as they go about their work — and it was more about the place. And it was about their experience in the place as opposed to the products. That was very enlightening. What I tell people when they ask why do students come to the library when they could study in their dorm or when they could study anywhere else, it is because they want to feel surrounded by people who will help them if they need help. It’s a real comfort to know I’m here in the atrium, I have my laptop open, I have my textbook, but if I need anything I know there’s somebody on the fourth floor who’s going to help me.

What is the attendance?

The daily attendance last year went from 1,765 to 1,939. But look at the website daily visits. We have more people visit us virtually than (in person).

Visitors to Starbucks — do they count?

I hope so. That was our hidden agenda. I wanted Starbucks because library directors across the country told me the single brand that will bring people to your building is Starbucks. First of all, there’s a good match between books and coffee or reading and coffee, right? And libraries have pretty much lost the fear of spills. (Laughing.) Our food policies have pretty much loosened up so we will accept people eating and drinking. Our goal was to bring people into the library, and Starbucks did that. Soon after we opened we did a study and learned that 10 percent of the people who come through the front doors go only to Starbucks and then leave. But overall our attendance has increased by about 10 percent within the library, not just at the library door.

The other thing we wanted to do was also a spectacular success, which was get students, faculty, families, parents, everybody together in one place. Besides getting more people in the library, one of the things was to provide a place for people to be in community together. And from that first day, it happened. The president meets with students in Starbucks. Every campus visit ends in the library, and families go out in Starbucks. All you have to do is walk in there today, and you will see a cross-section of the University, and that’s very gratifying.
In my day we had the Zoo. It was downstairs and the only place you could talk and maybe take a Diet Coke. Is there even a Zoo anymore?

No, there’s not a Zoo anymore.

The whole library can be the Zoo!

(Laughing). Well, when I first started (in 2004), we had a guard at the front door, and he inspected you to see if you had any liquids on you. And I went to the staff after about a year, and I said, ‘Let’s talk about this. Do you want to really continue keeping all those students out and all those drinks out?’ And they said, ‘No.’ What we’ve gained is the trust and gratitude of our students, which in turn has contributed to the whole relationship we have with them.

What should readers know about special collections?

First of all, anything I said about a relaxed food and drink policy doesn’t apply to special collections because this is one area where we do have unique things. Having the only copy of one thing in the entire world gives you a certain responsibility, and that responsibility is to preserve it in the format it was originally created. We have very rich special collections. We haven’t been as showy about them as some other universities. We are trying very hard now to organize it internally and, to the extent we can, present it externally and have more people know about it.

In the bricks and mortar sense, are libraries here to stay?

I think ours is for at least the foreseeable future because we have seen our attendance rise in the last five to 10 years and because we go beyond just the product and concentrate more on the experience.

Do you think you will see less space devoted to ZSR’s tangible products?

Yes, that I do. That is a natural outcome of the digitization of information. The primary format for journals is digital. Monographs, however, are a much different animal. And in the last year or two e-readers have gotten traction finally. In the early days people tried to guess what is the platform that will succeed. And we as librarians said platforms will come and go; readers will come and go; people’s preferences will be different, so it’s our job to make the content available in whatever form that people want to read it.

We have seen in this library — reluctance might be too strong of a word — but there has not been a groundswell for us to acquire e-books, but we as librarians see that that is the future. So many times we feel that our role in society is to see the future and help people move along.
Early in the afternoon of February 15, at a ceremony in the East Room of the White House, President Barack Obama honored 15 Americans with the Presidential Medal of Freedom. One of them was Maya Angelou, Reynolds Professor of American Studies.

“Out of a youth marked by pain and injustice,” Obama said, “Dr. Maya Angelou rose with an unbending determination to fight for civil rights and inspire every one of us to recognize and embrace the possibility and potential we each hold. With her soaring poetry, towering prose and mastery of a range of art forms, Dr. Angelou has spoken to the conscience of our nation. Her soul-stirring words have taught us how to reach across division and honor the beauty of our world.”

From our hotel room a few blocks away, my wife Emily (MA ’62), my daughter Sally and I watched the White House ceremony on television, eagerly awaiting the moment when Dr. Angelou would appear. We had come to Washington to pay tribute to a Wake Forest colleague and friend, and then – much to our delight – there she was with the President. And the caption on the screen told us that she was “Professor at Wake Forest University.”

The next day, at noon, in response to a suggestion made by Alumni Council member Elliot Berke (’93), 40 or so Washington-area alumni gathered at the Hay-Adams Hotel for a reception and lunch in Dr. Angelou’s honor. Vice President for Advancement Mark Petersen presided, and Assistant Provost Barbee Oakes (’80, MA ’81) gave the invocation. I reviewed Dr. Angelou’s years at Wake Forest – her first visit to the campus, her honorary degree from the University, her appointment as Reynolds Professor of American Studies – and went so far as to say that, though she “belonged” to America and indeed to the world, I thought that she also, in a special way, “belonged” to Wake Forest, hoping that she would not think I was exaggerating.

Dr. Angelou, who had arrived to a prolonged ovation, then spoke in a way that was heartwarming and inspirational, stressing our common humanity and our need for humility and courage, and also assuring us that she does “belong” to Wake Forest. She reminisced about her years at the University and ended by saying, “I am a Wake Forest alumna. You can’t beat that.” We stood again and applauded at length. Everyone present, I am sure, was cheered and touched by all of us having been together.

WITH HER SOARING POETRY, TOWERING PROSE AND MASTERY OF A RANGE OF ART FORMS, DR. ANGELOU HAS SPOKEN TO THE CONSCIENCE OF OUR NATION.

The day after, President Nathan Hatch, who had flown to Washington that morning to be with us, offered a toast to Maya Angelou, and we left with the happy awareness that a Wake Forester had been given the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

‘I AM A WAKE FOREST ALUMNA.’

Poet and Professor Maya Angelou honored with Presidential Medal of Freedom

By Edwin G. Wilson (’43)
How were you able to gain access to figures such as Reagan-era National Security Adviser John Poindexter? Did you ever feel you might be exposing information that threatened national security?

Before Poindexter and I ever met, he'd read some of my work about him, which he thought was thorough and fair. After he left the government and was free to talk to journalists, he decided it might be worth his time to talk to me. We ended up conducting more than a dozen interviews for the book.

I didn’t think that what I was writing about could jeopardize national security. It might improve security because it points out what the government is doing wrong and suggests ways to fix problems. I gave officials in the government the chance to convince me that my writing could be harmful, and they couldn’t. I never showed them what I was writing but whenever I came upon a classified or sensitive subject, I always asked for official comment and reaction. Since the book came out, several former government officials whom I didn’t interview contacted me to say they thought the book was accurate and fair.

What compelled you to write this book?

After Sept. 11, 2001, this refrain emerged that the government had “failed to connect the dots” about the attacks. The agencies like the CIA, the FBI and the NSA, which had been tracking various pieces of the emerging plot, never put their heads together to make sense of the whole picture.

As a journalist covering the government’s response to 9/11, I got to know a number of officials who were trying to predict the next attack, and who were proposing some very innovative and controversial ideas about how to do that. I felt that no one had told the story about this secret and deeply important work. I wanted to know if these ideas would work — if they’d actually make the country safer — or if they were a threat to all our civil liberties, maybe even on a scale that we couldn’t comprehend.

The more I got to know the people involved in these efforts, I learned that many of them were personally connected to each other, and they’d been involved in this work for years before 9/11. I realized there was a gripping personal story there. I didn’t want to write a policy book. I wanted to write a book about people, a nonfiction spy thriller. To me, that was the best way to illuminate the complex, abstract issues of security and liberty.

**SPY TALK**

**SHANE HARRIS (’98)** has been writing about intelligence and national security for 10 years. He is a senior writer at Washingtonian magazine and was a staff correspondent for National Journal. His book, *The Watchers: The Rise of America’s Surveillance State* (Penguin books, 2011), highlights a dangerous paradox: the government’s strategy has made it harder to catch terrorists and easier to spy on the general public. It was named one of the best books of 2010 by The Economist.

by Cherin C. Poovey (P ’08)
Why is this an important read for Americans?

Our government has developed an extraordinary capability to collect information on just about anyone, whether through your travel records, your personal communications, practically anything you do in the digital world. But by and large, the agencies that are in charge of preventing another 9/11-type event aren’t very good at making sense of all of this information.

I think it’s important to understand our government’s capabilities and its limitations. To do that, I think you have to put yourself in the shoes of the people who’ve been fighting terrorism for a quarter-century and who are today on the front lines of this secret war. When you look at the world through their eyes — which is what I do in this book — things become a lot clearer, and often, more troubling. You realize that we’re really not doing enough to keep the country safe — from terrorists or from the government itself.

Do you think most Americans are naïve when it comes to surveillance? Are they aware of The Watchers?

I think most Americans have a vague sense that they’re being “watched,” but they don’t realize the extent of the government’s capability to collect information about them. And I think they’d be very surprised to find out that nearly all of this surveillance is legal; much of it wasn’t a decade ago.

I also think they don’t understand what motivates The Watchers. It’s not some voyeuristic yearning to read people’s emails. Nor are The Watchers motivated by a desire to squelch political dissent, as was the case during the intelligence abuses of the 1960s and ’70s. The people I write about in my book are deeply motivated by a desire to protect the country. But I think that sometimes their best intentions can blind them to the real damage they can do to liberty. The best of The Watchers — and to be sure, they don’t all come across glowingly in this telling — realize that what they do is essential, and also that it’s dangerous. They’re constantly mindful of keeping a balance, and they acknowledge they’ll never strike it perfectly.

Should we be wary of online shopping and social networking?

We should be mindful and sensible. I shop online probably every day — buying books, office supplies, even pet food. I also use social networks like Facebook and Twitter, mainly to keep up with friends and to interact with other journalists. There’s great convenience in all of this.

But I’m also realistic about my expectations of privacy — I don’t have any — and I recognize that anything I do or write in the digital world leaves an indelible trace. I think that if you navigate online with the constant realization that you’re not alone, that there’s always someone or something watching, you’ll generally make good choices.
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You say that The Watchers have done a good job of collecting the dots but not the best job of connecting them. Is the current administration improving the “connecting” process, and is that essential to the war on terrorism?

I don’t think the Obama administration is doing enough to connect the dots. The intelligence and security agencies need to focus their efforts on better analytic technology and better coordination. It’s frustrating to have this assessment 10 years after 9/11, because this is exactly what experts were saying immediately after 9/11.

As recent failed attacks have shown, when the government doesn’t make important connections that might point towards a plot, it’s because there’s too much information in the system — we can’t find the signal in the noise. We can’t prevent every attack, but right now, we’re not doing enough to improve our chances. The administration and Congress also aren’t considering how to improve privacy laws and update them for the 21st century. In some ways, this is an even bigger concern. We haven’t had enough sensible, public debates about security and privacy. If we wait until the next attack to have that national conversation, history tells us that our leaders will make poor choices.

What were the highlights of your Wake Forest experience?

I was a politics major. (This was back when it was called politics, not political science.) The dominant influence on my professional writing career was writing and performing with the Lilting Banshee Comedy Troupe and with the WFU Theatre and the Anthony Aston Players. I had extraordinary opportunities to write, and extraordinarily forgiving instructors!

Most of what I do now is nonfiction narrative, so my experiences writing fiction for the stage were foundational. Nonfiction narrative has a lot in common with a stage or screenplay. You have characters, you have a story arc, and at the base of all of it, you have conflict. I also took screenwriting courses from Mary Dalton (’83) (communication), who, to this day, has done more to teach me about the craft of writing than any professor. Two of my politics professors, Kathy Smith (P ’06) and Hank Kennedy, also had a profound effect on the way I look at the world and process information.

Did Wake Forest teach you to be curious, ask questions, and work for the common good?

Absolutely. I can’t remember many professors who weren’t curious themselves, or who were more interested in finding answers than in asking questions. My best professors were risk-takers. They weren’t afraid to challenge convention or to let students experiment. They also weren’t afraid to let us fail. I learned as much from my failures as my successes, and my professors never faulted or praised me too much for either.
On-campus interviews expected this year

Center’s expected LEED designation for high-performance buildings designed to limit environmental impact

Additional interviews via Skype or written Q&A

PREVIOUS ADMISSIONS BUILDING

STARLING HALL

built as the president’s house in 1956, converted for admissions in 1991

Dean of Admissions Martha Allman’s advice for prospective students considering college visits:

“NEVER UNDERESTIMATE ‘GUT FEELING’ AND CAMPUS PERSONALITY.”

PREVIOUS ADMISSIONS BUILDING

PROMINENT PORTRAIT UPSTAIRS:

the late WILLIAM G. STARLING (’57), former director of admissions and financial aid. He was one of the longest serving admissions chiefs in the country, overseeing the enrollment of 30,000 first-year Demon Deacons.
WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE HUMAN
Wake Forest, long proud of its liberal arts tradition, is strengthening its commitment to the heart of the University experience. Autumn brought the establishment of the Wake Forest Humanities Institute to support humanities scholarship and collaboration. In December, the National Endowment for the Humanities awarded a five-year, $500,000 grant to challenge University donors to match the grant threefold, for a total of nearly $2 million to endow the institute. It is the largest NEH grant Wake Forest has ever received. With the establishment of the institute, look for more faculty seminars, collaborative research across disciplines, public engagement projects, guest speakers, symposia and creative methods to link faculty and students across campus.

The institute arose from a grass-roots initiative among a group of faculty that received a planning grant from Provost Jill Tiefenthaler’s office in 2007. Four professors who led the effort sat down with Maria Henson (’82) of Wake Forest Magazine to discuss the initiative. They are the institute’s director, Mary Foskett, associate professor of religion; David Phillips, associate professor of the program in humanities; Dean Franco, associate professor of English; and Sally Barbour, professor of Romance languages. Here are edited excerpts from the conversation.

DEFINING THE HUMANITIES

Franco: The humanities on one hand has traditionally been defined by the humanistic disciplines: literature, religion, history, philosophy and the study of languages. Outside of that disciplinary construct, the humanities are those roads of inquiry that seek to find the underlying value and meaning or recurring questions for any given object of study.

ON WHY HUMANITIES MATTER

Franco: The speed with which information comes at all of us today, humanities become that check against instant reception. Humanities give you the opportunity to ask why, how, where does this come from, what’s the meaning?

Foskett: That’s my argument for why this is more vital now than ever. Given the information age, it is so easy to just go to application and innovation for its own sake. Humanities give you a chance to slow down and ask the question what is the human? Who are we serving with this education? Who is the whole person? How do we become who we are? What are the narratives that have shaped our lives?

Phillips: I think the (national) crisis in the humanities, if you flip the coin, is the potential for human development. By asking those questions and having the tools to understand where to look to get context, to get narrative, that becomes the starting point.
**Foskett:** The process is the thing. We’re in the age (in which) we’re often looking for products. We’re often looking for some endpoint. But the process to equip students with the right questions — they’re never going to go away in their lifetimes. It’s going to be change after change after change they are encountering. So we need to equip them.

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**ON THE INSTITUTE’S BENEFIT FOR STUDENTS AND FACULTY**

**Phillips:** One of our challenges is how do we involve students in public engagement through the humanities? I’m attempting to put together an online archive in digital humanities for North Carolina culture that would be a collaborative effort with faculty across Wake Forest and hopefully other local and regional institutions. It would allow students to go out in the field and interview artists, politicians and community leaders. It would give them the tools to record that, look at it, analyze it … as something that builds on the knowledge that they have in the classroom.

**Franco:** I’d sum up for faculty that it’s not just in terms of the quantitative amount of productivity but qualitative. You’re going to find richer, deeper scholarship for interdisciplinarity, for the collaboration.

**Barbour:** And in teaching. The scholarship is always bleeding into the teaching. You’re coming away from (faculty) seminars with other points of reference that you didn’t have access to when you were stuck in your department.

**Franco:** We’ve seen very clear connections between the faculty seminars that have been meeting and individual scholarship — scholarship that has either been significantly enhanced methodologically by the conversations or in terms of specific articles that have spun out of the seminars or in some cases actual collaborative publication has come from that.

**Barbour:** My colleague in English and I, we’re both senior faculty. (Young, tenure-track faculty) have gotten our support across generations. What we’ve been doing this semester is reading one another’s work, helping them brainstorm about where to place their work, how to bring their own subjectivity into what they’re writing about.
Foskett: And we’ve heard from senior faculty that this is great because it’s energizing to be interacting with younger faculty and to be learning about newer approaches from them.

ON HOW THE HUMANITIES REMAIN RELEVANT IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Franco: Our students are coming in increasingly thinking pre-professional as instrumental, and the humanities help slow that down and remind them why they’re in a university. The humanities give these students the opportunity to think about the meaning underlying their professional goals and being alive in the world.

Barbour: A senior in one of my classes has just been to an interview with UBS Bank. He’s a classics major, and he got the job. And the students were all so impressed: “You’re a classics major, and you’re going to work for a bank!” That just shows you can do what you want in college. He followed classics because he loved reading them. It enriched him as a person, and he’s now going into another field, but he’s carrying all that with him.

ON THE QUEST FOR THE INSTITUTE AND THE NEH GRANT

Foskett: What really works for faculty is ongoing support that’s going to let faculty spend time together talking, learning from one another and developing plans over the long haul that arise from conversation, which is distinct from a group that comes together with a specific question that they’re going to solve. That works very well for other disciplines. What the humanities needed was something different — an infrastructure for continuing intellectual engagement, community building, and from that would come the generation of collaborative scholarship.

Franco: One thing I would like to emphasize is that when we were planning this originally, the faculty believed in Wake Forest. They believed in the teacher-scholar ideal and Pro Humanitate. And when we appealed to the administration for support, the administration — in particular Mark Welker (vice provost) and Jill Tiefenthaler — believed in the faculty. I think the institute, if it’s anything it represents that kind of mutual faith in one another between faculty and the University.

Foskett: This is very much at the center of the administration’s vision. The president was completely behind this endeavor and really cheered us on when we put together the NEH grant. We consulted with him. He read over the draft and gave us some feedback because he’s had lots of experience with NEH. They are completely in tune with this. We wouldn’t be here without all of their support.

Barbour: It’s a seed grant, what we have. It’s giving us the beginnings of the endowment.

Phillips: As an NEH grant, it has laid down a challenge to alumni and affiliated individuals to help fund the future of the Humanities Institute through the establishment of this endowment.

Foskett: And retain the heart of a Wake Forest education.

Franco: Because the grant — the NEH — says not only do we believe in Wake Forest, it specifically says we believe in Wake Forest donors. We believe you can raise this money.

Foskett: It’s really helping Wake Forest be its best self.
What started as a quiet tribute to Luke among the Abbate family — when Jon would hold up five fingers to his parents and siblings in the stands — grew as the season progressed. (Luke had worn the number five on his football and lacrosse team jerseys and Jon had adopted it as his jersey number at Wake Forest.) Fans who heard about the story, even those for opposing teams, started holding up five fingers at the beginning of the fourth quarter. Because of the symbolism, each game’s fourth quarter became “the fifth quarter.”

After learning about the Abbate story, writer/director Rick Bieber flew to the Orange Bowl in Miami to meet with Jon and other members of the family to discuss turning the story into a feature film. Bieber’s experience in the movie business (“Radio Flyer,” “Mandela”) allowed him to cast major performers: North Carolina resident Andie MacDowell plays Maryanne, with Aidan Quinn taking the role of Steven Abbate.
Ryan Merriman ("Final Destination 3" and "Pretty Little Liars") portrays Jon Abbate.

Wake Forest has a big role in the movie, too, both behind-the-scenes and in front of the camera. Former Deacon football player Bob McCreary ('61) partnered with Bieber to fund the movie, believing it an important chapter in the University’s history. “There were two reasons I wanted this movie made: the Abbate story itself, but also for my love of Wake Forest and what that season meant to us,” says McCreary.

Bieber worked with University officials to gain access to several areas of campus, as well as BB&T Field, for filming. Footage from actual football games appears in the movie, as do scenes filmed during and after the 2006 WFU-Duke game.

Along with the dramatic issues addressed in the movie — reckless teenage driving, family tragedy and organ donation — the portrayal of Wake Forest as a caring community will be poignant for graduates, says Bieber. “What the movie ‘Rudy’ was for Notre Dame, we hope ‘The 5th Quarter’ will be for Wake Forest.”

Jon Abbate is proud that the movie shows his alma mater as a nurturing place. After Jon spent some time in the NFL, he returned to finish his degree at Wake Forest in 2010 and now works in Raleigh, N.C., in medical sales for orthopedic equipment. Jon credits the University with believing in him — academically and athletically — over the years, including helping him find a career path to fit his background.

“The professors have always been incredible, the first time I was there and when I came back.” As for the football team and how the movie portrays that period of his life: “It was a magical season,” he says. “We were a good team to start with … no doubt about it, but there was just something else special that’s hard to explain.”

To first-year students at Wake Forest, the name Piccolo might first bring to mind a residence hall, but many alumni remember Brian Piccolo ('68) as the subject of one of the all-time great sports movies. The 1971 ABC Movie of the Week "Brian's Song" told the story of "Pic," a Wake Forest football Hall-of-Famer who was ACC Player of the Year in 1964. After earning a spot on the Chicago Bears as a free agent, he developed a close friendship with fellow Bears running back Gale Sayers. Piccolo died of embryonal cell carcinoma at 26 in 1970. The movie — which starred James Caan as Piccolo and Billy Dee Williams as Sayers — dealt with the timely subject of race relations in the '60s.

Piccolo's legacy endures at Wake Forest. Two of his three daughters are graduates: Lori Piccolo ('87) and Traci Piccolo Dolby ('89). The annual Brian Piccolo Cancer Fund Drive that students established in 1980 continues to raise money for treatment and research for the Comprehensive Cancer Center of Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center.
Provost and Professor of Economics Jill Tiefenthaler, steps down on June 30 to become the thirteenth president of Colorado College in Colorado Springs. She joined Wake Forest in 2007 as chief academic officer with responsibility for supervising and administering the academic programs and plans of the Reynolda Campus. Among her many accomplishments over the last four years, she led the implementation of the University’s strategic plan and key initiatives, including diversity in admissions and enrollment, as well as new faculty development, recruitment and retention efforts. Under her leadership, the University established the Institute for Public Engagement and the Humanities Institute, as well as a number of research centers, providing new models at Wake Forest for enhanced interdisciplinary research and collaboration. “We are deeply indebted to her for her vision, energy and contagious enthusiasm and will miss her greatly,” said President Nathan Hatch. (For more about Tiefenthaler’s legacy, see magazine.wfu.edu)

Bloomberg BusinessWeek ranked the Undergraduate Business program number one in the nation for academic quality and among the top 20 programs overall for the third consecutive year in its “The Best Undergraduate Business Schools” ranking report released this spring. The program ranked 19th overall among 139 eligible programs. With regard to job placement, it was 11th among the top 50 undergraduate business schools, with 92 percent of May 2010 graduates accepting employment within three months of graduation.

The beautiful lakes and mountains in the region offer numerous camping options. But in March some Wake Forest students found a camping spot that was walking distance from campus: the home of President Nathan Hatch. More than 50 students, selected through a registration process to represent each class, set up tents on the president’s lawn for a new event called Pro Humana Tent-a: The President’s Campout. Students had a chance to play games, share meals, watch a movie and talk with the president and his wife, Julie Hatch. “Yet again, the strong sense of community that Wake Forest maintains has prevailed to serve its students,” said David Cox (’11). “I can think of no other University where this sort of event would have worked. Our school’s small size and strong sense of community made the campout successful.”

Wake Forest Schools of Business will move its Charlotte executive education programs into the former International Trade Center downtown. The building will be renamed the Wake Forest University Charlotte Center and will house all current and future Wake Forest Charlotte executive education programs, including its nationally ranked Evening and Saturday MBA degree programs.

Several alumni professors, coaches, athletes, journalists and authors, including basketball great Rodney Rogers (’94) and novelist Emily Giffin (’94), were featured speakers at the Losing to Win conference on race and intercollegiate sports. The April conference was organized by Earl Smith, professor of sociology, and Tim Davis, professor of law. It brought together academics, athletics administrators, journalists, athletes and other professionals to explore
issues related to college sports including financial sustainability, the graduation rate gap between African-American and Caucasian student athletes, and recruitment and other improprieties of college coaching staffs.

Meditation produces powerful pain-relieving effects in the brain, according to research published in the Journal of Neuroscience by Fadel Zeidan, a postdoctoral research fellow at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center. “This is the first study to show that only a little over an hour of meditation training can dramatically reduce both the experience of pain and pain-related brain activation, said Zeidan. Research showed meditation produced a greater reduction in pain than morphine or other pain-relieving drugs.

A team of undergraduate students from the Schools of Business earned the world championship title at the KPMG International Case Competition in Istanbul, Turkey, on April 8. Wake Forest, representing the United States, defeated the Czech Republic, Russia and Sweden in the final round of competition. The Wake Forest team is accountancy major Megan Petitt ('11) of Orlando, Fla.; finance majors Tim Rodgers ('12) of Corrigan, Texas, and Swayne Smartt ('11) of Dallas, Texas; and business and enterprise management major Afton Vechery ('11) of Woodbine, Md. This was the second consecutive year that a Wake Forest team captured the world title.

A polymer solar-thermal device developed by researchers at the Center for Nanotechnology and Molecular Materials will heat your home and save you money, said David Carroll, the center’s director and professor of physics. “It’s a systems approach to making your home ultra-efficient because the device collects both solar energy and heat,” said Carroll in Science Magazine. “Our solar-thermal device takes better advantage of the broad range of power delivered from the sun each day.”

Researchers at the Institute for Regenerative Medicine at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center are the first team in the world to use patients’ own cells to build tailor-made urethras (urinary tubes) and successfully replace damaged tissue. An article first published in The Lancet medical journal said the team, led by Dr. Anthony Atala, replaced damaged segments of urethras in five boys.

Presentation of three outstanding senior orations, faculty awards and the Medallion of Merit highlighted Founders’ Day Convocation on Feb. 17. The three senior speakers, whose orations were chosen by faculty committee, were Catherine (Cate) Berenato ('11) of Blacksburg, Va., “Building Bridges at Home and Abroad”; Ashley Gedraitis ('11) of Peru, Ill., “Application for the Class of 2011”; and Ava Petrash ('11) of Kensington, Md., “To Understand the World ....” Life Trustee K. Wayne Smith ('60) received the University’s highest honor, the Medallion of Merit. Smith served four terms on the University’s Board of Trustees, including two years as chair, before being named a life trustee in 2010. He has also served on the Medical Center Board of Directors. Smith had a distinguished career in government, as director of program analysis for the National Security Council, and in business, as CEO of World Book, Inc., and Online Computer Library Center. In 1992, he established a scholarship for Wake Forest students, and he has occasionally taught courses in economics, politics and business. Faculty awards were presented to Professor of Political Science Helga Welsh, Jon Reinhardt Award for Distinguished Teaching; Associate Professor of English Jessica Richard, Reid-Doyle Prize for Excellence in Teaching; Associate Professor of Political Science Michaelle Browers and Associate Professor of Physics Fred Salsbury, Award for Excellence in Research. Professor Emeritus of Political Science Jack Fleer, Donald O. Schoonmaker Faculty Award for Community Service; Ben King (MBA ’07), professor of practice in the Schools of Business, Kulynych Family Omicron Delta Kappa Award; Assistant Professor of Urban Ministry Douglass Bailey ('60), Bill J. Leonard Distinguished Service Award Pro Fide et Humanitate; and Professor of Law Ahmed Taha, Joseph Branch Excellence in Teaching Award. Waddill Excellence in Teaching Awards were presented to alumnai Amy Talley (MAEd ’06), elementary level, and Melanie F. Huynh-Duc (MAEd ’05), secondary level.

“The economy — and the direction of the economy — always shapes the election,” said Al Hunt ('65, P ’11), executive Washington editor of Bloomberg News. Hunt and his wife, “PBS NewsHour” co-anchor and former White House correspondent Judy Woodruff (P ’11), engaged in a conversation with their audience at an April 13 Voices of Our Time event moderated by President Nathan Hatch. “If the unemployment rate is 9 percent in October (2012), the president is in trouble. If it’s 8 percent, that’s a slight plus. The role of government and spending priorities will also be key issues, and the state of the wars — if Afghanistan escalates, if Iraq goes south, if Gadhafi is still there (in Libya), that’s going to create problems for Obama,” said Hunt, a Wake Forest trustee. They agreed the political environment in Washington is decidedly less civil than 40 years ago and the proliferation of 24/7 cable news shows has fueled the negative atmosphere. “The media has played into that food fight,” Woodruff said. “It makes more drama if you’ve got two sides going at one another.”

Rising senior Cheyenne Woods fired a bogey-free three-under 68 to seal her first ACC individual women’s golf championship on April 17. Woods finished the 54-hole event at 5-under par, seven shots better than Allie White of North Carolina. She becomes just the third player in school history to shoot three under-par rounds at the same tournament. Her five-under par total set a school-record at the ACC Championships.

Harold Pace has been named Assistant Provost for Academic Administration and University Registrar, effective July 1. He succeeds Dot Sudgen (MA ’85, P ’93, ’97), whose is retiring. Pace has served as University Registrar at Notre Dame since 1991 and was previously registrar at Louisiana Tech University and assistant registrar at Texas A&M University. He has a Ph.D. in educational administration from Texas A&M University, a master’s degree from East Texas State University (now Texas A&M University at Commerce) and his BS degree from Southern Arkansas University.
OF ENDINGS AND BEGINNINGS

COMMENCEMENT 2011 (clockwise from top): Graduates cheer as the ROTC commissioning ceremony begins; cadets are commissioned as officers in the U.S. Army; graduate Oreofe Olutimilehin of Lagos, Nigeria, and her family and friends; PepsiCo CEO and keynote speaker Indra Nooyi; retiring faculty members; Paula Aduen (’11) lines up for the Baccalaureate service; Wake Forest’s newest alumni toss mortarboards in the air; President Nathan Hatch congratulates a degree recipient. To see more photos, visit the magazine website at magazine.wfu.edu or find us on Facebook at facebook.com/wakeforestmagazine.

Photos by Ken Bennett and Scott Brown
Nooyi, who joined PepsiCo in 1994 and served as president and chief financial officer before succeeding Wake Forest’s current dean of business, Steve Reinemund, as CEO in 2006, received an honorary doctor of laws degree.

Rebecca Chopp, president of Swarthmore College, delivered the Baccalaureate address May 15 in Wait Chapel. She received an honorary doctor of humane letters degree. Other honorary degrees were presented to Clerk of the U.S. Supreme Court William K. Suter, doctor of laws; and Andrew C. von Eschenbach, former director of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, doctor of science.

During the ceremony retiring faculty were recognized. From the Reynolda Campus: Fred L. Horton Jr., Albritton Professor of the Bible, Department of Religion, 41 years; Robert W. Ulery Jr., professor of Classical Languages, 40 years; Donald E. Frey, professor of economics, 39 years; Margaret S. Smith, Harold W. Tribble Professor of Art, 32 years; Sarah L. Watts, professor of history, 24 years; Patrick E. Moran, associate professor of Chinese, 22 years; Wayne King, associate professor of journalism/Department of English, 18 years; Douglass M. Bailey (’60), assistant professor of urban ministry/School of Divinity, nine years; and John P. Anderson (MAEd ’00), professor of counseling, 27 years total including vice president for finance and administration (1984-2006), followed by full-time teaching.

From the Bowman Gray campus: David A. Albertson, associate professor emeritus of surgical sciences-general surgery, 31 years; Robert E. Bechtold, professor emeritus of radiologic sciences-radiology, 26 years; Judy K. Brunso-Bechtold, professor emerita of neurobiology and anatomy, 27 years; David W. Busija, professor emeritus of physiology and pharmacology, 20 years; William B. Lorentz, Jr., professor emeritus of pediatrics, 36 years; Zakariya K. Shihabi, professor emeritus of pathology, 38 years; Jimmy L. Simon, professor emeritus of pediatrics, 36 years; and Sara H. Sinal (’67), professor emerita of pediatrics, 35 years.

They may have received their diplomas on May 16 but Commencement speaker Indra K. Nooyi urged graduates not to close the books on learning. Nooyi, chairman and chief executive officer of PepsiCo, gave the Class of 2011 three pieces of advice for success: never lose your childhood curiosity, view everything as an opportunity and approach life with a positive outlook.

“Nurture that can-do attitude that Wake Forest has instilled in you,” said Nooyi, who addressed graduates and their families on a cloudy, cool morning on Hearn Plaza. “I want you to step out into the world with the firm belief that you can make a difference.”
Anthony Tang’s involvement in several extracurricular activities at Wake Forest meant his parents had many opportunities to join in campus activities, and that was meaningful for them. Anthony, who graduated in May, was the Marching Band’s drum major and a member of the orchestra and wind ensemble. And served four terms on the board before being named a Life Trustee in 1995. He also served on the Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center board of visitors. He received an honorary degree from Wake Forest in 1997.

Janice K. Story lives in Atlanta, Ga. Kulynych’s other daughter, Brenda Cline, is a past member of the Medical Center’s board of directors. She and her husband, Dale (MBA ’76), have two children who graduated from Wake Forest, Luke Cline (’99) and Laura C. Berry (’94).

Kulynych has made numerous gifts to the University and endowed several scholarships, including the Roena B. and Petro Kulynych Scholarship for undergraduates from Avery and Wilkes counties, N.C.; the Janice Kulynych Story Tennis Scholarship for a member of the women’s tennis team; and most recently, with Janice Story’s family, the Kulynych-Story Family Fund for students who are the first in their family to attend college. He has also funded the Kulynych Faculty Support Fund.

He has generously supported the Medical Center, including funding for the Roena Kulynych Center for Memory and Cognition Research, named in memory of his late wife. He has also funded research in cardiology, interdisciplinary cancer research, leukemia, urology and other areas.

Provost Emeritus Edwin G. Wilson (’43) was among those recognizing Kulynych’s devotion to Wake Forest. “His wise counsel to presidents (James Ralph) Scales, (Thomas K.) Hearn, and now Hatch, his tireless work on trustee and Medical Center committees, and his remarkable philanthropy made Pete among the greatest University leaders over these last 40 years. I am particularly glad that he is a champion of students who have financial need, and that through the scholarship fund he has for many years supported students from the two mountain counties where he makes his home.”

Their son’s enriching experience inspired alumna Dina (’71, MT ’72, P ’11) and Howard Tang (P ’11) of Rocky Mount, N.C., to establish a fully funded scholarship to benefit an outstanding senior in the Wake Forest Marching Band. The scholarship eventually will be endowed through a planned gift.

“Wake Forest has been a rewarding experience for his mom, and now Anthony has had an enriching four years on the campus. This has been possible due in main from his participation in the marching band,” said Howard Tang. “We decided that it would be good to contribute to a scholarship grant to any deserving outstanding senior who might not have been able to complete his or her college dreams because of financial constraints. With our contribution we hope that deserving student will realize his or her dreams.”

“We are excited that Anthony will be working as an admissions counselor,” Tang said. “We feel that for a new graduate there is no better place to work than at Wake Forest.”
CASA DINGLEDINE DEDICATED

Casa Dingedine, Wake Forest’s new conference center in Managua, Nicaragua, was dedicated on Feb. 25. Funded by a generous gift from Trustee Tom Dingledine (MBA ’78) and his wife, Karyn, the center is home to the Nicaragua Nexus program and is a training and service center for not only Wake Forest faculty and students but also for those in the local community. (Read firsthand accounts by Wake Forest Fellow Rachel Cook and Dean of the Z. Smith Reynolds Library Lynn Sutton on the University website.)

Programs at Casa Dingedine include a weeklong summer program launched by the Provost’s Office for Global Affairs called LENS (Learning, Experiencing, Navigating, Solving) designed to prepare Nicaraguan high school students for leadership roles in business and society; interdisciplinary summer service-learning trips focusing on global health, nutrition and communication in developing countries; and a course offered by the biology department focusing on tropical conservation that culminated in a week of study at a biological field station in Nicaragua during spring break.

In 2006 Dingledine made a $1 million gift to establish the Thomas A. Dingledine Fund for Responsible Business. The endowed gift helps faculty members create new content for their classes, provide funds for research in these areas and devise new experiential learning opportunities for students. He also pledged $175,000 over the next five years to assist the school with current operations. He said he hoped the gift would play a role in elevating awareness about how to conduct business in a way that recognizes responsibilities to the greater good.

In 2008 Karyn, a landscape painter, and Tom endowed the Karyn Dingedine Art Scholarship Fund for students planning to major or minor in studio art.

FARRELL HALL ON TRACK

Farrell Hall, a new home for the Wake Forest University Schools of Business, continues to garner financial support for its construction across from Poteat Field, near the Polo Road entrance to campus.

Its name derives from the $10 million cash commitment made by Mary and Mike Farrell of Summit, N.J., parents of Michael Edward Farrell (’10). They are honoring Mike Farrell’s late father, Michael John Farrell, a maintenance engineer who worked for the New York City Transit Authority. (See “Honor Thy Father” at magazine.wfu.edu in the Spring 2011 issue.)

The building will include a 400-seat Broyhill Auditorium funded by the Broyhill Family Foundation. It will be home to the Broyhill Leading Out Loud Executive Lecture Series, created to educate and inspire business students through exposure to industry leaders.

Adjacent to a central “Founders Living Room” will be the Reynolds American Foundation Terrace and Gardens, extending into a naturally wooded area and allowing collaborative space in the building to flow outdoors. The Bern Beatty Colloquium, an innovative space for learning and meeting, faculty presentations and small lectures, will be named for a longtime professor of management.

The majority of the estimated $53 million needed to complete Farrell Hall has been raised. The building is expected to open in July 2013.
ONE LAWYER.
ONE ENTREPRENEUR.
ONE TEACHER.
ALL DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI.

Three separate careers by three different people, all bound together through success and a profound willingness to help others. The recipients of the 2011 Distinguished Alumni Award reflect the spirit of Wake Forest’s mission of Pro Humanitate, working for the betterment of humanity.

Each year the University recognizes the outstanding contributions of graduates. This year’s honorees — Porter B. Byrum (JD ’42), Donald D. Leonard (’65, P ’89, ’92) and Sylvia G. Rousseau (’68) — demonstrate the core values of the University through extraordinary service to their field of expertise, to society and to their alma mater.

Byrum has distinguished himself in the legal and business community in Charlotte, one of North Carolina’s fastest developing metropolitan markets. Leonard’s work as a developer helped Myrtle Beach, S.C., emerge as a national tourist destination. Rousseau spent decades working to ensure students had equitable opportunities, became a top administrator within the Los Angeles school system and is now a professor of education at the University of Southern California.

At a ceremony on Feb. 18, they joined a group honored since the award’s inception in 1959. Nominations come from within the Wake Forest community. The Executive Committee and the Volunteer Identification Committees of the Alumni Council, which represents the Wake Forest Alumni Association, select finalists.

PORTER BYRUM (JD ’42)
Charlotte, N.C.

Porter Byrum comes from humble beginnings. His father was a Baptist minister and a 1908 graduate of Wake Forest. When Byrum decided upon college, he found himself following his father’s path, enrolling at Wake Forest. As the son of a minister, tuition was free for Byrum, and he has long expressed gratitude for the opportunity to get an education at Wake Forest, where three of his brothers are also graduates.

“I know that I didn’t pay my way when I went to Wake Forest,” said Byrum in a 2007 interview with Wake Forest Magazine. “Given the circumstances, my daddy never would have been able to have gotten four boys through Wake Forest, so somebody ought to pay back the debt. And it makes me feel good to do that.”

Byrum, who served in the European theater after graduation and was awarded the Bronze Star, launched his legal career after returning to North Carolina. He took on any case he could, working out of a small office in downtown Charlotte. His legal work introduced him to key members of the business community, which led to his involvement in real estate development and the Charlotte Aircraft Corporation, a company that bought and sold airplanes.

Byrum went on to become the owner of the Park Road Shopping Center and supported many charitable efforts, including the donation of land to the Union County School System for three elementary and three high schools.

Byrum created two Wake Forest scholarships. The Porter B. Byrum Athletic Scholarship offers financial aid to outstanding student-athletes. The John T. Byrum scholarship is among the most prestigious at the School of Law and is named in honor of his father.
Don Leonard ('65, P '89, '92)

Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Nearly four decades ago, Don Leonard left a bank vice president’s position and moved to Myrtle Beach when he realized the region’s potential. He started working out of a spare bedroom in a rented beach house. Success soon struck in a market ripe with opportunities. Leonard’s involvement in numerous projects helped the Grand Strand become a top tourist destination.

Leonard, a member of the board of trustees, sponsors the Pro Humanitate Honor Roll Program established in 2010 to recognize the charitable and community service work of students. He credits the University with instilling in him, and others, important lessons, including the importance of teaching people early in life that giving back is vital.

“A Wake Forest teaches us to focus on hard work and persistence to overcome challenges,” said Leonard, who is chairman of the South Carolina Transportation Infrastructure Bank. “Wake is a ‘boot camp’ for life, where you will find a caring administration, a tough love faculty and an athletic program with an underdog’s tenacity.”

A steadfast Wake Forest fan, Leonard’s support was integral to renovations at BB&T Field and Deacon Tower.

He has been chairman of the Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce, served on several advisory boards and in 1997 received South Carolina’s highest civilian honor, the Order of the Palmetto.

Sylvia Rousseau ('68)

Inglewood, Calif.

When Sylvia Rousseau first stepped into a classroom, she knew it was where she belonged. Rousseau, the second African-American woman to graduate from Wake Forest, has spent four decades in classrooms, running schools and teaching teachers, and she credits her college experience for setting her on the right career path.

“I experienced at Wake Forest what it means to be a student on a campus small enough for each student to matter,” Rousseau said. “I have carried that influence into my career as a teacher, principal and even superintendent. In all of these positions, I have attempted to make sure schools were organized to convey through instruction and through services provided that students are the number one priority.”

Describing herself as a leader who prefers compromise over battles, Rousseau was the first African-American and first woman to serve as principal at Santa Monica High School. She is credited with lowering the dropout rate, increasing the number of students going to four-year universities and getting recognition for the highest number of students passing the Advanced Placement exams. Graduation rates among minority students increased, and she earned a reputation as a peacemaker, taking the ideals of social justice and incorporating them into teaching and organizing schools.

Her success led to a superintendent’s position within the Los Angeles United School District from 2001-05. She is now on the faculty at the University of Southern California, but her ties to Wake Forest remain strong, especially now that her granddaughter, Taylor, is a rising sophomore.

“She had several options, but when she went to Wake Forest for a visit she felt friendliness and a warmth that she just fell in love with,” Rousseau said.
Arthur Orr (‘86), Alumni Association President

I would like to open this column by offering my condolences to Wake Foresters around the globe who have been affected by horrific natural disasters in recent months. It is our hope that you and those close to you have been spared from tragedy. Please know that the Wake Forest community hold you in its thoughts and prayers. We hope that you have been touched by courage, community and the spirit of Pro Humanitate.

Back here at Wake Forest, we had a great celebration at our Winter Alumni Council Meeting and the inaugural Distinguished Alumni Awards Gala. The Alumni Council, on behalf of the Alumni Association, honored three outstanding alumni: Porter Byrum (JD ’42) of Charlotte, N.C, Don Leonard (’65, P ’89, P ’92) of Myrtle Beach, S.C., and Sylvia Rousseau (’68) of Inglewood, Calif.

I encourage you to read their compelling stories on page 58 and view their inspirational videos at alumni.wfu.edu/awards/distinguished/videos/. In addition to our three new award recipients, we honored more than 30 of our past Distinguished Alumni awardees with a commemorative lapel pin and another hearty “thank you” for service in the spirit of Pro Humanitate.

I am personally grateful to Alumni Council member Henry Campen (’71, P ’06) of Raleigh, N.C., for all his hard work in selecting this year’s recipients in cooperation with the Volunteer Identification Committee. We thank council members who joined us at the gala and served as ambassadors for our past awardees.

Do you know a possible candidate for the Distinguished Alumni Award? If you would like to submit a name for consideration, please complete the nomination form on the Alumni website at alumni.wfu.edu/awards/distinguished/nomination.

An important initiative of the Alumni Council Strategic Plan is to better develop our network of Wake Forest Clubs throughout the country and the world. Bringing together groups of alumni, parents and friends in the name of Wake Forest will only make our University stronger in the days and years ahead.

I’d like to introduce Sarah Taylor (’79) of Cleveland, Ohio, who has worked diligently for the last two years as chairperson of the National Program Development Committee to ramp up coordination among the University and its Clubs:

Hi, I’m Sarah Taylor. Since joining the Alumni Council in 2004, I have reconnected with the University, returned to campus for meetings and met alumni from around the country. The National Program Development Committee fosters creative programming for Wake Forest and is working on two initiatives: the Innovation Fund and the Resource Guide.

The Innovation Fund invites Clubs to apply for funding to support innovative programming ideas. Two proposals have been approved: the Charlotte Club’s “Entrepreneurs Forum” — which seeks to provide a network for alumni and parents who have started their own businesses — and the Chicago Club’s “Deaconfest,” an annual summer picnic. The Resource Guide is an event-planning tool to assist Club leaders. It includes examples of successful Club events and contacts and is available to those planning fall events.

I hope you are, or will become, an active member of your local Club. It is a great way to reconnect with college friends and meet new ones. A listing of upcoming events is on the Alumni website at alumni.wfu.edu/clubs.
1940s

Victor Michael Cresenzo Sr. ('40, MD '43) was a member of the first graduating class of the Bowman Gray School of Medicine in 1943. He is 92 and lives in Reidsville, NC, with his wife, Frances. His son, Mark (MD '81), followed in his footsteps and practices internal medicine in Reidsville. His three other sons: Vic Jr. ('67) is a retired dentist, Bill ('57) is a CPA, and Randy (JD '76) is a lawyer. Read more on the magazine website at magazine.wfu.edu.

D.E. Ward Jr. ('43, MD '45, P '70, P '72) is a Wake Forest Life Trustee. He has retired at the age of 90 after 57 years of treating patients in Robeson County. He was featured in The Robesonian, his local newspaper. Ward began his career at Baker Thompson Memorial Hospital and moved to what is now Southeastern Regional Medical Center with his office at the Lumberton Clinic of Surgery PA.

1950s

William H. Smith ('57) practiced law in Danville, VA, for 35 years and was a certified trial advocate. He received the Patrick Henry Award from the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia for his commitment to good government and justice. He is the member/manager of a commercial real estate company, William H. Smith and Assoc. LLC.

John M. Tew Jr. ('57, MD '61) was honored by the Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber as a Great Living Cincinnatian. He is a neurosurgeon with the Mayfield Clinic and clinical director of the University of Cincinnati Neuroscience Institute.

1960s

Betty-Bruce Howard Hoover ('61) and a group of women on the 50th reunion committee for the Class of 1961 met in Winston-Salem to begin plans for reunion activities for Homecoming 2011. Attending were Carolyn Williams Ashburn ('61, MD '08), Elaine Byassee Bailey ('61), Anna Ruth Current ('61), Jeane Daniel Dennis ('61), Jane Greer Hill ('61), Judy Parker Edwards ('61), Mary Stowe ('61) and Ann Yongue Williams ('61, P '88, P '91, P '94).

Jeanette W. Hyde ('60) is a Wake Forest Life Trustee. She received the Heritage Award from the North Carolina Baptist Foundation in recognition of her exemplary support of the School of Divinity and the Wake Forest Baptist Studies Program.

Larry Sitton ('61, JD '64, P '90) is with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Charlotte, NC. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer.

David N. Smith ('62, MD '66) retired as chief medical officer/vice president of medical affairs from Rowan Regional Medical Center in Salisbury, NC. He plans to continue volunteering with the Community Care Clinic and hopes to play some golf and travel with his wife, Wanda.

Ernie Accorsi ('63) has retired after 35 years with the National Football League as executive vice president and general manager of the New York Giants. He lives in Manhattan, is a consultant to the NFL and to Commissioner Roger Goodell and is co-chairman of the NFL's general managers' committee.

Joe R. Beachum Jr. ('63) works at Socastee High School in Myrtle Beach, SC, and is active at Timberlake Baptist Church.

W. Louis Bissette Jr. ('65, P '94) is president of McGuire Wood & Bissette PA in Asheville, NC. He has been elected to serve a four-year term on the UNC Board of Governors by the N.C. Senate.

William K. Davis (JD '66) is with Bell Davis & Pitt PA in Winston-Salem. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer in business litigation and a member of Business North Carolina’s Legal Elite Hall of Fame.

Michael J. Lewis ('67, JD '70) is with Mike Lewis Attorneys in Winston-Salem and Greensboro, NC. He has been named one of The Best Lawyers in America in personal injury and eminent domain and a N.C. Super Lawyer for the third year in a row.

Don Maddox (JD '67) is president of the J.F. Maddox Foundation in Albuquerque, NM. He received the 2011 Distinguished Leadership Award from Leadership New Mexico.

James E. Snyder Jr. ('67, JD '70, P '91) is an attorney in Lexington, NC. He published a book, “Bones, Dean and Me,” in the fall about his time as a college basketball recruit, when he “showed up at the right time and place as the stars aligned.” He decided to donate book royalties to the Dean Club. Read more about the book at magazine.wfu.edu.

Nick Fountain (JD '68) is with Young Moore & Henderson PA in Raleigh, NC. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer.

1970s

Zebulon V. Kendrick (MA '71) has been named vice provost in the Office of Graduate Education at Temple University in Philadelphia.
Philip May (MA ‘71) is a sociology professor and a professor of family and community medicine at the University of New Mexico and a principal investigator for the Center on Alcoholism, Substance Abuse and Addictions. He has been selected to deliver the University of New Mexico’s 56th Annual Research Lecture, one of the highest honors bestowed on its faculty.

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 and one of Business North Carolina’s Legal Elite.


Catharine Biggs Arrowood (’73, JD ’76, P ’05) is a partner with Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP in Raleigh, NC. She was the “Top Vote-Getter” in the antitrust category and will join Business North Carolina’s Legal Elite Hall of Fame. She was among the Top 50 female lawyers and one of Business North Carolina’s Legal Elite.

Lawrence “Chip” Holden (’73, P ’99) is with Holden Mickey & Mickey in Winston-Salem. He was recognized for 35 consecutive years of qualifying with the Million Dollar Round Table.

R. Michael Wells Sr. (JD ’74, P ’04) is with Wells Jenkins Lucas & Jenkins in Winston-Salem. He has been elected to the Academic Affairs Committee of the Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, to the board of the WFBMC Research Park and chairman of the United Way of Forsyth County.

Thomas W. Bunn (’75) retired as vice chair of KeyCorp in 2009. He has joined the board of directors of SquareTwo Financial of Denver and the board of directors of Southern Weaving Co. of Greenville, SC. He is on the senior operating advisory board of Sound Harbor Partners in New York.

Anthony S. di Santi (JD ’75) is with di Santi Watson Capual & Wilson in Boone, NC. He was installed as the 76th president of the N.C. State Bar.

Michael C. Miller (MBA ’75, JD ’78) has been named the ninth president of Pfeiffer University, a United Methodist-related institution in North Carolina. He is an attorney and former president and CEO of CommunityOne Bank based in Asheboro, NC. He and his wife, Donna, have three adult children: Michael, Lisa and Jake.

Teresa Brown Wallendjack (’75) and her husband, Mark Wallendjack (’76), and their children, Ellen (’07), Diane and Clare, were selected as the 2010 U.S. Tennis Association’s Tennis Family of the Year for the Mid-Atlantic Section and the Maryland District. Terri and Mark were playing captains on the USTA 7.0 senior mixed doubles team which won the national title in April 2010.

J. Randolph Ward (’75, JD ’78, P ’09) is a workers’ compensation litigator and mediator in Cary, NC. He completed four years as chair of the N.C. Bar Foundation’s Trial Practice Curriculum Committee and served on the N.C. Industrial Commission’s Committee on Utilization Review. He is a member of the N.C. Academy of Superior Court Mediators. His son, Alex Ward (’09), is a second-year Wake Forest law student.

Thomas H. Davis Jr. (JD ’76, P ’05, P ’08, P ’10) is a partner with Poyner Spruill LLP in Raleigh, NC. He has been elected to the board of directors of the N.C. Supreme Court Historical Society.

J. Anthony Penry (’76, JD ’79) is a partner with Penry Riemann PLLC in Raleigh, NC. He was elected to the board of trustees of the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law.

David N. Gill (’77) has been named chief financial officer of INC Research in Raleigh, NC. He and his wife, Diane (’77), live in Wilmington, NC, and have two grown children and a new grandson.

Kay Killian (’77, JD ’80) and her family established conservation easements with the Catawba Lands Conservancy for their property in Gaston and Lincoln counties. She wants to conserve farm and forest lands.

Susie Gibbons (’78, JD ’81) is with Poyner Spruill LLP in Raleigh, NC. She has been named one of Business North Carolina’s Legal Elite in employment law.

Roger R. Pearman (’78, MAEd ’81) has revised and released his first book, “I’m Not Crazy, I’m Just Not You,” which was published in 1996. His son, Lukas, is a Marine in Afghanistan and his daughter, Olivia, is in Honduras with the Peace Corps.

Michael Jac Whatley (’78, P ’11) is the prospect research manager in the Advancement Department of Berry College in Mount Berry, GA.

Carolina Lehoczyk Fernandez (’79) is a registered independent investment adviser aligned with Source Capital Group of Westport, CT. She served on a panel, “Should Women Rule the Investment World?,” at the Cornell Club in New York City.

Rudy Ogburn (’79, JD ’82) is with Young Moore & Henderson PA in Raleigh, NC. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer and one of Business North Carolina’s Legal Elite.

Terri L. Shelton (MA ’79) is vice chancellor for research and economic development for the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She received the Carol Jenkins Mattocks Distinguished Professorship, is the author or co-author of more than 50 journal articles and co-author of a book, “Assessing Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder.”

Howard L. Borum (JD ’80, P ’08) is with Carruthers & Roth PA in Greensboro, NC. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer in real estate law.

Robert R. Campbell Jr. (’80, P ’11, P ’14) is with Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis LLP in Nashville, TN. He has been named Lawyer of the Year in real estate law by The Best Lawyers in America.

Deborah Farmer Minot (’80) has been appointed district associate judge for the Sixth Judicial District of Iowa over the criminal and juvenile courts in the Johnston County Courthouse. She and her husband, George (’81), live in Iowa City and have two sons, Tanner (22) and Walker (17).

Kevin A. Nelson (’80) is with Huddleston Bolen LLP in Charleston, WV. He was named one of The Best Lawyers in America in labor and employment law. He led the Charleston Catholic high school girls’ soccer team to its third consecutive state title in 2010, ranking the team nationally for the first time in the school’s history.

Steve Owens (JD ’80) had a private practice in Kansas City for 26 years and became general counsel for the University of Missouri System in 2008. He has been named interim president to oversee the four-campus system.
Boy Scouts Honor Badgett (‘87) For His Tireless Dedication

Nearly thirty years later, Ken Badgett (‘87) still recalls those daily pop quizzes in Professor Richard Zuber’s American History class. They were challenging but inspiring, he says. There was no choice but to keep up with the reading. Badgett traces his strong passion for current events, as well as a desire to dig into our country’s past, back to his undergraduate experience. It is no surprise that he graduated with a bachelor of arts in history and chose to make the study of history his life’s work.

What did surprise Badgett was his induction into the Boy Scouts of America’s 100th Anniversary National Hall of Leadership last August. Badgett was one of 310 Scouts and Scout leaders nationwide honored by the BSA for making a significant difference in the life of another through their extraordinary service and the Scouting virtues they have modeled.

The Old Hickory Council of Boy Scouts in Winston-Salem singled out Badgett for his tireless dedication to the council’s history, museum and camp. Charles Griffin, president of the Old Hickory Council’s Historical Association, said, “Badgett is a remarkable individual and a real asset. He is an historian 24/7, 365 days a year. Not only is he a leader, but a doer as well.” Griffin added, “He is like a walking textbook on Boy Scouting history.” Over the last 20 years, The Old Hickory Council has highlighted Badgett’s devotion to the preservation of Scouting history, honoring him with numerous awards including the Raven Award and Roy M. Hinshaw Memorial Award.

Boy Scouting has always played an integral part in Badgett’s life. He began as a Cub Scout in 1973 in Dobson, N.C. While attending Wake Forest he volunteered locally and worked as a counselor at Camp Raven Knob during his summers. Wake Forest’s unique ties to Scouting have always been of interest to Badgett. “From students volunteering as Scout leaders in the town of Wake Forest since 1913, to the Old Hickory Council holding its annual awards banquet in Reynolda Hall’s Magnolia Room in the ’70s and ’80s, Wake Forest has not been without its Scouts since the organization was founded in 1910,” said Badgett.

Following his time at Wake Forest, Badgett co-founded the Old Hickory Council’s Historical Association in 1994, as well as the Raven Knob Boy Scout Museum four years later in Mount Airy, NC. Badgett’s extensive work resulted in a $100,000 federal grant to fund the museum.

When he’s not volunteering as the Old Hickory Council’s official historian, Badgett works as an independent scholar in the Winston-Salem area. Most recently, he was chosen to work with the immediate family of Stanley Harris Sr., one of the founders of the Boy Scouts of America. Harris created the first all-African-American Boy Scout troop in 1916. In 1942, he received an honorary doctorate by the Tuskegee Institute, an historically black university, for his work in helping African-Americans. Badgett has spent the last decade researching Harris’s work as the head of the BSA’s Interracial Service from 1926-1947.

Badgett considers his research on Harris to be the most interesting and rewarding of his career. His historical findings culminated in the erection of a North Carolina Highway Historical Marker in Boone, N.C., in Harris’s memory last November. “Most importantly, my work resulted in locating and making available a set of primary historical documents that had previously been of little interest to national Boy Scout officials and to our National Scouting Museum, mainly because of [Harris’s] work in the difficult subject of race relations,” said Badgett. Numerous publications, including the Winston-Salem Journal and the North Carolina Historical Review, have cited Badgett’s historical findings about Boy Scouting as well as local history.

– Liz Keating (‘11)
Wake Forest Magazine intern
Karen Britt Peeler (JD ’80) is with Herring Mills & Kratt PLLC in Raleigh, NC. Her practice focuses on the needs of disabled children and the elderly.

Scott Chapman (’81) is a professor of mathematics and scholar-in-residence at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, TX. He has been appointed editor of The American Mathematical Monthly, a journal published by the Mathematical Association of America.

Leah Durner (’81) had a one-person art exhibition of her new works on paper. The New York City exhibit was accompanied by an alumni reception and panel discussion led by art critic David Cohen. Read more at go.wfu.edu/bgb.

Doris Phillips Loomis (JD ’81) is with McGuire Wood & Bissette PA in Asheville, NC. She has been named one of Business North Carolina’s Legal Elite in tax and estate planning.


David Warren (’81, JD ’84, P ’13) is with Poyner Spruill LLP in Raleigh, NC. He has been named one of Business North Carolina’s Legal Elite in bankruptcy law.

Jeff Zierenberg (’81) is manager of human resources and training for the new manufacturing site being built in Cleveland, TN, for Wacker Polysilicon NA, a company of Wacker Chemie AG of Munich, Germany. He is a board member of Mainstreet Cleveland and the United Way of Bradley County.

D. Anderson Carmen (JD ’82, P ’09) is with Bell Davis & Pitt PA in Winston-Salem. He has been named one of Business North Carolina’s Legal Elite in construction law.

Jeff Dunham (’82) celebrated the 50th birthday of Gil Roberts (’82) with Scott McEwan (’81) and Al McMillian (’84) in Sonoma County, CA.


Dominick J. Salemi (JD ’82) is a trademark attorney with the Department of Commerce in Arlington, VA. He and his wife, Charlene, are raising funds for the Organization for Autism Research with a June blues festival in Colonial Beach, VA.

Rob Turner (JD ’82) is of counsel for the law firm of Protogyrou & Rigney PLC of Norfolk, VA, and has a private practice concentrating on traffic, criminal and personal injury in Southeastern Virginia. He and his wife, Jocelyn, live in Norfolk.

James J. Wheaton (’82) is general counsel and vice president of legal and governmental affairs for Liberty Tax Service in Virginia Beach, VA.

John P. Winicov (’82) and his wife, Brenda, along with David (’82) and Mari-Ann (’86) Allen, celebrated John’s 50th birthday in Key West, FL.

Doug Hartsema (’83) is senior vice president and director of treasury management with Huntington Bank of Columbus, OH. He has been named chairman of the board of directors of the combined financial operations of International Accounts Payable Professionals, International Accounts Receivable Professionals, The Association for Work Process Improvement and the National Association of Purchasing and Payables.

J. Stanley Atwell (JD ’84) is with Carruthers & Roth PA in Greensboro, NC. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer in estate planning and probate.

David Duke (JD ’84) is with Young Moore & Henderson PA in Raleigh, NC. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer.

Paul R. Eason (’84, P ’12, P ’15) is an internal medicine physician with Carilion Clinic in Martinsville, VA. He has been elected to the board of directors of the Harvest Foundation. His daughter, Rachel (’12), spent a semester at the Worrell House and his son, Stephen, will be a freshman.

William W. Pollock (’84) has joined the Ragsdale Liggett law firm as a partner in the litigation department. He and his wife, Maggie, and their children, Alex and Anne, live in Raleigh, NC.

Walt Rodgers (’84) is vice president of human resources at RelaDyne, an equipment company in Sharonville, OH.

Betsy Tuttle-Newhall (’84, MD ’88) is a transplant surgeon at the Saint Louis University Hospital’s Center for Abdominal Transplant Surgery. She serves on the Wake Forest College Board of Visitors. Her husband, Philip Newhall (’92), is an assistant professor in the Department of Surgery at the Saint Louis University School of Medicine.

Rhonda K. Amoroso (JD ’85, P ’97) practiced law in New York and is a former administrative law judge. She has been elected chairwoman of the New Hanover County North Carolina Republican Party.

P. Kevin Carwile (JD ’85) is chief of the U.S. Department of Justice’s Capital Case Unit in Washington. This unit assists the Attorney General’s Review Committee on Capital Cases in its evaluation of potential death penalty matters.


Randy Avram (JD ’86) is with Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP in Raleigh, NC. He has been named one of the Top 100 N.C. Super Lawyers.

David Fricke (JD ’86) is with Poyner Spruill LLP in Raleigh, NC. He has been named one of Business North Carolina’s Legal Elite in real estate law.

D. Beth Langley (’86, JD ’92) practices labor and employment and business litigation with Hagan Davis Mangum Barrett & Langley PLLC in Greensboro, NC. She has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer and one of Business North Carolina’s Legal Elite.

Ken Badgett (’87) has been named to the Boy Scouts of America’s 100th Anniversary National Hall of Leadership. (See story, p. 63.)

Edward Bonahue (’87) is provost and vice president for academic affairs at Santa Fe College in Gainesville, FL.
John M. Flynn (‘87, JD ‘90) is with Carruthers & Roth PA in Greensboro, NC. He has been named one of Business North Carolina’s Legal Elite in environmental law.

John H. Holt (‘87) lives in Scottsdale, AZ, with his wife, Mary, and two children, Garrett (5) and Sarah (3). He owns a computer services firm.

Ernest A. Osborn (‘87) is senior vice president of The Osborn Berrier Group at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney in Winston-Salem. He was named among the Best of Best financial advisers attending Barron’s Winner’s Circle Top Advisors Summit.

Mike Summers (‘87) has been named vice president of recruiting and business development with The HR Group in Greensboro, NC.

Jeff Chamberlain (‘88) is head of the Electrochemical Energy Storage Group at the Argonne National Laboratory, a lab sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy. He is working to develop lithium ion batteries to improve electric vehicles. Read more in the magazine Deacon Blog at go.wfu.edu/c57.

Mark P. Del Mastro (‘88) was professor of Spanish at The Citadel in Charleston, SC, for 18 years. He is professor and chair of Hispanic studies at the College of Charleston.

Wimberly Beth Thompson (‘88) is a licensed clinical social worker and director of school-based behavioral health services at Cherokee Health Systems. She and her daughter, Emma Binh (3), live in Knoxville, TN.

W. Russell Adams (‘89) teaches history and government at Laney High School in Wilmington, NC. He has been named the N.C. 2011 American History Teacher of the Year by the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. He received the Tom and Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award.

Joe Austin (JD ‘89) is with Young Moore & Henderson PA in Raleigh, NC. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer.

Chris Bowman (JD ‘89) has joined the sports and entertainment practice group of Dinsmore & Shohl LLP in Cincinnati.

Sarah Jon Fullenwider (JD ‘89) has been appointed city attorney for the City of Fort Worth, TX. She has been with the city’s law department since 1997 and is the first female appointed to this position.

Dean W. Hollandsworth (JD ‘89) has been named senior staff attorney at the New Hanover County Department of Social Services. He has been a DSS attorney for 15 years. He and his wife and two sons live in Wilmington, NC.

Christine M. Ryan (JD ‘89) is with Herring Mills & Kratt PLLC in Raleigh, NC. Her practice focuses on elder law and estate planning for families with special health care needs.

Charlott F. Wood (JD ‘89) is with Bell Davis & Pitt PA in Winston-Salem. She has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer in civil litigation defense.

1990

William Graham Blair is senior vice president with Turner Sports heading up sponsorships and advertising sales. He is based in New York City.

Donald L. Bobbitt Jr., of Charlotte, NC, is chief financial officer of Campus Crest Communities, a student housing real estate investment trust.

David W. Johnson Jr. (JD) left the law profession in 2006. He helped produce a documentary about music education and is pursuing a master’s in special education at Arizona State University.

Christopher H. Martin is with Printpack, a privately held packaging company in Atlanta.

Ricky Proehl is a consultant working with the Carolina Panthers wide receivers in Charlotte, NC, following a career as a NFL wide receiver. He was inducted recently into the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame. While at Wake Forest from 1986-89, he lettered and still owns several football records.

Eric Wilson (MA ‘90) is the Thomas H. Pritchard Professor of English at Wake Forest University. He is the author of “My Business is to Create: Blake’s Infinite Writing” (University of Iowa Press).
Christin Essin will begin a faculty research position as a theatre historian at Vanderbilt University this fall.

David L. Johnson has been named vice chair of the labor and employment department of Miller & Martin PLLC in Nashville, TN.

Russell Smith received an MPhil in ancient cultures from the University of Stellenbosch. He and his family celebrated 10 years of ministry at historic Covenant-First Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati (www.coﬁrseach.org).

Wade Tollison is the global senior product marketing manager in the automation and control solutions business with Honeywell International in Golden Valley, MN. He and his wife, Stephanie, have three children: Ella (8), Jack (7) and Sam (7).

1994

Chad V. Blankenburg is the N.C. sales manager for an insurance brokerage ﬁrm, The Cason Group, with operations in the Carolinas and Georgia. He is president of the N.C. Association of Health Underwriters.

Joseph DeArmond Cantrell is chief ﬁnancial ofﬁcer of Kings Creek Plantation LLC in Williamsburg, VA.

Mark E. Edwards (JD ’97) is a board certiﬁed specialist in elder law with FIELDS & Cooper PLLC in Nashville, NC. He was elected to the board of directors of the Baptist Joint Committee in Washington, D.C., which advocates for the separation of church and state. Also with the Baptist Joint Committee is K. Hollyn Hollman (’89), general counsel for religious liberty.

M. Benjamin Jones has been named senior managing director of Conway Del Genio Gries & Co. LLC, a restructuring, turnaround management and M&A advisory ﬁrm in New York.

Jeffrey D. Patton (JD) is a member in charge of the Winston-Salem ofﬁce of Spilman Thomas & Battle PLLC. He has been named one of Business North Carolina’s Legal Elite.

Joe Zeszotarski (JD) is with Poyner Spruill LLP in Raleigh, NC. He has been named one of Business North Carolina’s Legal Elite in criminal law.

1995

Joshua W. Dixon has been elected a partner with Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP in Charleston, SC.

Stephanie Neill Harner has been inducted into the National Golf Coaches Hall of Fame as the 56th member of the Players Hall of Fame.

Raymond Reitzel Hutchins III is a pricing analyst for Balteck Inc. in High Point, NC.

Tiffany Massing has been named project coordinator for The Fairmount Group, a communications and marketing ﬁrm in Cleveland Heights, OH.

Scott Travasos (MBA) has been named chief ﬁnancial ofﬁcer for the Blue Shield of California Foundation. He serves on the board of the Bay Area Sports Organizing Committee and lives in Walnut Creek, CA, with his wife, Jenni, and two children, Collin (10) and Anna (7).

Westray Yeasey (JD) is with Poyner Spruill LLP in Raleigh, NC. He has been named one of Business North Carolina’s Legal Elite in tax and estate planning law.

1996

Daniel L. Briggs is in funeral home and furniture businesses in the N.C. Triad. He was appointed a commissioner on the three-member board of the N.C. Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission by Gov. Bev Perdue. He and his wife, Laurie Long Briggs (’97, MSA ’98), and their four children live in Lexington, NC.

William John Cathcart Jr. is a partner with Brown Crump Vanore & Tierney LLP in Raleigh, NC.


Ross Forbes (JD) is with Jackson Walker LLP in Dallas. He has been named a Texas Monthly Rising Star.

Jason James is with Poyner Spruill LLP in Charlotte, NC. He has been named one of Business North Carolina’s Legal Elite Young Guns.

Rachelle Fasen Kuramoto (MA ’98) is a co-founder of kigo footwear, a line of shoes (www.kigofootwear.com). Founded on Pro Humanitate, kigo footwear supports efforts to put shoes on people who need them. She and her husband, Kenji (’95), live in Atlanta with their two children, Sam (8) and Stella (6).

Tate Ogburn (JD/MBA) is with Poyner Spruill LLP in Charlotte, NC. He has been named one of Business North Carolina’s Legal Elite in construction law.

1997

Stephen LeRoy Barnes is a fellow in cardiothoracic anesthesiology at the Texas Heart Institute in Houston.

Matthew Borgman is a pediatriic intensivist and major in the U.S. Army. He is stationed at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, TX.

Stephen Vincent Higdon (JD) has been appointed by N.C. Gov. Bev Perdue to serve as a district court judge in Union County.

Judson N. Hollifield (JD ’01) is chairman and CEO of Rinehart Racing, a global motorsports company specializing in performance exhaust applications for NASCAR and Harley Davidson.

William Kyle Irwin is senior manager of The North Highland Company, an international consulting company. He and his wife and daughter live in New Hope, PA.

Robert B. King (JD ’02) is with Bennett & Guthrie PLLC in Winston-Salem. She has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer Rising Star in civil
litigation defense and one of Business North Carolina’s Legal Elite Young Guns. She was named a 2010 Women Extraordinaire recipient by Business Leader Media, and she is chair of the N.C. Bar Association’s Young Lawyers Division.

Norman F. Klick Jr. (JD) is a litigation attorney with Carruthers & Roth PA in Greensboro, NC. He has been named vice president and general counsel of Proehlific Park and named to the board of directors of The P.O.W.E.R. of Play Foundation and the Greensboro Cerebral Palsy Association. He is one of Business North Carolina’s Legal Elite Young Guns and a N.C. Super Lawyer Rising Star in personal injury defense and medical malpractice.

Ann Sheridan is a noninvasive cardiologist at Kaiser San Francisco. She is a senior physician (partner) and director of curriculum for the cardiology fellowship program. She writes she is grateful for a Wake Forest education to help find balance in these challenging roles.

Frank M. Sutton Jr. (MD/ MBA) has joined Asheville Anesthesia Associates in Asheville, NC.


**1998**

Paul A. Fanning (JD) is with Ward & Smith PA. He and his wife, Leigh, and three children, Collins (4 1/2), Zadoc (3) and Georgia (3), live in Greenville, NC. He has been named one of Business North Carolina’s Legal Elite, a N.C. Super Lawyer and one of The Best Lawyers in America.

Gregory David Habeeb (JD ’01) has been elected into Virginia’s House of Delegates to represent the 8th District.

Shane Harris is a senior writer at Washingtonian magazine. He wrote "The Watchers: The Rise of America’s Surveillance State" highlighting the government’s surveillance strategies since 9/11. It was named one of the best books of 2010 by The Economist. (See story, pp. 42-44)

Rondolyn "Trice" Hickman (MALS) has three self-published novels being re-released by Kensington Publishing Corp. She won the 2008 African-American Literary Award for Romance. She gave the keynote address at the Black History Month program and reception for the Patterson Branch Library in Lubbock, TX.

Dina Marty (JD) has been promoted to counsel in the legal department at Wake Forest University.

John Schneider is vice president of sales at Federated Media in Manhattan.

Craig A. Taylor (JD ‘01) is with Carruthers & Roth PA in Greensboro, NC. He has been named one of Business North Carolina’s Legal Elite Young Guns in business law and a N.C. Super Lawyer Rising Star in business/corporate law.

Kevin G. Williams (JD) is with Bell Davis & Pitt PA in Winston-Salem. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer in civil litigation defense.

**1999**

Lewis R. Beatty (MBA) is chief financial officer of First Hope Bank in Northwestern New Jersey. He has been named a New Leader in Banking by NJ Bankers and NJ Banker magazine. He built his house and is busy with home improvement projects in his spare time.

Galen G. Craun III (JD) is with Bell Davis & Pitt PA in Winston-Salem. He has been named one of Business North Carolina’s Legal Elite in business law.

Andrea Dacquino is director of international business development at the Global Health Center of Cincinnati Children’s Hospital.

Hilton Hutchens is an associate attorney with Hutchens Senter & Britton PA in Fayetteville, NC. He has been selected to the inaugural class of the N.C. Bar Association Academy.

Andrew Lampros (JD) is with Cook, Hall & Lampros LLP in Atlanta. He has been named a Georgia Super Lawyer.

Elizabeth McCullough (JD) is with Young Moore & Henderson PA in Raleigh, NC. She has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer Rising Star.

Annemarie Pantazis (JD) was recognized as a 40 Under 40 by the Charlotte Business Journal and as a Rising Star in workers’ compensation for the second year by Super Lawyer’s Magazine.

Nicole Runyan has been named a partner in corporate and investment management with Stroock, Stroock & Lavan LLP in New York.

Kelly Williams Wilkinson is a freelance director who has lived in London for 11 years. This spring she was on the Reynolds Campus to conduct acting and directing workshops with theatre students (go.wfu.edu/493).

**2000**

Tim Gunter (MBA) is general manager for Crown Nissan in Greensboro, NC.

Karen Potvin Klein (MALS) is a medical editor and associate director in the Office of Research at the Wake Forest School of Medicine. She was named the 2010-11 administrator of special projects for the American Medical Writers Association.

For more information, or to book your next voyage, please contact Pat Boone in the Alumni Services Office at 336.758.4278 or boonepm@wfu.edu, or visit alumni.wfu.edu/programs.
2001

Stephen Arndt is completing a fellowship in orthopaedic foot and ankle surgery at the Cleveland Clinic in Ohio.

Galen Baggs received his MBA from the University of San Diego. He was appointed director of finance for the San Diego-based real estate Internet marketing firm of Z57 Inc.

2002

John Claude Barden is a paralegal with Hamilton Westby Antonowich & Anderson in Atlanta.

Tushar Chikhilker (JD) is with Nexsen Pruet LLC in Columbia, SC. He is a South Carolina Lawyers Weekly Emerging Leader.

Melissa Whitenack Gunter completed a residency in obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Rochester and joined a private practice in Rochester, NY.

Mary Craig Wilson Tennille has been named vice president of Excalibur Advancement Services, a firm providing strategic communication and development solutions for educational institutions and nonprofit organizations, based in Winston-Salem.

2003

Matt Dixon received his MAEd from Salem College and is pursuing an educational specialist degree at Appalachian State University. He has been named principal of Southwest Elementary School in Clemmons, NC. He and his wife, Rebecca (’02), have two children, James (3) and Mary Woodall (1½).

Jill Raspert (JD) has been named a partner with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Wilmington, NC. She specializes in estate planning and probate law.

Drew Senter has a general business practice focusing on real estate with Isom Stanko & Senter LLC in Anniston, AL.

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Derek J. Gilliam practices labor and employment law at Quarles & Brady LLP in Milwaukee. He has been appointed to the board of directors of the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra.

Monica R. Guy (JD) is with Bell Davis & Pitt PA in Winston-Salem. She has been named a N.C. Rising Star in family law and one of Business North Carolina’s Legal Elite Young Guns.

Nick Hernandez is vice president of Indiana and South Florida operations with Oncure Medical Corp. in Tampa, FL.

Katherine Houle was selected to participate in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s 2011 Class of Emerging Professionals. The program provides opportunities to advance knowledge, skills and abilities. She has been with the agency five years.

Sarah Kate Noftsinger is the first commissioner of the Elite Clubs National League, a girls youth soccer league in the United States.

Paul Singleton spent two years in the Teach for America program with the Baltimore City Public schools and received his JD from the College of Law at Arizona State University. He is an associate in the labor and employment law practice of Baker & Daniels LLP in South Bend, IN.

2001

Cary Savage Lawrence is director of business development and operations with SocialCode, a Washington Post Company.

Helen Losse (MALS) has published her second book of poems, “Seriously Dangerous” (Main Street Rag, Charlotte). She lives in Winston-Salem and is the poetry editor for an online literary journal, The Dead Mule School of Southern Literature.

Luke Sbarra (JD) is a partner with Hedrick Gardner Kinchelow & Garofolo LLP in Charlotte, NC. He practices civil and commercial litigation.

Dawn Sheek (JD) is a certified specialist in family law and a dispute resolution commission family financial mediator practicing in Thomasville, NC.

Tennille (’01) Young (JD ’01) Raspet (JD ’02) Trosch (JD ’02) Singleton (’03) Baxter (JD ’04)

2002

Elise Morgan Whitley (JD) is a partner practicing family law with Tash & Kurtz PLLC in Winston-Salem. She has been named one of The Best Lawyers in America and a Super Lawyer/Top Young Lawyer in family law. She and her husband, Cameron, have two children, Wren and Milo.

Maria Papoulis Wood (JD) has been named a partner with the civil litigation law firm of Yates McLamb & Weyher LLP in Raleigh, NC.

Court Young (JD) is a partner at Poyner Spruill LLP in Charlotte, NC. She has been named one of Charlotte Business Journal’s 40 Under 40 and one of Business North Carolina’s Legal Elite Young Guns.

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David R. Styka (MBA) has been with Family Dollar since 2008. He has been named vice president of finance.

Eric Trosch (JD) is a board certified family law specialist with Conrad Trosch & Kemmy PA in Charlotte, NC.

2004

Alexandra Lee Snyder Garcia received her master’s in nurse anesthesia from the Medical University of South Carolina. She is a nurse anesthetist with Trident Anesthesia Group in Charleston, SC.

Greg Auerbach (MBA) is vice president for marketing with ADS, a national coalition of dental practice transitions and brokerage firms in Bradenton, FL.
Teachable moments

In case you missed it during your morning rush hour, Karen Corvino (’00) appeared on NBC’s “Today” show in February as a featured teacher in a segment on Teach for America. Contributing correspondent Jenna Bush Hager, herself a teacher, reported on the national teaching corps that recruits top college graduates to teach for two years in the most impoverished areas of the country.

“Teach for America is on the front lines battling for educational equality and excellence for all children,” said Hager. The segment highlighted Washington Heights Expeditionary Learning School (WHEELS) as a successful example of progressive education with an improving graduation rate. Among WHEELS’s teachers is Corvino, who told Hager, “You can have high expectations and still have a really supportive culture, and I think that’s what makes WHEELS different.”

College banners line the walls of WHEELS, and Corvino, a three-year veteran at WHEELS, made sure to hang Wake Forest’s flag above her classroom.

When she was accepted to Wake Forest, Corvino knew her career path would be education but was unsure where it would take her. In her classes she was shocked to learn about inequities and inadequacies in the American educational system. Her talks with Joseph Milner (P ’90, ’92, ’95), an education department professor, inspired her to join Teach for America.

“My experiences at Wake Forest are what helped develop my commitment to social justice and cemented my decision to choose a career in public service,” Corvino told Wake Forest Magazine. She founded SEAC (Student Environmental Action Coalition), inspiring students to fight for environmental protection, and joined the Women’s Issues Network. Phi Beta Kappa, the academic honor society, inducted her. After graduating summa cum laude with honors in English and a minor in education, Corvino moved to New York for her Teach for America commitment in Washington Heights. Then came two more master’s degrees.

Eventually she landed at WHEELS, the first New York City Outward Bound school for grades six through 12 and where virtually all of the students are born into poverty. Half of the teachers at WHEELS and Principal Brett Kimmel are TFA alumni. “Karen is a truly phenomenal teacher, in every sense of the term,” he said. “She is a lifelong learner who always seeks to improve her already outstanding teaching. These qualities have led to tremendous and unprecedented success for the students.”

Her English-Language Arts class of 90 students began seventh grade, on average, at a fifth-grade reading level. After two years in her class, students were back on track, Corvino said, reading at the eighth-grade level. She said with positive encouragement and hard work, every one of her students has the potential for this kind of growth.

To see the “Today” clip, go to elschools.org/press-center/wheels-featured-today-show

– Liz Keating (’11)
Wake Forest Magazine intern
Tips for Building a Successful Family Business

Wake Forest Magazine asked winners of the North Carolina Family Business of the Year Awards to share their tips for building a successful business. The Wake Forest University Schools of Business Family Business Center and Business North Carolina magazine made the awards on April 28.

A successful family business needs to regard all employees as part of the family. You demonstrate this with benefit programs that are concerned with the well-being of the employee’s family unit, with safe and comfortable working conditions, and a verbalized appreciation for each employee’s specific contributions to the success of the company.

You can’t manage what you can’t measure. Set realistic goals and standards of performance and make sure that process includes input from those who will be responsible for meeting those targets. Then make sure you have a good feedback system.

The founder of our company, my dad, always reminded us that if we concentrated on the quality of our products, sales would always follow.

Focus on the customer (convenience, transparency, safety, value).

Build a staff that shares the vision (recruit carefully, train, reinforce).

Take a long-term view (invest for the future in technology, infrastructure, etc.).

CEO of Stephenson Millwork Co. of Wilson, a third-generation architectural millwork family business with 120 employees.

PRENTISS BAKER III (’65, P ’89, ’90)

of Baker Roofing Co. of Raleigh, third largest U.S. roofing company and employing eight family members among the 750-person work force.

1. Employ and retain quality people (who we are).
2. Customer focus delivering world-class customer service and quality installations.
3. Truly care for our employees and customers.

Vice president of Winston-Salem-based Salem Printing Co., which has four family members among its 80 employees.

1. Communicate clearly and frequently to customers and to employees. Most problems can be avoided or minimized if there are open lines of communication. Listen closely. Plan every job. And do it right the first time, with a sense of urgency that exceeds that of your customer.

2. Surround yourself with great people. I have been lucky to have worked with, simply put, The Best. People who want to be successful, who are treated with respect for the successes they create, always take care of our customers when they are given the proper tools, equipment and working conditions. We surround ourselves with smart, motivated people who quickly become part of our family.

3. Take care of the customers. Every customer is a privilege. Meeting customers’ escalating demands for better quality, shorter lead times and lower prices in a global economy is an opportunity to improve both the company and the stability of the workforce. Loyal, long-term relationships lead to profitability for us and especially for our customers. We work hard and we continually invest in the latest technology to make sure we bring a higher level of efficiency and productivity to our customers.

ROGER VAUGHN (’74)

Owner of Ruff Housing of Winston-Salem, specializing in doggie daycare and boarding with a work force of 40, including three family members.

PHILIP KELLEY, SR. (MBA ’77)

CEO of Stephenson Millwork Co. of Wilson, a third-generation architectural millwork family business with 120 employees.

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Leigh C. Bagley (JD) has been named a director of Bell Davis & Pitt PA in Winston-Salem. She practices commercial real estate and banking law.

Peter J. Baxter (JD) has been named a shareholder with Strong & Hanni PC in Salt Lake City, UT. He represents clients in medical malpractice and health care law.

Elspeth Beauchamp received her PhD in tumor biology from Georgetown University. Her dissertation related to the treatment of pediatric cancer. She continues her research at Georgetown and postdoctoral research at Philadelphia Children’s Hospital.

Kristie Schavey Gentry received her doctorate of physical therapy from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. She works in acute care at Trinity Medical Center in Birmingham.

LeRoya Chester Jennings (JD) has opened a private practice in Atlanta specializing in criminal and DUI defense, family law and wills and estate planning (www.chesterjenningslaw.com).

Bradley Nowak (JD) is with Williams Mullen in Washington, DC. He has been named one of Washington SmartCEO magazine’s Legal Elite.

Jennifer Prall is an assistant program director with AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps in Mississippi. She develops community-based service projects throughout the Southeast with a special focus on Gulf Coast recovery.

Bementa Simmons (MBA) has been named one of Atlanta Business League’s 100 Most Influential Women in Business.

Ben Worley is a financial representative with Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance in Greenville, SC. He received Northwestern’s Bronze Award for highest producer of first-year agents.

Mike Zajac (MBA) and his wife, Kelly, purchased Tudor House Tea, a seller and distributor of loose leaf tea, gourmet foods and tea ware (www.tudorhousetea.com).

Jill Bader is senior public policy and communications adviser for the Washington, DC, office of Girl Scouts of the USA.

Emily Page Culp received her JD from the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Law.

Kate Rigby Dings (JD) practices employment law with Ogletree Deakins Nash Smoak & Stewart PC in Boston, MA.

Ryan Dings (JD) is the director of business development and associate counsel for Blu Homes Inc. based in Waltham, MA.

Elie Johnsey Foy (JD) is with Young Moore & Henderson PA in Raleigh, NC. She has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer Rising Star.

Anna Price Heyer received her MAEd from the University of Arizona and teaches AP biology, biotechnology and advanced biotechnology at Flowing Wells High School in Tucson, AZ. KOLD News 13 did a “teacher tribute” about Anna (go.wfu.edu/v4p).

John T. Kaper is with Booz Allen Hamilton in McLean, VA.

Kezia McKeague is director of government relations at the Council of the Americas, an international business organization with offices in New York, Washington, DC, and Miami.

2006

Steven Andrade received his MD from St. George’s University in Grenada, West Indies. His residency in OB/GYN is at the University of Tennessee in Memphis.

Jessica Devaney (MA) is the communications and production manager at Just Vision, a nonprofit that researches documents and creates media about Palestinian and Israeli civilians working nonviolently to resolve conflict. She was the associate producer and assistant editor of the documentary “Budrus” (2009), the story of an unlikely community organizer. Jessica lives in Brooklyn and returned to Wake Forest for the campus documentary film screening.

Tony East (MBA) has been named vice president of operations with Amarr Garage Doors in Winston-Salem.

Alison Shermeta Gentry is executive pastry chef at Dewey’s Bakery in Winston-Salem (go.wfu.edu/84n). Her husband, Cagney Gentry (’06), is pursuing a graduate degree in film at UNC Greensboro.

C. Will McEwen is a project manager with Brice Building Company LLC in Birmingham, AL.

Jennifer Justice is an attorney with Maynard Cooper & Gale PC in Birmingham, AL.

Catharine McNally received the Paul G. Hearne Leadership Award from the American Association of People with Disabilities. The award recognizes her advocacy and leadership efforts through her company, Keen Guides (www.keenguides.com), to create more mainstream, inclusive arts and museum experiences for people with disabilities (go.wfu.edu/6hr).

Chris Nilan focuses on distressed debt and investing opportunities with Equity Group Investments in Chicago. He won a regional table tennis championship in his free time.

Damien R. Savoie (JD) is an associate in the commercial litigation group with Murphy & King Professional Corporation in Boston. He lives in Burlington, MA.

John Seung-Hoon Yi received his PhD in immunology from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. He is a postdoctoral fellow at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, NC.

2007

Jason McCarty completed the financial adviser training program at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney. He focuses on retirement planning and risk management with the Jordan Group in New York.

Neal Robbins (JD/MBA) is with Robbins Kreider PLLC in Winston-Salem. He was elected to a seat on the N.C. State University Young Alumni Council. He has been named one of Business North Carolina’s Legal Elite Young Guns and a Super Lawyer Rising Star in business law.

Susie Sewell (JD ’10) is a law clerk at the N.C. Court of Appeals for the Honorable Sam J. Ervin IV in Raleigh, NC.

Joel Sharrer (JD) is an energy conference producer with Electric Utility Consultants Inc. in Denver.

Ellen Wallendack received her master’s in criminology and criminal justice from the University of Maryland. She is with the Department of Homeland Security, Customs and Border Protection, in Washington, DC. She is also part of the 2010 U.S. Tennis Association’s Family of the Year for the Mid-Atlantic Section and the Maryland District.
She will participate in the Bookmarks Book Festival in Winston-Salem in September and in a panel discussion about Springsteen at the Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association in Arizona. Halley Sheffield has been named the marketing manager at 451 Marketing in Boston.

**2009**

LaTosha R. Barnes (JD) has opened The Law Office of L.R. Barnes PLLC in Durham, NC. She specializes in employment law, Social Security disability law and civil litigation (www.lrbarneslaw.com).

**2010**

Regan K. Adamson (JD) has joined Wall Esleeck Babcock LLP in Winston-Salem.

Bianca D’Agostino was drafted to play women’s professional soccer with the Philadelphia Independence. They took 24 players out of 900 applications.

Caitlin Farrell was drafted to play women’s professional soccer with the Philadelphia Independence.

Toni J. Grace (JD) is a member of the public sector law team of Roberts & Stevens in Asheville, NC.

Dallys-Tom Medali (MSA) is grateful for the outstanding quality of the faculty and the dedication of staff during his Wake Forest experience.

Vince Roche (MBA ’10) is moving to the Silicon Valley to work on a start-up company, BoostCTR.com.

Neubia L. Williams (JD) is a staff attorney with Legal Aid of North Carolina in Fayetteville.

**Marriages**

Michael Morro (’87) and Lori Musumeci. 10/23/09 in Woodbury, NJ.

Michael Gary Melkonian (’94) and Karly Lynn Schultz. 12/18/10 in Albion, MI. They live in Ann Arbor, MI.

Hatai Sinthusek (’94, MD ’01) and Eric Barrett. 11/27/10 in Tucson, AZ.

D. James Casey (’96) and Tara Delaney. 8/7/10 in Charlotte, NC, where they live. The wedding party included Anil Atluri (’99), Jeff Baxter (’96), Jim Divito (’99) and Jeff Miller (’96).

Matt Borgman (’97) and Kristie Young. July 2010

Renee Wheeler Davis (’97) and Troy Benton. 10/23/10 in Scottsdale, AZ. They live in Chicago.

Kristen Gadd (’97) and Matthew Williams. 12/31/10 in Asheville, NC. They live near Atlanta.

Julie Annette Loggins (’97) and Clay Proctor Weir. 7/30/10. They live in Huntsville, AL. She is now a stepmother to twins, William David and Walker Belmont (S).

John Schneider (’98) and Amanda Jones. 5/8/10 in Palm Beach, FL. They live in Manhattan.

Kelly M. Murdoch-Kitt (’00) and James Paul Argenta (’01). 6/5/10 in Richmond VA. They live in Berkeley, CA. The bride’s mother is Norma N. Murdoch-Kitt (’69). Ten siblings, including Anne Argenta (’03) and Chris Argenta (’92), were in the wedding party.

Allie Brown (’02) and Christopher Lebonitte. 11/13/10 in Fairfield, CT. They live in New York City. The wedding party included Jennie Fuller (’02), Lizzie Wellons Hartman (’02), Megan Carr Henry (’02) and Mike Henry (’02).

Rebecca Lynn Ellington (MA ’02) and Kevin Dollinger. 1/15/11 in Winston-Salem. They live in Jamestown, NC. The wedding party included Rich Galinski (’99), Wendi Garrett Galinski (’03), Lauren Likosar Green (MAEd ’00), Rebecca Maier (’01, MAEd ’04) and Robert M. Paynter (MD ’98).
Jenny Cross (’03) and Toby Senff. 1/29/11 in Richmond, VA. They live in Washington, DC. The wedding party included Jamie Faulkner (’03).

Sarah Ann Mastalir (’03) and John Evan Kellner. 12/4/10 in Denver. The wedding party included Elizabeth Condo (’03), Mary Craven Hines Dawkins (’03), Sarah Wilson Fenton (’03), Jennifer Watkins Hanson (’03), Kathleen Stelling Hodgson (’03) and Carrington Rice Wendell (’03).

Margaret Leigh McKenzie (’03) and William Thomas Whatley. 12/11/10 in Birmingham, AL. They live in Montgomery, AL. The wedding party included Gretchen Crook Bauer (’02), Meredith Carroll McSwain (’03), Chrissy Engle Raver (’03), Susannah I. Rosenblatt (’03) and Sarah Jones Wingfield (’03).

Jennifer Needham (’03) and Jay Scanlan. 2/12/11 in Playa del Carmen, Mexico. They live in London. The wedding party included Leslyn Cooper (’02), Darcy Foerth Escher (’03), Laura Funke Loftin (’03), Jessica Russell MacLean (’03), Tiffany Needham (’05), Daniellie Binder Passingham (’03), Annie Schlappizzi (’03), Kristin Wieneke (’03) and Leigh Zick (’03).

Courtney Elissa Lee (’04) and Kirk Reynolds. 10/30/10. The wedding party included the bride’s father, J. Clark Lee (’74), Cullen Lee (’00), Kristin Schmitter-Webster (’04) and Kristin Karnap Walsh (’04, MD ’08).

Kristie Schavey (’04) and Adam Gentry. 12/11/10 in Montevallo, AL. They live in Birmingham, AL. The wedding party included Marsha Anderson (’03) and Courtney Dickey (’04).

Ryan Dings (JD ’05) and Kate Rigby (JD ’05). 12/4/10 in Sanibel Island, FL. They live in Cambridge, MA.

Mary Kathleen Goodman (’05) and Brad Lovocio. 12/18/10 in Athens, GA. They live in Nashville, TN. The wedding party included the father of the bride, John Phillips Goodman (’76), Theresa Justine Call (’04), Jennifer Mickie Cooper (MD ’10) and Meredith Brooke Jolly (’05).

John T. Krapper (’05) and Emily Page Culp (’05). 9/18/10 in Wilmington, NC. They live in Arlington, VA. The wedding party included Casey Beal (’05), Carrie Bloch (’05), Kenneth Clark (’06, MSA ’06), James Dingivan (’05), Sean Dolan (’05), Creighton Stewart Hartanov (’05), Julia Koplewski Sheafer (’05), Stephen Tatum (’05), Matthew Walters (’06, MSA ’06) and Meg Quinlan Walters (’06, MA ’07).

Cassiel Smith (’05) and Tamara Pickett (’06). 11/9/09 in Winston-Salem where they live. The wedding party included Cotelia Bond-Young (’07), Marcus Ingram (’99, MDiv ’06), Porsche Jones (’06), Donté McGuire (’08), Keon McGuire (’08), Terri Young McGuire (’08), Aaron Miles (’09), Jason Pratt (’05, JD ’10), Jacqui Springer Tisdale (’06), Gavrielle Washington (’09, MAM ’10) and Delvon Worthly (’08).

Kelli Marie Wilkerson (’05) and Adam Ross Polon. 9/25/10 in Chevy Chase, MD. They live in Arlington, VA. The wedding party included the bride’s sisters, Amy Wilkerson (’11) and Stephanie Wilkerson Yoder (’98).

Chad Crockford (JD ’06) and Danielle Walther (JD ’06). 5/1/10 in Charlotte, NC. The wedding party included Jessie Cohan (JD ’06, Kevin Rust (JD ’06) and Joshua Steele (JD ’06).

Jennifer Marie Folsom (’06) and Mitchell Cameron Currin (’07). 10/23/10 in Winston-Salem, where they live. The wedding party included Maria Del Re (’07), Dustin Frye (’06), Lolly Hemphill (’07, MA ’09) and Annie Young (’06).

Mark McCarthy (’06) and Christine Books (’06). 10/1/10 in Atlanta. They live in Boston. The wedding party included Lindsay Larsson Kolasa (’06), Kelly McGlaughlin (’06) and Rachel Nice (’06).

Jason McCarthy (’06) and Katy Talley (’06). 11/6/10 in Boston. The wedding party included Chas Andreae (’06), Kelly Andreae (’06), Dave Desiderio (’06), Al Rattacasa (’05), Meredith Sterling Swain (’05) and Chris Vellano (’06).

C. Will McEwen (’06) and Jennifer M. Justice (’06). 5/29/10 in Mobile, AL. They live in Birmingham, AL. The wedding party included Mary Kathryn Bumgarner (’06, PA ’09), Rachel Clagett (’06), David C. Coons (’06), Jonathan C. Crawford (’06), Sarah Hoey Crawford (’06), Sara Beth DeLisle (’04), Ben Hearnsberger (’06), Emily Johnson (’06), J eb M. Justice (’02), Jay Lockwood (’06), Chris Nilan (’06), Paul Silivos (’07) and Jonathan Tauber (’07).

Jane Marriott Beasley (’07) and Joseph Griffin Duncan. 3/5/11 in Winston-Salem. They live in Charlotte, NC. The bride’s parents are Jennie Bason (’75) and Earl Beasley (’73). The wedding party included Amanda Brannan (’07), Meredith Freed (’07), Lorah Hoft Henry (’06), Samantha Mann (’07), Kate Yandell Reece (’07), Hilary Wathern (’06) and CarolAnn Henline Wiggs (’07).

Joel Sharrer (JD ’07) and Lindsay Boudreau. 10/2/10 in Parker, CO. The wedding party included Ashlee Vaughan (JD ’07) and Carter Vaughan (JD ’07).

Terri Young (’07) and Donté McGuire (’08). 9/18/10 in Fort Fisher, NC.

Elizabeth Mason Cox (MA ’08) and John Eric Franklin. 7/31/10 in Winston-Salem. They live in Durham, NC.

Lisa Weston Weir (’08) and Daniel S. Mangiapansi. 1/15/11. They live in Durham, NC.

Paige Fitzgerald (’09) and Chad Barefoot. 3/26/11 in Wake Forest, NC. The wedding party included Mary Beth Lambert (’09), Maddie Martin (’09, Ellen Page (’10) and Courtney White (’09).

Glenn Thomas Hough Jr. (’09, MSA ’10) and Chelsea Given Spangler. 6/19/10 in Winston-Salem. They live in New York. The wedding party included Wil Cooper (’09), Matt Keller (’09, MSA ’10), current law student Brad Knott, Tom Knott (’09, MAM ’10), Mark Melvin (’09), Allison Spangler (’05) and Trevor Taylor (’09).

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Dear Ms. Cragwall ...

“I want to go to Wake Forest because I here that they are the best college ... ” begins Rajae’s letter to his fourth-grade teacher, Carrie Cragwall ('07). “I will study math and history in Wake Forest.”

Wake Forest Magazine asked Cragwall about what has been happening in her class.

“We abide by our own honor code, have meetings on the ‘Quad’, and read books in the ZSR Library. Since D.C. is so rich with alumni, I’ve invited several to come read to the class. One such alumnus and former soccer player, Lyle Adams ('08), connected us with Coach Jay Vidovich, who in turn donated an entire class set of Wake Forest T-shirts. Today we took the first part of our high-stakes state assessment. Many students were nervous, but once they placed their Wake Forest shirts over their school uniforms, they were calm, focused and ready.”

“We live Forest literally defines the classroom culture for my students,” writes Cragwall. “I teach at Potomac Lighthouse Public Charter School in D.C., where the vast majority of students are low-income and minority. To expose our students to college early, teachers in our charter network/school name their classrooms after their alma mater. Maybe it’s because Wake Forest is so near and dear to my heart, but my class and I get a bit carried away.”

Carrie Cragwall and her fourth grade students in their "Wake Forest" classroom.
Stephen Estes Smith (‘09) and Sarah Elizabeth Cooper (MAEd ‘09). 12/19/09 in Birmingham, AL, where they live. The wedding party included Samuel Edmond Ford (‘10), Jonathan Doyle Glass (‘07), John Alexander Mentel (‘09), Cynthia Osborne Smith (‘79) and Michael Douglas Smith (‘77, JD ‘80).

Births/Adoptions

Nadine L. Stensland (‘79), Manasquan, NJ: adopted daughter, Meghan Elizabeth. 11/17/10

Troy Jackson (‘82) and Kristie Jackson, Raleigh, NC: a daughter, Parker Lynn. 10/30/10

Michael Morro (‘87) and Lori Morro, West Deptford, NJ: a son, Derek. 12/2/10

Allison Young Zabransky (‘91) and Doug Zabransky, Bethesda, MD: a daughter, Abby Adelynn. 12/10/10. She joins her sister, Ava (2).

Steve H. Levin (JD ‘92) and Jill Levin, Baltimore, MD: a son, David Blake. 8/9/10. He joins his sister, Julia Shelly (3).

Traci Suzette Cook East (‘93) and A. Anthony East (MBA ‘06), East Bend, NC: a son, Magnus Ryan. 9/14/10. He joins his sisters, Kayden McKenzie (8), Rachel Emory (6) and Madelyn Adair (2).

Michael A. Sellers (‘93) and Kristin Sellers, Richmond, VA: a son, Barkley Andrew. 9/8/10

Peter L. Ballard (‘94) and Stefanie Ballard, Atlanta: a daughter, Reese Lynne. 10/2/10. She joins her sister, Riley Margaret (2).

Joseph DeArmond Cantrell (‘94) and Melissa Thomas Cantrell (‘94), Williamsburg, VA: a son, Samuel James. 2/22/11. He joins his sister, Laura (9), and brothers, Jake (5) and Thomas (2).


M. Benjamin Jones (‘94) and Shayna Sampson-Jones, West Orange, NJ: a son, Aiden Matthew. 2/8/11

Tracy Ann Seiler Wilson (‘94) and Derek Wilson, Winston-Salem: twins, daughter Anna Grace and son Zachary John. 8/31/10. They join their brother, Andrew Trenner (2).

Julie Polson Frey (‘95) and John Frey, Denver: a daughter, Lydia Carlson. 11/9/10. Her aunt is Ashley Polson Holt (‘98).

Shannon Stokes Sale (‘95) and Rick Sale, Atlanta: a son, James Frederick. 1/10/11. His grandparents are Julia (66) and James Stokes.

Carl Beck (‘96) and Sarah Boxley Parrott Beck (‘02), Richmond, VA: a son, William Wendell. 11/15/10

Scott William Bunn (‘96) and Jenny Harrison Bunn (‘98), Asheville, NC: a son, Levi James. 11/15/10. He joins his sister, Stella (3).

Carl J. Daniels (‘96) and Lindsay Daniels, Franklin Lakes, NJ: a son, Nathan Joseph. 12/15/10. He joins his brother, Will (4), and sister, Ellie (2).

Michael D. DeFrank (‘96) and Jessica Thompson DeFrank (‘97), Raleigh, NC: a daughter, Sofia Virginia. 5/17/10. She joins her sister, Paloma Isabel (4).

Lisa Locke-Downer (‘96) and Jason Downer, Charlottesville, VA: triplets, Abigail, Lucas and Zoey. 3/25/10

DEVELOPING WHOLE LEADERS REQUIRES WHOLE PEOPLE.

Ellie Poole is one of those people. She’s a history major with aspirations of becoming a teacher, which she credits as a reflection of the educators who have inspired her. She believes that in order to effectively motivate others, she must first actively pursue life experiences that keep her inspired. That means studying harder than the next person, supporting her beloved Demon Deacon basketball team, pushing herself in pursuit of a six-minute mile, and never giving up on her quest to experience the perfect latte. It also means finding time in a full schedule to give to others. Whether it means counseling at a girls camp, working with the Reformed University Fellowship, or through her sorority and the Make-A-Wish foundation.

Ellie’s not looking for a medal, she just wants an opportunity to challenge herself. You can help provide that opportunity.

Your gift to The Wake Forest Fund makes it possible for the people who belong at Wake Forest to find the way here, and ultimately, to find themselves here.
Jeffrey S. Miller ('96) and Kim Miller, Long Beach, NY: a son, Daniel Raymond Bryan. 9/21/10. He joins his sister, Cate (6), and brothers, Jack (5) and Timmy (3).

Melissa Boddy Rareshide ('96) and Steve Rareshide, Advance, NC: a son, Ian Spencer. 3/18/11. He joins his sister, Olivia (18 mos).

Stephen LeRoy Barnes ('97) and Elizabeth McGill Barnes ('99), Syracuse, NY: a son, Harrison James (2). Margaret (5), and brother, joins his sister, Caroline Margaret (5), and brother, Harrison James (2).

Brian Berklich ('97) and Amy Barnett Berklich ('98), Durham, NC: a daughter, Nora Kate. 11/14/10. She joins her sister, Violet Mei (2).

Mary Leigh Cherry ('97) and Tony de los Reyes, Los Angeles: a son, Dario. 12/21/10. He joins his sister, Aurora (2).

Claire Maddrey Driscoll ('97, MAEd '99) and T.J. Driscoll, St. Louis: a son, Timothy Joseph III. 7/11/10. He is the grandson of Libby and Joe ('64, JD '67) Maddrey.

Elaine Khatod-Chilom ('97, MD '01) and Marius Chilom, Atlanta: a daughter, Caroline Niculina. 5/12/10

Ann Sheridan ('97) and Joe Miller, San Francisco: a son, Samuel Edward. 6/6/10. He joins his brothers, Thomas (4) and John (2).

Ted Tseng ('97) and Heather Tseng, Denver: a daughter, Stella Jane. 3/1/11. She joins her sister, Violet Mei (2).

Mary Leigh Cherry ('97) and Tony de los Reyes, Los Angeles: a son, Dario. 12/21/10. He joins his sister, Aurora (2).

Beau Waddell ('97) and Suzanna Waddell, Hendersonville, NC: a son, Henry Kruzan. 12/3/10. He joins his brother, Deke (2).

Meredith Taylor Berard (JD '98) and Michael Berard, Raleigh, NC: a son, John Austin. 1/9/11

Michael Cartwright ('98, MD '02) and Sarah Lieber Cartwright (MD '02), Winston-Salem: twins, Alex David and Emma Rose. 10/11/10. They join their brother, Adam (5).


Kimani Murray Ford (JD '98) and David Ford, Charlotte, NC: a daughter, Rachel Rose. 10/29/10. She joins her brother, Mason (3).

Tyler Gates ('98) and Sheri Gates, Williston, VT: a daughter, Ila Elizabeth. 10/5/10

Jake Jelinek (JD '98) and Erin McFarland Jelinek ('98), Winston-Salem: a son, Quinton Lee. 9/3/10. He joins his sisters, Dyllon (6) and Mattie (3).

Christy Auburn Moore ('98, MAEd '00) and William “Tripp” Moore ('99), Charlotte, NC: a son, Samuel Edward. 6/6/10. He joins his brothers, Will (9), Ben (6) and Charlie (4).

Brian Ostasiweski ('98) and Maghna Baliga Ostasiewski ('00, MS '05), Winston-Salem: a son, Janak Rohan. 1/15/11

Kathleen Biddick Smith ('98) and Christopher Smith, Centreville, VA: a daughter, Hannah Margaret. 3/19/11. She joins her sister, Mallory (2).

Stacey Thurman Bradford (JD '99) and Franklin Bradford, Birmingham, AL: a son, Thomas Walker. 6/1/10. He joins his brothers: Frank (5), Bill (2) and John (2).

Nathan Myers Hull (JD '99) and Lauren Bennett-Ale Hull ('99), Charlotte, NC: twin sons, Griffin Talmage and Lawton Myers. 6/22/10. They join their brother, Conard Waddington (2).
Erin Valenti Bawa ('01) and Sameer Bawa, Denver: a daughter, Addison Ria. 11/24/10

Jeff Braintwain (JD '01) and Tracy Cobb Braintwain (JD '01). Atlanta: a daughter, Finley Gray. 12/13/10. She joins her sister, Frazier (5), and brother, Eli (2).

Colin Edwards ('01) and Anne-Ross Edwards, Atlanta: a daughter, Mary King. 7/16/10

Carol Cooley Hickey ('01) and Matthew Hickey, Charlotte, NC: a son, Ian Daniel. 8/26/10

Josey Harris Kasper ('01) and Todd Kasper, Raleigh, NC: a son, John Philip. 1/11/11

Fairley Washington Mahlum ('01) and David Mahlum, Raleigh, NC: a daughter, Annabel Grey. 11/11/10

Marcia Stafford Manz ('01) and Jonathan Manz, Lyons, CO: a son, Jackson David. 11/2/10

Elizabeth "Ely" Robbie Perdue ('01) and James Evans Perdue, Winston-Salem: a son, James Alexander. 12/14/10

Jason Shaw ('01) and Ashley Buchanan ('01), Parker, CO: a son, Henry Buchanan. 10/22/10

Brian Taylor Sumner ('01) and Louise R. Sumner, Arlington, VA: a son, George Pendley. 11/25/10. He joins his brother, Henry (2).

William Jesse Teague Jr. ('01) and Katherine Duke Teague ('01), Raleigh, NC: a son, William Russell. 11/23/10

Rachel Esther Dunn Throop ('01) and Kevin Neumann, Austin, TX: a daughter, Abigail Esther. 7/1/10

Richard Preston Wendell ('01) and Sarah Dixon Wendell ('02), Mt. Pleasant, SC: a son, Houston Taylor. 6/14/10

Leigh Anne Shepherd Wray ('01) and Walter "Hal" Wray III (MD '07). Durham, NC: a son, Oliver Davis. 12/3/10. He joins his sister, Lillie (4), and brother, Elliot (2).

Kellie Lee Caggiano (JD '02) and Steve Caggiano, Tallahassee, FL: a daughter, Caroline Grace. 1/18/11. She joins her brother Jack (6), and sister, Samantha (2).

Garrett W. Colby ('02) and Elaine M. Colby, Killia, HI: a daughter, Marie Grace. 1/4/11

Melissa Whitenack Gunter ('02) and Christopher Todd Gunter, Rochester, NY: a daughter, Amelia Grace. 12/5/10

Jonathan Heims ('02) and Sarah Wray Heims ('02), Chapel Hill, NC: a son, Jackson Robert. 2/24/11

Marina Alvarez Kallivayalil ('02) and Shawn Kallivayalil, San Francisco: a son, Julian Alvarez. 6/6/10

Greg Langsdale ('02) and Libby Phelps Langsdale ('02), Arlington, VA: a son, Asher James. 10/27/10. He joins his brother, Griffin Wyatt (2).

Rebecca Ham Ormsbee ('02) and Benjamin Ormsbee, Cary, NC: a son, Hunter Shaw. 1/18/11

Faith Glavey Pawl ('02) and Timothy Pawl, St. Paul, MN: a daughter, Beatrice Katherine. 11/9/10. She joins her brother, Henry (4), and sister, Mary (2).

Elizabeth Pfhol Sasser (MBA '02) and Kevin Sasser, Raleigh, NC: a daughter, Madeleine Bechtel. 4/11/11

Brian Schimpf ('02) and Jennifer Schimpf, Eden Prairie, MN: a daughter, Amara Michelle. 10/26/10

Margaret McCollough Schottler ('02) and Jeremy Schottler, Vienna, VA: a son, Mitchell McCollough. 5/4/10

Drew Senter ('02) and Jennifer Whelan Senter ('03, MAEd '04), Oxford, AL: a daughter, Noelle Elaine. 11/22/10

Amy Belflower Thomas ('02) and Jeremy Thomas, Farmville, NC: a son, Jackson Luke. 12/7/10

Ryan Beaver ('03, JD '06) and Emily Conrad Beaver ('03), Charlotte, NC: a son, Yorke Conrad. 2/2/11. He joins his sister, Charlotte (3).

Emily Miller Otto ('03) and Robert Otto, Ardmore, PA: a daughter, Molly Elizabeth. 11/19/10

Brian Pearce (JD '03) and Caroline Pearce, Greensboro, NC: a son, Charles Frederick. 12/27/10

Joshua T. Riley ('03) and Abigail Ahearn Riley ('03), Middletown, VA: a son, John Richard. 9/20/10

Helen King Stockstill ('03) and Adam Stockstill, Charlotte, NC: twin sons, Austin Noble and Blake Daniel. Born 12/24/10 in Fort Worth, TX.

Tracy Herrmann Teel ('03) and Ryan Teel, Marietta, GA: a daughter, Katherine Rebecca. 2/21/11

John Leland Ammons ('04) and Laura Hall Ammons ('04), Waynesville, NC: a daughter, Susan Palmer. 11/2/10. Her grandfather is Larry R. Ammons (65), and her aunts are Beth Ammons ('99) and Allison Hall ('07).

Christina Ellen Del Gaizo ('04) and Andrew Del Gaizo, Scottsdale, AZ: a son, Jackson Kenneth. 12/12/10

Scott Francis ('04, MSA '05, MBA '06) and Meredith McCormack Francis ('04), Hoboken, NJ: a son, Graham Michael. 10/13/10

Kristopher Majak ('04) and Carolynn Gebo Majak ('04), Charlotte, NC: a son, Carter Hudson. 10/21/10

Kersten Meares Sides (JD '04) and Derek Sides, Raleigh, NC: a daughter, Elizabeth Anne. 1/5/11

Douglas James Hutton ('05) and Cassandra Hutton, Matthews, NC: a daughter, Addison Marie. 8/16/11

Kathryn Cox Tribble ('05) and Craig Tribble, Reidsville, NC: a daughter, Anna Grace. 1/5/11

Drew Harston ('06) and Carol Collier Harston ('06), Louisville, KY: a son, James Phillip. 10/28/10

Katherine Merritt ('06) and Sean Merritt, Ventura, CA: twin sons, Miles John and Oliver Driggs. 3/30/11

John Yi ('06) and Quinn Yi, Durham, NC: a daughter, Ellington Ji-Min. 2/8/11

Jonathan Friel (JD '07) and Candace Friel (JD '07), Rural Hall, NC: a son, Henry Wyatt. 11/25/10

James Shannon Gatlin (JD '08) and Shannon Ahearn Gatlin, Fulshear, TX: a daughter, Fiona Kay. 2/20/11

Erica Lunsford Goodnight ('08) and Josh Goodnight, Statesville, NC: a son, Gage Preston. 8/26/10

Rich McPherson (JD '10) and Janet McPherson, Charlotte, NC: a son, Thomas Richmond IV. 7/22/10

Deaths

John Kelly Lewis Jr. ('34), Feb. 18, 2011, Gastonia, NC. He spent 14 years playing baseball with the Washington Senators. Lewis served in the U.S. Air Corps during World War II and received the Distinguished Flying Cross before returning to the Senators. He retired from baseball in 1949 and returned to Gastonia to run a Ford dealership for 35 years. Lewis was inducted into the N.C. American Legion Baseball Hall of Fame, the N.C. Sports Hall of Fame and the Gaston County Sports Hall of Fame. The City of Gastonia named the baseball field at Sims Legion Park the John K. “Buddy” Lewis Jr. Field in his honor.

Arthur Calvin Broughton Jr. ('35), Jan. 25, 2011, Raleigh, NC. He had a family medical practice in Raleigh for 45 years and was director of medicine for the N.C. Department of Corrections from 1954 to 1980. Broughton enjoyed golfing and hunting after retirement.
Dolly McPherson: Remembering a professor and pioneer

Professor Emerita of English Dolly A. McPherson, the first full-time African-American female faculty member at Wake Forest, died Jan. 19 in Brooklyn, N.Y. For 27 years, from 1974 until her retirement in 2001, she was a lively presence in the classroom. She was remembered as a unique person and a demanding teacher at a memorial service in Wait Chapel on Feb. 19.

“There are a lot of students who owe a lot to Dolly McPherson, and not just black students,” said Professor of Biology Herman Eure (PhD ’74), who was also hired in 1974 as the first full-time African-American male faculty member. “But she was particularly good with those black students early on who didn’t see things in themselves that she would pull out of them, with tweezers if she had to,” Eure said. “Many students would be really frightened of her at first, because she was very demanding and held them to what they were supposed to be doing. But what they found out later was that she would be a great advocate for them.”

At a dinner honoring McPherson in 1995, Professor Emerita of English Elizabeth Phillips, who died in 2008, said McPherson had enriched the University by her “faith, forthrightness and diversified interests, her passionate devotion to American literature, scholarship, teaching, racial justice and gender equality, and above all, her students.”

McPherson recalled her early years on the faculty in a story in “Window on Wake Forest” in 1991. “For a black woman of a particular age to be a successful pioneer in the South on a predominantly white campus requires much. Certainly strength, and humor, and a bit of arrogance, and the ability to either confront or ignore unpleasant behavior stemming from racism.”

When she retired in 2001, she reflected on how much racial attitudes had changed during her 27 years on the faculty — and how much work remained to do. “We’re all made out of the same stuff,” she said. “There are black people who are prejudiced, and white people who are prejudiced, and polka-dotted people who are prejudiced. We must all continue to grow and reach out.”

A native of New Orleans, McPherson received a bachelor of arts degree in English from Southern University in Baton Rouge, La., and a master of arts in English from Boston University. She earned her Ph.D. after coming to Wake Forest, from the University of Iowa. McPherson’s research interests were in African-American literature and the American autobiography. She taught classes in British literature, African-American fiction and autobiographical voices. A fund in the Z. Smith Reynolds Library was established in her honor several years ago to purchase materials to support African-American studies.

She taught at Lincoln University in Missouri in the 1950s before spending a year as a Fulbright lecturer in American literature and language at the University of Amsterdam. She taught briefly for the University of Maryland as a lecturer in English in Frankfurt, Germany, and at Virginia State College. She worked at the Institute of International Education from 1962 until 1973 and taught at the City University of New York for one year before joining the Wake Forest faculty.


“Wake Forest is a better place for having had Dolly McPherson,” Eure said. Gifts to a memorial fund in her honor may be sent to Wake Forest University, P. O. Box 7227, Winston-Salem, NC 27109.
James David Wellons ('35), Feb. 19, 2011, Smithfield, NC. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II under General Patton. Wellons retired as assistant fire chief after 30 years with the Department of Defense at Fort Bragg. He was preceded in death by his wife, Frances; four brothers, Hugh, Charles, Edmund ('35) and Frank ('47); and two sisters, Sophie and Molly. Wellons is survived by his son, Mike, and a granddaughter.

Benjamin Harvey White Sr. ('38), April 4, 2011, Raleigh, NC. He was a teacher in Franklin County, NC, a county supervisor for the Farm Security Administration and worked for Albers Milling Co. until 1955. White was county supervisor in Pitt County for the Farmers Home Administration, a real estate loan officer in the FHA state office in Raleigh, NC, and then in the loan division in Washington, DC, until his retirement in 1973 as director of the Resource Management Association Division of FHA. He received two Superior Service Awards and a Certificate for Outstanding Accomplishment. White was preceded in death by his wife, Nellie; two brothers, Wingate and Vernon ('29); and two sisters, Elizabeth and Ophelia. He is survived by his wife, Betty, endowed scholarships at UNC Greensboro and Campbell University, along with the John M. Cheek Memorial Fund at Wake Forest and the Cheek Fund for Craniofacial Disorders at the Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center. He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty. He is survived by three children, Mary C. Cartner, Catherine C. Applewhite (MBB '81) and Alex Cheek ('90); three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. He was survived by a brother, John M. Cheek Jr. ('41, MD '45), who died March 30, 2011.

John Merritt Cheek Jr. ('41, MD '45), March 30, 2011, Durham, NC. He was a Wake Forest Trustee Emeritus. Cheek served in the U.S. Navy in Philadelphia and then Asheville, NC, where he served as assistant chief of surgery at the Veterans Hospital. He was an assistant professor of surgery and chief resident in surgery at the University of Pennsylvania's Graduate Hospital. Cheek practiced general surgery in Durham, NC, from 1952 until his retirement. He was an assistant professor of surgery for Duke Medical School from 1957 until 1984 and on the Wake Forest Board of Trustees from 1970 to 1979. In 1982 Cheek was named Father of the Year by the Durham Jaycees and the Merchants Association. He was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Margaret; two sisters; and a brother, Charles W. Cheek ('41, P '81, P '90). He is survived by five children, including Lewis Alexander Cheek ('73, JD '76); 11 grandchildren, including John Lewis Cheek ('90); and seven great-grandchildren.

Fred Jackson Eason ('41, MA '50), March 11, 2011, Youngsville, NC. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and received a Bronze Star. Eason taught English and was an administrator in the Raleigh City Schools. From 1949 until 1960 he was the principal of Elizabeth City High School. Eason helped develop the N.C. system of community colleges and was the founding president of Isothermal Community College of Spindale, NC. He retired in 1978 and moved to Youngsville.

Clarence Edgerton Bridger ('42, MD '46), Nov. 23, 2010, Albany, GA. He served as a captain in the U.S. Army Medical Corps. Bridger was chief pathologist and director of laboratories at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital in Albany until his retirement in 1986. He established the American Association of Blood Banks in Georgia and was the Dougherty County Medical Examiner. Bridger was a pilot and a sports car enthusiast and helped establish the Albany Skeet and Trap Club.

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John Truett Lennon ('42), July 14, 2010, Ivor and Richmond, VA. He was preceded in death by his wife; a son; and a brother, Joe Lennon ('39). Lennon is survived by a daughter; a granddaughter; and a brother, Samuel Lennon ('43).

William Allan Powell ('42), Dec. 21, 2010, Deltsville, VA. He received a PhD in analytical chemistry from Duke University and was a supervising chemist for Alcoa Aluminum during World War II. Powell was a professor and pre-med adviser and then chair of the Chemistry Department of the University of Richmond. He retired in 1986 with 34 years of service. The Dr. W. Allan Powell Chemistry Lectureship was established in his honor.
Walter James Douglass Jr. ('43), March 11, 2011, Colfax, NC. He served as a meteorologist during World War II and lived in Baltimore for more than 30 years teaching mathematics at Johns Hopkins University and working in defense research at Johns Hopkins and Whittaker Corporation. Douglass was preceded in death by his wife, Elsie. He is survived by a brother, Donald Perry Douglass ('50, MD '53); three children, Robert, David and Susan; four grandchildren; a great-grandchild; two nieces, Elizabeth Douglass Walsh ('80) and Carol Lowe; and a nephew, Donald P. Douglass Jr. ('88, MBA '93).

Tidal Boyce Henry Jr. ('43), Nov. 24, 2010, Harwich Port, MA. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and received a Purple Heart. Henry worked with Liberty Mutual Insurance Co. in Boston and New York and received his LLB from New York University Law School. He joined the law department of Liberty Mutual and was later named litigation council at Electric Mutual Liability Insurance Co. Henry became vice president, general counsel and secretary and retired in the early 1990s.

Harvey M. Jones Jr. ('43), Dec. 14, 2010, Wake Forest, NC. He served in the U.S. Marines during World War II. Jones is survived by his wife of 61 years, Geraldine James Jones ('49); a daughter, Barbara J. Adcock; and a son, Fred.

William Joseph Patton ('43), Jan. 1, 2011, Morganton, NC. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He worked with Hardwoods of Morganton and was later a self-employed lumber broker. Patton had a passion for golf and claimed titles at three Carolina’s Amateurs, three North/South Amateurs and two Southern Amateurs and was a four-time member of the U.S. Walker Cup team. He just missed being the first, and only, non-professional winner at Augusta National” in 1954 and then played in 13 consecutive Masters’ tournaments. Patton was inducted into the Wake Forest University Sports Hall of Fame, was a former Alumni Council member and received the Distinguished Alumni Award in 1959.

Benny Laster Perry ('43), Jan. 22, 2011, Zebulon, NC. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and received three Bronze Stars. Perry was survived by his wife of 63 years, Hilda; a daughter, Anelia Brady; a son, Frank ('74); seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Robert Wilson Crapps ('46), Dec. 30, 2010, Greenville, SC. He was the Reuben B. Pitts Professor of Religion Emeritus and chair of the religion department at Furman University. Crapps served churches in Salem, IN, and Hickory, NC, was a chaplain at Kentucky State Hospital in Danville, KY, and a consultant to the Commonwealth of Kentucky on Mental Hospital Services. He was a co-author of “People of the Covenant: An Introduction to the Hebrew Bible” and “Introduction to the New Testament.”

Lela Peterson Prevatte ('46), March 28, 2011, Rocky Mount, NC. She was office manager at Farris Motors and retired in 1993 after 42 years of service.

John Lawrence Warwick Jr. ('46), March 31, 2011, Hartsville, SC. He worked in the personnel and labor relations field for more than 35 years and was the retired human resources director for the City of Greenville, SC.

Maurice Clayton Capps Jr. ('47), Jan. 1, 2011, Raleigh, NC. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was a retired insurance agent with Nationwide Mutual Insurance Co.

William Rayford Grose Sr. ('47), March 21, 2011, Bermuda Run, NC. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and recalled on many occasions the Battle of the Bulge. Grose was a cost accountant with Western Electric Co. for 38 years and retired in 1985. He is survived by his son, William Rayford Grose Jr. ('77); a sister, Margie Campbell; and a brother, Jack Norman Grose Sr. ('57).

James Curtis Lyles ('47), March 29, 2011, Asheville, NC. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Douglas Carmichael McIntyre ('47), Jan. 21, 2011, Lumberton, NC. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. McIntyre received an optometry degree from Northern Illinois College of Optometry and held many community positions, including service on the Lumberton City Council from 1971-76 and mayor pro tem in 1975. He was preceded in death by a brother, Eli Regan McIntyre Jr. ('41).

A.L. Williams Jr. ('47), March 9, 2011, Augusta, GA. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II and was a German prisoner of war for 16 months in Stalag 17B. Williams completed his Wake Forest education after the war and joined the Academy of Richmond County in 1948. He served as teacher, coach, athletic director, assistant principal and principal before retiring in 1983. Williams was inducted into the Georgia Dugout Club Hall of Fame and the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame. The A.L. Williams Park was named in his honor.

Clarence S. Barnes Jr. ('48), March 25, 2011, Wake Forest, NC. He retired from the N.C. Employment Security Commission with 38 years of service. Barnes is survived by two daughters, Anne Marie and Kathy B. Willis; a son, Clarence S. Barnes III ('67), five grandchildren including Stephen William Willis ('98); and one great-grandchild.

Posey E. Downs Jr. ('48, MD '52), Feb. 23, 2011, Green Cove Springs, FL. He served in the U.S. Navy Reserves and had a private practice in Reidsville, NC. Sharp entered the U.S. Navy in 1964 and received the Joint Service Commendation Medal. He was a veteran of World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War and received the Legion of Merit with Combat “V.” Sharp retired from the Navy in 1985 and was chief of surgery for the V.A. Hospital in Lake City, FL, and a clinical professor of surgery at the University of Florida College of Medicine.

Etna Palmer McCullough ('48), Nov. 19, 2010, Oak Ridge, TN. During her early medical career, McCullough worked in many locations, including the Emergency Polio Clinic in Hickory, NC, during the disease outbreak in 1944. She was a clinician at Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies from 1953-68, at Anderson County Family Planning Clinic from 1972-74, with Planned Parenthood Associates of the Southern Mountains from 1975-79, and a staff physician at Oak Ridge National Laboratory from 1977-85. McCullough was a specialist in hematology, was inducted into the Catawba College Hall of Fame and received the Dedicated Service Award from Planned Parenthood.

Jesse Elbert O’Connell (’48, MS ’49), Jan. 1, 2011, Sanford, NC, and Washington, DC. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. O’Connell was head of the science department at Chowan College until 1950 when he joined the botanical department at N.C. State University. He received his PhD in botany in 1955 from UNC-Chapel Hill and joined the biological sciences department at the University of Idaho. In 1959 he joined the National Science Foundation and was the Tokyo office as deputy chief scientist and later as head of the Latin American and Pacific Section. O’Connell retired from the NSF in 1983 and was honored by the Embassy of Japan in 1999 for his role in managing scientific cooperation between Japan and the United States.

James Vance Sharp (MD ’48), Feb. 23, 2011, Green Cove Springs, FL. He served in the U.S. Navy Reserves and had a private practice in Reidsville, NC. Sharp entered the U.S. Navy in 1964 and received the Joint Service Commendation Medal. He was a veteran of World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War and received the Legion of Merit with Combat “V.” Sharp retired from the Navy in 1985 and was chief of surgery for the V.A. Hospital in Lake City, FL, and a clinical professor of surgery at the University of Florida College of Medicine.
Burrell Edmond Kanoy Sr. was also inducted into the Appalachian State University Sports Hall of Fame. Duncan was in the Wake Forest Sports Hall of Fame and the N.C. was one of the best players from his private dental practice in 1953. He retired from the dental school Hamrick re-entered with a Bronze Star. After law school Hamrick re-entered the U.S. Army as a first lieutenant at the age of 91. Dr. Kirby's wise and generous interest in higher education has made an invaluable impact on teaching and learning at Wake Forest, Fred M. Kirby II of New Vernon, N.J., died Feb. 8 at the age of 91. “Fred Kirby’s wise and generous interest in higher education has made an invaluable impact on teaching and learning at Wake Forest,” said President Nathan O. Hatch. “Along with his wonderful family, we will miss him. We are grateful to have known Mr. Kirby and know that this University is a better place because of his philanthropy and his family’s involvement here.”

The Kirby Foundation impacted Wake Forest through the establishment of the F.M. Kirby Chair of Business Excellence, the F.M. Kirby Faculty Fellowship and with the construction of Kirby Hall. Wake Forest presented him with an honorary doctor of laws degree in 2002. After graduating from Lafayette College, Kirby enlisted and served in the U.S. Naval Reserve during World War II and at the conclusion of the war he attended the Harvard Graduate School of Business. After several entrepreneurial ventures, he succeeded his father in 1967 as chairman and CEO of Alleghany Corporation for more than 39 years. He served on numerous corporate and nonprofit boards and received many honors and awards, including honorary degrees from Drew University, Lafayette College, St. Joseph’s University and Wake Forest.

He was a pilot, motorcyclist, sailor, fisherman, tennis player, foxhunter and had excursions scuba diving and hang gliding. He got his motorcycle license at age 63 and his wife gave him a jet ski on his 85th birthday.

Kirby’s daughter, Alice Kirby Horton, is a member of the University’s Board of Trustees and three of his 10 grandchildren are Wake Forest alumni: Laura Horton Virkler (’95), a member of the College Board of Visitors; Ward Kirby Horton (’98); and Ashley Horton Freedman (’01). He is also survived by his wife of almost 62 years, Walker; three sons: Fred M. Kirby III, S. Dillard Kirby and Jefferson W. Kirby; and seven great-grandchildren.
Harry Truman Williams ('50), retired loan officer with Citizens Bank, was a native of Wilmington, NC. He served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II. Parker was a dentist in High Point for 60 years; his wife, Mary Grace; five grandchildren.

John Sterling Gates Jr. ('51), March 15, 2011, Sneds Ferry and Raleigh, NC. He served in the U.S. Air Force and attended Officer Candidate School. Gates was a floor manager at Hudson Belk in Raleigh and later in corporate sales with Textron. He retired in 1985.

John Thomas Hammack ('51), Feb. 27, 2011, Bethesda, MD. He served in the U.S. Army and had a residency in internal medicine and pediatrics. Hammack opened a family practice in Goldsboro in 1959 and served the area for 34 years.

Robert Peary Stutts ('52), Feb. 1, 2011, Burlington, NC. He was president of the Bank of Eden and Burlington National Bank and was retired as city executive for CCB in Burlington.

William Parrish Gilbert ('53), Jan. 17, 2011, Winston-Salem. Memorials may be made to the Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation Program, Medical Center Blvd., Winston-Salem, NC 27157.

Robert Channing Rouse ('51), Jan. 18, 2011, La Grange, NC. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II as a gunner’s mate aboard the USS Brister. Rouse began his career with Texas Oil Co. and then for 42 years was a sales representative with the Clark Grave Vault Co. in Columbus, OH. He was a funeral director with Rouse Funeral Home, a council member with the Town of La Grange and was named the La Grange Citizen of the Year.

Clifton Pierce Wayne ('51), Nov. 12, 2010, Whiteville, NC. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Wayne had more than 50 years in the life and health insurance business with Liberty Life Insurance Co. and then his own insurance agency in Whiteville.

Hubert Garrell ('52), Jan. 16, 2011, Columbia, SC. He received his MDiv from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and pastored Chimney Rock Baptist Church from 1955 to 1958. Garrell retired as chaplain in the U.S. Army in 1976, having served in the Korean War and the Vietnam War, and received the Legion of Merit. He was associate pastor of First Baptist Church of Columbia.

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Jean Shannonhouse Nolan ('53), Feb. 17, 2011, Elizabeth City, NC. She was a teacher's assistant with the Elizabeth City public schools for more than 20 years.

Norwood Wesley "Red" Pope Sr. ('53), March 8, 2011, Scottsdale, AZ. While in college he was a drummer with "The Southerners" and wrote a book, "The Dance Band from Deacontown," about their adventures. Pope's career began in New York with Bogell & Jacobs and in advertising with R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. before entering bank marketing in 1959. He was with First Citizens Bank, Sun Banks of Florida, Valley National Bank of Arizona and First Hawaiian Bank. Pope wrote a marketing column for The American Banker newspaper for 13 years and was selected an original member of the Bank Marketing Hall of Fame. He was the son of Elbert Norwood Pope ('21). Memorials may be made to the Wake Forest College Birthplace Society, P.O. Box 494, Wake Forest, NC 27588; The N.C. Zoological Society in Asheboro, NC; or Hospice of the Valley in Phoenix, AZ.

Hinton Lee Tayloe ('53), Dec. 7, 2010, Anderson, SC. He was retired from Eastern Airlines. Tayloe is survived by his wife, Fran; two daughters, Caron Lorraine Tayloe ('79) and Leslie Eva Tayloe; a son, Hinton Lee Tayloe Jr.; four grandchildren; and a brother, Gordon Bennett Tayloe Jr. ('58, JD '61).

John Carson Wells ('53), Feb. 4, 2011, Palm Bay, FL. A memorial service was held in Clemmons, NC.

Hazel Stevenson Branch ('54), Dec. 29, 2010, Greensboro, NC. She was retired from Branch and Company PC. Branch served the community through the YWCA’s Y Mats and helped with the Boy and Girl Scouts of America, DeMolay and The Rainbows. She is survived by her husband, Howard William Branch ('58); a daughter, Betsy B. Lewis (MBA '83); a son, W. Steve Branch; four grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

Carolyn Dunagan Cowan ('54), Jan. 28, 2011, Charlotte, NC. She was a social worker for the Rutherford County Department of Social Services.

Margaret Davison Cox ('54), Dec. 25, 2010, Selma, AL. She lived and worked in Europe in the 1960s. Cox was with Equitable Insurance Co. in the New York City area, worked in Petersburg, VA, and later moved to Selma.


Mack Glenn Barrett Jr. ('55), March 15, 2011, Lakeland, FL. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army and served as a security officer for the Edgewood Arsenal. Barrett worked for Amoco Chemical Corp., was a business and sales manager for Alpha Chemical Corp. and was a retired real estate agent with Regal Real Estate. He is survived by his wife, Martha Copple Barrett ('55); three daughters; and two grandchildren.
John James Johnson (‘55, JD ‘59), Feb. 3, 2011, Yadkinville, NC. He served in the U.S. Army. Johnson’s law career was with State Farm Insurance and then Integon Insurance, where he retired after 31 years as vice president and general counsel for property and casualty companies.

Joanne Till Littleton (‘55), Jan. 4, 2011, Haddon Township, NJ. She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Lowell A. Littleton (‘56); three children, Patricia, Arthur and Marjorie; six grandchildren; a brother, Frank R. Till (‘65); and a sister, Sandra.

Walter Sawyer Jones (‘56), Jan. 14, 2011, Buies Creek, NC. He graduated from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Jones pastored several churches in North Carolina and Virginia and retired as director of missions after 18 years with the Columbus Baptist Association of Columbus County. After retirement, he served as interim pastor for six North Carolina churches.

Bob Wilson Lawing (‘57, JD ‘60), Dec. 14, 2010, Gastonia, NC. He had been practicing law in Gastonia since 1960.

Joseph M. Sanders (‘57), Jan. 11, 2011, Stuart, FL. He attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and was an assistant to the chaplain in the U.S. Army. Sanders served as pastor of Oteen Baptist and Second Baptist of Shelby, NC, and Nuuanu Baptist in Hawaii. He served as an interim pastor in Florida after retirement.

Harold Wayne Voss (‘57), Jan. 7, 2011, Clemmons, NC. He served in the U.S. Army and was retired from R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. with 30 years of service.

Philip Steven Wiechman Sr. (‘57), Jan. 12, 2011, Beckley, WV. He served in the U.S. Army and played golf for the Army and Air Force teams. Wiechman was on the Wake Forest golf team with Arnold Palmer, was a Class A member of the PGA and a member of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America. He was head golf pro at Cape Fear Country Club in Wilmington, NC, and in 1973 he built and operated Echo Farms Golf and Country Club. Wiechman served as pro at courses in North Carolina and West Virginia and was inducted into the Chapmanville High School Hall of Fame.

Howard Lee Woodlief (‘57), Dec. 19, 2010, Savannah, GA. Woodlief served in the U.S. Army for 15 years, was a terminal manager for Estes Transportation and was retired from McLean Trucking Co. He was the owner of Woodlief Transportation for 20 years.

Margaret Selman Cathell (‘58), Feb. 5, 2011, Lexington, NC.

Robert “Pug” Greene (‘58), Jan. 26, 2011, Blowing Rock, NC. He served in the U.S. Air Force and graduated from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1964. Greene pastored churches in North Carolina, Ohio and Germany and was a missionary in Taiwan for 23 years. After retiring to Blowing Rock, he served as interim pastor for churches in Watauga County.

Hubert Preston Griffin (‘58), Nov. 25, 2010, Fairbanks, AK. He served in the U.S. Army Reserves and in 1974 became a haul road inspector in Fairbanks. Griffin retired in 1999 as a road designer from the Alaska Department of Transportation.

William Pert Lee (‘58), Feb. 17, 2011, Inman, SC. He was personnel manager for Burlington Industries before moving to Spartanburg County to go into the barbecue business with his brother. Lee is survived by his wife, Beebe Davis Lee (‘62); two daughters, Meredith L. Chapmon (‘87) and Emery L. White; a son, William Lee III; and eight grandchildren.

Obituary

Phil Hanes (LLD ‘90), philanthropist, benefactor

Philanthropist Phil Hanes (LLD ‘90), a friend and benefactor to Wake Forest who was internationally known for his contributions to the arts, entrepreneurship and conservation, died Jan. 16 at the age of 84.

In 2001, The Charlotte and Philip Hanes Art Gallery was named for Hanes and his wife in recognition of their contributions to the arts. The 3,600 square-foot gallery in Scales Fine Arts Center has featured faculty, student and alumni exhibitions as well as work by Pablo Picasso and Andy Warhol.

“He has been a good friend to Wake Forest, and it was a pleasure to know him as a friend and neighbor,” said President Nathan O. Hatch. “His passion for the arts and for his hometown was inspiring. Wake Forest is honored that his name graces our fine arts gallery and that his advocacy for our city has created such strong connections on the campus.”

Hanes, who received an honorary doctor of law degree from Wake Forest in 1990, wore many hats including those of philanthropist, board member, founder, consultant, art collector, publicist and policymaker.

He and his wife routinely invited Wake Forest art students to their home to view their personal collection and donated three works of art to the University.

In addition, Phil and Charlotte Hanes donated their 1820s plantation-style house to Wake Forest. In 1988, Hanes’ mother, Dewitt Chatham Hanes, donated her home for use as the Wake Forest president’s residence.
Richard Oldham Avery ('59), March 8, 2011, Morganton, NC. He was a former member of the Wake Forest University Board of Trustees. Avery was a U.S. Army veteran and served in the Reserves. He worked for the First National Bank of Atlanta, helped start the Avery-Norvell Co. and worked with the Richardson Corp. Avery developed and managed property in Morganton, Blowing Rock and Southport, NC. He is survived by his children: Richard Cornwell Avery (JD ’93), Anna Lynn Avery ('90), Daniel Morgan Avery and Robert Oldham Avery; a stepson, Christopher; and four grandchildren.

Gene Reid Carter ('59), Oct. 22, 2010, Kill Devil Hills, NC. He owned and operated Seaside Screens in Kill Devil Hills. Carter was a sales representative for Ace Hardware in Corolla, NC.

Durrow Curtis Hall Jr. ('59), Dec. 12, 2010, Matthews, NC. He was a retired medical technician with Presbyterian Health Care. Hall was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia Littleton Hall ('60). He is survived by a daughter, two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Boyce Rogers Wilson Sr. ('59), Feb. 23, 2011, Clemmons, NC. He was retired from Lucent Technologies and was involved in financial planning with the N.C. Baptist State Convention. Wilson was preceded in death by two brothers, Eugene and Keith ('62). He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Patsy; a daughter; a son; and four grandchildren.

John Franklin Bergner Jr. ('60), Nov. 22, 2010, Cumming, GA. He was retired from the U.S. Navy Medical Service Corps with 28 years of service. Bergner was dean of the School of Health Sciences and Services at Western Carolina University. He was professor of health sciences and health services administration, director of gerontology and professor emeritus of health sciences at the University of Central Florida. Bergner was named the 2003 Florida Businessman of the Year.

Charles Roland Goss ('60), March 28, 2011, New Bern, NC. He taught in the public schools in Carteret County in Eastern North Carolina for more than 20 years. Memorials may be made for the benefit of future teachers to Wake Forest University, P.O. Box 7227, Winston-Salem, NC 27109.

Gerald Bernard Huth ('60), Feb. 11, 2011, Las Vegas. He was inducted into the New Albany Senior High School Hall of Fame in 2007 and into the Wake Forest Sports Hall of Fame in 2010. Huth served in the U.S. Army and played football for 31 years at New Albany, Wake Forest, the U.S. Army, and in the NFL with the New York Giants, the Philadelphia Eagles and the Minnesota Vikings. After retiring from the NFL, he was a claims specialist for State Farm Insurance in California where he retired after 27 years of service. Huth is survived by his wife of 52 years, Diane; four children; and seven grandchildren.

Rae Carroll Padgett ('60), April 30, 2011, Taylorsville, NC. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and received a master’s in botany from UNC-Chapel Hill. Padgett taught at the Charlotte Catholic High School and the Charlotte Mecklenburg school system.

Jeanne Sims Caldie ('61), April 23, 2011, Eagleville, PA. She taught German and English in Yardley, PA, and German at Elon College in Elon, NC. Caldie taught Evelyn Wood Reading Dynamics and worked in advertising in Winston-Salem and Syracuse, NY, before moving to Green Bay, WI, to work for Management Recruiters. In 1980 she started a recruiting firm; in 1986 she moved to Raleigh, NC, to work in retail sales and then moved to Richmond, VA, to work in an orthopedic sports medicine clinic. Caldie retired in 1998 from a medical transcription company in Traverse City, MI, where she lived for 17 years before moving to Audubon, PA. She is survived by her husband, Scott; a son; three daughters; eight grandchildren; and a brother, Andrew Thomas Sims ('66).

John Henry Gray III (MD '61), March 5, 2011, Winston-Salem. He served as a senior assistant surgeon in the Medical Reserve Corps. Gray began an internal medicine practice in 1968 and practiced for 30 years in Winston-Salem.

Dwight Luther Pickard Jr. ('61), March 3, 2011, Lexington, NC. He was a Hanks Scholar at Wake Forest, editor of The Student Magazine and a contributing writer to the Old Gold & Black. Pickard was a graduate of the U.S. Navy Officer Candidate School, editor of Motor Trend magazine, contributing writer to Entertainment magazine and director of communications for Universal Medical Services in Philadelphia. He was preceded in death by his parents, Mildred Ledbetter and Dwight Pickard Sr. ('28). Pickard is survived by two daughters, Macon and Rachel; two grandchildren; and a sister, Mary Martin Niepold ('65), senior lecturer in English at Wake Forest and founder of The Nyanya Project.

Robert Carroll White ('61), Jan. 2, 2011, Edenton and Erwin, NC. He served in the U.S. Army and graduated from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. White served as pastor at Clyde’s Chapel in Charlotte, Catholic High School and Horton’s in Aulander and Fountain Baptist in Fountain, NC. After retirement he served as interim pastor and chaplain for the American Legion in Edenton. White served on the board of ministers for Campbell University and was a trustee of Bertie Memorial Hospital in Windsor. He was preceded in death by two sisters and two brothers, including Watson Earl White ('42). He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Ann Tumblin White ('55); four children; and five grandchildren.

William P. Marsh III (MD '62), April 14, 2011, Duck, NC. He was a captain in the U.S. Army Signal Corps stationed in Europe, Vietnam and South Korea. Marsh received the Realtor of the Year award in 1990 and the Jaycees’ Man of the Year award from the Montclair chapter. He moved to the Outer Banks in 1991 and was a broker with Brindley Beach in Duck. Marsh is survived by his wife of 43 years, Veronica; two daughters, Virginia Marsh and Elizabeth M. Vantre ('94); and six grandchildren.

Harry Suttle Walker ('62), March 13, 2011, Shelby, NC. He received his PhD from the University of Hawaii at Hilo. Walker was a retired clinical pastoral education supervisor and chaplain.


Willaim Swinton Dove III ('64), Dec. 28, 2010, Sherrills Ford, NC. He was in the automobile business with Dove Motor Co. in Kannapolis and started an auto brokerage firm, Five Doves. Dove is survived by his wife of 40 years, Bonnie; two daughters, Holly and Heather; and a son, Travis William Dove ('94).

Mary Kirby Parker ('65), March 19, 2011, Winston-Salem. She was a juvenile court counselor and a vocational rehabilitation counselor. Parker retired after 27 years as a school social worker in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County schools. She is survived by her husband, Earl Ray Parker ('52); two daughters, Sarah P. Anderson and Elizabeth P. Horton (MDiv ’02); four grandchildren; and a sister.

Barbara Lee Smith ('65), Feb. 27, 2011, Winston-Salem. She worked for the Winston-Salem Police Department and the State Department in Washington, DC, and in Tehran, Iran. Smith was retired from Western Electric Co. After retirement, she was a guide at The Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts.
Bonnie Schmidt Young ('65), Feb. 13, 2011, Burnsville, NC. She received her MS from Appalachian State Teacher’s College and taught mathematics in community college and in high school. Young retired from Mountain Heritage High School in 2003. She is survived by her husband, William I. Young ('63); a daughter, Christy; a son, Steven; and two grandchildren.

Ranford Alan Haselden ('66), Jan. 9, 2011, Sumter, SC. He served churches in Kentucky, North Carolina and South Carolina, including Alice Drive Baptist in Sumter. Haselden retired as director of advice- ment and counseling system from the University of South Carolina Sumter.

Pamela Metcalf Highsmith ('66), Jan. 15, 2011, Greensboro, NC. She was a legal secretary and assistant office manager with the law firm of Smith Moore Smith Schell & Hunter for 14 years. Highsmith is survived by her husband, Jerry Myers Highsmith ('65), and brother, David Metcalf ('60).

Elizabeth Wham Wacker-hagen ('66), March 14, 2011, Pfafftown, NC. She retired in 1988 as a teacher in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County school system. Wacker-hagen is survived by four children and nine grandchildren, including Brian Dimmick ('97).


Herman Webster Zimmerman Jr. ('67), March 31, 2011, Lexington, NC. He served in the U.S. Army. Zimmerman was a district attorney from 1970 until 1994 when he was elected superior court judge for the 22nd Judicial District.

Thomas Willis Haywood Alexander (JD '68), Dec. 31, 2010, Raleigh, NC. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves. Alexander was a clerk for Chief Justice Parker of the N.C. Supreme Court, was an assistant district attorney for Wake County and a defense litigator for Maupin Taylor in Raleigh. His interests included historic preservation, volunteering with Hospice of Wake County and operating a ham radio.

Walter Roland Shelton ('69), March 1, 2011, Winston-Salem. He served on the USS Bennington during World War II and had three tours of duty. Shelton entered College in 1958 at the age of 38, while working full time, and graduated 11 years later. He is survived by his wife, Rachel, and three sons: David ('70), Philip and Charles.

Patricia Flynt (MA ‘70), Jan. 28, 2011, Rural Hall, NC. She was retired from the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County school system with 30 years of service.

Vaughn Edward Jennings Jr. ('70, JD ’73), Jan. 24, 2011, Winston-Salem. He was an assistant state district attorney for the 23rd Judicial District, an assistant U.S. attorney in the Middle District of N.C. and in private practice for more than 30 years. Jennings was preceded in death by his parents, Ethel and Vaughn Edward Jennings Sr. ('31). He is survived by his wife, Mary Ellen Nanney Jennings ('72); two sons, Vance E. Jennings ('01) and Vaughn Jennings III ('04); a daughter, Kimberly Ellen Jennings; two grandchildren; and a sister, Ida Grace Jennings Roberts ('73).

Douglas L. Rogney (MD '70), March 26, 2011, Wytheville, VA. He practiced family medicine at Wythe Medical Associates in Wytheville for 36 years. Rogney served as chief of the medical staff at Wythe County Community Hospital, chief of medicine, chief of pediatrics and chief of long-term care. He received the Physician of the Year Award in 2008.

Richard Palmer McCotter ('71), April 25, 2011, Winston-Salem. He served in the U.S. Army National Guard. McCotter was a Certified Public Accountant with his own firm in Winston-Salem. He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Dinah White McCotter ('73); a daughter, Shannon; and a son, Trent.

Michael Moore Sheffield ('71), Feb. 19, 2011, Norcross, GA. He received his JD from Emory University. Sheffield was assistant district attorney for DeKalb County before starting a private criminal defense practice.

Bentley B. Anderson (MA ’72), March 30, 2011, Virginia Beach, VA. He was professor emeritus of theatre and speech communications at Virginia Wesleyan College. Anderson was an actor, director and set designer and at Virginia Wesleyan for 34 years. He helped design the Hofheimer Theater.

John Linder Barber Sr. (JD ’72), March 13, 2011, Winston-Salem. He practiced law for 20 years with Petree Stockton Robinson & Maready before joining Krispy Kreme as general counsel. Barber later joined Smith Helms Mullis & Moore in Greensboro, went to Wells Jenkins Lucas & Jenkins PLLC in Winston-Salem and was most recently a partner with Robinson & Lawing LLP. He was a former member of the Wake Forest Law Alumni Council.

Thomas Julian Long Jr. ('72), April 20, 2011, Elizabeth City, NC. He was branch manager at East Carolina Farm Credit. Long was a past president of the Ruritan Club and was named Ruritan of the Year.

Douglas L. Rogney (MD '70), Dec. 21, 2010, Carrboro, NC. He was assistant director of admissions for Hardbarger Business College and later the director of financial aid for the School of Communication Arts. Staton was preceded in death by his father, William Wayne Staton ('38, JD ’41). He is survived by his wife, Diane.

Mark Gregory (Samsen) Walsen ('75), Jan. 30, 2011, Bellevue, WA. He received his MS in economics from Northwestern University and had a career in software engineering. Walsen worked with a software development team at Intermetrics and Microsoft. He started Notation Software, a company to develop software for transcribing musical notation from a midi keyboard.

Jimart Lee Rhinehart (JD ’76), Jan. 24, 2011, Wilmington, NC. He practiced law in Wilmington until he retired in 2006.

Frederick W. Bruce ('77), Dec. 1, 2010, Mechanicsburg, OH.

Forrest Wesley Goldston (JD '77), April 16, 2011, Raleigh, NC. He was an attorney in Rockingham County before returning to Raleigh to serve as a prosecuting attorney in the Secretary of State’s Office.

George Thomas Tate III ('77), April 3, 2011, High Point, NC. He worked for the High Point Fire Department for 23 years. Tate was captain for 10 years and retired in 1999.

Ann Farley Warren (MAEd ’77), Nov. 6, 2010, Freehold, NJ. She worked in the field of educational psychology and suffered from multiple sclerosis for 30 years.

Allyne Staton ('75), Dec. 21, 2010, Carrboro, NC. He was assistant director of admissions for Hardbarger Business College and later the director of financial aid for the School of Communication Arts. Staton was preceded in death by his father, William Wayne Staton ('38, JD ’41). He is survived by his wife, Diane.

Walt Kammes ('66), April 30, 2011, Charlotte, NC. He served as attorney for the NC Senate of Wake County and operated a law office.

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by a son, Scott Edwards, and a daughter, Laura Edwards ('04). Memorials may be made to School of Law Development, Wake Forest University, P.O. Box 7227, Winston-Salem, NC 27109 or to Habitat of Greensboro, P.O. Box 3402, Greensboro, NC 27402.

Donald Edward Pullease (MBA '79), Dec. 14, 2010, Ashevile, NC. He was a corporate staff member and entrepreneur of high-tech marketing in California for 26 years before moving to Asheville.

Charles David Dickenson ('00), April 8, 2011, Raleigh, NC. He received an MS from N.C. State University and was co-owner and president of Engineering Services PC in Garner, NC.

Quentin Bradford Ellis ('81), April 3, 2011, Manhattan Beach, CA. While at Wake Forest he was on the swim team and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Reserves. Ellis was a systems engineer for SAIC, a senior consultant for BAH and director of Camp Friendship, Wake Forest University, and was co-founder and foster parent and co-founder of Friends Homes, Faculty, Staff, Students.

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Tyrus Vance Dahl Jr., Jan. 6, 2011, Winston-Salem. He was an adjunct professor at the Wake Forest School of Law. Dahl was a partner in the litigation group of Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice from 1984 until his retirement in 2005.

Mary Motsinger Evans, Jan. 8, 2011, Greensboro, NC. She taught biology in East Bend, NC, before her marriage to Ray L. Evans ('30). While he was in the military during World War II, she started a part-time job with Esso (now Exxon) which lasted 35 years. Evans was an emerita trustee of Guilford College and helped raise funds for Friends Homes Guilford, where she lived and served on the board of directors. She and Ray endowed scholarships at Guilford College, UNC Greensboro, and Wake Forest. In her husband’s memory, the Ray L. Evans Scholarship fund at Wake Forest was established in 1997 to provide for undergraduate students from North Carolina who have declared a major in biology.

Robin Stokes McManus, Jan. 7, 2011, Stow, OH. She was a fan of Wake Forest football. McManus was a member of the Angels for Life Relay For Life Team. She is survived by her husband, Jerry ('78); three children, Kelly ('06), Ryan ('10) and Katie; and two brothers.
Obituary

Professor of Chemistry Paul Magnus Gross Jr.

Paul Magnus Gross Jr. died March 17 in Winston-Salem at the age of 91. He taught at Wake Forest from 1959 until 1987 and, for nearly 20 years, he was the coordinator of the University’s interdisciplinary honors program. In 1982 he served on the first Reynolds Scholarship Committee that selected the first recipients of the University’s most prestigious scholarship.

Professor Emeritus of History Jim Barefield, who taught honors courses with Gross and succeeded him as coordinator of the program, recalled that Gross had wide-ranging interests, particularly in art and literature and would invite prominent guest speakers to meet with the students.

Gross taught courses in general and physical chemistry. “He was an advocate for research at the graduate and undergraduate level,” said Professor of Chemistry Willie Hinze, who joined the faculty in 1975. He remembered Gross as a caring and generous person who frequently invited students to his home for dinner and offered the use of his beach house to colleagues.

Gross graduated from Duke University in 1941 and received his Ph.D. in chemistry from Brown University in 1948. He was a graduate student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, a research assistant at Harvard Medical School, taught at the University of Virginia and was a National Science Foundation Science Faculty Fellow at Cambridge University before coming to Wake Forest.

A memorial service for Gross was held at the Wake Forest Welcome Center on April 3.
As an art major at Wake Forest, I spent countless hours in a dimly lit classroom examining famous works. Bathed in the glow of the slides projected on the wall, I began my education in the art of metaphor.

We spent weeks studying Manet’s “Le déjeuner sur l’herbe” as our professor prodded us to search deeper and deeper for the artist’s intent. Why were the figures arranged the way they were? Why is the woman naked while the men are fully clothed? What is the meaning of the bather in the background?

My training as an art major contributed to who I am and how I look at life. It taught me to seek meaning in the seemingly mundane. It trained me to step out of my comfort zone, find metaphor in life’s events, and appreciate connections where there seem to be none. So, when a large U.S. Postal Service truck t-boned me on my way to yoga class Christmas Eve 2008, one of my first thoughts was, “I wonder why this happened?”

The postal truck was a metaphor impossible to ignore. If I had left my house a few seconds earlier, or had lingered at a stop light a few moments longer, or hadn’t gone to yoga at all, I wouldn’t have been in that intersection at the moment the truck came barreling through a red light. The grill of the truck wouldn’t have smashed my driver’s side door and sent me spinning while it rained glass inside my car.

After two or three dizzying spins, the car came to a stop. A wave of white-hot pain shot through my body. Something was terribly wrong. I couldn’t move. I was pinned in the car, the driver’s seat wrapped around me like a straight jacket.

Through it all, as I was taught in yoga, I counted my breaths. I watched while drivers slowed, wondering if they knew that my life was about to take a meaningful turn.

After graduating from Wake Forest, I spent a brief stint at a museum. Then I moved to Charlotte and opened a special event company. For the past 25 years, while I’ve enjoyed my work, somewhere in the back of my mind I’ve felt there might be something more. Like many others, I spent time staring at the ceiling, wondering, “Is this all there is?” My life, on balance, was happy and fulfilled, but I often felt a bit empty, as if I’d skipped a meal. But then I would shake off my hunger for more and direct my attention to the task at hand.

I had thought about making a change for many years. I had offers from buyers that I rejected, letting opportunities for transformation flitter away. Every time I stood at the precipice, looking into the unknown, I stepped back. The risk seemed too great. The familiar, no matter how uncomfortable, can still be a comfort.

For five months after the accident, I tried to get my life back to normal. While I mended my body through rehab, surgery and more rehab, I virtually abandoned my company. The resulting drop in business, combined with the recession, brought the opportunity for change to a head. A key employee was ready to buy. And finally, I was ready to sell.

Almost everyone experiences a subtle hunger for more meaning. We all have the ability to make a change at any time, of course; but sometimes we need a nudge. It may come from an illness, an accident, a layoff or a meaningful retreat. And when we’re nudged, we begin to examine life like an art historian, peeling back the layers, searching for meaning — trying to understand life in terms of life’s events.

In hindsight, it’s easy to say the crash was a metaphor for change. But how many times do we miss the smaller, less painful life events that gently guide us in an untaken direction? How many times do we ignore the connections of two seemingly different events as we blindly press on, down a comfortable path?

I’m exploring the wide-open options that are spread out in front of me. I haven’t decided what my next step will be. I am trying to be flexible and open to possibility. And I’m definitely looking both ways when I come to a decision intersection.

With eyes and ears opened to life’s metaphors, thanks to my time at Wake Forest, the unknown, as uncomfortable as it may seem, becomes a comfort after all.

Mary Tribble (’82) is a descendant of Samuel Wait, the minister who founded Wake Forest College, and granddaughter of the late Wake Forest President Harold Tribble. The Charlotte Chamber Entrepreneur Award winner sold her pioneering Tribble Creative Group in December.
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