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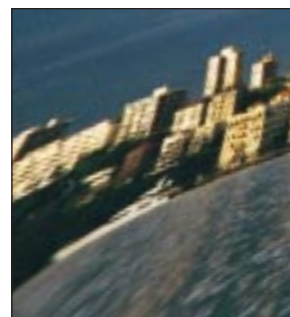
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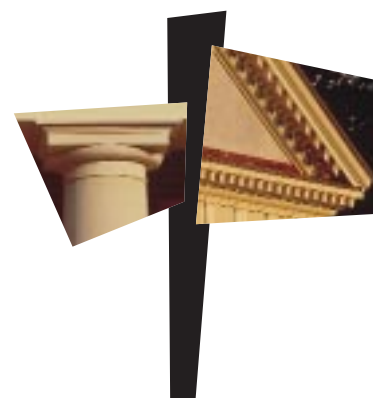
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Grant will support women science students

Scientific advancement

PERSEVERANCE HAS been rewarded. The team of Wake Forest professors and administrators who have been building a program to encourage women science students to



Officials feel the scholarships will aid recruitment of promising women science students.

pursue careers in science and mathematics has received word that the Clare Booth Luce Program of the Henry Luce Foundation has awarded \$255,356 to Wake Forest to fund four Clare Booth Luce Scholarships for undergraduates.

Beginning in fall 2000, the University will award two scholarships to outstanding upperclass women students in science, mathematics, or computer science. Two additional scholarships will be awarded

in 2001. The grants will be made solely on the basis of merit and will cover tuition, room and board, and other fees and expenses for their junior and senior years.

Since 1994 a number of professors and administrators have worked to build a program at Wake Forest that would give special encouragement and support to women students who expressed an interest in science and mathematics. Ellen Kirkman, professor of mathematics and computer science, chairs the Women in Science (WIS) Committee, which has sought University support as well as external funding for their programs. The Clare Booth Luce Program is one external funder they targeted early on.

Clare Boothe Luce, the widow of Time-Life Inc. founder Henry R. Luce, was a playwright, journalist, U.S. ambassador to Italy, and the first woman elected to Congress from Connecticut. In her will she established a fund to encourage women to enter, study, graduate from, and pursue careers in physics, chemistry, biology, computer sciences, mathematics, and engineering.

The Clare Boothe Luce Program funds professorships,

graduate stipends, and undergraduate scholarships at the most prestigious colleges and universities in the country. Competition is stiff for the few grants made to new institutions each year. Thirteen schools are permanent members of the program and half of the others chosen must be Roman Catholic. Wake Forest sought an invitation to participate in the program for four years before finally receiving word earlier this year.

"This is a great award for Wake Forest," said Kirkman. "It provides very tangible recognition of the efforts of so many faculty and administrators—women and men—to encourage women students to pursue important careers in mathematics, the sciences, and computer science. We expect the availability of these scholarships to play an important role in our recruitment of high school students who show great promise in these fields."

The Luce Scholars will be well-supported at Wake Forest. A professor will mentor each scholar in her major field, monitoring her progress and assisting her research. Each Luce Scholar will be encouraged to seek a summer research opportunity between

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her junior and senior years with funding from the University.

The Luce grant will complement the WIS committee's efforts to coordinate mentoring, offer information, and provide support to women students and faculty in science. From its beginnings as a homeless, moneyless entity, the committee has built an established program. An Alfred P. Sloan Foundation grant provided support in 1996 for Cheryl Leggon, associate professor of sociology, to conduct a study of the environment for women in mathematics and science at Wake Forest. The grant also provided funds for speakers and gatherings of students to discuss topics of interest and money to form a local chapter of the Association of Women in Science with other area institutions.

Many women students who show initial interest in science and mathematics opt not to continue. Kirkman believes there are a number of reasons—among them, classroom environment, a shortage of women role models, a lack of information about career possibilities, and potential conflict between the time demands of career and family. WIS addresses issues of concern through workshops on topics such as career options and balancing work and family. *WA*

—Patricia Poe

One on one

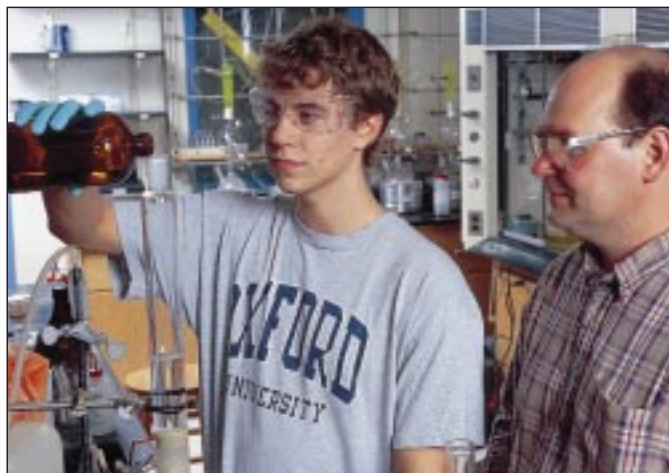
Student-faculty partnerships are prized at WFU.

THE OPPORTUNITY for students and professors to work closely together is perhaps Wake Forest's most admired and zealously protected tradition. Keeping class size small to encourage interaction is important, but finding the right professors to encourage and enjoy this interaction is equally necessary.

Sometimes that interaction becomes tangible in the form of honors and awards, as it did for Christian Stevenson ('99). Stevenson's research in organic chemistry, conducted under the direction of Assistant Professor of Chemistry Bruce King, yielded a National Science Foundation Doctoral Fellowship and the opportunity to pursue a doctorate in organic chemistry at Harvard University.

"My research," says Stevenson, "was to try and make a compound to deliver nitric oxide in biological tests, and down the road, as a therapeutic agent. Nitric oxide is a simple gas found in the body that has many roles, such as with blood pressure, the immune system, and nerve signaling."

King stopped in the lab often to see how things were going. "I look at undergraduate research as a part of my



Christian Stevenson's work with Bruce King, *right*, landed him an NSF fellowship.

duty as an instructor," says King. "You need to work in a lab to understand it."

Collaboration improves classes and labs and helps faculty see new perspectives. "When a student works with you, it's a greater commitment and a stronger relationship forms," says King. "I can ask about things I can improve or how the department can improve."

Where personal relationships flourish between students and professors, students are inspired to imagine possibilities outside of those presented in the classroom. Nathan Trinklein ('99) discovered in his junior year an interest in genetics research. Trinklein approached Clifford Zeyl, assistant professor of biology, about an idea for a research project and asked if there were space available in Zeyl's lab.

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Top: Mary Dalton, left, and Kirsten Patchel jointly presented a scholarly paper. Above: Nathan Trinklein, left, pursued his interest in genetics research in Clifford Zeyl's lab.

"I had an idea of what I wanted to do," says Trinklein, "and I collaborated with Dr. Zeyl to design an experiment using yeast as a model organism to study evolutionary trends. We had some false starts and blind alleys, but things got underway."

"The attraction for me [in coming to] Wake Forest," says Zeyl, "was the blend of teaching and research. Within a semester or two, students can observe research. Nathan came up with a project of his own invention. Apart from the facts, the student learns the process of research."

Trinklein will continue his research at Stanford University. "The results aren't in yet, but I'm looking forward to seeing the conclusion," he says. "To eventually see [the results] in print would be the most rewarding accomplishment."

The commitment to personal attention is embraced throughout the University in a variety of ways, depending on discipline. In the psychology department, nine honors student presentations described collaborative research on topics ranging from dating relationships to an art-related presentation on judging brightness in three-dimensional scenes.

In April, visiting Assistant Professor of Communication Mary Dalton and communications major Kirsten Patchel ('99) presented a paper to the American Educational

Research Association titled "Choosing Silence: Defiance and Resistance Without Voice in Jane Campion's *The Piano*."

To prepare for the presentation, Patchel led a discussion on *The Piano* in Dalton's Film Theory and Criticism class, and both Dalton and Patchel led a discussion on the film in an Introduction to Women's Studies class.

"I see teaching as a reciprocal relationship," says Dalton. "I fully expect to learn from my students. This exchange makes students more accountable for their learning, and their involvement encourages good relationships."

"One of my favorite hobbies is keeping up with former students," Dalton continues. "I have a continuing interest in their work, and I find I do develop good, strong relationships with students. We sometimes collaborate after graduation on projects, and this is really a joy to me. It adds to the quality of my professional life."

An enthusiastic Patchel agrees. "Mary is my mentor, my colleague, and my friend," she says. "She's a good person for guidance, but she treats me like my ideas are valuable." ❧

—Kim McGrath

B a t m e n

It's not the bat cave, it's the bat chamber. And it's not in Metropolis, it's in Winston.

BIOLOGIST BILL Conner has spent more than twenty years studying tiger moths, a poisonous family of moths found throughout the world. But there is one mystery that has eluded him: Why do the moths actually make sound when they're being hunted by bats—animals that use sound to locate their prey?

"You would think that if you were a moth you would not want to answer a bat and tell it you're there," said Conner, professor and chair of biology at Wake Forest. "So we were very curious about why this family of moths answers bats."

Over the next two years, with the collaboration of graduate student Nickolay Hristov and the use of a specially constructed bat chamber, he hopes to find out. The research will form the core of Hristov's doctoral dissertation.

Unlike many moth species, tiger moths have ears. They can hear the high-frequency sounds that bats use to ecolocate in the dark. Tiger moths also have a sound-producing organ that emits clicks when they flex their thorax. And when bats are after them, the moths start clicking.

"There are three main hypotheses about why a moth

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Conner, *right*, and an assistant check their colony of moths.

would do this," Conner said. "One is that, like in warfare, the moths are jamming the bat's sonar system. They're producing clicks that are false echoes to confuse the bat. The second is that they are trying to startle the bats. The sounds the moths make are very loud—up to 100 decibels at two centimeters. That's about as loud as a jet plane when you're standing next to the runway. The third, and one that we're particularly interested in, is that they might be advertising their poisonous nature."

This would be consistent with the moth's bright coloration, which it uses to tell visual predators that it is poisonous. These colors are useless in the dark, though, when bats are on the prowl.

To find out which hypothesis is correct, Conner and Hristov are producing four sets of moths: toxic moths that produce sound, toxic moths that do not produce sound (by disabling their sound-producing organ), non-toxic moths that produce sound, and non-toxic moths that do not produce sound.

The scientists are controlling the moths' toxicity through their food. "By looking at how the bats handle these different groups, and in particular how they learn to deal with these groups, we should be able to distinguish between the three hypotheses," Conner said. "For example, if we have a moth that produces sound and is not toxic, and the bat learns to eat it, the moth is certainly not jamming the bat's sonar."

The challenge lies in documenting how the bats interact with the moths when hunting them—a task made all the more difficult in that bats like to hunt in the dark. This is where the bat chamber comes in.

The bat chamber is a room, designed and built by Hristov, in the basement of Winston Hall. The walls are clad with sound-absorbing foam to eliminate echoes that would confuse the bats. Behind a moveable wall are individual cages for bats, built into the wall. Hristov plans to have twenty bats in all. He will use five with each type of moth.

An ultraviolet light is mounted on one wall of the bat chamber to attract the moths. Around it are two still cameras with high-speed strobes. When the bats swoop in for the moths, the strobes will fire, catching a succession of images that show whether the bat caught the moth or veered off. The images will be

synchronized with a recording of the sounds the bat and the moth produced during their encounter.

Before any recordings are taken, a lot of work must be done. The four strains of moths must be developed. Palatability tests must be



Hristov, *left*, and Conner in the chamber, with bat and a microphone at the ready.

completed to ensure that the toxic moths are really distasteful to the bats. The bats have to be acquired (Hristov is working with local exterminators) and trained to fly toward the target light in the enclosed space of the bat chamber.

"The training is very time consuming," Hristov said. "Sometimes you can only work fifteen minutes a day. When the bat decides it's over, it's over. You can't say, 'Try a little harder.'"

Hristov first began working on the project in fall 1997. To collect data, he will be flying one bat at a time, feeding on one kind of moth at a time. Given these restrictions, he said that it could

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Debunking squad

Skeptical professors confront our superstitious beliefs

ON A RECENT FRIDAY the thirteenth, some Wake Forest professors took their lives in their own hands. They walked under ladders, opened umbrellas indoors, spilled salt, and—horror or horrors—smashed mirrors.



Eric Carlson is skeptical of claims that contradict science.

So far, they're all alive and well (of course, they'll have to wait seven years on the mirror thing) and planning to do it all again the next time there's a Friday the thirteenth. This time they want to fly in the face of superstition at a shopping mall so lots of people can free themselves from supernatural fears.

Their group is called the Triad Area Skeptics Club (TASC), and it started a year ago with four Wake Forest faculty members. The club, which isn't officially affiliated with Wake Forest, has since grown to more than sixty members across the state, says

Eric Carlson, associate professor of physics and the group's president.

"We live in a society where we very much don't want to say your ideas are nonsense," Carlson says. "We're supposed to be open to people's ideas. But when somebody says to me the world is going to end in the year 2000, I think rather than saying 'that's interesting,' it would be more productive to say 'that's a bunch of nonsense.' I'm not afraid to call it like it is."

Carlson and his fellow skeptics want to call it like it is on paranormal and extraordinary claims that contradict science: apocalyptic thinking, UFOs, hauntings, astrology, levitation, psychic powers, fringe medicine, and all types of urban legends. But they don't plan to just sit around talking; they want to investigate those claims that can be objectively studied.

Carlson recently performed one such test on the horoscopes printed in the newspaper. He enlisted students in his first-year seminar to take the twelve horoscopes, with the labels erased, to people around campus. Each person was given two chances to choose the horoscope that best described the day he or she had had the day before. Only thirty out of 179 people interviewed chose their true sign. "This suggests there is no correlation between your natal sun sign and the

horoscopes listed," Carlson says. Similar tests have failed all three times Carlson has tried them.

Terry Blumenthal, associate professor of psychology and the group's treasurer, says TASC fits right in with his mission as a faculty member: to increase knowledge and decrease ignorance. "Some people say this stuff is harmless, but if it wastes your time or money, it's not harmless anymore," he says.

Take UFOs, for example. Given the number of people who claim to have been abducted, there would have to be plenty of UFOs out there. But there's no documented evidence, and that's troubling for Blumenthal. "The question I always come back to is this: is there an alternative explanation for this? When you look for alternative explanations, you usually find them."

Besides sponsoring speakers and events such as the Friday the thirteenth superstition-buster, TASC is also starting a newsletter with articles, book reviews, and letters from skeptics far and wide. Professor emeritus of physics Robert Brehme, the newsletter's editor, says he plans to include information on any appropriate topic about which there can be justifiable doubt.

Carlson says the year 2000 hype is a prime reason

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Top cop

Under Regina Lawson, there's order to law enforcement

THANKS TO THE LAWS of law enforcement, there is no typical day for Regina Lawson. She may find herself dealing with the theft of one purse or several ThinkPads, the hiring and training of personnel, or a belligerent pizza delivery person who just couldn't be inconvenienced by the University Parkway gatehouse. And then there is that "big crime" that could be waiting around the corner, the one she hopes to never encounter but for which she must always be prepared.

"I like the size of my headache here," says Lawson, who in October observes her tenth year on the Reynolda Campus police force, having been appointed chief in 1991. "It's a good fit for me because of the size and the community atmosphere, and I think people see us as an important part of the community."

When she arrived at the University in 1989, the force was considerably smaller, with seven patrol officers as compared to twenty now. During her tenure the number of sworn officers and support staff positions has grown, and the department has embraced computerization in most of its operations such as dispatching, ticketing, and incident-

tracking. There is a continuing emphasis on crime prevention and education, and there is new technology to deal with, such as a card access system and closed-circuit television. "We have grown in size, stature, and strength," says Lawson. "I hope people realize we have also grown in terms of capabilities and professional standards."

So how did a farm girl from Stokes County end up as chief of a campus police force? As a child, Lawson enjoyed playing with horses and guns. The daughter of a hairdresser and a corrections department supervisor, she wasn't interested in being a police officer; she wanted to be a cowboy. After high school she enrolled at UNC-

Wilmington to study accounting, but during a holiday break she saw a movie called *Vice Squad* and was intrigued by a cop's life. She stood in long drop-add lines, changed her major to criminal justice, and has been happy ever since. She worked as a student patrol officer at UNC-W

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Almanac

A miscellaneous compendium of news and facts about Wake Forest University

◆ ONE OF THE NATION'S leading business publications has given Wake Forest University's Babcock Graduate School of Management its highest ranking ever among the nation's top graduate business schools. *U.S. News & World Report* rates Babcock thirty-sixth in its annual survey of America's accredited business schools. The ranking places Babcock among the top 11 percent of the 317 accredited graduate business schools in the United States. The ranking follows Babcock's inclusion among *BusinessWeek* magazine's top fifty graduate business schools for 1998-99.

◆ SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELORS in a new survey hand out high marks to Wake Forest University for providing individual attention, a good liberal arts education, and notable study-abroad programs. The counselors also recognize Wake Forest as a "hidden treasure," attractive to academically competitive students. The results of the national survey appear in

the newly published Kaplan *Newsweek College Catalog 2000*. For the survey, the catalog contacted 4,500 public and private high school guidance counselors around the country. The counselors recognized Wake Forest as a top school in the following categories: "Schools for the Academically Competitive Student," "Schools that are 'Hidden Treasures,'" "Schools Offering the Maximum Amount of Individual Academic Attention," "Schools Providing a Good Liberal Arts Education," and "Schools with Notable Study Abroad Programs." The Kaplan *Newsweek* guide also offers profiles of more than 1,100 colleges and universities. In its profile of Wake Forest, it observes that the "caring faculty at Wake Forest have made a good impression on guidance counselors, who applaud the level of student/faculty interaction." The counselors also commented on the school's honors program and "fabulous" core curriculum, the profile states.

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For Mary Lynn Redmond, Guignol puppets are grand for enthusiasm-building.

Kids talk

A passionate advocate of early foreign language training

IN THE FOURTH grade, Mary Lynn Redmond was not too interested in her progressive principal's efforts to expose his students to the French language. "I really didn't like foreign languages when I was little," she recalls.

Her childhood antipathy toward the tongues of other countries stands in stark contrast to her attitude today as associate professor of education and director of foreign language education at Wake Forest.

Since joining the faculty a decade ago Redmond has been responsible for restructuring the University's language education program from its former concentration on secondary education to a K-12

focus as mandated by the state legislature. And she is most passionate about her work.

"Parents are becoming more aware of the value of early language to the cognitive learning of the child," says Redmond, who is co-chair of the political action committee of the National Network for Early Language Learning. "But many state legislatures are still in the mindset of twenty-five years ago, not recognizing what neurologists have learned about what learning language does for the brain. Learning languages helps increase listening ability, memory, creativity, and critical thinking—all of which are thinking processes that increase learning in general."

Redmond also notes an increasing demand for workers who can speak foreign languages at advanced levels. "This is not limited to the corporate world," she says. "People are looking for mechanics, social workers, and medical professionals too. When the parents and the work force recognize the importance of language, but the people who are making the decisions about the curriculum still consider it to be a frill and hard to make room for in the budget, we've got a problem."

For nine of her ten years at Wake Forest, Redmond has conducted an annual teaching practicum for elementary

school children to provide Wake Forest students with teaching experience. "We have a waiting list of a hundred children for that program right now," she points out.

Apart from her many job responsibilities, Redmond finds time to perform Guignol marionette shows with Jane Mitchell, a retired professor at UNC-Greensboro where Redmond earned her doctorate. The two went to France in 1993 to research marionettes and the way French children respond to the Guignol plays. "When we came back," she says, "we decided to adapt some of them to teach children here about the French language and culture."



Children pay rapt attention to the Guignol play, and afterward ask questions in French.

At a show they conducted at a local elementary school recently, at least sixty children watched the marionettes quietly, paying rapt attention to the antics of the Guignol play. Afterwards, the children answered questions in French and asked a few in their own language. wa

—Kathryn Woestendiek

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A feel for family

Angela Hattery's sense of kinship extends to students

IT WAS THE TIMES in her life when she felt like she was writing the book on family and job conflict that led sociology professor Angela Hattery to do her doctoral thesis at the University of Wisconsin on "Women, Work and Family."

"Being a mom is what led to the project," said Hattery, whose dissertation received the National Council of Family Relations Student/New Professional Book Award and will be published next year as part of the Sage Publications series on understanding families. "I was still in school when my second child was born. What I saw in the world didn't match what I saw in the literature I was reading about the division of household labor. I spent the summer home with my children, hanging out in mom places."

In places like the park and playlands at McDonald's, she not only met moms from families who really needed extra money and chose to stay home with their kids, but also moms from families who didn't need money and chose to work anyway.

"That didn't measure up with what the literature was saying at all," she said. "No

one was writing about what moms thought they should do or what it meant to be a good mom. No one was writing about how women felt about working or not working."

Hattery joined Wake Forest's faculty in summer 1998 after a job search that focused on smaller schools with a commitment to teacher/scholar ideals, smaller classes, and quality education. During the first semester of her Introduction to Sociology course last fall, students were assigned to teams representing families from different social classes. The teams did the research necessary to find jobs, homes, transportation, and schools for their families. They prepared budgets and brought a week's worth of groceries for their families to class on the day they reported their findings to the rest of the class. The semester-long project ended when the class donated those groceries to a local soup kitchen just before Thanksgiving.

"I found it unbelievable," said James Han ('01), as he stepped out of the shoes of a single mother on welfare, "to see how hard it was for our single mother just to have a basic life. It was hard for me to understand all her problems, because I come from an affluent background and haven't had to worry about these things." W

—Kathryn Woestendiek

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take up to two years to collect sufficient data.

For now, the experiment is being financed by a grant from the Wake Forest Science Research Fund, a University fund for new projects that is administered by the Division of Research Programs and Partnerships. If the research goes well, the collaborators hope to get further grants from the National Science Foundation or the Department of Defense. "The Navy and the Air Force fund a lot of bat research...because they have a biological sonar program," Conner said. "But before you can get funded you have to have some pilot data."

If other grants come through, Hristov will replace the still cameras with a high-speed infrared video camera that will record the encounters in far more detail.

Recently, Conner and Hristov played host to a radio freelancer—a former student of Conner's—who produced a short feature on the bat chamber that aired as part of National Public Radio's "Pulse of the Planet" series.

Conner concedes that the research does not have "earth-shaking" implications. "But we'll know more about the animals around us," he said. W

—Frank Elliott

Campus Chronicle

Go West, young people

*First Vienna director has
adventure in store*

WHEN WAKE FOREST students go abroad to study, they are usually advised to pack light. But this fall when the first group traveled to Flow House in Vienna, they needed two things for sure: walking shoes and thinking caps. Larry West, professor of German and faculty director for this first-ever class in Vienna, intends to keep them walking and thinking most of the time.



Larry West, left, looked for students with curiosity and acceptance of differences.

"Vienna has a lot to offer," says West, a Berea College graduate who came to Wake Forest in 1969 after finishing graduate school at Vanderbilt. "It is a beautiful city in terms of architecture, and an amazing repository of history and the fine arts. In

terms of twentieth-century history, it's an interesting focal point looking toward eastern Europe. Up until the Wall came down it was a place where many refugees came, so it is a melting pot of various cultures."

In addition to study in Vienna covering the German language, medieval literature, art, music, architecture, and theater, West will lead his group to Prague as they study Franz Kafka; to the historic homelands of Goethe and Wittenberg; to a former Nazi concentration camp; and to Oberammergau, home of the world-famous Passion Play, where they will tour the theater and talk with performers.

Flow House, to be officially dedicated in October, becomes Wake Forest's third international residential study center, joining Worrell House in London and Casa Artom in Venice. It was a gift from alumnus and trustee Vic Flow ('52) and his wife, Rodgersyn. West and his group of fourteen students arrived in late August, and their excitement prior to their departure was infectious.

For Emily Kite, a junior from Morgantown, West Virginia, the opportunity to study abroad is a dream come true. After several years of taking German, she has always wanted to travel to Austria. "I have always wanted to see Vienna because it has

so much character and beauty," she says. "The old cities fascinate me the most, and there is so much history that I know I will never have a lack of things to do or places to see. There's no doubt that the four months I spend in Vienna will have an impact that will last a lifetime."

West, who during his years at Wake Forest has spent much time advising students about foreign study, has taken several groups abroad, but this will be his first full semester as a faculty director. One thing that excites him most is the opportunity to blend four courses—two taught by himself and two taught by Viennese faculty—so that students experience subjects through the perspectives of multiple disciplines. A study of Kafka, for example, will include a four-day trip to Prague and visits to his residences there. Courses in art and medieval literature will combine the study of written works with travel to certain areas where students can see what was happening in the arts and architecture at the time. "It will be hands-on learning at some of the greatest museums, cathedrals and castles in the world," says West, adding that classes will occasionally meet in a local coffeehouse so that students have the chance to meet Viennese people and absorb the true culture.

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When West was a student, the concept of study-abroad itself was foreign. In fact, he was well into his teaching career before he made his first trip to Germany. So he appreciates the opportunity Wake Forest students have and is eager to be a part of their experience. As he selected the students privileged to be in the first class traveling to Vienna, he looked for those with a sense of curiosity and a willingness to embrace differences. "It's exciting to watch these students make discoveries, not only about a different culture and different attitudes, but about themselves," he says.

Mason Matthews, a sophomore from Raleigh, North Carolina, looked forward to Vienna as a learning experience and an adventure. "My hope for the semester is that I can improve my language skills, and that I can grow through exposure to a new culture," he says.

West's goals are the same. "I've made sure they understand that what they get out of the experience will depend on what they put into it," he says. "I've told them that a conversation they may have in a restaurant or on a train will be a learning experience that can't be matched." ❧
—Cherin C. Poovey

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and filled in at the Stokes County Sheriff's Department during the summer. "I had decided to go FBI but the more I learned about law enforcement the more I realized it would be a long, slow road to the federal level," says Lawson. "I was enjoying the campus level, and I saw it as a wide-open field for women."

In a community where most residents are young people, it stands to reason that many security risks are rooted in behavior patterns. There's the ongoing task of getting students to lock their rooms. "Card access secures the doors to their residence halls but it doesn't secure the doors to their rooms, and that's the front door to their house," says Lawson. "When they're not in their room the doors should be closed and locked, but that doesn't fit the social culture of the residence hall." And students' use of alcohol, often resulting in destructive and abusive behavior, requires officers to be at their best when students are at their worst.

Occasionally Lawson manages to break away from the constant activity, the cell phone, and the pager, and it's usually then that she can be found at her brood mare farm in Stokes County. She finds peace and relaxation in caring



Regina Lawson likes the size of her headache.

for some cattle, seven mares, a couple of yearlings, and two foals. "I enjoy working with animals because at the end of the day you can look back and see tangible results," she says. "And that isn't always the case in law enforcement." ❧

—Cherin C. Poovey

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why TASC needs to get to work. "Apocalyptic thinking has become commonplace in society so that when some soothsayer tells people they should stock up on supplies, including ammunition, that's accepted as a reasonable bit of advice," he says.

For more information on TASC, point your Web browser at www.wfu.edu/~ecarlson/tasc ❧
—Ellen Dockham



Theravan Jarrett hardly knew a word of Japanese when he set off last fall to spend a semester studying at Tokai University just outside Tokyo. Now the Wake Forest University junior writes e-mail letters in Japanese to his friends and spent the summer teaching English to Japanese students at the University of Texas near his home in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

The combination of full immersion in Japanese culture and language—three hours of study per day, four days a week, plus staying with a Japanese family—as well as travel around the region ignited a fire from the spark of interest Jarrett has always had in the Orient.

“It really opened up my mind,” said Jarrett, a business major with an Asian studies minor. “You can always read a book, see the black and white, but it’s not until you go there that you can really apply it to your life.”

“I wouldn’t trade the experience for anything in the world. I think that I will continue to benefit throughout my life from that one semester. Everybody should be able to experience study abroad.”

Jarrett isn’t the only one who thinks that all Wake Forest students should spend some time abroad. In fact, a new report from the Task Force on International Study makes the expansion of international study one of the University’s highest priorities for the next decade.

“We’re trying to think ahead. Ten to fifteen years from now knowledge of other cultures and the ability to function in a global context will be far more important than it is now,” says Paul Escott, dean of the College who chaired the task force. “We want our students to be leaders in the world after graduation, and we need to equip them to do that. Many of our students say that international study has proven to be one of the best parts of their education here.”

The task force, made up of ten administrators and faculty members from the undergraduate College and the professional schools, advocates an ambitious long-term goal: To involve every Wake Forest student in some form of study abroad. The short-term goal is to involve a majority of students within the next six years. Currently, about one-third of students study abroad.

But the task force members didn’t stop there. They set forth a series of recommendations that would not only give students more opportunities and resources for study abroad, but would also bring global resources and an international flavor to campus.

World Wide






By Ellen Dockham

A task force recommends new horizons for Wake Forest’s already far-flung international studies program.

ALL PHOTOS TAKEN BY WAKE FOREST STUDENTS WHILE STUDYING ABROAD.

The Sydney Opera House, Australia

The task force’s main recommendations include the following:

-  Continue to strengthen curricular offerings and options.
-  Ambitiously increase study abroad by Wake Forest students.
-  Recruit more international students and use them effectively as a resource.
-  Internationalize the climate on campus by creating excitement, awareness, and activities related to international cultures and issues.
-  Use technology to lengthen the University’s reach internationally.

President Thomas K. Hearn Jr. convened the task force last year to give the University its first comprehensive look at the present and future of international study. He said he wanted to capitalize on Wake Forest’s already-enviable reputation in that area by considering further opportunities to give students and faculty a richer understanding of other cultures, literatures, languages, and forms of art and expression. But that bridge goes both ways; Hearn said Wake Forest also has a responsibility to share its knowledge and resources to improve education and living conditions around the world.

“It’s clear that international study is a growing and important issue for higher education in the next century, perhaps the pivotal issue,” Hearn said. “There is a broad understanding now that if America is to be the world’s leader, then a very important part of that responsibility is to share what we have accomplished through our institutions

of higher education with universities and scholars and students around the world. The American university is the finest institution our country has produced. We need to be bridges over which both learning and teaching will occur.”

Strengthening the curriculum

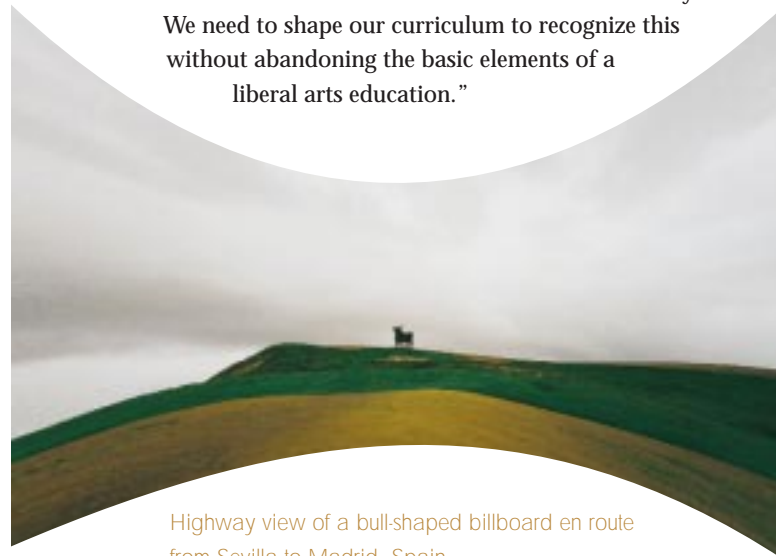
Since the Office of International Studies opened in 1986 with politics professor Richard Sears as its director, more than a hundred new or revised courses with an international angle have been developed. An International Studies minor was created—with course offerings such as Forms of Orientalism, and Japanese and American Culture:



(l to r) Joe Guttman (*center*) breaks with African friends; Blarney Castle, Ireland; Ayres Rock, Australia, glows in the sunset; the barbed fence of Dachau, Germany; Piazza San Marco, Venice; Honduras border checkpoint; Salzburg, Austria.

A Cross-Cultural Comparison—as well as several first-year seminars with international components.

“Globalization is an important part of a liberal arts education,” said Sears, a task force member who recently left the Office of International Studies to return to full-time teaching. “Most students are going to be impacted significantly by the global economy and events around the world because of the economic interconnectedness of countries today. We need to shape our curriculum to recognize this without abandoning the basic elements of a liberal arts education.”



Highway view of a bull-shaped billboard en route from Sevilla to Madrid, Spain

Replacing Sears as the director of international studies is Pia Wood, former associate professor and director of the international studies undergraduate program at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia. Wood, who has lived and studied abroad and speaks five languages, earned a doctorate in political science at the University of Geneva in Switzerland. She holds a master's degree in Latin American studies from the University of New Mexico and a master's in international business from the University of South Carolina.

One of Wood's duties under the task force's report will be to encourage the creation of more first-year seminars and other courses that emphasize international issues and cultural diversity. The task force recommends strengthening existing interdisciplinary studies programs, such as Asian studies and

Latin American studies, and creating new ones, such as African studies or Middle Eastern studies.

Some faculty members are already sensing an increased interest among their colleagues and students in international issues. Task force member Charles Kimball, who chairs the religion department, says the University's commitment to international studies is already apparent through recent hirings of faculty members with global expertise in such departments as economics, English, and history. Kimball, an expert on world religions and the Middle East who has traveled to Israel more than thirty times, says the religion department is a case in point. Three of the ten faculty members in the department specialize in world religions; in the past, only one religion faculty member focused on that area. “Our course offerings reflect more diversity than ever,” Kimball said. “The two most popular courses in the religion department last semester were Jay Ford's course on Buddhism and mine on world religions.”

Increasing study abroad

Bringing international issues into the classroom is certainly important, but task force members and students alike say there's no substitute for study abroad.

Sears said study abroad gives students first-hand experience with other cultures that will serve them well in the job market, in an increasingly diverse United States, and in life in general. “Studying abroad helps you learn to deal with life no matter where you may be,” he said. “For many students, the study-abroad experience has altered their career path or led to opportunities that might not have existed otherwise. They come back with a life-changing experience.”

Jarrett, the student who studied last year in Japan, said the experience taught him just as much about himself and the United States as it did Japanese language, culture, and history. “I had always thought I might want to work in an international job, but while I was in Japan,

it became more vivid to me that this was something I could really do,” he said. “You find out more about yourself when you study abroad. The people I met were so interested in defining what was American. I never thought of myself as extroverted, spontaneous, or loud—those American stereotypes—but it seemed that way while I was there.”

The task force's report outlines what will be needed to reach the goal of involving all Wake Forest students in study abroad: significant additional money for financial aid to support students; more study-abroad opportunities, especially in different areas of the world such as Africa and the Middle East; and new formats for study abroad for students who cannot devote an entire semester to foreign study.

With three residential houses abroad and a demanding two-year foreign language requirement that is stronger than most universities in Wake Forest's peer group, the University already has strong international programs on which to build, Escott said.

“We are unusual, especially for our size, in having the number of houses abroad [in Venice, London, and Vienna] that we have,” he said. “But the houses can't answer the full need. We have to create other opportunities and come up with new, shorter programs. Some students can't go for a whole semester, perhaps because they have a demanding academic schedule such as pre-med. Or they may have a family situation or financial difficulties that prohibit them from going abroad. We don't want any student to miss out on the benefits of foreign study, so we're looking at innovative ways to get them there.”

Last year, three new summer programs were started that could serve as models for future approaches. In Benin, West Africa, students can study developmental economics in a five-week program led by economics professor Sylvain Boko. In Quito, Ecuador, students can take a six-week, ten-credit intensive course in Spanish language and cultures in an immersion setting at the Pontificia Universidad Catolica del Ecuador. In Havana, Cuba, students can study Spanish language, literature, and religion in a six-week program led by Linda Howe, assistant professor in the Department of Romance Languages.

“There's no substitute for getting people out of the country,” said Charles Kennedy, associate dean of the Babcock Graduate School of Management and a task force member. “It's vital; everything else falls short. I'm an enthusiastic supporter of every student having an international experience.”

An important element of expanding international study will be cooperation among the undergraduate College and the professional schools. At Babcock, 40–50 percent of students study abroad, and those contacts, as well as others from the School of Law and School of Medicine, should be shared. To that end, the task force recommends establishing a coordinating council with representatives from all the schools that would meet at least three times a year to share information.



Pagoda and pigeons in Kamakura, Japan

Recruiting international students

Another way to bring international experiences to Wake Forest students would be to increase the number of foreign students seeking a degree from the University. In the 1997–98 school year, there were forty-five international students, or 1.2 percent of the student body, studying at Wake Forest.



Students in Salamanca, Spain

Semester Programs:

Exchange programs in Berlin; Bogota, Colombia; Moscow; and Spain.

Programs in China; Dijon, France; Japan; Spain; and at WFU's residential houses in London, Venice, and Vienna.

Summer Programs:

Benin, Africa; Havana, Cuba; Bahamas Archeology Field Study; European Geography Tour; Germany; Management Accounting Tour; International Business Study Tour; Israel; Quito, Ecuador; Roatan Island, Honduras; St. Peter's at Oxford.

Winter Break:

London Theatre Tour; India.

At some peer universities such as Duke University and Dartmouth College, the numbers are much higher: 4 percent and 11.3 percent, respectively. The task force set a goal of recruiting five more international students each year.

"That's not an enormous change in one year but it will accumulate quickly," Escott said. "Foreign students enrich the quality of the Wake Forest education. They bring different perspectives and experiences to the classroom and to campus life."

The task force recommends that the recruitment of international undergraduate students become a priority for the admissions office and that scholarship funds for international students be established. The report also mentions establishing more exchange programs with institutions of higher education in other countries and encouraging faculty members who are traveling abroad to help recruit students.

Using technology

Since technology is already a strongpoint for Wake Forest, it seems only natural that ways be found to use the University's capabilities to bring international resources into the classroom. The task force suggests a variety of ideas, including communicating through e-mail with contacts abroad, such as Wake Forest students and faculty members as well as alumni and outside experts. Escott points to Olga Valbuena, assistant professor of English, who connected her students via video-conferencing with a renowned Shakespeare expert in London last year. In a first-year seminar called "Thinking Globally About Shakespeare," students read a textbook written by Andrew Gurr of Reading University, the primary consultant for the rebuilding of the Globe Theatre. But instead of just reading the book, the students were able to discuss it three times during the semester with Gurr himself in a video conference.

"It really brought the currency of Shakespeare to the learning experience. It made Shakespeare more alive, more a part of their existence. To be able to meet with a famous author and be called by their own names really personalized it for the students," Valbuena said. "Here we are in Winston-Salem, having this international contact with a world-famous author. I learned a lot too and got to know him myself, which is ultimately good for me and for Wake Forest."

Helga Welsh, associate professor of politics and a task force member, said she would like to see faculty members try to create opportunities by using their expertise and international connections, as did Valbuena and Candyce Leonard of the humanities program, who brought renowned Spanish war correspondent and playwright Alfonso Armada to campus for several days last February. Welsh suggests that faculty invite colleagues from other countries to come to Wake Forest as visiting professors, make sure that the content of their courses reflects comparison with other cultures, and integrate international students into class discussions and campus events.

"The internationalization of the curriculum and of campus life is an essential component in the educational mission of Wake Forest University," Welsh said. "International study enhances awareness, challenges stereotypes, and provides knowledge. In short, it will prepare our students to be well-informed citizens of the world." ❧



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Wake Forest's long-
 anticipated Divinity
 School—seen as a model
 for Christian theological
 training in the coming
 century—has opened
 its doors at last.

Bill Leonard and his building, decked out for
 the coming of divinity training to the University

By Amy Andrews

When the Wake Forest University Board of Trustees approved the idea of starting a divinity school, George Bush's presidency was still in its honeymoon, the Dow Jones Industrial Average hovered around 2,250, and the Exxon Valdez had caused one of the largest oil spills in history.

Now, more than a decade later, Bush's successor, President Bill Clinton, is well past his honeymoon, the Dow Jones has passed the 10,000 mark, a sheep has been cloned, and a new century and millennium are nigh.

And that divinity school? After more than a decade of planning and preparation, it has finally welcomed its inaugural class of twenty-four full-time, degree-seeking students, along with a half-dozen non-degree students who are taking classes.

"There are some people who thought this day would never come," said the Rev. Mike Queen ('68), pastor of First Baptist Church in Wilmington, North Carolina, and a Wake Forest trustee who has long been a proponent of establishing a divinity school at the University. The nineteen women and five men who started classes in August are seeking a master of divinity degree through the full-time, three-year program, and most intend to work in parish ministry. At the end of three years, Divinity School officials expect the program to enroll about 110 students, with a core, full-time faculty of eight. Enrollment could go as high as 135.

The program begins as a fully integrated, professional school of the University, drawing on faculty and programs elsewhere at Wake Forest for resources and offering itself as another participant in religious and theological dialogue and education. The interdisciplinary approach of the school, in which divinity students conceivably could take a course on the business aspects of running a church from someone in the School of Management or on public speaking from someone in the communication department, is its hallmark.

"I hope because it has this cross-disciplinary base from the beginning, it begins in this year to prepare a new generation of ministers for the changing shape of religion," said Bill J. Leonard, a renowned church historian who was hired in 1996 as the school's founding dean. At the end of the twentieth century, Leonard added, old denominational systems are being redefined or coming apart, and churches and faith communities are in a time of what many call "permanent transition." Students must be prepared for new ways of connecting with and responding to such continued transitions. "We're here to help students and churches get ready," Leonard said.

(For more on Leonard's thoughts on contemporary issues in American religion and divinity training for the twenty-first century, see his essay beginning on page 26.)

Little did University trustees realize in April 1989, when they formally approved the idea of starting a divinity school, that it would take a decade to get it ready. The trustees' approval was contingent upon the University being able to raise enough money to start the program without adversely affecting other areas of the University, and to make certain that such a school would be viable in today's society. The money came in slower than expected, but enthusiasm for the idea was and continues to be great. To date the Divinity School has received more than \$10 million in pledges and gifts.

"Wake Forest took a long time to do this, and took some criticism for waiting so long," said Leonard. "But I have to tell you, the fact that we have a solid financial base on which to build ... is an extremely wonderful gift to a dean.

"I'm a historian, so ten years isn't very long," he added. "If it'd taken a hundred years, I'd have been a little concerned."

Samuel Wait, the founder and first president of Wake Forest College, envisioned educating ministers more than 160 years ago, when he helped start the school north of Raleigh. Wait, who had moved to North Carolina from New York to become the pastor of the Baptist church at New Bern, viewed the state as a secular, pagan place and was convinced of the need for an educated clergy. He, his wife Sarah, and their young daughter packed their worldly possessions into a two-horse Jersey wagon and began criss-crossing the rural state to raise money and support for their vision of educating young men for ministry. Two years later, they had raised enough money to proceed. In 1834 the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, which Wait also helped found, opened the Wake Forest Institute on a plantation north of Raleigh. Students worked in the fields by day and studied by candlelight at night, but by the end of the first

year, only one-fourth of the seventy-two enrolled students professed a religious faith and only four of the students were ministers.

In 1945 the Baptist State Convention, which today has fraternal, voluntary ties to the University, adopted a resolution asking the College to establish a professional school of theology. But the idea fizzled when the College moved to Winston-Salem and the Old Campus was sold to the Baptists for use by Southeastern



Baptist Theological Seminary. It wasn't until the late eighties — when moderate Baptists and their churches became concerned about the conservative takeover of the Southern Baptist Convention's offices, boards, and institutions, including Southeastern Seminary — that momentum began to build for opening a divinity school at Wake Forest.

Moderate Baptists were beginning to wonder where their next generation of clergy would be educated, since the Southern Baptist seminaries were growing more conservative. Conservative Baptists tend to emphasize the inerrancy of the Bible and the authority of pastors, and most reject the idea that women should serve as pastors. Moderate Baptists, on the other hand, tend to believe in the Bible being open to some interpretation, in the priesthood of believers, and in the ability of women to serve as pastors.

In late 1987, Queen was one of those moderate Baptists, and he was wondering where his son, who was interested at the time in becoming a youth minister, would be able to go to seminary and explore all sorts of ideas. He set up a meeting with University President Thomas K. Hearn Jr. and two other administrators and asked them to pursue the possibility of a divinity school

at Wake Forest. At Hearn's request, Queen gathered together about a dozen Baptist ministers and lay leaders to talk more about the idea, and in 1988 they urged Hearn to start the school.

Trustees formally approved the idea in March 1989 and reaffirmed it several times after that, even though money for the school wasn't coming in as quickly as they had hoped. In early 1996, they committed to opening the new school by the fall of 2000.

Since those early discussions between Queen and Hearn, the battles between conservative and moderate Baptists have eased, and so has Queen's early concern about needing alternatives to the traditional Southern Baptist seminaries. Other universities, including Gardner-Webb and Campbell in North Carolina, have opened divinity schools in recent years, and several new seminaries have opened that moderate Baptists feel comfortable with, including Baptist Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia.

Still, Queen said, it was apparent that Wake Forest—with already established professional schools of law, medicine, and business and a reputation for academic freedom and rigorous scholarship—was an ideal setting in which to start a professional school to educate clergy. Each of the new divinity schools that has opened in the past decade can be viable in today's society, he noted, because none will have as large an enrollment as the six seminaries of the Southern Baptist Convention, and each has its own mission.

"My heart wanted for Wake Forest to do it back in '89 or '90," said Queen, who this fall completes his second term as a University trustee. "There's part of me that still wishes we had stepped out and done that." But no decision of the University is made in a vacuum, and everyone has a voice in its direction, he said. For the trustees to say that the University was going to start a Divinity School without first raising the appropriate money would have been irresponsible, Queen said. And now that the time has come, he added, it is exciting for the school to open at the turn of the century and with so much transition occurring in religious life.

Hearn said significant discussions have taken place in recent years in academia as colleges that were founded out of a Protestant concern have become secular. In most cases, those schools are proud that they've shaken their religious identity, and many believe that the secularization of American universities is now a fact. "Obviously we have a different point of view about the importance of religion to the academy," he said. Leaders at Wake Forest feel that the way in which they can honor their heritage and serve the church is by training its leaders, he added.

"Religion is certainly among the great forces moving human life and human history ... and an understanding of that force and that life is instrumental," Hearn said,

adding that he feels it was a mistake decades ago to form seminaries separate from universities. Having divinity schools or seminaries on a university campus gives students a richer, broader education, he said.

The Divinity School is the first professional school to open at Wake Forest

since the Babcock Graduate School of

Management was founded in 1969. Walter J. Harrelson, who served from 1994 until Leonard was hired in 1996 to develop the curriculum and focus of the divinity school, agreed that it's a momentous occasion.

"I think the opening of a new divinity school at a major university in our day is striking," said Harrelson, who has been dean of the divinity schools at both Vanderbilt University and the University of Chicago. But, he added, it is particularly noteworthy at Wake Forest, which though it is a private university proud of its religious heritage still is a secular university. "For Wake Forest to say, 'Our university needs to be a part of educating and developing future clergy' ... is a bold thing for it to do."

At the Wake Forest Divinity School, where the motto is "Christian by tradition, ecumenical in outlook, and Baptist in heritage," faculty members are committed to preparing students from a variety of denominational backgrounds for work in Christian ministry and pushing them to step beyond their boundaries and test preconceived ideas, Harrelson said. "It is a place where open, critical, thoughtful engagement is welcome from day one,"

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he added. Divinity School students will find genuine support and great challenges; hard work will be required of them, Harrelson said, and they will be subjected to ideas that even annoy or anger them. "That's just the way it has to be," he added.

The school, like other theological schools in the United States, must teach the same core classes in the classical disciplines of biblical studies, church history,

theology, homiletics, spirituality, and pastoral care.

"The curriculum is so proscribed that there's nothing that anyone from Harvard Divinity School to Church of God, Cleveland, Tennessee, School of Theology can change," Leonard said. Distinguishing the program from others across the country is adjunct faculty from the broader University community teaching courses from a variety of related disciplines, such as Greek and Hebrew.

First and foremost

The members of the Divinity School's inaugural class share at least one common attribute: excitement over being part of something new.

Elinor Wilburn is a Presbyterian with two children and a background in aeronautical engineering, but a year ago—on August 31, 1998—she became the first applicant to the Wake Forest Divinity School's inaugural class.

She also was the first one accepted.

"I was impressed with what I knew of the program," said Wilburn, forty, who first called the Divinity School office for information several years ago, when Dean Bill J. Leonard and administrative assistant Betsy Clement were the only two employees at the time. A resident of Salisbury, North Carolina, Wilburn said she had pondered attending divinity school for a couple of years, and she said she could

tell from just talking to Leonard that the program was going to be ecumenical, integrated, and challenging.



The Wake Forest University Divinity School opened in August with twenty-four students, a core faculty of six, and a broad base of adjunct faculty. When nearly full in its third year, the School is expected to have only about 110 students, and officials hope that the small class size will promote community and spiritual formation. The faculty met regularly throughout the spring to review applications and select students, and of those attending, nineteen are women and one is African-American. The majority is

between the ages of twenty-one and twenty-five, and most come from North Carolina. Predominantly, they are Baptist, with denominations such as Presbyterian, Moravian, Roman Catholic, United Church of Christ, United Methodist, and Lutheran also represented in the School.

Leonard said that all of the students seem to have at least one trait in common. "It's been interesting to me; the students who choose to come here in these early years have to have and seem to have a sense of adventure," he said. "Some students will say, 'I want to be in on something new; that's why I came here'."

Jocelyn Foy, who has spent nineteen years working in higher education, grew up in a Baptist church in Winston-Salem that she said very much nurtured and helped raise her. But Foy, an African-American, said that when she first felt that God was telling

her to go to divinity school at Wake Forest, she was not so sure she was hearing correctly. She remembered attending musical performances at Wake Forest as a young child and feeling uncomfortable because her family was seated in the balcony or, when ushered near the front for a Grover Washington concert, questioned about whether they were in the proper seats.

Nonetheless, Foy called Wake Forest a couple of years ago to ask about the divinity school, and Leonard answered the telephone.



He was warm and inviting, she said, and he wanted to know more about her. "Had it not been for him and for

Students also have filled their schedules with a variety of introductory classes, including Old Testament, the spiritual life, and early and medieval Christianity. The only class that all students will take together this fall is a first-year colloquium that brings together students and faculty each week for theological reflection and exploration of issues of vocation, identity, the nature of ministry, and the task of thinking theologically.

God's insistence that I go to Wake Forest, I wouldn't be here," said Foy, who's forty and the recipient of the Divinity School Board of Visitors Scholarship. She wants to become a college chaplain, she said, in part because of the unofficial work she's done counseling, advising, supporting, and directing students who have come into her office in recent years at Greensboro College, where she has been the director of adult education. She said she's excited about her new start in life. "It's clear to me that I've been waiting my life for this," she said.

David Michael Brown, a 1999 graduate of Clemson University, only heard about the Divinity School about a year ago, through the pastor of his aunt and uncle in Wilmington, North Carolina. The pastor, Mike Queen ('68), is a University trustee and long-time supporter of the Divinity School, and he wrote Brown a letter and called him on the

telephone to encourage him to enroll.

Brown, who said he also considered Mercer University's seminary and Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond, wanted a school that was focused on ministry and would prepare him to the highest degree both academically and spiritually. When he visited Wake Forest in January, he decided to wait to send in his other applications until he heard from Wake Forest. His decision was easy when



he learned he had been accepted and received one of the prestigious Wait Fellowships, which covers tuition and fees and includes a stipend for living expenses.

"That's the sort of thing I've just been hungry for, to be in dialogue with other people in a similar position," said Elinor Wilburn, a Presbyterian from Salisbury, North Carolina, who is a member of the inaugural class.

The integrated nature of the Divinity School was primarily the work of Harrelson, who talked to people in University circles, around Winston-Salem, and at Baptist meetings across the state and region. From that he formed

"It's neat to see how God works, when I didn't even know about the program a year ago," said Brown, who comes from Greenville, South Carolina, and has wanted to be a pastor since the summer before he started college.

Megan A. Ramsey ('99), a Presbyterian from Brentwood, Tennessee, grew up Episcopal and was a religion major at Wake Forest. She decided to return to her alma mater for divinity school because she didn't like Princeton, where Presbyterians often attend seminary. Before deciding to attend divinity school, she had considered going to medical school, but through an internship in pastoral care at her church, First Presbyterian in Winston-Salem this past year, she received confirmation that divinity school would be the right place for her. She also is a Wait Fellow and is considering going into pastoral counseling or becoming a chaplain.

Scott Hudgins, the director of admissions, said it's an exciting time for the school overall, and especially for students, who will be able to



determine the school's direction through the organizations, activities, and governance they choose for themselves. The inaugural class is smaller than first anticipated, but that is fine, he said. "The faculty have been very conscientious in selecting students who will contribute to and learn from their fellow students," Hudgins said.

—Amy Andrews

the framework of the school. He also helped secure a \$150,000 grant from the Henry R. Luce Foundation to develop the school's multidisciplinary courses. In 1996, he turned his work over to Leonard, who brought attention to the University and continued the momentum of the Divinity School.

For more than three years, Leonard—who previously chaired the religion department at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama—has orchestrated the opening of the School, taught classes in the religion department, completed book projects, and lectured and preached far and wide. Now, he says, he's glad to be back in the classroom more frequently. "It's being a dean that scares me," he quipped. "It's classroom teaching that I know how to do."

The eclectic, small faculty—which Leonard summarizes as two feminists teaching Bible, a monk, a controversial expert on religious liberty, and two Baptists who have been through the Baptist wars—has raised a few eyebrows.

Phyllis Tribble, a renowned Hebrew scholar who taught at Wake Forest from 1963 to 1971 before moving on to a stellar career at prestigious Union Theological Seminary, is associate dean and professor of Biblical studies. She joined the faculty in July 1998. Frank Tupper, a Baptist theologian who joined Wake Forest in 1997 as a visiting professor in the religion department, is professor of theology. Father Samuel Weber, O.S.B., a Roman Catholic priest and Benedictine monk, is associate professor of early Christianity and spiritual formation. Alexandra R. Brown, who has led the religion department at Washington and Lee University since 1996, is serving a one-year appointment as an associate professor of Biblical studies. And James M. Dunn, who since 1981 has been the executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, which deals with issues of religious liberty and the separation of

church and state, is a professor of Christianity and public policy for an extended period. The staff includes an administrative assistant, a director of admissions, a director of development, and a director of supervised ministries. Still to be named is an African-American to teach homiletics, or the art of preaching, beginning in fall 2000. The school received a \$200,000 grant from the Jessie Ball duPont Fund to establish the position. Leonard said he hopes that both the faculty and student body will become more diverse as the school grows and develops, but that really there have been no surprises during the past three years of planning.

Someone who heard about the faculty that had been assembled commented that it sounded like an attempt at political correctness, Leonard said. "I said, 'No, it's the future,'" he replied. "I would hope the thing we mirror is intentional diversity in the University and in the church."

The school, which officials hope will be fully accredited by the Association of Theological Schools within seven years, is all about doing "an old thing in a new way," said Tupper. There will be numerous opportunities for the

small student population and the faculty to interact and get to know each other, formally and informally, and for students to feel challenged and enriched. When the inaugural class and faculty first met each other August 20, it was in a campus parking lot so they could go to Brown's Summit north of Greensboro for a two-day retreat before the start of classes.

The inaugural class is smaller than first anticipated; originally, officials had projected that as many as thirty-five would enroll during the first year. But Scott Hudgins, the school's director of admissions, said that more students were denied admission than originally had been



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anticipated. "We wanted a very strong class, even if it were smaller," he said. In a few cases, students chose to go elsewhere because Wake Forest's program is not yet fully accredited; Presbyterian and Methodist denominations require students seeking ordination to attend accredited schools. Others may have chosen to go elsewhere because of Wake Forest's requirement that students attend divinity school full-time. More and more divinity and seminary programs across the country are tolerating part-time commitments from students, Hudgins noted. But he said full-time programs have better retention rates, allow students to be more involved in spiritual formation and community life, and are less expensive in the long run because they graduate students sooner.

"We want students to think of theological education and preparing for ministry as a vocation and to immerse themselves," Hudgins said. "I'd be surprised if we woke up tomorrow and read that it was possible to go to medical school part-time."

The requirement inevitably will make for a younger student population, Hudgins said, and in the inaugural class at the Wake Forest Divinity School, a number of students have been out of college for less than five years. All have received some type of financial assistance to offset the \$10,500 annual tuition approved by the University's trustees, and about half of the students secured merit-based awards. Five received the Samuel and Sarah Wait Graduate Fellowships in Theology and Ministry, the most selective of the Divinity School's merit awards, which cover the entire cost of tuition and fees and include a stipend for living expenses.

David M. Brown, one of the Wait Fellows, didn't even send his completed applications to the seminary at Mercer University or Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond after he received word of his acceptance and fellowship to Wake Forest. "I'm so excited about the whole attitude and how they've gone about establishing the school," he said. He also is one of the students living in the Divinity House, a home on Polo Road within walking distance of and wired to the University. In an attempt to promote

community within the Divinity School, special arrangements have been made for some housing for the graduate students. The students each have their own rooms, with living, dining, and cooking space to share. The house has three large bathrooms and a large backyard. Hudgins said that the school has worked to provide housing options on or near campus for many students to foster community life, spiritual formation, and group ministry.

Wingate Hall, home of the Divinity School, also has been renovated and expanded to provide more commons areas to enable students to meet, talk, study, and pray together, and work on the building continued through most of July. A \$1.5-million portico that has been added includes offices and is now the formal entrance to the building. Trees that were cut down in front of the building to make

room for the construction will be replaced during the Divinity School's inaugural convocation October 12-13, which also will feature faculty seminars, guest lectures, and a worship service. The rest of the building was renovated in 1996 and 1997, when adjoining Wait Chapel also received a facelift.

Leonard, Hudgins, and others expect the Divinity School's visibility to improve now that it has a home, students are on campus, and teachers are in classrooms. Trying to get students to apply for the school's first year, Hudgins said, "was such a sell job." But now that prospective students can see people studying, living together, and learning from each other, the sell job becomes easier because they will be able to see the school for what it is—not what it will be. Then they can better determine if it is the place for them, he added.

Many eyes will be cast upon the school this first year, and Baptists from around North Carolina—those who anticipate benefiting most from the school, its faculty and its students—say they're excited that it finally is open. "I hope people will say it's been worth the wait," Leonard concluded. WA



BILL BRANDON

Signs of the times

By Bill J. Leonard

*Hard against a
new millennium,
we've softened the
lines between our
faith traditions.*

Those interested in investigating the presence and pluralism of spirituality in heartland American culture needed only to have attended (as I did) the Bele Chere weekend in Asheville, North Carolina, in the summer of 1998. The twentieth annual street festival attracted tourists, musicians, artists, NASCAR drivers, and religionists galore. The signs of popular spirituality were evident on every corner. Methodists sold bottled water and soft drinks, while Baptists offered gospel tracts as a “witness” for Christ. Hare Krishna devotees with shaven heads and saffron robes distributed copies of the *Bhagavad Gita*, proffering their own witness to the presence of god(s) in the world(s). One row of shops boasted store-front centers housing such diverse religious groups as the Islamic Society and the ECKANKAR

meditation movement. The lobby of a health-food restaurant posted brochures for “Psychic Tarot Readings,” whose “psychic-sensitive” medium was “an apprentice of renowned Native American medicine man and author, Sun Bear.” If tarot readers, Muslims, and Hindus are in Asheville, North Carolina, that Baptist-infested mountain town, then they are everywhere. Spirituality in its diverse forms is finding its way into regions that once were dominated by church steeples, tent revivals, and the King James Version of the Bible.

Certainly, American preoccupation with spirituality is nothing new. Religious awakenings and enthusiasms, traditional and nontraditional, seem endemic to American religious and cultural life. As Yale’s Jon Butler and others have suggested, Americans have been “awash in a sea of faith,” often in surprisingly eclectic ways, since the beginnings of the republic. The end of the last century evidenced significant public pursuit of what today might be called “holistic religion,” manifested in Christian Science, spiritualism, homeopathy, Seventh Day Adventism, and meditation practices influenced by Eastern religions. The World’s Parliament of Religions, held in Chicago in 1893, included representatives of the great world religions in an effort to survey the changing spiritual environment of the then “modern” world.



A century later, on the edge of a new millennium, few observers of American culture would deny that there is an increasing curiosity about, if not participation in, varying dimensions of the spiritual life. In its broadest sense, this concern for spirituality involves ways of cultivating or “practicing the presence” of God, the Sacred or the Other, through innumerable, sometimes highly symbiotic, means. These methods, drawn from a variety of sources, ancient and modern, illustrate important reformations in the American religious terrain. Thus, while interest in spirituality is certainly not new, contemporary Americans are exploring an ever-increasing number of paths to the spiritual life manifested inside and outside traditional religious institutions. In short, large numbers of Americans seem concerned about spiritual fulfillment and, like good American consumers, are willing to shop around until they find what they are looking for. In the quest for spiritual experience, the lines between Catholic and Protestant, liturgical and nonliturgical, Christian and non-Christian practices are becoming increasingly blurred. In a sense, one element of “newness” in the current phenomenon is the way in which seekers use multiple religious traditions, methodologies, and literature in their search for the spiritual. A few brief illustrations must suffice.

First, many pilgrims seek guidance through Roman Catholic approaches to spiritual formation, devotional literature, and monastic spirituality. In a July 1998 edition, *Time* magazine reported on the burgeoning retreat ministry sweeping monastic communities across the United States. As one of my Benedictine friends comments, “In America, everyone wants to take a retreat at a monastery but almost no one wants to become a monk.” Monastic retreat centers are booked solid for up to a

year in advance as believers and nonbelievers seek solitude and common prayer in those sacred environs.

Likewise, Catholic devotional literature provides spiritual direction for innumerable individuals, many of whom have no official relationship to the Roman Catholic Church. These sources include older devotional classics by Teresa of Avila, John of the Cross, Thomas a Kempis, Julian of Norwich, and Catherine of Siena, as well as recent works by Thomas Merton, Henri Nouwen, Joan Chittister, and the non-Catholic Catholic, Kathleen Norris. Although Protestant, Norris has written extensively about the benefits of her sojourns into monastic settings. Her recent best-seller, *The Cloister Walk*, provides accounts from her stays at St. John's Abbey in Minnesota and extols blessings she received there.

Few Catholics in this century have had greater impact on the shape of spirituality than the Trappist monk Thomas Merton (1915-1968), whose person, writings, and insights into the spiritual life exert a profound effect on a wide variety of seekers. Merton's writings, themselves evidence of an evolving spirituality, are read avidly by persons who represent many faith perspectives and who claim no faith at all. Merton's attempts to link elements of Buddhist and Christian monastic spirituality (his untimely death occurred at a Buddhist/Catholic conference in Bangkok) make him an important bridge between certain Eastern and Western religious expressions. Numerous persons inside and outside Christian churches credit Thomas Merton with helping to awaken their spiritual curiosity. Catholic ways of "practicing the Presence" impact many individuals in their search for personal and communal spirituality.

Second, the so-called charismatic movement currently exercises a powerful influence over a surprisingly diverse

number of persons and groups who seek direct encounter with the Divine. In the Christian tradition, *charismata* refers to those spiritual gifts nurtured by the presence of the Holy Spirit in the individual believer as well as the community of faith. In recent history, certain charismatic manifestations have been associated with specific spiritual exercises evidenced among American Pentecostals. In classic Pentecostalism, charismatic gifts accompany the baptism of the Holy Spirit, exhibited in glossolalia (speaking in tongues), healing, shouting, dancing, and other external signs of inward and spiritual experiences.

Theologically, Pentecostals stress the importance of sanctification, an ongoing experience of grace known through the power of the Spirit. Throughout much of this century Pentecostals and others who manifested such religious outbursts were caricatured as "holy rollers," spiritually immature and emotionally unbalanced. Their preachers were attacked as charlatans or dismissed as uneducated ignoramuses. Beyond the caricatures, however, Pentecostals were truly "hot gospelers," given to an intense, "enthusiastical" religion that was a decided anomaly for other mainstream Protestants. William Louis Poteat (1856-1938), Baptist leader and president of Wake Forest

College, once was asked if the members of this uproarious sect would find their way to heaven. Poteat is said to have replied: "Yes, if they don't overshoot it."

More recently, however, the Pentecostal/Charismatic vision of enthusiastic religion has found its way into numerous faith communities. Many non-Pentecostals attest to encounters with the Spirit as confirmed by particular charismatic expressions. Charismatic Lutherans, Catholics, Episcopalians, Baptists, and nondenominationalists now lift their hands in common and personal prayer, dance,



sing, and shout in the Spirit, and anoint the sick with oil. Some even speak in tongues. Public religious rallies such as those of the Promise Keepers frequently are distinguished by numerous charismatic manifestations. In fact, the presence of a sweeping charismatic spirituality was clearly evident in the services conducted at the famous Promise Keepers march on Washington in 1997.

Evangelical college students also reflect the influence of such a charismatic approach to spirituality. Today, in public and private colleges and universities across the country, student-led, student-organized worship services

are characterized by contemporary Christian music, "praise choruses" (brief hymns with catchy lyrics and words posted on a screen above the congregation), small-group prayer time, and informal, exuberant preaching. These kind of religious ceremonies might be described as "charismatic lite," observances distinguished by "hands, not tongues." That is, participants willingly raise their hands in song and prayer as a charismatic sign of their praise to God, but most do not practice glossolalia. They are charismatic

but not necessarily Pentecostal. Charismatic influence on worship in a wide variety of Christian communions illustrates yet another blurring of the lines between religious groups in the United States.



Third, the current enthusiasm for spirituality is shaped by what might be called religious globalism, an increasing awareness of and response to religious practices from around the world. American pluralism has long provided fertile soil for diverse religious ideologies, whose views impacted individuals from Walden Pond to Haight-Ashbury, from transcendentalism to transcendental meditation. Through television and film, travel abroad, and immigration at home, Americans have become acquainted with faiths they once ignored or dismissed outright. Globalism has made those religions and the spirituality they represent less threatening, if not more appealing.

Direct contact with practitioners of other religions, at home and abroad, also tends to soften the "foreignness" of unfamiliar faiths. For example, a student at Wake Forest University recently asked me to recommend books that would help him learn more about his own Episcopal heritage as a result of observing the religious intensity evident in his Muslim roommate. "He seems to know what it means to be a Muslim," the student remarked. "Perhaps I need to learn more about what it means to be an Episcopalian."

Intermarriage between persons of varying religious traditions also has transported a certain spiritual globalism directly into many American families. Recently, a traditionalist Baptist deacon showed me pictures of his granddaughter's wedding in which Christian and Hindu symbols were used, prayers from the two religions were offered, and vows were shaped by the spiritual ideals of both faiths. Many students are the product of so-called religiously "mixed marriages," families that are a blend of Protestant-Catholic, Christian-Jewish, Christian-Muslim, or other diverse traditions. Many seem to use university religion classes as an occasion for sorting out their own religious identity. Some were reared in families which sought religion via media, adhering to rituals from the distinct traditions of both parents.

Elements of Catholic, charismatic, and globalist spirituality may even be fused in the practices of some religious Americans. There are communions that claim the name "Charismatic Episcopalians," mingling Prayer Book liturgy with Spirit-filled enthusiasms. Likewise, certain Buddhist and Christian monastics now provide retreats for persons interested in exploring the shared spiritual legacies of those two traditions. In many communities,

public religious occasions, once labeled “ecumenical,” are now designated “interfaith,” bringing together representatives of Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, and other communions.

What does this extensive concern for spirituality suggest about the American religious future? On one hand, the phenomenon may simply be another great American self-help fad, and a further indication of the rabid individualism which lies at the heart of the American psyche. Obsession with personal spirituality may be an attempt by American materialists to fill yet another void in their unending search for fulfillment. On the other hand, interest in spirituality may suggest that even in a highly secular environment, some Americans continue to search for signs of spiritual immanence and transcendence, a sense of the “Presence” that is at once beyond and within themselves. Toward the future, the quest for spiritual experience no doubt will be influenced by an abiding religious and cultural pluralism which challenges Protestant, perhaps even Christian, hegemony over religious insights and institutions. Religious liberty, a freedom that Americans always seem to grant grudgingly to immigrant or indigenous religious communities, must be extended in ways that foster dialogue and learning. It may also contribute to a new tribalism as old fears create new bigotry. Leaders of evangelical Christian groups, many of whose members draw spiritual sustenance from Catholic or charismatic practices, currently fret that this eclecticism will undermine doctrinal orthodoxy and foster a worrisome “universalism” among the faithful. Many wonder how best to respond hospitably to other spiritual traditions, while asserting the uniqueness of their own faith, all without appearing to be intolerant.

Other religious communions may be forced to determine how much of their spiritual tradition can be bartered in a

pluralistic environment and how much can be properly appropriated only within a specific context of faith and practice. Many classic Pentecostals, for example, now worry that charismatic Christians have co-opted the

outward manifestations of spiritual experience while avoiding the “hard sayings” of the Gospel regarding holiness of life and the daily struggle for “Christian perfection.”

Some Catholic leaders fear that many who visit monasteries today will move on to Cherokee sweat lodges or New Age pyramids tomorrow. Cherokee religious leaders disagree over whether to admit persons with no native heritage to sweat lodges and other sacred rites. An eclectic pluralism may foster a kind of generic spirituality without context, community, or specificity.

Whatever else it may mean, the concern for spirituality is yet another indication of a state of permanent transition that has descended upon American religious institutions. Many Americans interested in spiritual renewal are not seeking it in institutional religion. They are sometimes identified as “believers but not belongers,” individuals who pursue spiritual fulfillment, but not as participants in established denominations, churches, and programs.

Even those inside conventional communities seem to wear their affiliations loosely. Indeed, fewer and fewer religious Americans perceive their primary religious identity in terms of a denominational identity. Many seem willing to jettison previous affiliations if more fruitful spiritual experiences may be secured elsewhere. That trend seems certain to continue. ❧



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S p o r t s



Duncan takes Deacon fans on a vicarious thrill ride.

June Madness

IN COLLEGE BASKETBALL, March is high-tide month emotionally, when fans are poised to be swept along in a swift and powerful surge by their team. Primed by back-to-back ACC titles and the return of the great Tim Duncan ('97), Wake Forest fans a few years back were pumped for a rise toward the top, only to be crestfallen, their hopes dashed.

This year, June generated a mighty wave for Deacon fans as they watched Duncan rampage through the NBA playoffs like a tsunami through Micronesia. Alumni everywhere felt their pride swell as their hero dominated the world's best players, dispatched tough teams with disdainful ease, and was interviewed on national TV wearing gracious candor and a Wake Forest cap. And at the end, when Duncan stood tall among his San Antonio teammates holding aloft his MVP trophy after averaging 27.4 points and 14 rebounds per game in a four-to-one series rout of the Knicks in the finals, Wake Foresters everywhere stood there with him, however vicariously.



Duncan holds aloft his MVP trophy in the celebratory aftermath of the triumphant final game.

Duncan Deacon Mania manifested itself in a variety of ways. Cook Griffin, executive director of the Deacon Club, says he knows of several club members who bought satellite dishes just so they could watch every Spurs game. Two or three flew regularly to San Antonio last season to watch him play in person. Stores in Winston-Salem and elsewhere in the

state were out or in short supply of Spurs paraphernalia.

The impact of Tim Duncan on Wake Forest basketball, the University, the NBA, and, indeed, the game of basketball is yet to be fully comprehended. In a league increasingly populated by egotistical, immature, morally dubious, lackadaisical, me-first college dropouts, the best player is a mature, humble, selfless, hard-working, driven-to-win college graduate. The marketing boost Duncan represents to its sagging image and television ratings is not lost on the NBA, and it is eager to post his name on its marquee in big letters as The Next Michael Jordan.

Whether Duncan will accept or actively participate in his anointed status is questionable. Throughout his rocketing ascent, he has remained the same genuine

and intensely private young man he was when he arrived on the Reynolda Campus in fall 1993 as an unheralded 17-year-old from the U.S. Virgin Islands. Some of his friends have publicly speculated that his shying from the limelight may be a function not of reclusiveness, but of a personal feeling that he has not yet earned the mantle everyone is draping on him. Those who know him best say that whatever he does, he'll do it because he wants to; because it feels right for Tim Duncan—not because someone else wants him to do it.

Nonparticipation won't prevent him from being an admirable role model for young people—and not just basketball players. America is starved for the old-fashioned values of hard work, sacrifice, selflessness, and just plain good manners which Duncan embodies. One can only hope that his qualities will shine brighter to youngsters than the darker alternatives they're being given elsewhere.

As for Wake Forest, clearly Duncan's achievements already have magnified its national identity and name recognition. Dave Odom's

recruiting doubtlessly will benefit, as may other, non-athletic aspects of the University. In the meanwhile, alumni can revel in the realization that they attended a school that produced not only professional basketball's finest player, but also one of its most solid citizens. **W**

—David Fyten

Verban named to elite program

WAKE FOREST STAR Mariel Verban ('01) is one of six top American women's collegiate players named to the 1999 USA Tennis Collegiate Team, an elite training program administered by the United States Tennis Association (USTA) and the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA).

Verban, of Bloomington, Illinois, enjoyed a breakthrough season in 1999 as she reached the NCAA singles quarterfinals and earned All-ACC and All-American honors. She ran up a 43-17 record and finished the season ranked fourth in the nation among American-born players.

After participating in a five-day training session at the USTA Training Center in Key Biscayne, Florida, the USA Tennis Collegiate Team competed in USTA professional circuit events and the ITA National Summer Championships and received additional coaching and travel grants. **W**



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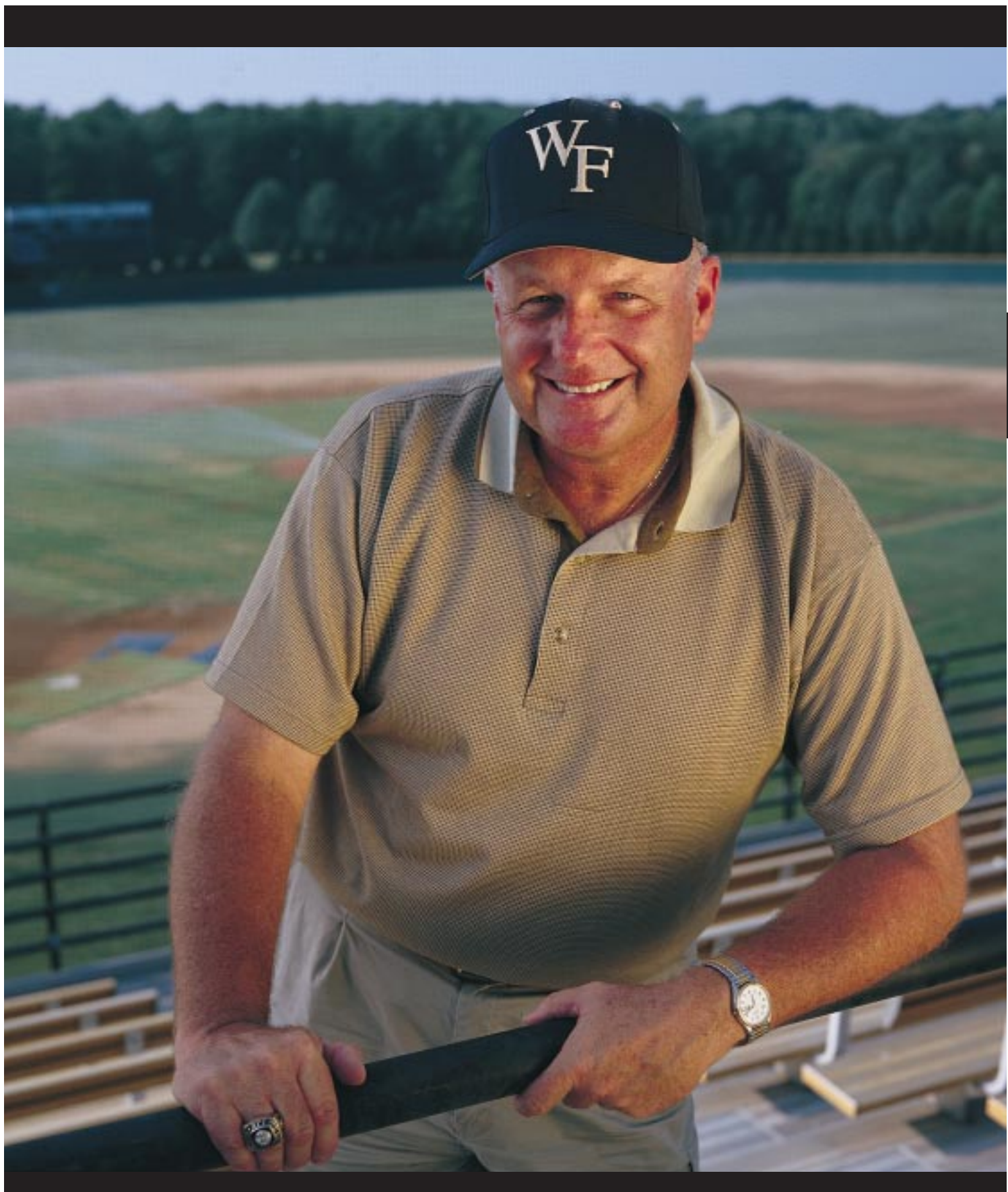
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By Dan Collins

Dugout

Demon

*George Greer may speak softly,
but his Deacon baseball teams
definitely carry a big stick.*

There's a type of verbena growing throughout North Carolina that could only be described as an incorrigible showoff. Plant it anywhere you like but in weeks, if not days, you'll find it back at the front of the garden demanding attention. In the garden variety of college baseball coaches, George Greer of Wake Forest is no verbena. Those who know him best



Greer calls pitching coach Bobby Moranda, *right*, one of the top five recruiters in the nation.

would describe him more as English ivy. He's subtle, resilient, and if you get close enough to him under the right conditions, he'll grow on you.

Few people at Wake Forest have gotten closer to Greer than Bobby Moranda, the Deacons' recruiting coordinator and pitching coach. Moranda realizes there's a reason that so many still know so little about the coach who, by guiding the Deacons to the last two Atlantic Coast Conference championships, has lifted the program from the middle rung of the conference to the upper echelon of college baseball.

"He doesn't let you inside his walls until there's some time spent with him and some trust," Moranda said. "And once he trusts you he'll be wide open. Actually his sense of humor is pretty funny. During games you can joke

around with him and he jokes around with his players. He's very dry.

"You just have to look at his track record and be with him for awhile and then you start to understand what's going on with him."

What's going on with the Wake Forest baseball program has been one of the University's most exciting sports stories of recent years. Almost always good, but never good enough to reach the NCAA tournament, the Deacons floated near the middle of the ACC standings from 1988, Greer's first year at Wake Forest, through the regular season of 1998. Then, seeded fifth in the ACC tournament, the Deacons stormed through the field, upended national power Florida State in successive games on Saturday night and Sunday, and made off with their first conference title in 21 years.

And as if to prove it was no fluke, the Deacons experienced even more emphatic success in 1999 when they finished second to Florida State in the regular season, defended their title with a sweep through the ACC tournament, and won an NCAA regional held at Winston-Salem's Ernie Shore Field before losing to Miami, the eventual national champion, in a best-of-three Super Regional in Coral Gables, Florida.

Over the last two seasons, the Deacons have posted records of 90-39 overall and 38-18 against ACC competition. They established a school mark with 43 victories in 1998, and broke it with 47 wins in 1999. And with a promising recruiting class poised to join a strong nucleus of veterans, Wake Forest appears entrenched in the first division of one of the NCAA's strongest baseball conferences.

"The last couple of years have been outstanding," said Ron Wellman, Wake Forest's director of athletics. "[Greer] has made adjustments in the program that have allowed us to experience the heights of college baseball."

Of all the factors that fell into place for Wake Forest, none was more critical than the arrival of Moranda from the University of Virginia in 1996. An aggressive and tireless recruiter, Moranda went after and landed the caliber of player who could compete against, and on notable occasions beat, the Florida States of college baseball. And as a former right-fielder, Greer knew enough about pitching to allow a knowledgeable pitching coach to do his job.

"You have to have the right recruiter," Greer said. "I tell Bobby and I tell everybody, he's one of the top five in the country, without question."

Along the way, the right blend of veterans matured to fill a void of leadership that had plagued past teams. Jon Palmieri, an All-American now playing with the Anaheim Angels organization, credits Greer for allowing the players to take the lead.

"I think with our team, he just loved us so much and he knew we wanted to win so bad, he just let us do our own thing," Palmieri said. "He was never one to get riled up. He was just kind of a quiet manager who'd say things when he needed to. You just had to know that was his style. He wasn't going to get crazy or yell at you or anything. If he thought something should be said, he would say it."

Moranda uses Greer's style as a recruiting enticement. College baseball is filled with coaches who micromanage their teams into a collection of almost indistinguishable parts. To play for Wake Forest, Moranda tells prospects, is to be allowed to play.

A criticism of Greer is that reserves are normally reserved for emergencies. Only 10 players, for instance, played against Siena in a 22-4 victory in the NCAA regional. But once Greer's trust is earned, it is seldom lost.

"He knows this and I know this—the type of player you have to recruit to play under George Greer is a mature player, the guy that's going to be self-motivated and mature and love a coach that lets you play and lets you get after it," Moranda said. "We tell them, 'Hey, Coach likes things done the way he likes them done, but he's not going to yell at you and get on your butt. You just do it the way he likes it to be done and we're going to win baseball games. We're going to win championships.'"

Andy Greer can remember the last time his father got mad at him only because he has a good memory. The year was 1982 was Andy was nine years old. His transgression was to squander \$10 worth of hard-earned quarters on a video game.

Andy, a 1995 graduate of Wake Forest who has spent most of his professional career in law enforcement, warns his dates not to expect Jay Leno when they meet his father. "It's hard to know whether he's in a good mood or bad mood because he's so stoic," he said. "I tell my girlfriends, 'This is the way he acts. That doesn't mean he doesn't like you. He's just very stoic.'"

Yet behind the shield of stoicism is an intriguing man whose accomplishments might even surprise many who know him best. Greer was a star basketball and baseball player at Westerly High School in Rhode Island who, just last season, was inducted into the town's Hall of Fame. He matriculated at the University of Connecticut, where he was a two-time baseball All-American who roomed with Tom Penders, now head basketball coach at George Washington. In 1968, during his senior season, he was on the cover of the NCAA Baseball Guide.

He reached the pinnacle of amateur baseball in 1967, when his ninth-inning single carried the United States

to an upset against powerful Cuba in the championship of the Pan-American games. When the gold medal was awarded, it was Greer who ascended the podium for the honor. "In the ceremony they said 'Who's representing the United States?'" Greer said. "We hadn't chosen captains or anything like that. They pushed me up there."

He spent five years in the St. Louis Cardinals' organization, winning the California League RBI title in 1970

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baseball games.'*





For Greer, Wake Forest was love at first sight.

and helping lead Little Rock to the 1971 Texas League championship. Twice he received the Joe Medwick Award for being the organization's top minor-league hitter in spring training.

But life — in this case a wife, a child, and a war — came between Greer and his lifelong drive toward the major leagues. He was married in 1970 and Andy was born in 1973. But Greer left professional baseball in 1972, in part to keep his commitment to his National Guard unit in Rhode Island. The Vietnam War was still raging at the time, and to lose his draft deferment would have been ill-advised.

By the time Greer returned for one last stab at professional baseball in 1973 he had become both the director of athletics at Connecticut-Avery Point and a single parent. His marriage had dissolved and Greer, who had received custody of Andy, found himself juggling his job and his parental responsibilities.

He remembers keeping Andy, as a toddler, in a playpen in his office at Connecticut-Avery Point, a

two-year school in the University of Connecticut system. But he kept his hand in baseball, coaching both the university's team and the Contuit Kettleers in the long-standing Cape Cod Amateur League.

No games were scheduled over spring break at Connecticut-Avery Point so Greer could wind through the South recruiting college players for his Cape Cod League team. On one such foray, in 1980, he had cause to visit the Wake Forest campus for the first time. Two years before he took his first major-college coaching position at Davidson, and eight years before he was hired at Wake Forest, Greer had what might be considered a premonition.

"We drove up to see Clemson play here," Greer recalls. "Andy was six or seven at the time. We drove up Silas Creek Parkway onto campus and I said 'Oh my gosh, this is really beautiful. This would be a great place to coach sometime.'"

He earned that opportunity in 1987, after his Davidson team beat North Carolina, Duke, N.C. State, and Wake Forest all in the same season. He had also earned a reputation as one of the most knowledgeable hitting instructors in all of baseball, one that he still wields today.

"What he is is a technician," said Wellman, a former head baseball coach at Northwestern. "He's analytical. He's as good a hitting instructor as you'll probably find. And it's not just technique, it's understanding the situation and anticipating and being intellectual in your approach to hitting, understanding the game."

A man of varied, even eclectic, interests, Greer loves cooking, cats, yard work, theater, and music. He studied trumpet for seven years as a boy under Al Sculco, a one-time member of the Harry James Orchestra, and he considered attending the New England Conservatory of Music before his love of sports got in the way.

Calm and patient by nature and inclination, Greer has enjoyed keeping a garden whenever he has had the time and opportunity. He has grown all kinds of plants and vegetables, but admits that he has little in common with the extravagant verbena. "For some reason I have always been more satisfied to stay in the background and let other people take the credit," Greer said. "And I just smile." **WA**

U n i v e r s i t y A d v a n c e m e n t



Charlotte Weber funds art scholar's chair



Former trustee Charlotte C. Weber, with children Jay ('93), Juliet, and Christina ('96), announced the Weber Chair of Art at a reception in New York City hosted by Raymond and Susan Pfeister, parents of Joseph Robert Pfeister ('00).

Art-felt gift

THE WAKE FOREST art department has a new endowed chair and faculty research fund, thanks to art collector and benefactor Charlotte C. Weber.

Weber pledged \$1.25 million to the Heritage and Promise campaign in the early 1990s, but asked that it not be announced until the chair was fully funded. Because of endowment earnings, the value of her gifts has doubled to \$2.5 million.

Her gifts have funded the Charlotte C. Weber Chair of Art—only the second endowed chair established for a specific department—and

the Charlotte C. Weber Faculty Award in Art.

David M. Lubin, a widely recognized scholar on nineteenth century American art, joined the faculty last month as the first holder of the Weber Chair. Lubin was formerly the James M. Gillespie Professor of Art and American Studies at Colby College in Waterville, Maine, where he taught courses in art history, the history of cinema, and American culture.

The faculty award will be given to a faculty member undertaking research in medieval art and architecture. The award will initially support the work of Associate Professor of Art Harry Titus, who has been researching the

history of the Cathedral of St. Etienne in Auxerre, France, with French art historians for the past ten years.

Weber is a prominent arts benefactor in New York and a major collector of Impressionist art and ancient Chinese art. She provided the funding for the Metropolitan Museum of Art's Charlotte C. Weber Gallery of Ancient Chinese Art, which opened in May of 1988, by working with the director and museum curators to assemble an outstanding collection of ancient Chinese Art. She has served on the Metropolitan's Board of Trustees for the past fifteen years and is a member of the museum's Chairman's Council and its education department. She has also served on the board of the China Institute in America.

Weber studied at the Sorbonne Ecole du Louvre in France, where she majored in art and interior design. She worked for three years at the Philadelphia Museum of Art as assistant to the curator of painting and sculpture.

"I've always had an interest in art and my children have continued in the same path,"

she said. "When trying to help an institution, I think you look to where the institution has a need and for something that's close to your heart, too."

Both of her children who attended Wake Forest, John C. "Jay" Weber Jr. ('93) and Christina ('96), had positive experiences in the art department, she said. Christina, an art major, was an art teacher but is now earning a MFA degree. Jay is in Duke University's MBA program.

"I'd like this to raise the profile of the art department," said Weber, a member of the University's Board of Trustees from 1993-97. "Bringing in a new talented person adds scope to the department and will give students broader choices."

Professor and Chair of Art Margaret Supplee Smith said Weber's gifts "will take a department that was already very good to another level by building on our strengths in American and modern art. It's given us the opportunity to recruit someone who can be a catalyst for even better things to happen and to support scholarship of our existing faculty." ■

U n i v e r s i t y A d v a n c e m e n t

Early inquiries

Grant will support undergraduate research

WAKE FOREST has received a \$150,000 grant from a New York foundation to support undergraduate research opportunities.

The gift from the Starr Foundation strengthens the Research Fellowship Program, which encourages students to join faculty members as junior

partners in scholarly research projects. The gift is establishing an endowed fund to help students in the program cover travel costs to professional

meetings to present their research findings. It may also be used to help students pay for other expenses associated with their project.

"We hope the fellowships create the atmosphere and reality of an abundance of student research on campus," said Associate Dean of the College Toby Hale ('65), chair of the Research Fellows Committee. "The Starr grant allows students to go beyond the confines of the campus to present their findings at meetings in their fields and at

meetings of the annual National Conference on Undergraduate Research.

"Preparing and presenting their research findings at such meetings builds our students' confidence in their abilities to accomplish significant work," Hale added. "In turn, as they apply to graduate or professional school admissions, their research experience will add notable depth to their research as well as prepare them to meet the increased demands of advanced study."

Thirty-eight students were in the Research Fellowship Program last year, its first year operating, but University officials hope that as many as 150 students will eventually participate each year. Students selected for the program receive scholarships worth \$2,000 or \$3,000, funded by the University.

Students interested in participating develop a project idea with the help of a faculty mentor who shares their research interest. Faculty members may also propose ideas for a collaborative project with a student. Work on the research project takes place over two semesters or during the summer and culminates with the student writing up his or her project for possible presentation at a professional meeting in that field.

"The fellowships allow students to work closely with a faculty mentor to study a

question or problem that has sparked their curiosity," said Professor and Chair of Psychology Deborah L. Best ('70, MA '72), a member of the Research Fellows selection committee. "Many of the projects students have worked on in the past have been accepted for presentation at professional meetings, which shows the quality of their work and the need for a travel fund."

Senior Scott Hoopes and junior Rupen Amin, who spent the summer working with Associate Professor and Chair of Chemistry Brad Jones, said the experience was invaluable.

"I have a much better idea of what research is like," said Hoopes, a chemistry major from Jacksonville, North Carolina. "It's not something that you come in and do one day, but an on-going process."

Amin, a biology major from Winston-Salem, decided to minor in chemistry following his summer experience. "I wanted to do research with clinical samples because I'd like to go to medical school," he said. "Now when I send a sample to be analyzed, I will know how the process works. I have a much greater appreciation of chemistry."

The Starr Foundation was established in 1955 by Cornelius Vander Starr, founder of American International Group Inc., a worldwide insurance organization. W



Junior Rupen Amin, at left, and senior Scott Hoopes spent the summer conducting research with Associate Professor of Chemistry Brad Jones.

University Advancement

Advancing technology

Gift stimulates classroom technology applications

THE CHARLES E. Culpeper Foundation has given Wake Forest \$228,305 to continue the University's efforts to incorporate technology into classroom teaching.

The gift will fund a three-year summer program, beginning next summer, that will provide faculty members the time, resources, instruction, and technology-staff support to develop new instructional technologies.

Twelve faculty members will be chosen for the program each year. Participants will first submit a proposal on how they want to use technology—through computer simulations or multimedia and interactive programs, for example—and then spend the summer developing it for use in the classroom the following academic year.

The grant will provide faculty support and funds for software, equipment, and other expenses. The grant will also support the University's Advanced Technology Group, which will provide custom software programming.

Participants will meet weekly to discuss the progress of their projects and exchange ideas. The grant will also fund

workshops and seminars led by guest speakers who have had success using computer-enhanced teaching strategies in their classrooms.

The idea for the summer program grew out of the Computer-Enhanced Learning Initiative (CELI), a faculty-run effort to help faculty members who are late adopters of technology, said Angela G. King, assistant professor of chemistry and former director of CELI.

"In order to foster exploration and adoption of information technology by faculty to improve their teaching, faculty members require time that's not readily available during the academic year," said King, who will direct the summer program. "This will help faculty members develop novel and creative ways to incorporate technology into our teaching. It will also address pedagogical questions to ensure that technology is not simply a prop, but an instrument to enhance learning by students."

The Culpeper Foundation was established through the will of Charles E. Culpeper, founder of the Coca-Cola Bottling Company of New York, who died in 1940. The foundation, formerly located in Stamford, Connecticut, merged with the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, based in New York City, in July. ❧



Dr. Laurence B. Leinbach

Leinbach endowment boosted

Gift builds fund honoring radiologist

JAMES CAVANAUGH of Baltimore, Maryland, has made a gift of real estate to the Wake Forest University School of Medicine for the Laurence B. Leinbach, M.D. Endowed Fund in Radiology.

His gift, combined with Dr. Leinbach's original gift to create the fund last spring, brings the Leinbach Fund's total value to approximately \$1 million.

Leinbach, professor emeritus of radiologic sciences, was a member of the medical school faculty from 1957-1996.

"Over the quarter century since I first met 'Brick,' I have come to know him as a consummate perfectionist, a very

generous man who takes great pride in his career as a physician, and especially as a mentor to young doctors in training," Cavanaugh said.

"My wife, Gerry, and I decided that we wanted to give the proceeds from the sale of this property to recognize this man who was not only a very good and dedicated physician, but who has been a treasured friend of mine for twenty-five years."

Cavanaugh's gift counts toward the Medical Center's \$100 million capital campaign, "Sustaining the Miracle," which has received more than \$86 million in gifts and pledges. ❧

College HOMECOMING '99

October 22 and 23

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Homecoming Registration
Benson University Center

9 a.m.

Half Century Club Gathering
Reynolda Hall, Main Lounge

11:45 a.m.

Half Century Club Luncheon
Magnolia Room, Reynolda Hall;
\$10 per person

Noon

**Fifth Annual Friends of Women's
Studies Luncheon**
Autumn Room, Reynolda Hall;
\$10 per person

1 - 4 p.m.

Divinity School Open House
Wingate Hall

2 p.m.

**Return to the Classroom -
Alumni Classes**
Visit the Homecoming Web site at
www.wfu.edu/alumni for topics, or
call (336) 758-4845.

2 p.m.

Alumni-in-Admissions Training
Welcome Center/Admissions Office
For AIA volunteers and those inter-
ested in volunteering. Call Jimmy
Clarke to register; (336) 758 - 4930,
or e-mail at clarkejf@wfu.edu.

4 p.m.

Old Campus Alumni Reception
Shorty's, Benson University Center

6 - 8 p.m.

Alumni Reception
Bridger Field House,
Groves Stadium; \$20 per person

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

8 - 10 a.m.

Alumni Breakfast in the Pit
Reynolda Hall Cafeteria

9 a.m.

Homecoming Registration
On the Quad



Encore! Encore!

Celebrating the tradition of Wake Forest Theatre

9 a.m. - Noon

Festival on the Quad

The Quad and Magnolia Court are the places to be for food, fun, music, and fellowship with other alumni. The Demon Deacon, marching band, and cheerleaders will lead a rousing pep rally to get you in the mood for this afternoon's game. Bring the kids to the traditional Carnival to enjoy various games.

10 a.m. - Noon

**Calloway School of Business and
Accountancy Alumni Brunch**
On the Quad

12:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Alumni Tailgate
Piccolo Park, Groves Stadium;
\$10 per adult, \$5 per child age 12
and under

3:30 p.m.

**Wake Forest vs. University of
Alabama-Birmingham**
Groves Stadium

*For tickets, call 1-888-758-DEAC
or (336) 758-3322. If you're in a
reunion class (those classes ending
in '4' and '9'), ask for your class
block.*

Post-game Reception
Magnolia Patio

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

11 a.m.

Wake Forest Baptist Church Service
Wait Chapel

A Homecoming brochure and registration form will be mailed to all alumni. You can also visit the Homecoming Web site (www.wfu.edu/alumni) to register for events.

Reunion classes (those classes ending in "4" and "9") will also have class events. Information about reunion class events will be mailed to those class members.

For more information about Homecoming '99, call the Office of Alumni Activities, 1-800-752-8568 or (336) 758-4845 or visit the alumni Web site, www.wfu.edu/alumni or e-mail chapmaea@wfu.edu.

Be sure to visit the "Student Organizations" page in the Campus Life section of the Wake Forest Web site (www.wfu.edu) for a list of Homecoming events hosted by student organizations.

Babcock Graduate School of Management

HOMECOMING

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

8:30 a.m.

Featured Student Presentation
Worrell Professional Center, room 1117

9:30 a.m.

Babcock Book Club (*The Lexus and the Olive Tree* by Thomas L. Friedman; Discussion led by B. Ram Baliga)
Worrell Professional Center, room 1312

10:30 a.m.

Featured Speaker: Nick Yacabucci
Worrell Professional Center, room 1312

11:30 a.m.

Career Networking Panels (Finance, Marketing, Operations, Consulting, Entrepreneurship, and International Business)
Worrell Professional Center

12:30 p.m.

Alumni, Faculty, and Student Lunch
Worrell Professional Center Courtyard

1:30 p.m.

Babcock Alumni Clubs Planning Meeting
Worrell Professional Center

2 p.m.

Cashflow Tennis Classic (Hosted by Dean Moyer)
Leighton Tennis Stadium

4:30 p.m.

Pre-game Reception and Class Reunions
(Classes of '74, '79, and '89)
Groves Stadium, Piccolo Park

6:30 p.m.

Wake Forest vs. Maryland Football Game
Groves Stadium

For more information, contact Paul Barnes (MBA '98),
(336) 758-5693 or 1-800-752-8570 or at
paul.barnes@mba.wfu.edu

For football tickets, call the Athletic Ticket Office, 1-888-758-DEAC
Visit the alumni Web site for the latest
Homecoming information: www.wfu.edu/alumni



School of Law

HOMECOMING

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

6:30 p.m.

27th Annual Partners' Banquet
Forsyth Country Club

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

Afternoon (Time TBA)

Wake Forest vs. Clemson Football Game
Groves Stadium

Afternoon/Evening (Time TBA)

Post-Game Gathering
Ramada Plaza

For more information, contact Bryan Link, (336) 758-5537
or at linkcb@wfu.edu

School of Medicine

ALUMNI WEEKEND

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

7 p.m.

Dean's Division Dinner
Old Town Club

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5

8:30 - Noon

CME Workshops
Bowman Gray Campus

1:15 p.m.

CME Lecture
(Dr. Wayne Sotile)
Babcock Auditorium

6:30 p.m.

Alumni Gala Dinner and Dance
Adam's Mark Hotel

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6

9 a.m.

Fall Convocation
Honoring the
Class of 2002
Babcock Auditorium

11:30 a.m.

All Class Lawn Party
Davis Field,
Reynolda Campus

Saturday Night

Reunion Dinners (Classes
ending in '4' and '9')
Various locations

For more information, call
(336) 716-4589 or
1-800-899-7128

Alumni Report

Black-and-golden welcome

Freshmen feted by alumni and parents

FROM A COOKOUT in San Diego to a poolside reception in Nashville, Tennessee, 200 incoming freshmen were treated to Wake Forest hospitality before they enrolled last month.

Twenty-eight receptions for new students and their parents were held over the summer, most in the homes of alumni and parents of current and former students.

One hundred and twenty-five freshmen, parents, and alumni attended the reception in Washington, D.C., at the home of Dale Louda ('86) and his wife, Ann Navaro.

The seventh annual Alumni Admissions Forum in June attracted 60 high school sophomores and juniors and their parents. Director of Admissions William G. Starling ('57) talks with Joan F. Bailey ('77) and her daughter, Michelle, of St. Petersburg, Florida, and Richard and JoAnne G. ('75) Marino and their son, Scott, from Dunwoody, Georgia.



New students in Nashville were invited to two events—to a Wake Forest Club dinner in June and to a pool party at the home of fellow freshman Brook Watson last month.

Receptions were held in:

Greensboro, North Carolina- hosted by Stephen ('90) and Gin Reid Blair ('77) Mitchem and Willy ('76) and Beth ('76, MA '78) Sparks

Greenville, North Carolina- hosted by Rusty ('70, JD '74) and Patsy Duke, current parents

Spartanburg, South Carolina- hosted by Digit ('69) and Beth ('71, MA '75) Laughridge

Atlanta, Georgia- hosted by Bob and Pam Thomas, current parents

Jacksonville, Florida- hosted by Hugh ('75) and Susan Greene

Orlando, Florida- hosted by

Mark ('87) and Pam Oldham

Tampa, Florida- hosted by David ('80) and Carol Stanley ('80) Stefany

Knoxville, Tennessee- hosted by Mike and Nancy Miller and Ed and Maze Bolin, current parents

Nashville, Tennessee- two events, hosted by David Baird ('65) and the Wake Forest Club and at the home of Brooke Watson ('03)

Memphis, Tennessee- hosted by Ralph Lake ('67)

Louisville, Kentucky- hosted by Hal ('89) and Heidi B. ('88) Helmers

Washington, D.C.- hosted by Dale Louda ('86) and Ann Navaro

Greenwich, Connecticut- hosted by Tim and Cindy Hultquist, current parents

New Canaan, Connecticut- hosted by Jack and Margy MacPhail and Steve and Marge Bottcher, current parents

Hershey, Pennsylvania- hosted by Frankie W. Walters ('71)

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania- hosted by Jim ('60) and Clare Mackie

Boston/New England- hosted by Jim and Jean Whittaker, current parents

New Providence, New Jersey- hosted by Tim Barnes ('73)

Long Island, New York- hosted by Bradley ('78, MD '82) and Saralyn C. Bute ('78)

North Scituate, Rhode Island- hosted by Thomas and Kathleen Hynes, freshman parents

Dallas, Texas- hosted by John and Laurie Harper, current parents

Houston, Texas- hosted by Don ('70, MA '74) and Kathy Kobos

San Antonio, Texas- hosted by John and Susan Kerr, freshman parents

Cincinnati, Ohio- hosted by Lauren and Helen Patch, current parents

Kansas City, Missouri- hosted by Charlie Schorgl ('83) and Sid Crawley ('79, MD '83)

St. Louis, Missouri- hosted by Ken ('87, JD/MBA '93) and Karen H. ('87, MBA '94) Hunt

San Diego, California- hosted by Bill ('62) and Faye Y. ('62) Strum

A l u m n i R e p o r t

Alumni Notes

- ◆ SEVENTY-FOUR children of alumni enrolled last month, making up seven percent of the class of 2003.

Of the 180 alumni children who applied for admission, 70 percent (127) were accepted. Overall, only 46 percent of the 5,331 students who applied were accepted. The "yield rate," the percentage of students accepted who actually enroll, also was significantly higher for alumni children—58 percent versus 40 percent for the rest of the class.

- ◆ ALUMNI CLUBS have been formed recently in four areas, increasing the number of Wake Forest Clubs to eighty-six. The new clubs and the presidents of each are:
Mt. Airy, North Carolina
 Kevin Beeson ('86, MBA '91)
Pinehurst, North Carolina
 president TBA
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
 Mike ('89) and Mary Dee Andrews ('93) Smith
St. Louis, Missouri
 Ken Hunt ('87, JD/MBA '93)
 For more information on the clubs program, contact Mark "Frosty" Aust ('87), (336) 758-4278.

- ◆ WHILE SPRING IS still the busiest time of year for Wake Forest Club events, more and more clubs are scheduling events at other times of the year, too.

Provost Emeritus Edwin G. Wilson ('43) will be speaking at the Wake Forest Club in Boston on September 14.

New York area alumni will be gathering in West Point for the Wake Forest-Army football game on September 11.

Around forty alumni in Atlanta attended a Braves baseball game at Ted Turner Field in June. In Kansas City, Missouri, more than forty alumni and students attended the first annual alumni/student picnic at a city park in July.

- ◆ ALUMNI WHO are classroom teachers are encouraged to apply for the Marcellus Waddill Excellence in Teaching Award. The deadline for next year's competition is December 6.
 The Waddill Award is given annually to two alumni who are exemplary classroom teachers in grades K-12 in public or private schools. At least three years teaching experience is required. Each

winner receives a \$20,000 cash award.

For more information, contact the Department of Education, (336) 758-5341.

- ◆ ALUMNI IN ATLANTA and Boston are needed to give career advice to students during upcoming Career Forums to be held in those cities.

The Atlanta forum is tentatively planned for October 15, during Wake Forest's fall break. The Boston forum will be held over Christmas break or spring break.

Alumni interested in participating should contact Josh Kellett ('97) at (336) 758-5263.

- ◆ THE HOST AND HOUSING PROGRAM is available again to prospective students who would like to stay overnight in a residence hall during their campus visit.

The visiting students are matched with Wake Forest students who show them around campus and take them to classes. Overnight visits are limited to Sunday through Thursday nights during the academic year.

Host and Housing is coordinated by the Student Alumni Council. For more information, call (336) 758-5239 between 2 and 5 p.m. weekdays. Please call at least two weeks before your planned visit. WA



Getting all wrapped up in preparations for Homecoming '99—October 22-23—are members of the Class of '49: Bill Clarke, Lucy Jenkins Johnson, Jim Frisbie and his wife, Peggy ('51), and Bill Beacham. They held a phonathon in June to call their classmates to encourage them to attend Homecoming. See page 42 for a complete schedule of Homecoming activities.

Alumni Report

President's Column

THE SUPPORT AND VOLUNTEER SERVICE of alumni are integral parts of the success of Wake Forest. We are blessed to have such a strong alumni network. As President Hearn said at the Alumni Council's Summer Planning Conference in July: "A key component of (positioning) Wake Forest as a national institution is having alumni volunteers in a lead role. Alumni mobilize to make it possible for the institution to achieve key outcomes."

I'm pleased to try to do my part to keep alumni involved in all aspects of the life of the University. I would like to thank Diana Moon Adams ('78), who so ably led the Alumni Council during the last year. I'd also like to thank members of the Alumni Council for their hard work and dedication.

The Council acts as a link between the University administration and the alumni body of over 35,000. At the Alumni Council's planning conference, council members received updates on such topics as admissions, use of technology, gift clubs, and financial support. Council members provided valuable suggestions and ideas about how Wake Forest can stay in touch with alumni and continue the tradition of personal contact that we all experienced as students.

In the coming year, the Alumni Council will continue to work with the University to support the annual giving campaigns, student recruitment, and alumni events. We also want to encourage alumni to visit campus during the year and to participate in Wake Forest events that are held throughout the country.

Finally, I'd like to thank the thousands of alumni who supported the Annual Funds during 1998-99, when I served as national chairman of the College Fund. Because of your generosity and support, the College Fund raised \$2.4 million in 1998-99, 2 percent more than last year, from about 9,300 donors, again a 2 percent increase over the previous year. I know you will be equally supportive of this year's campaign, being led by Bobby Burchfield ('76).

It's because Wake Forest has such a generous and active alumni body that I look forward to representing alumni in the coming year.

*Sammy Rothrock ('73), Winston-Salem, North Carolina
President, Wake Forest Alumni Association*

Two join staff

*Stewardship, alumni
programs posts filled*

TWO STAFF POSITIONS in the Office of University Advancement have been filled recently.

Betsy J. Chapman ('92, MA '94) has been named director of alumni programs. She will be responsible for planning on-campus events,



Chapman

such as Homecoming and President's Weekend, and working with the Alumni Council and Parents'

Council. Chapman was previously an Operations Officer and Senior Training Support Specialist with Wachovia in Winston-Salem.



Dishman

Lori Dishman, who completed a Masters in Religion at Wake Forest

last spring, has been named director of gift stewardship. She will be responsible for planning major donor events and personal stewardship of scholarship donors. Dishman had previously worked in the University's purchasing office and with the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies program. W



Campaign director named

*James Bullock will lead capital
fundraising effort*

JAMES R. BULLOCK ('85, MBA '95) will direct Wake Forest's next capital campaign, scheduled to publicly kick off in 2001. Bullock, an assistant vice president in the Office of University Advancement, has led the Office of Major Gifts and Annual Support for the last three years.

Since joining the university advancement staff in 1985, Bullock has served as assistant director of alumni activities, director of law alumni activities, director of capital support, and associate director of development. He was responsible for the regional campaigns during the University's last capital campaign, the Heritage and Promise campaign, which concluded in 1995.

"James' wealth of experience working with so many of our alumni and donors and the valuable experience of having already been through one campaign uniquely qualify him to lead our next campaign," said Sandra C. Boyette (MBA '95), vice president for university advancement. W

Class Notes



1948

Herb Appenzeller was awarded the 1999 Leadership Award, the highest honor presented by the Society for the Study of the Legal Aspects for Sport and Physical Activity. He is the Jefferson-Pilot professor emeritus of sport management at Guilford College and the author of 12 sport law books. He serves as president of Appenzeller & Associates and as a special consultant for the Center for Sport Law and Risk Management.

George Barrett (MD '52) is the recipient of UNC-Charlotte's 1999 Distinguished Service Award. A retired Charlotte radiologist, he received the award in recognition of his role as a local, state and national leader on issues of medical ethics, as well as for his work to supply drug abuse counseling/education to teenagers.

1950

Ray Keith Hodge published *Letters From Albert Hodge* this



Well-wishers greet Hiram H. Ward (JD '50) July 6 following ceremonies renaming the federal building in downtown Winston-Salem in his honor. Ward served as a U.S. District Court judge from 1972 until his retirement in 1988.

past spring. The 538-page book is a compilation of World War II letters from his brother, Albert Hodge, to family members detailing his Pacific Theater experiences and other family commentary and history. Hodge lives in Smithfield and is a retired Baptist minister.

Walter B. Joyner Sr. and his wife, Ruth, will celebrate 54

years of marriage on November 17, 1999. The couple have a daughter, a son and three grandchildren.

Richard M. Newton Sr. was recently appointed to the Virginia State Board of Medicine by Gov. James Gilmore. Dr. Newton is a practicing cardiologist in Roanoke, VA, and a clinical associate professor of medicine at the University of Virginia School of Medicine.

1955

Harry R. Hill (JD) was recently awarded the New Jersey Commission on Professionalism's 1999 Professional Lawyer of the Year Award. The award is given to those attorneys who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to professionalism throughout their careers in the law. He is a partner in the Trenton law firm of Backes & Hill.

Joseph C. Hough Jr. was elected president and appointed William E. Dodge Professor of Social Ethics at Union Theological Seminary in New York City in February 1999. Previously he served as dean and professor of ethics at the Vanderbilt Divinity School in Nashville, TN.

1956

Lowe A. Norman Jr. is serving Oak Grove Baptist Church as interim pastor. He and his wife, Mary, reside in Virginia Beach, VA.

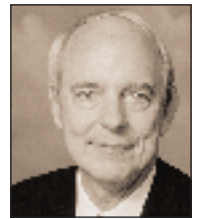
1959

Sue Wilson Lansberry has opened a gourmet cafe in the new Marsha & Jimmy Gibbs Oncology Center at Spartanburg Regional Medical Center. She specializes in developing menu items that are palatable and nutritious for people undergoing treatment.

Shirley Hoover Strickland has retired after more than 29 years of teaching English in Winston-Salem and Charlotte, NC. She enjoys playing golf and traveling to Australia, New Zealand, Alaska, Hawaii, Portugal and Spain.

1961

Larry B. Sittin (LLB '64) was elected a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, an honorary organization of practicing attorneys, judges and law teachers whose careers have demonstrated outstanding dedication to the welfare of their communities and to the highest principles of the legal profession. He is the current president



Pulliam ('65)

of the N.C. Bar Association.

1962

Lucia Pollock retired from the National Gallery of Art in Washington after 20 years. She worked for 36 years in federal government personnel administration and counseling.

1963

Diana Gilliland Wright received a Ph.D. in Byzantine history from Catholic University of America. Her dissertation was titled "Bartolomeo Minio: Venetian Administration in Fifteenth-Century Nauplion."

1964

Joseph J. Hall has been re-elected as chairman of the Northwest/Umstead Citizens Action Council in Raleigh, NC. Additionally, he has been named a member of the NCSU Chancellor's Neighborhood Advisors panel and appointed to the N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries Advisory Board for Oysters and Hard Clams. He is enjoying retirement and spending time on the N.C. Crystal Coast. He is looking forward to the 1999 football season. Go DEACS.

If you have news you would like to share — promotions, awards, honors, announcements of marriage, births, adoptions, deaths, etc. — please send it to Christine Underwood, classnotes editor, Wake Forest Magazine, P.O. Box 7205 Reynolda Station, Winston-Salem, NC 27109-7205. Internet: classnotes@wfu.edu. We are sorry, but we cannot publish third-party news unless the person submitting it provides a telephone number for verification and accepts responsibility for the accuracy of the information.

Class Notes



Viti ('67)

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Larry R. Ammons has a daughter, Beth, who graduated from Wake Forest in May.

Stig Egede Nissen has moved to Burlington, NC, and started a business called Awnings of Distinction, which sells retractable awnings. He is a retired colonel from the U.S. Air Force.

Robert N. Pulliam is founder and managing partner of Pulliam Financial Group, PLLC, in Winston-Salem. In 1998, he received accreditation in business valuation (ABV), becoming one of only 800 CPAs to earn the designation. He has since been appointed to serve on the ABV Examination Committee.

Dale Walker has been appointed president, personal financial services, at Ford Motor Credit Company. Previously he was president and chief executive officer at AIG Consumer Finance Group.

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G. William Joyner Jr. (MA '68) has been named to the board of trustees at Saint Mary's School in Raleigh, NC. He is founder, owner and president of G. William Joyner, Jr. Consulting Inc., with offices in Pinehurst and Winston-Salem.

Shuford Smith and his wife, Mary Helen, are co-authors of *The Retirement Sourcebook*, which was recently published by Lowell House, a division of



MaLaren ('71)

NTC/Contemporary books.

Melody Gyles Young retired in June 1998 after a 32-year teaching career. She now co-owns and manages a garden shop.

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Capt. **Stephen Beuttel** was elected to the Board of Regents of the American College of Physicians-American Society of Internal Medicine, the nation's largest medical specialty organization. He is program director of the internal medicine residency program at the Naval Medical Center in Portsmouth, VA; associate professor of clinical internal medicine at Eastern Virginia Medical School; and an associate professor of internal medicine at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences.

Thomas Jack Griffin Jr. retired from Dowell Schlumberger oilfield service company on September 25, 1998 after 31 years.

1 9 6 8

Wes Corle (JD) is a new grandfather. His granddaughter, Christina Elise Corle, was born in April.

William Charles Gordon (MA '70) has been named president of the University of New Mexico.

Helen Smithson Hindersman has made a major change in her life by pulling up stakes in South Carolina and moving to Montana, where she is enjoying semi-retirement.



Cagle ('73)

Kitty Harmon Kesler retired in June 1998 after teaching English in public schools for 30 years. She now tutors SAT preparation and English. Her husband, Gene Kesler, retired from the Federal Drug Administration and is now a systems engineer for M Cubed. Her daughter, Ashley, recently graduated from Gardner-Webb University and her son, Zachary, is a freshman at Bullis Prep.

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John L. Tate was elected a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, whose membership is restricted to the top 1 percent of the civil and criminal trial bar. He is chair of Stites & Harbison's product liability defense practice in Louisville, KY, and is listed in the Best Lawyers in America for his work in personal injury law. He and his wife, **Phyllis McMurry Tate** ('69), live on Innisfree Farm, where she raises pleasure horses, serves on the South Oldham High School site-based council, and still squeezes in an occasional acting assignment. Both their children, Adam (18) and Emily (16), were selected for the summer drama school at the Kentucky Governor's School for the Arts.

Jackson Daily Wilson Jr. "J.D." was recently awarded the national Mailing Excellence Award by the United States Postal Service at the National Postal Forum in San Antonio, TX. He is president and CEO of Excalibur, Inc., a North



Apple ('75)

Carolina mailing services company based in Winston-Salem.

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Jim Gadd has been named the Executive Director and COO of the Telephone Pioneers of America, the nation's largest industry-related volunteer organization. He and his wife, Cindy, have relocated to Denver, CO.

R. James MacLaren is vice president and business banking partner at Bank of Wilmington in Wilmington, NC. He is responsible for securing loans for small- and medium-sized businesses throughout the community.

Linda Berry Slinkard resides in Panama City, FL, with her husband, Mike, who is the vice wing commander of the 325th Fighter Wing at Tyndall AFB, where he flies the F-15 Eagle.

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G. Frank Cagle has been promoted to senior vice president at BB&T. He is also a member of the campaign cabinet for Davidson County Community College Foundation Inc. and is treasurer of the Lexington Barbecue Festival Inc.

Betty Moore-Hafter resides in South Burlington, VT, with her husband and two daughters. She teaches French in an elementary school and also has a practice as a hypnotherapist specializing in past-life regression.

H. Walter Townshend III recently completed a 14-month assignment as one of 14 national and

local transportation experts appointed by the Governor of Maryland to the Transportation Solutions Group. He also completed a one-year term as the president of the Maryland Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives.

1 9 7 5

Jim B. Apple was elected as the 1999-2000 chairman of the South Carolina Bankers Association. He also serves on the Board of the United Way, Palmetto Business Forum, and the Central Carolina Economic Development Alliance. For the past six years, he has served as chairman of the Wake Forest University Scholarship Program in South Carolina.

Grover C. Carico was recently named the second Faculty Chair, an honor recognizing his outstanding achievement as a teacher at St. Paul's School for Girls in Maryland. He is in his fourth year as head of the science department.

Barbara Hofmaier is director for educational resources for Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in Oak Park, IL.

Stephen A. Webb has accepted a new position as a corporate sales executive for Cardinal Health Inc., covering the Pacific Northwest. He and his wife, Paula, reside in Bellevue, WA. The couple have two sons, Christopher (18) and Paul (15). Christopher is a freshman at Wake Forest this fall.

1 9 7 6

Steve Duin (MA '79) is the co-author of the book *Comics Between the Panels*, a history of comic books that was co-authored with Mike Richardson, the publisher of Dark Horse Comics. He writes a column for *The Oregonian* in Portland, OR.

Alumni Profile

Jay Jenkins ('40)

Tough to beat

'One of the best reporters who ever roamed a capital corridor.'



Jay Jenkins: 'The state is greatly indebted to him.'

JAY JENKINS ('40) taught public school in Cleveland County, North Carolina for seventy-two days and then quit to start a career as one of the state's most astute students of politics. For almost twenty years he was arguably the best reporter in an

elite group covering the North Carolina General Assembly.

Gene Roberts, a former managing editor of *The New York Times* who covered the Kennedy assassination, the war in Vietnam, and the civil rights movement in the

South, said the "state capital beat in Raleigh was the hottest league I ever played in." Later in that speech in 1998 at UNC-Chapel Hill, Roberts said Jenkins was "one of the best reporters who ever roamed a capital corridor."

Jenkins celebrated his eightieth birthday in

early July and received a rash of compliments. Jimmy Shumaker, a veteran newsman and teacher of journalism at UNC, said Jenkins was the "best political reporter" he had observed and the "leader of that flock of young and tough writers" who once kept an eye on the state's politicians.

Jenkins, who grew up as the son of a Baptist preacher in Boiling Springs, North Carolina, probably would have been a good teacher except for a telephone call from Jesse Helms ('40). Helms, the state's longtime senator, was a newsman then and he let Jenkins know about a job covering the General Assembly for the United Press.

After additional stints with the *Shelby Star*, the *Wilmington Morning Star*, and one sandwiched in as editorial director for the *Winston-Salem Journal-Sentinel*, he wrote about politics for the *Raleigh News and Observer* for seven years and then was head of the *Charlotte Observer's* Raleigh bureau for fourteen years.

In 1969 Jenkins began affecting the political life of North Carolina in a different way. He joined the staff

of Bill Friday ('38, LL.D. '57), then president of the University of North Carolina. He created the popular "North Carolina People" for UNC-TV, wrote speeches and newsletters, was a legislative lobbyist, and dealt with many public matters.

"Jay is a great student of the political process and he has an exceptional ability to read people," said Friday. "He was a great influence for the university and the state is greatly indebted to him."

Jenkins, who lives in Raleigh with his wife, Ruth, calls himself "the oldest rat left in the barn." A modest man, he says he simply observed and reported. But he acknowledges that he and others kept a "bright and healthy light on state politics," and for his efforts, he was named to the N.C. Journalism Hall of Fame.

Jenkins shares the feeling of many journalists that as the fifty states are ceded more federal power, media coverage of state governments has declined dangerously. He does not like what he calls the media's obsessiveness with the personal lives of politicians, and points to former senator

William J. Gulbright's long-ago admonition that the country "pay more attention to the song and less to the singer."

Whatever the Wake Forest spirit is, Jenkins was christened in it. The names of his relatives and friends crowd the alumni directory. Many of the most illustrious figures in Wake Forest history hailed from his native Robeson County or adjacent Scotland County. They included Jasper Memory ('21), who taught at Wake Forest for forty-two years; Lois Johnson, who was dean of women from 1942 to 1962; and John Charles McNeill (1898), who also taught at Wake Forest and was named North Carolina's first poet laureate in 1907.

—RUSSELL BRANTLEY ('45)

Alumni Profile

Mark Wilde-Ramsing ('74)

Pirate's booty

AMERE twenty-two feet under the surface of the Atlantic Ocean, less than two miles off the coast of Beaufort, North Carolina, lies one of the most notorious pirate ships ever to have sailed the seven seas. The hundred-foot, three-masted sailing ship, equipped with forty cannons, is believed to be *Queen Anne's Revenge*, commandeered by Blackbeard before it sunk in 1718.

Mark Wilde-Ramsing ('74) is the happy man now commanding Blackbeard's ship, directing field work and managing an overall plan to explore and preserve the ship's artifacts, which are covered with silt and sand and ravaged by nearly three centuries.

The ship was discovered in 1996 by a private company that had been granted

a permit by the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources to look for a Spanish ship which was lost in the area in 1750. "We're 95 percent sure this is the *Queen Anne's Revenge*," said Wilde-Ramsing, whose adventuresome title is underwater archeologist for the state.

Wilde-Ramsing and his team dive for about a month and spend the rest of the year carefully cataloging each find. Before the site is disturbed, each artifact is photographed, observed, and recorded, including each object's position and appearance. Artifacts are placed in a cage, hauled slowly aboard a research recovery vessel, and brought to a temporary lab near the Maritime Museum in Beaufort where they are identified, tagged, cataloged on computer, and stored in water until a conservator can clean and stabilize them. So far, diving has yielded brass survey instruments, wine bottles, a brass ship bell, and three cannons.

"It can take three or four years to get the salts out of a cannon and stabilize the metal so it can be exhibited," Wilde-Ramsing said. "That's where the expense is. We don't

have a major conservation facility in the state for underwater artifacts, so right now we are looking for funds to allow us to properly continue this project. We'd like to have a laboratory near the Maritime Museum, with men and women in white coats behind glass partitions so people can observe the process of excavating and actually preserving this history."

The site has been declared a protected area to prevent anyone from anchoring, diving, or dragging fishing nets through it. A surveillance camera monitored by the Carteret County Sheriff's Department helps protect the site from thieves and vandals.

After earning his anthropology degree at Wake Forest, Wilde-Ramsing took diving courses in Winston-Salem and Wilmington. He was hired in 1977 by the Department of Cultural Resources to direct a survey of archeological sites in New Hanover County. "We spent a year snooping around backyards, identifying prehistoric sites and recording them before they were destroyed by development," he said.

As underwater archeologist, Wilde-Ramsing reviews coastal construction projects to ensure that underwater finds are not disturbed. He has studied 4,000-year-old dugout canoes, World War II submarine patrol boats, and nineteenth-century blockade runners that ran aground while bringing supplies to Confederate troops.

Wilde-Ramsing's enthusiasm for his work led him to develop an outreach kit, which he takes to eighth grade classes in the Wilmington area. "Hidden Beneath the Waves" includes replicas of ancient bottles that the children touch and turn while Wilde-Ramsing explains underwater archeology.

Wilde-Ramsing spoke September 2 at Wake Forest's Museum of Anthropology, where a Maritime Museum touring exhibit of *Queen Anne's Revenge* artifacts is on display through September 14. "I love this work," he said. "It's like playing. I never look at the clock."

—SHERIDAN HILL

An alumnus supervises the exploration and preservation of the infamous pirate Blackbeard's ship.



Wilde-Ramsing at the salvage site: 'I love this work.'

Class Notes

John Lassiter (JD '80) serves as vice chair of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Board of Education.

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David Farr has been promoted to senior executive vice president and chief operating officer at Emerson Electric Company in St. Louis, MO. He is responsible for the company's global operations. He joined Emerson in 1981 and has held several key management positions within the company.

Andrew Cooper Fix was promoted to professor of history at Lafayette College in Easton, PA.

Clinton Heyward Morgan Jr. left Donovan and Green, a multidiscipline design firm where he had worked for 10

years, in June 1997. In July 1997 he started Morgan Design Inc. in New York City. The company develops marketing communications and brand and corporate identities for a wide range of clientele.

Donald Sensing received his M.Div. degree from Vanderbilt Divinity School in May. He was made the first commissioned minister in the order of elders of the Tennessee Conference of the United Methodist Church and is in his third year of full-time pastoral ministry at Trinity UMC in Franklin, TN. He and his wife, Cathy, have two sons and one daughter, ages 5-13.

Mary Jo Sweeney was promoted to the rank of captain in the U.S. Navy and will take command of Military Sealift

Command Atlantic in Norfolk, VA, in September. In her new position, she is in charge of the Navy's logistics ships for the Atlantic Fleet.

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David Myers resides with his wife, Rosemary, in the Charlotte, NC, area. Their three children, Jason Anton, Kristin Zulfia and Daniel Dimitri, were all adopted from the same orphanage in Russia. David is vice president of marketing at Yale Security Inc., located south of Charlotte.

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Jay J. Coyle recently opened the fifth dental office of Jay J. Coyle, DDS & Associates, PA in the Charlotte, NC, area. The group practice now consists of

six doctors and more than 40 employees, with continuing plans for expansion.

Bonnie Kay Donahue was elected a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, an honorary organization of practicing attorneys, judges and law teachers whose careers have demonstrated outstanding dedication to the welfare of their communities and to the highest principles of the legal profession. She is a member of the law firm of Womble, Carlyle, Sandridge & Rice, PLLC, in Winston-Salem.

David Nicholson Guy Jr. returned to Fayetteville, NC, in 1995 with his wife, Susan, and their two sons, David (15) and Mitchell (12). He is a regional executive with Triangle Bank, with responsibility for 30

offices throughout eastern North Carolina.

William D. Hill (MS '82, PhD '89) is a tenured associate professor in the Department of Cellular Biology and Anatomy, and the Alzheimer's Disease Research Center, at the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta.

Charles L. Nesbit Jr. (MBA) was elected a vice president of Sara Lee Corporation at the company's March 1999 board of directors meeting. He was also appointed president and chief executive officer of Sara Lee Intimate Apparel. In this new role he is responsible for the Playtex, Bali, Hanes Her Way, Just My Size, Polo Ralph Lauren and Wonderbra intimate apparel businesses in the United States, as well as all

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Chapman (81)

Sara Lee branded apparel companies in Canada. Most recently he served as president and CEO of the Bali Company operating unit in Winston-Salem.

Cheryl L. Willoughby is working in school-age care in Columbia, MO, after three years of service as a cooperative extension specialist at the U.S. Army installations in Hawaii, Alaska, Japan and Korea. For nearly 10 years she lived in Hawaii, traveling and performing with her own performing arts company.

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Janice Fain Dean and her husband, Ben Dean, have two wonderful children, David (7) and Sara (4). At present, Janice is a full-time mom who still sings professionally and edits dissertations on the Internet. Her e-mail address is janice@mentorcoach.com.

Vicki Leonard Henderson is grants manager at the Community Service Society of New York, one of the oldest and largest anti-poverty organizations in New York City. She lives in Staten Island with her husband and son.

Jan Williams Murdoch has been promoted to associate dean for undergraduate programs in the College of Business and Public Affairs at Clemson University, where she has taught for 13 years.

Alan E. Rolfe has relocated to Pensacola, FL, where he has

been assigned as staff dermatologist at the Naval Hospital. He practices internal medicine, geriatrics and dermatology. His wife, Phyllis, has returned to part-time practice in pediatrics and has a full-time career as family director and mom. The couple has two children, Harrison (8) and Helen (6).

Brian Trumbore has launched his own financial and hard news Web site, StocksandNews.com. Previously, he had a 16-year career on Wall Street.

James E. Womble Jr. was promoted in April to regional underwriting and marketing manager at Liberty Mutual Insurance Company in Atlanta, GA. He is the son of **James E. Womble** ('57) and **Barbara Avard Womble** ('59). He resides in Marietta, GA, with his wife, Ann Bryan, and their children, Katherine and Ashley.

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Scott T. Chapman has been promoted to professor of mathematics at Trinity University in San Antonio, TX. He came to Trinity in 1987 and was promoted to associate professor in 1993. He was named a Fulbright Scholar in 1995.

Trina Dare Griffin Graham qualified for one of 60 spots in the continental United States for the ITU Powerman Long Distance Duathlon World Championship, held in Zofingen, Switzerland, on June 6, 1999. The race consisted of running 8.5 kilometers, biking 150 kilometers, then running another 30 kilometers. She teaches bicycle spinning at the Universal Health Club in Cape Girardeau, MO, where she resides with her husband, Doug Graham, and three sons, Hunter (6), Casey (4) and Stowe (2).

Marian Keith Smith received her master's degree in elementary classroom education from Gardner-Webb University.

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Margaret "Midge" Warren Hudson is a partner in the law firm of Pflueger & Hudson, PA. The firm specializes in bankruptcy and reorganization and has offices in Altamonte Springs, New Smyrna Beach and Debary, FL. She is also an adjunct professor of bankruptcy law at Daytona Beach Community College. She resides in Port Orange, FL, with her husband, David W. Hudson, a lieutenant in the Volusia County Sheriff's Office.

James J.S. Johnson received an MS degree in ecology and zoology in 1998. Some of his studies were synchronized with his serving as a cruise ship lecturer on Mayan history and Yucatan-Caribbean ecology for Norwegian Cruise Lines.

Francisco Forrest Martin is a visiting fellow at the Human Rights Law Centre at the University of Nottingham this fall.

D. Patrick O'Sullivan (MBA) was promoted to vice president of new ventures at Hanes Printables.

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George Adams and his wife, **Kay Adams** ('84), are currently enjoying a short-term assignment in Hong Kong with their two young sons. He is working in international logistics with Philip Morris. The family anticipates returning to the United States in the summer of 2000.

Margaret Shea Burnham (JD) is a partner in the law firm of Adams Kleemeier Hagan Hannah & Fouts PLLC and has been appointed chair of the real property section of the N.C. Bar

Association. She concentrates her legal practice in the areas of commercial real estate transactions and real estate litigation.

Deirdre Parker Smith won first place, enterprise news, in the N.C. Press Association contest for 1998. She was included in the first place staff award for general news. The enterprise award was for a five-part series on three men from Salisbury who were present when Hideiki Tyo was executed after World War II. The three had never met. The staff award was for stories about the shooting of a Spencer police officer and the following 16-hour stand-off. She also won third place in criticism in the N.C. Working Press contest.

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R. Andrew Fleming is the owner of the St. Augustine Toy Company in St. Augustine, FL. His wife, **Kathy Fleming** ('84), is the executive director of the St. Augustine Lighthouse Museum. The couple has three children, Phoebe (5), Zeke (6 months) and Jack (6 months).

Pete Nolan is a CPA in Mechanicsville, VA, where he resides with his wife, Margaret, and their two children, Caroline (6) and Matt (2).

1 9 8 5

Vance Brown has been named president and CEO of GoldMine Software Corp., one of the 100 largest software companies in the United States. GoldMine develops software that automates the processes of sales, marketing and customer support for small- to medium-sized companies. He resides in Colorado Springs, CO, with his wife, Betsy, and their three children, Collin (8), Noelle (5) and Dryan (2).

Ed Stevens resides in the suburbs of Atlanta, GA, with his wife, Martha, and three children, Julianne (13), Cody (10) and Copper (4). Ed is director of quality for a chemical company. Martha is a quality release manager for a software development company. Their kids are their hobby.

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Dawn Jameson is a human resources generalist/benefits coordinator with Summit Marketing Group in Atlanta, GA.

Carl B. Massey is an associate in the intellectual property/patent practice group of Kilpatrick Stockton LLP.

Jim Trusty is a team leader in the Montgomery County, MD, state's attorney's office and has two daughters, Hannah (4) and Molly (1).

Susan Hand Zimmermann is working as a research scientist at Corixa Corporation, a biotechnology company in Seattle, WA. She resides in Bellevue, WA, with her husband, Donald.

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Allen Frommelt is the staff epidemiologist at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology in Washington, DC.

Ronald L. Hicks (JD) was recently awarded a "BV" rating by the legal rating firm of Martindale-Hubbell. He received a "B" rating of "High to Very High" in legal ability and a "V" rating of "Very High" in general ethical standards. He is an attorney at the Pittsburgh, PA, firm of Meyer, Unkovic Scott, LLP.

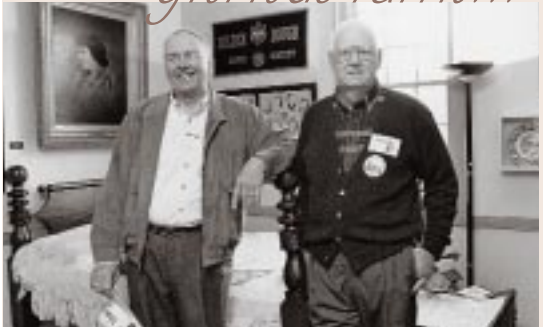
Steven A. Nedvidek (MA) was promoted to manager of marketing programs at Chick-fil-a

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Inc. He has been with Chick-fil-a for 10 years and directs the Kid's Meal program. Steve and his wife, **Susan Hardgrave Nedvidek** ('87), live in Powder Springs, GA, with their three children, Michael (7), Emily (6) and Alex (3).

David W. Orlowski has recently accepted the position of vice president and in-house counsel for AGE Federal Credit Union in Albany, GA. He and his wife, Hannah, have one son, Carson (8 months).

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Donna Elaine Bowman accepted a faculty position in interdisciplinary studies at the Honors College of the University of Central Arkansas in Conway, AR. She and her husband, Noel Murray, moved to Conway this summer.

Michael S. Bowen (MS '92) is a full-time professor at Wake Technical Community College's Health Education Department, where he teaches human anatomy and physiology, microbiology and pathophysiology. He is continuing work on his Ph.D. at North Carolina State University and serves as a captain in the North Carolina National Guard. His wife, **Kimberly Clark Bowen** ('88, MAEd '92), teaches 10th-grade English and is working on her national certification in English. The couple resides in Garner, NC, with their son, Michael (2).

Kelli Chase Clark has relocated to Sparta, NJ, with her husband, Perry, and their two sons, Stuart and Chase.

Carol Eggleston Funderburke received an MEd in instruction degree from the University of Virginia in May. Funderburke is director of admissions and financial assistance at North Cross School in Roanoke, VA.

Greg Roberts was recently named the associate dean of admission at Georgetown University in Washington, DC. He relocated to the DC area in August.

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Randolph Benson was the only winner in the documentary category of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences' 26th Annual Student Academy Awards competition. He was recognized for his film "Man and Dog."

Glenn D. Crater Jr. has finished a fellowship in pulmonary and critical care medicine at the University of Florida and is now board certified in internal medicine and pulmonary medicine. He also recently finished a two-year term on the American Medical Association's Council on Legislation. He has entered private practice in Oak Ridge, TN, and is looking forward to spending more time with his wife, Chris, and son, Andrew.

Suzanne E. Generao graduated from the Georgetown University School of Medicine in May. In June she began a residency training program in urology, which consists of two years of general surgery followed by four years of urologic surgery at the University of California Davis Medical Center in Sacramento.

Laura Papciak Hopkins earned her M.Ed. from Brenau University in December 1998.

Elwyn Murray (MBA '94) has been appointed vice president of procurement at Food Lion Inc.

Chris Scully is the owner of a fitness gym in Atlanta, GA, with professional wrestler Lex Luger. They are in the process of expanding the business and adding more facilities in the Metro Atlanta area.



Massey ('86)

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Jonathon W. Albright is vice president-business planning and analysis with First USA. Previously he was vice president and treasurer with Coca-Cola Bottling Co. Consolidated. He and his wife are expecting their second daughter, Elizabeth, in early September.

Alice Hawthorne Allen is a post-doc at Virginia Tech in the physics department. Her husband, Joseph, is employed at Concord College. The couple were married in Williamsburg, VA, in May and reside in Athens, WV.

Douglas J. Balser has completed a very successful 1998-99 school year as athletic director and coach at First Assembly Christian School in Winston-Salem. His teams won three league championships—in girl's volleyball, boy's basketball and track. This marked the fifth consecutive year that his track team captured the league championship.

Jon Britt resides with his wife, Lori, in Duck, NC, and is a boat captain and sailing school owner. He is captain of the Duck Volunteer Fire Department.

Jennifer Whicker Burke resides in Lexington, MA, with her husband Shawn, who was promoted to the Professional Education Department of Boston Scientific Corporation. The couple has a son, Brendan James (1).

Alumni Profile

Jan Mekare Fiske ('86)

The straight and winding path

GROWING UP in eastern North Carolina between the "Great Dismal Swamp and the ocean," as she describes it, Jan Fiske ('86) always knew she wanted to deliver

babies. The only child in a Southern Baptist family, she loved the idea of helping bring new life into the world. So for college, she headed to Wake Forest for pre-med studies.

So how is it that now her name is Mekare Fiske, and she's a Buddhist/Christian doing

bodywork and movement therapies for such clients as dancers, athletes, and the elderly, and she studies and teaches sacred dance?

Her adviser at Wake Forest, history professor James Barefield, suggested she venture occasionally out of the science department. "He encouraged me take an

art class every semester," she says. "For that I am so thankful." In her junior year she switched majors, to art with a concentration in anthropology. She studied painting with Gary Cook, traveled in 1984 to Venice with Paul Kaplan and Beth Sutherland, and studied world culture—on a path toward immersion in vastly different ways of thinking and living.

While working at the Museum of Anthropology from 1986 to 1988, designing exhibits and managing the gift shop, she did postgraduate studies in tribal healing and midwifery traditions, absorbing ideas of alternative ways of healing and teaching.

In the late eighties she got to watch a massage therapist working with someone with a neck injury, and she saw a path open. Enrolling at the Body Therapy Institute in North Carolina, she began melding the old dream of delivering babies with new discoveries in healing, through training in massage. She began her practice in Winston-Salem in 1989, practicing bodywork including Reiki and polarity therapy.

"I love bodywork so much," she says. "It is truly

being a midwife to another's healing and growth."

Fiske had also studied dance since early childhood; now she began studying dance as ritual for sacred purposes and as movement therapy. "I had always been drawn to the wisdom teachings of the East," she says, so she looked toward classical Indian temple dancing, a blend of high art form and spirituality. "My [spiritual path] is an eclectic one," she explains. "It's deeply influenced by the teachings of Buddhism and Christianity, with a deep devotion to the Divine Feminine."

About seven years ago she also found "Mekare," a new name for her new journey. Then she met a teacher named Prema Dasara and discovered the Twenty-one Praises of Tara, a Tibetan meditative and spiritual practice that has since shaped her life. Part of her morning devotions, the Tara Dance that expresses the Praises of Tara has also sent her to such places as Bali and Katmandu for workshops.

In Tibetan Buddhism, Tara is considered the embodiment of wisdom and compassion, "the feminine archetype embed-

ded in the psyche of all," as one brochure explains it. The ancient praises comprise a mantra, recited by Tibetans, young and old alike; each praise refers to an element of Tara, such as True Refuge, Laughter, Ferocious Compassion, Radiant Health, or Complete Enlightenment. The dance was created by Prema Dasara, and she and the women who are learning from her are traveling to Tibetan refugee camps and schools to teach the dance to Tibetan women.

Aside from traveling, Fiske maintains her bodywork practice at home. In early summer, her small front yard grew carefully planted flowers and herbs that she had placed where the ever-moving sun will reach them. Mulching and massage, the dance of the sun over growing things and the sacred dance of Tara—it seems as if the path that began with a dream of bringing life into the world was always headed in a straight line, after all.

—GENIE CARR



'I love bodywork so much. It is truly being a midwife to another's healing and growth.'

C l a s s N o t e s

Duane Corle is senior merchandise manager at JCPenney at Hanes Mall in Winston-Salem. He resides in Greensboro, NC, with his wife, Elizabeth, and two daughters, Christina and Caitlin.

Laura Daniel-Davis has been named Chief of Staff to the Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Interior.

John Darnall resides in Duck, NC, and owns Toytrific, a toy store in Duck Village. He is also a lieutenant on the Duck Volunteer Fire Department.

Grant Duffield has been re-elected to a second term as Chairman of the 100% No-Load Mutual Fund Council. He is the director of marketing for the Muhlenkamp Fund in Wexford, PA.

Christopher L. Griffith has joined the law firm of Davis,

Matthews and Quigley, P.C. in Atlanta, GA, where he practices family law.

Daniel O. Kennedy (JD) has been named a partner in the Atlanta, GA, office of the law firm Hunton & Williams. He will continue his work as a member of the corporate and securities team. His practice includes corporate representation of public and private companies, focusing on financing, public and private securities offerings, mergers, acquisitions and general corporate matters.

Devra Lynn Rafeld is looking forward to pursuing a master's degree in dance/movement therapy. She will be attending Pratt Institute in Brooklyn or Hahnemann University in Philadelphia. She is a member of a professional chamber choir and is studying voice.

Brenda B. Thompson (JD) is a senior attorney-editor for M. Lee Publishers, LLC in Brentwood, TN. Her e-mail address is bthompson@mleesmith.com. She and her husband, Joe H. Thompson, reside with their daughter in Gallatin, TN.

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Elizabeth Gardner Boulware is the association marketing director with Strategic Outsourcing Inc. in Charlotte, NC. Strategic Outsourcing is a professional employer organization providing group benefits, payroll services and human resources administration to clients nationwide. She earned her chartered property casualty underwriter designation in October 1998.

Mark Davis received his M.B.A. degree from the University of Maryland in May, graduating

summa cum laude. The program concentration was in International Business Strategy and included coursework at the University of Tuebingen, Germany, and a tour in Hong Kong and China. He has accepted the position of director of finance for Arguss Holdings, Inc. in Rockville, MD.

Steve Fowler received a JD degree from N.C. Central University School of Law in May 1999. He also was re-elected to a second two-year term as party chairman for the 7th Democratic District, comprised of nine counties in southeastern North Carolina.

Terry L. Jones II was promoted to senior systems analyst with Cone Mills Corporation in Greensboro, NC. He has been with Cone Mills for five years.

Kim Tullos Kash works for General Motors and recently accepted a temporary assignment in Shanghai, China, marketing Buick, Chevrolet and Opel vehicles. Her husband, **Mike Kash** ('91), works in General Motor's World Wide Purchasing, Service Parts Organization in Detroit, MI.

Linda Donelan Langiotti still resides in Tampa, FL, and recently moved into a new home. She is marketing manager with MP TotalCare Pharmacy. Her husband, Kevin, flies helicopters for the sheriff's department.

Martha (Marty) Mitchell Peterson received a B.S. in interior design from Meredith College. She is an interior designer with Stewart Woodard Galleries in Raleigh, NC. Her husband, John, is a native of Los Angeles, CA, and is enjoying Southern living.

Reed Lock Russell graduated first in his class from the Catholic University of America's Columbus School of Law in May. He is practicing in



Kennedy (JD '90)

the labor and employment section for Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld in its Washington, DC, office.

Steve Simpson received a Ph.D. in clinical psychology and an M.A. in theology from Fuller Theological Seminary and School of Psychology. He was also awarded the John P. Davis merit scholarship award. His research on the psychology of the pregnancy disorder hyperemesis gravidarum is in preparation for publication. He will begin work in inpatient psychiatric treatment and private psychotherapy practice in Pasadena, CA, this fall.

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Richard F. Bednarski received the Judge John W. Calhoun Trial Practice Award for talent and enthusiasm for trial practice, as demonstrated in classes or competitions at Washington University in St. Louis School of Law.

Paul E. Caldwell III received an MD degree from the Medical College of Virginia and began his residency in orthopaedic surgery in July at the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond.

Hugh Brown Campbell III (JD) was selected to become a William H. Friday Fellow in conjunction with the Wild Acres Leadership Initiative. The program is a two-year humanities leadership study. He was one of 25 Fellows selected from more than 300 candidates. He is a partner in the firm of Faw,

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Blankenship ('93)

Folger, Johnson & Campbell, which has offices in Mount Airy and Dobson, NC.

James C. Davis Jr. has relocated to Charlotte, NC, and is working as an associate in the banking and capital markets department at the law firm of Parker, Poe, Adams & Bernstein LLP.

Jennifer Gibbs works with WorldTravel Partners as vice president strategic account relations. Her husband, Sid, is a systems consultant with Clarkston Potomac. The couple reside in Atlanta, GA.

Paula Goodwin is completing her doctoral studies in human development and family studies at UNC-Greensboro.

Craig A. Kaplowitz received a Ph.D. in American history from Vanderbilt University in May and will join the faculty of Middle Tennessee State University this fall. He and his wife, Emily, live in Nashville, TN.

Jamie Press Lacey (MA) was featured in a PR Week magazine article on June 21, 1999, titled "Forty PR Stars Under Forty." She is director of electronic and crisis communications for Novartis Corporation—a leading life sciences company—in Summit, NJ. She and her husband, Mike, and son, Patrick, relocated to New Jersey from Maryland two years ago when she took the position with Novartis.



Tulton (JD '95)

Previously, she handled communications responsibilities for two Washington, DC-based trade associations.

Meredith A. Leathers is assistant vice president in the private banking group for Stockyards Bank & Trust Company.

Stephen Rixham recently received an M.B.A. from the Owen Graduate School of Management at Vanderbilt University. He has accepted a job as an associate with First Union Capital Markets in its Charlotte, NC, investment banking group.

Eric A. Surface is in the Ph.D. program in industrial/organizational psychology at N.C. State University. He also is a consortium research fellow with the Army Research Institute for the Social and Behavioral Science at Fort Bragg.

Timothy Donaldson ('92, MS '94) works for an intellectual property law firm in Washington DC. His wife, **Anna Whiston-Donaldson** (MA '93), teaches English.

Rodriguez P. Webb has been elected an assistant vice president of Wachovia Bank, N.A. in Raleigh, NC. He is small business banking manager.

Dave Whaley finished his family practice residency at Richland Memorial Hospital, Columbia, SC, in May. He joined Lauder Family Practice in Sumter, SC, in July. He and his wife, Tonya, have two children, Tripp (3) and Kate (1).

1993

Stowe Blankenship is one of four Wilmington, NC, residents selected to represent the United States at the world championships of surf kayaking in Rio de Janeiro this September.

Jackie Erickson received an M.B.A. in June from the Kellogg Graduate School of Management in Evanston, IL. This fall she will begin work as a marketing manager for drugstore.com, an Internet pharmaceutical company, and will reside in Seattle. Her e-mail address is jerickson@nwu.edu.

Jennifer Anderson Hudson received an MD in 1997 and is currently completing her third year of pediatrics residency in the Greenville, SC, hospital system. Her husband, James Wallace Hudson, is doing residency in family practice in Spartanburg, SC.

Travis O. Manning has been accepted in the master's program of Jewish studies/education at the Cleveland College of Jewish Studies in Beachwood, OH.

Michael Sellers is working for Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette as an online broker. His fiancée, Kemerie Whyte, is a software consultant for PeopleSoft. The two reside in Charlotte, NC, and are planning a spring wedding.

Margaret Evans Temkin resides in New York City with her husband, Harry Temkin. The couple is expecting their first child in December.

Neil Whicker resides in Atlanta, GA, where he has entered his third year of psychiatric residency at Emory University.

Blair Whitley is relaxing after having completed a busy year teaching first grade at an all-boys school in Richmond, VA.

She had a great time attending Caroline Booth's wedding in early June and enjoyed seeing so many Wake friends.

Edwin G. Wilson Jr. (JD) is a candidate for North Carolina lieutenant governor in 2000. Following graduation from law school, he had a one-year fellowship at the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation in Winston-Salem. Since completing his fellowship, he has been practicing with the firm of Maddrey Wilson and Etringer in Eden, NC.

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Chad V. Blankenburg works as a retirement analyst at TeamVest, LLC, an investment advisory firm.

Anne Wells Cook is working as a licensed clinical social worker with a private employee assistance program in Chicago. She and her husband, John, currently reside in Chicago.

Anissa Danielle Davis earned her master's degree in exercise science. As project director at Emory University, she developed and implemented a physical activity and nutrition program for overweight adolescents in public housing. She currently resides in Nassau, Bahamas, with her husband, Paul Petty.

Lisa Elaine Hedden Edler completed an M.B.A. at the Goizueta Business School at Emory University, concentrating in marketing and management. She is a marketing analyst in retail sales and service at Georgia Power, a Southern Company. Her husband, **Robert Edler** ('94), is working toward certification as a paramedic with the Gwinnett County Fire Department. Lisa and Rob can be reached by e-mail at ledler@alumni.wfu.edu and redler@alumni.wfu.edu, respectively.

Kimberly Garner is a clinical dietitian with cardiology, cardiothoracic and heart transplant patients. This summer she moved into the pediatric area to work with pulmonary and cystic fibrosis patients. Her e-mail address is kgarner.pem1@mail.unch.unc.edu.

Jean Fitzpatrick Gilham received an M.B.A. from The Darden School at the University of Virginia in May. She is employed with Boston Consulting Group in Atlanta, GA.

Brian R. Gracely is a product marketing engineer for voice technologies at Cisco Systems in Research Triangle Park, NC. He and his wife, Nicole, reside in Cary, NC. His e-mail address is brg@cisco.com.

Bonita J. Hairston (JD '97) has a new position with Stratos Mobile Networks USA LLC as the contract administrator. Stratos is an international telecommunications company with headquarters in Newfoundland, Canada.

Shannon Hutcherson Hines is a legislative assistant for Sen. John Shelby (R-AL).

Ernie Hobbs is a pharmaceutical representative for Eli Lilly & Co. in the Greenville/Goldsboro territory.

Heather Hoch is pursuing an L.L.M. in tax at Georgetown University.

Stephanie Verch Kelley earned an M.S. from UNC-Chapel Hill and is employed at HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital as a speech-language pathologist. Her husband, Nathan, has a B.S. degree from Duke University and is employed at Pirelli Cables as a Development Engineer. The couple resides in Columbia, SC.

Richard Paul Sonderegger is a high-tech analyst at Forrester

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Research in Cambridge, MA. His fiancée, Megan Denno, works at Ernst and Young and is a junior in the nursing program at UMass Boston. The couple is planning a December wedding in Salem, MA, and will reside in Somerville, MA, after their marriage.

Shannon Zazworsky recently left Andersen Consulting, after four years, and joined Media Solutions to sell PeopleSoft consulting services. She also became a triathlete, completing five triathlons last season. She has moved back to Atlanta, GA, where she owns a house.

1995

David Huntington Adams, Jr. received an M.B.A. from The Darden School at the University of Virginia in May. He is employed with Trader Publishing Company in Norfolk, VA.

Brent J. Baroody received an M.D. from the University of South Carolina on May 7. He is doing residency training in obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Tennessee Medical Center in Knoxville, TN.

Steve Bolin (JD) has joined the new Washington, DC, office of Brobeck, Phleger & Harrison

LLP in their business and technology practice group. At Brobeck, he will continue his corporate finance and general corporate practice with an emphasis on emerging growth technology companies.

Curtis C. Brewer IV (JD) was presented with the Outstanding Young Lawyer of the Year award in recognition of his service to the Young Lawyers Division of the N.C. Bar Association. He is an attorney at the Raleigh, NC, office of Kennedy Covington Lobdell & Hickman, L.L.P.

Jenny Werner Burke and her husband, **Rob Burke** (MAEd, '93), reside in New Market, MD. Jenny teaches middle school French, and Rob teaches high school U.S. history.

Anna L. Caldwell is engaged to **William G. Freehling** ('97). The couple is planning a June 17, 2000 wedding in Chapel Hill, NC.

Scott Dickinson (JD) has left the practice of law to join the Corporate Finance Department of The Robinson-Humphrey, LLC in Atlanta, GA.

Tina Evans graduated from the Wake Forest University School of Medicine in May. She is currently doing an internal medicine residency at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Brian Flagler received his JD from UVA Law School in May 1998. He is currently practicing intellectual property law for Troutman Sanders in Atlanta, GA, where he resides with his wife, Amy.

Aaron Gallagher received an M.P.A. from UNC-Chapel Hill. He is living in Durham, NC, with his wife, Sandra, and working for the city of Raleigh as an operations analyst.

Jocelyn Marie Gilmour is a senior accountant with Cherry, Bekaert & Holland, LLP in Charlotte, NC.

Dorman Bryan Gregory is a general contractor/speculative developer in Greensboro, NC. He is president of D.B. Gregory Inc. His wife, **Janice Stoughton Gregory** ('97), is competing her graduate work at Duke University. The couple resides in Burlington.

Erin Harzinski is living in Fonda, NY, and is the second in command for the City of Amsterdam's Community and Economic Development Department. She has written several successful grants and deals with incoming business and industry. She is pursuing her master's degree in guidance and counseling at Sage Graduate School and plans to start a new career as a high school guidance counselor in August of 2000.

Sarah Hunt received a master's degree in communication science and disorders from Baylor University in 1997. She is a speech/language pathologist at the Rocky Mount, NC, Developmental Evaluation Center. She resides in Greenville, NC.

Chris Koutsogeorgas is a second-year doctoral student at the University of South Carolina's School of Public Health, specializing in health education administration. He is also the manager of training and development for the S.C. Department of Health and Human Services.

David McConnell has relocated to Winston-Salem, where he is working for the alumni association at Wake Forest.

Brad Pitts and **Tara Sparks** ('96) are engaged to be married. He is a financial advisor

for PaineWebber in Winston-Salem. Tara is a business analyst for Wachovia Operational Services, also in Winston-Salem.

Rebecca Richards is a second-year graduate student in the Masters of International Business Studies program at the University of South Carolina. She is completing the overseas portion of the program, working as an intern in Citibank's Global Project & Structured Trade Finance Group in Frankfurt, Germany. She plans to graduate in May 2000.

Nancy Scarborough completed a master's degree in inclusive early childhood education at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville.

Michael James Seezen is a bond lawyer with McNair Law Firm, P.A. in Columbia, SC. His wife, Rebecca, teaches 2-year olds at Shandon United Methodist Church.

Cindy C. Sutton lives in Charlotte, NC, and works for Andersen Consulting.

Whitni Thomas resides in London, England, and works for JP Morgan as an associate in the high yield group. She recently purchased a flat and plans to remain in London for a while. She has enjoyed hosting Wake Forest students visiting on the international study tour or staying in the Worrell House.

Michael J. Turton (JD) has joined the intellectual property group of Kilpatrick Stockton LLP as an associate.

Katherine Vickers is engaged to **Brian Cornell** ('95). The couple is planning a wedding early in 2000. They both attend Duke Divinity School, where Brian plans to receive an M.Div. in May 2000, and Katherine plans to receive an M.Div. in May 2001.



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Sechrest ('96)

1996

Alicia Blomberg finished her first year in the physician assistant program at Wake Forest University School of Medicine. She and **Jason Copland** ('96) are engaged and planning a wedding in August 2000.

Brian C. Brady is a purchasing agent for Klaussner Furniture Industries, the largest manufacturer of upholstered furniture in the United States. He resides in Asheboro, NC.

Marc S. Dunham (MBA) moved to London, England, from Munich, Germany. He is a business unit manager for voice switching equipment with Siemens Communications.

Michael D. Erwin recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, IL.

Lauren M. Kirby is subscriptions representative at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, DC. Previously she spent three years with Starbucks Coffee. This summer she appeared as Rosalind in a production of William Shakespeare's "As You Like It" in Annapolis, MD.

Heather McMurray received an M.A. in religion from Florida State University in May. She worked on an archeological dig as an assistant square supervisor on the Kerak Resource Project in Jordan in July. In August, she began work on a Ph.D. in religion at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Jason Moss (JD '99) graduated from Wake Forest School of Law in May and recently began a federal clerkship in Greensboro, NC.

Wendy Coulson Murray resides in Naples, FL, and is a national sales manager for La Playa Beach Resort. Her husband, Mike Murray, also works in the hospitality industry.

Marisa Anne Sechrest was awarded a J.D. from Harvard Law School in June and has joined the law firm of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher in Los Angeles. She is the daughter of Steve and **Cindy Glazier Sechrest** ('65) of Acton, MA.

Michael E. Turner (JD) has taken a position with the law firm of Cabaniss, Johnston, et al in Birmingham, AL.

Tobias Jonathan Weyer has enrolled in the Columbus School of Law at the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC.

1997

Jill C. Archbold has left her position as case analyst with the State Attorney's Office Department of Child Support Enforcement and plans to begin law school at the University of Florida in the fall.

Ayanna Baccus received an M.Ed. from the University of Maryland in December 1998. She is a reading teacher in Arlington, VA, and plans to begin work on her doctorate in the fall of 1999.

Kelly Lynn Barham is attending the Wake Forest University School of Medicine.

Vinton C. Bruton IV was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps on April 3, 1998 and is stationed with the 1st Marine Division at Camp Pendleton, CA.

Heather Hartman received an MA in English and American literature in May 1999 from Georgetown University, where she was named a John Carroll Fellow and Graduate Scholar. She was awarded a research assistantship, a summer faculty assistantship, and the Margaret Ellen Kalp Fellowship by UNC-Chapel Hill, where she is continuing graduate study in the School of Information and Library Science.

Bob Klatte is a vice president with Information Resources Inc., which has recently relocated their Philadelphia, PA, regional office. Bob's new office address is 500 Office Center Dr., Suite 400, Fort Washington, PA 19034.

Helen Lafaye is living in Chicago and has been working at the national headquarters of the YMCA for almost two years in the international and human resources departments. She plans to begin graduate school in June of 2000 at the University of South Carolina's Masters in International Business School.

W. Lyle Oelrich Jr. accepted a staff consulting position with Pershing Yoakley and Associates in June.

Matthew S. Robida received an M.A. in Latin American studies from Georgetown University in May. He recently accepted a position as director of research for an international consulting firm, Kissinger Associates Inc., in Washington. He resides in Arlington, VA.

Richard S. Wright (JD) is an associate with the firm of Beanau and King in Wilson, NC.

1998

Shannon Bothwell completed his first year at the Yale Law School in May. He spent the

summer in Tallahassee, FL, working in the legal affairs department of the office of Governor Jeb Bush.

Brock Clary graduated from U.S. Army Field Artillery Officer Basic Course at Fort Sill, OK, in January and is a second lieutenant serving as a fire support officer with the 2d Battalion, 3d Field Artillery in Giessen, Germany. He commands a fire support team and advises a tank company commander on the use of artillery on the battlefield. When not training, he travels in Europe. His email address is brockclary@hotmail.com.

Farrah Moore Hughes is attending the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, where she is working toward a Ph.D. in clinical psychology.

Samantha Ligon completed her MA in American Studies at The College of William & Mary in May. She is now working full-time at Van Cortlandt Manor, an historic house museum in Croton, NY.

al-Husein N. Madhany resides in Cambridge, MA, where he is pursuing a master's degree in Islamic studies at Harvard Divinity School. He spends his free time teaching religious culture, history and theology to a wide range of audiences, from pre-teens to inmates. He hopes to pursue a Ph.D. in Islamic studies and an M.D.

E. Joy Vermillion is serving a fellowship with the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation in Winston-Salem.

1999

Jason Moss recently began a federal clerkship in Greensboro, NC.

Births

1970s

David F. Branch Jr. ('77) and JoAnne W. Branch, Lumberton, NC: son, John Williams. 2/18/99

Patrick T. McNally ('77) and Carla McNally, Nashville, TN: daughter, Morgan Chandler. 11/28/99

David Myers ('78) and Rosemary Myers, Charlotte, NC: son, Daniel Dimitri. 9/10/99 (adopted 3/15/99)

William D. Hill II ('79, MS '82, PhD '89) and Tricia Hill, Augusta, GA: adopted son, Thomas David. 7/11/98

1980s

Lisa Simon Dadouris ('82) and **Jim Dadouris** ('79), Annandale, NJ: son, John William. 4/28/99

Linda Daugherty Lenzmeier ('82) and John Lenzmeier, Raleigh, NC: daughter, Megan Elizabeth. 7/20/98

Walter N. Sherrill ('82) and Karen Sherrill, Black Mountain, NC: daughter, Ann Elizabeth. 1/6/99

Lori Hinnant ('83, JD '87) and **Rick Hinnant** ('83, JD '88), Winston-Salem: son, Peter Stuart. 7/27/98

Christina Moran-Cobb ('83) and William Gregory Cobb, Columbia, SC: daughter, Chloe Madalyn. 3/3/99

Alyson Irvin Jennette Dallas ('84) and William M. Dallas III, Griffin, GA: daughter, Alyson McKenzie. 6/6/97

R. Andrew Fleming ('84) and **Kathy Allen Fleming** ('84), St. Augustine, FL: twin sons, Zeke and Jack. 3/16/99

Gregory Scott Carpenter ('85) and Lara Ann Carpenter, Winston-Salem: daughter, Sophia Roth. 1/5/99

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Laura Southard Gill ('86) and Navdeep S. Gill, Durham, NC: daughter, Patricia Kaur. 8/21/98

Robert T. Lucas III (JD '86) and Perry Lucas, Charlotte, NC: daughter, Jane Perry. 7/5/99

Bennett Gibson Boggs ('87) and **Brenda Spicker Boggs** ('89, MA '91), Charlottesville, VA: daughter, Bethany Grace. 6/22/99

Jennifer Joyce Haycox ('87) and Thomas Ashley Haycox, Chapin, SC: daughter, Carson Ashley. 11/4/98

Terence P. Ryan ('87) and Mary del Castillo, Bethesda, MD: daughter, Emily Dowd. 4/14/99

Susan Marie Elks Cox ('88) and John C. Cox, Holly Springs, NC: daughter, Emily Caroline. 4/3/99

Geoffrey Gill ('88) and Amy Gill, Duluth, GA: daughter, Katharine Perry. 12/21/98

Virginia Williams Little ('88, MBA '94) and Steve Little, Kansas City, MO: daughter, Caroline Little. 9/9/98

Carol Jones Van Buren ('88, JD '91) and **Russ Van Buren** ('86),

Charlotte, NC: son, John Paul. 2/4/99

Lisa Beatty Walter ('88, MBA '94) and Derek Walter, Chicago, IL: daughter, Grayson Margaret Walter. 4/1/99.

Amy Trotter Buttiglieri ('89) and Steve Buttiglieri, Southborough, MA: daughter, Cammie. 1/23/99

Marion C. Fairey Jr. ('89) and Melanie Hanna Fairey, Estill, SC: daughter, Caroline Hanna. 11/12/98

Allison Reid Grigg ('89) and **Robbie Grigg** ('89), New York:

daughter, Margaret Childress. 2/7/99

Laura Papciak Hopkins ('89) and William Edward Hopkins, Cumming, GA: son, John Michael. 6/1/99

Tracy Williams Kilfoil ('89) and Tim Kilfoil, Cleveland, OH: daughter, Emily Elizabeth. 1/9/99

Milton W. King Jr. ('89, MBA '92) and **Carol McGinnis King** ('89), Jamestown, NC: daughter, Georgia Emily. 3/14/99

Beth Richmond McKinzie ('89) and Wayne McKinzie,

Charlotte, NC: daughter, Morgan Claire. 5/23/98

Daniel F. Scannell ('89) and Leslie B. Scannell, Roswell, GA: daughter, Alison Jan. 3/10/99

Elizabeth Craig Somers ('89) and Kirk L. Somers, Alpharetta, GA: son, Jackson Reed. 5/10/99

Susan W. Spengler ('89) and **Stephen C. Spengler** ('89), Mebane, NC: daughter, Mary Ella. 6/22/99

Alumni Profile

Fear, loathing, and
laughter at the
soft end of a
microphone.



Nick Adams working the crowd: there's good news and bad news in stand-up comedy.

A not-so-funny business

by Nick Adams ('95)

I CAN'T RECALL whether it was fall or spring semester. I don't know where I was on campus. I don't even remember who said it. But with two simple sentences, my life was changed forever.

"Nick, you're really funny. You should be a comedian."

Me?! A comedian? At first it seemed like a crazy idea. But to a floundering freshman college student, with no major and no real goal in life, it was better than nothing. Once I thought seriously about it, it didn't even seem like an outrageous idea. It already fit into my few criteria for potential careers. I wouldn't have to wear a suit. It looked like fun. And after a summer of watching HBO specials, "Evening at the Improv," and "Caroline's

Comedy Hour," I knew I was qualified.

So after three years of emceeing the occasional talent show and performing in the first (and to my knowledge, only) Alpha Phi Alpha comedy night, and two years of spinning my wheels in our nation's capital, I made my way to Los Angeles to become the next big thing in stand-up comedy.

THE SET-UP

Funny thing about show-biz: in a lot of ways it's just like any other profession. And one of those ways is that you very often have to start at the bottom. For comics, the bottom means open mics. An open mic is just that, an opportunity for any Tom, Dick, or Harry to come on down to the microphone and try to make people laugh.

Open mics fall into two categories. First, there is the smaller venue. Most of these are coffee houses and cafes that let amateur comics perform one or two nights a week. It's usually fairly easy to get stage time at these places, and you are usually given five to six minutes to perform, but most often you are performing to a room that consists of fourteen

other comics waiting to perform. And all of them think they are funnier than you. (They aren't.) The second category is the bigger venue. These rooms usually allow twenty or so comics to perform three or four minutes of material before the paid regulars show up. The possibility of an actual audience and the chance of being seen by an agent or casting director make these venues more competitive.

The open mic process for The Laugh Factory, for example, consists of lining up, sometimes as early as 6 or 7 a.m., to sign a list, and then waiting in line all day to ensure that no one scratches your name off that list. It took me several months to realize that those people sitting outside the club on lawn chairs and sleeping bags were comics and not homeless people. At the world-famous Comedy Store, I have personally witnessed shoving matches and fist fights between comics. All this just to sign a list, which means you can participate in a drawing for a number to perform on the same stage that Richard Pryor, George Carlin, and Jim Carrey have performed on.

THE DELIVERY

Upon my arrival in Los Angeles, I was greeted by good news and bad news. The good news is that stand-up is still hot. The bad news is that stand-up is still hot. With all the major (and minor) networks still mining the ranks of the established and up-and-coming comics for possible sitcom stars, the competition for stage time is fierce. Many established comics stopped performing for the joy of it long ago and are now focusing on doing "showcases" for the casting directors who attend looking for the next Seinfeld or Ellen. Unfortunately for us, these showcases often take place on the same night as open mics. Often, as many as forty-five comics perform in one evening. No matter how talented a newcomer is, it's almost impossible to stand out among a lineup of forty-five comics, many of them already professionals.

All of us have heard stories of an established comic recognizing talent in a young up-and-comer and giving him his or her big break, right? The funny thing is, in certain situations, the big-name comedians can be your

A l u m n i P r o f i l e

worst enemy. When a big-time comic decides to drop in on open mic night unannounced, all bets are off, and you can wind up being bumped off the list. After doing fairly well at the Comedy Store one week, I was excited about my performance the upcoming week. I had an even better number in the draw and I was feeling confident and just a little bit cocky. Then Eddie Griffin decides to drop in and work on some new material. This is the same Eddie Griffin who has had two HBO specials. The same Eddie Griffin who has appeared in movies like *The Last Boy Scout*, *The Meteor Man*, *Coneheads*, *Jason's Lyric*, *The Walking Dead*, *Armageddon*, and is the star of Master P's *Foolish*. The same Eddie Griffin who is the co-star of the sitcom "Malcolm and Eddie." Just before I was to take the stage the MC announced that the audience was in for a special treat because Eddie Griffin was there and was going to give them a few minutes. A few minutes turned into fifteen, then to thirty, and he was showing no signs of stopping at forty-five minutes when I got fed up and left.

But all of these obstacles pale in comparison to how tough it can be once you get on stage. Audiences respond to an amateur comic in a totally different way than they do to a known professional. When someone goes to a Friday or Saturday night show at The Improv they are looking at fifteen to twenty-five bucks a head, plus a two-drink minimum with drinks starting at about six dollars, and valet parking for three or four dollars. (This is L.A., remember?) At those prices, customers expect to laugh. If they know you're an amateur, they don't expect you to be funny. I mean if you were funny, you wouldn't be doing open mics in the first place, right? So their attitude is, "Go ahead—make me laugh. I dare you."

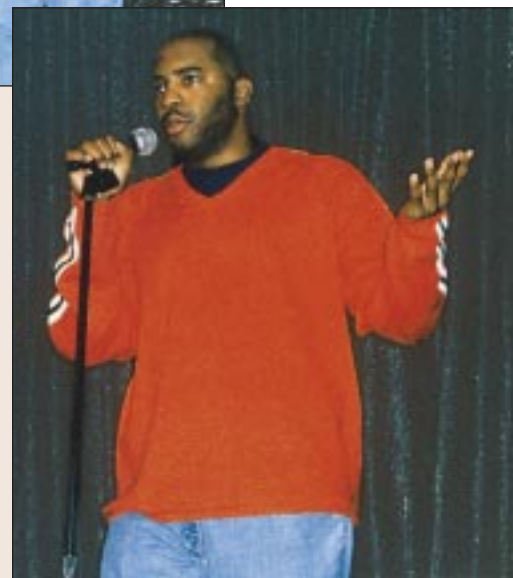
Then there's the heckler. Don't get me started.

THE PUNCH LINE

After reading this article, you may be asking, Why? Why would you put yourself through all the agony you profess open mics to be? Why not just make your family and friends laugh and leave it at that?

The thing is, I love making people laugh. I need to make people laugh. I need to make everyone laugh. The instant between the set up and the delivery of the punch line—that second or two when you know the audience is waiting to hear what you have to say, when you know that what you are about to say is going to bring forth chuckles and chortles and guffaws from every person in the room—gives me a sense of power I've never experienced in any other situation. I believe that God put me on this Earth to do three things: get married and have a family; eat Ben and Jerry's ice cream; and make people laugh. I hope I'm right—for my sake, and for the sake of all of those unsuspecting people attending comedy clubs in the Los Angeles area.

While he attempts to establish a career in comedy, Nick Adams ('95) is a researcher for LMNO Productions. He is in his second season working on the Fox television series "Guinness World Records: Primetime." He also did work on the CBS special "Surprise, Surprise, Surprise" featuring Kathie Lee Gifford.



C l a s s N o t e s

Janet Butler Wertz ('89) and William T. Wertz Jr. Aiken, SC: son, Eric Alexander. 6/27/99

Beth McInnis Wiggins ('89) and Scott Wiggins, Tampa, FL: daughter, Amanda Elizabeth. 4/24/99

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Raymond D. Cannata ('90) and **Katharine Fortier Cannata** ('89), Hillsborough, NJ: son, Andrew Calvin. 5/4/99

Donna Sizemore Chamberlain ('90) and Darren Chamberlain, Lewisville, NC: son, McKay. 3/15/99

Duane Corle ('90) and Elizabeth Corle, Greensboro, NC: daughter, Christina Elise. 4/16/99

Cathy Warren DuFault ('90) and **David DuFault** ('91), Charlotte, NC: son, William Reid. 4/7/99

Waverly McWhorter Henderson ('90) and **John Sydney Henderson Jr.** ('90, MBA '98), Charlotte, NC: daughter, Sydney Virginia. 6/25/98

Kimberly Irvine House ('90) and Clayton House, Federal Way, WA: son, Kyle Clayton Edward. 10/3/98

Jill Bartley Jones ('90) and **Terry Lawrence Jones II** ('91), Greensboro, NC: daughter, Copeland Spencer Jones. 3/6/99.

Brenda B. Thompson (JD '90) and Joe H. Thompson, Gallatin, TN: daughter, Emily Ann. 6/12/98.

Angela Threewit Carter ('91) and Scott Carter, Charlotte, NC: son, Ryan Edward. 1/7/99

Ley Chaffin Habgood ('91) and **Rob Habgood** ('90), London, England: daughter, Catherine Holleman. 12/14/98

Terry Lawrence Jones II ('91) and **Jill Bartley Jones** ('90), Greensboro, NC: daughter,

Copeland Spenser Jones. 3/6/99.

Stephanie Strauss Konrad ('91) and Karl Konrad, Durham, NC: son, Kurtis. 3/9/99

Martha (Marty) Mitchell Peterson ('91) and John H. Peterson III, Raleigh, NC: daughter, Morgan. 5/24/99

Daniel Bruce Smith ('91) and **Susan Knipschild Smith** ('91), Atlanta, GA: son, Brian Edward. 5/26/99

Ron Thayer ('91) and Kikki Dye Thayer, Charleston, SC: daughter, Kyle MacKenzie. 1/26/99

Blaine Clotfelter ('92) and Nikki Clotfelter, Marietta, GA: daughter, Lindsey Camryn. 5/4/99

Michelle Bracken Davis ('92) and **William Bradley Davis** ('92), Winston-Salem: son, Ryan Thomas. 4/19/99

Timothy Donaldson ('92, MS '94) and **Anna Whiston-Donaldson** (MA '93), Vienna, VA: son, Jack Harris. 3/18/99

April Corn Whitehurst ('92) and Sam Whitehurst, Winston-Salem: son, Quay Wilson. 8/12/98

Leslie McIntyre Queen ('93) and Hal Queen, Raleigh, NC: daughter, Caroline Elizabeth. (3/12/99)

Ann Madox Utterback ('93, JD '98) and Tracy Utterback, Albuquerque, NM: daughter, Sarah Catherine. 12/11/98

Michelle Buerkle Beischer (JD '94) and **David Beischer** (JD '94), Durham, NC: son, Nicholas Michael. 4/22/99

Drew Carpenter ('94) and Lorrie Carpenter, Rocky Mount, NC: daughter, Kieriana Ashlyn. 5/5/99

Kate Hoyle ('94) and **Wilson Hoyle** ('89), Durham, NC: son, Wilson Smith Hoyle IV. 4/1/99

Steve Bolin (JD '95) and Donna Bolin, Washington, DC: son, Andrew Patrick. 2/16/99

Jenny Werner Burke ('95) and **Rob Burke** (MAEd. '93), New Market, MD: son, Ryan David. 4/17/99

Kathleen Breen Batchelor (JD '96) and Ken Batchelor, West Chester, PA: son, Kevin Joseph. 1/27/99

M a r r i a g e s

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Marable Patterson Dowda ('51) and John Stewart Sawyer. 4/24/99

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Jan Gale Williams ('80, MA '82) and Larry Murdoch. 5/15/99.

Susan Lynn Hand ('86) and Donald L. Zimmermann. 6/6/98

Mark L. Oldham ('87) and Pam Cook. 2/14/98

Chris Scully ('89) and Angela Castonzo. June 1998

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Jon Britt ('90) and Lori Ellen Walker. 10/24/98

Alice M. Hawthorne ('90) and Joseph Lee Allen III. 5/29/99

Noelle R. Miles ('90) and Mark Douglas Griggs. 5/22/99

Amy S. House ('91) and Ralph Gillies. 3/27/99

Kim Tullis ('91) and **Mike Kash** ('91). 5/1/99

Jennifer Gibbs ('92) and Sid Townsend. 5/1/99

Jeannine Guillou ('92) and Kevin Chignell. 6/12/99

Heather Mason ('92) and Christopher MacRae. 6/26/99

Jeff Dernavich ('93) and Karen Lynn St. Amour. 6/12/99

Margaret Evans ('93) and Harry Temkin. 4/19/98

Mary Jennifer More ('93) and Marc Robert Stauffer. 6/5/99

J. Wade Tollison ('93) and Stephanie Lynn Alt. 3/20/99

Anissa Danielle Davis ('94) and Paul Petty. 4/10/99

Heather Hoch ('94, JD '97) and Dr. Douglas C. Szajda. 6/12/99

Nancy Elizabeth LeCroy ('94) and **Peter John Mohler** ('95). 6/12/99

Mary Sue Petroschius ('94) and Stephen Paul Heckert. 6/19/99

Kimberly Dawn Thomas ('94) and Daniel Melanson. 6/13/98

Stephanie Verch ('94) and Nathan Kelly. 4/24/99

Anne E. Wells ('94) and John Cook. 5/1/99

Brian Flagler ('95) and Amy Vail. 8/8/98

Cynthia C. Fotta ('95) and Jason Sutton. 5/15/99

Dorman Bryan Gregory ('95) and **Janice Stoughton** ('97). 8/1/98

Jeffrey Hicks Morgan ('95) and Heather Louisa McIntosh. 7/3/99

Stephanie Neill ('95) and Robert Harner. 4/10/99

Curtis H. Plyler ('95) and **Kristin K. Eldridge** ('86). 6/26/99.

Michael James Seezen ('95) and **Rebecca Goodrich** ('96). 8/7/98

Tricia Grant ('96) and **Steve Hunt** ('95). 5/8/99

Wendy Coulson Murray ('96) and Mike Murray. 7/10/99

Anne Elizabeth Shaffer ('96) and **David Robert Stelts Jr.** ('95). 8/14/99

David Willis ('96) and **Lenore Kralovich** ('97). 8/14/99

Kelly Lynne Barham ('97) and Kelly W. Baird. 5/30/98

Jason Robert Hade ('97) and **Jennifer Ann Crume** ('97). 6/5/99

Marla L. Bost ('98) and **Vinton C. Burton IV** ('97). 10/10/98

Tyler D. Gates ('98) and Courtney Farley. 9/5/98

Farrah Moore ('98) and **Rhett Hughes** ('99). 6/5/99

Adam Rothschild ('99) and Allison Warrington. 7/10/99

D e a t h s

Virginia Webb Cocke, May 27, 1999, Winston-Salem. She was a staff member in the Bursar's Office from 1941 until her retirement in 1971. She was the widow of Elton C. Cocke, professor of biology. She is survived by two daughters, Gilmer Van Poole and Virginia Bloch, both Wake Forest graduates.

E. N. "Red" Pope ('21), June 11, 1999, Raleigh, NC. E.N. "Red" Pope, Class of 1921, passed away on June 11, 1999, at the age of 99. At his death it was believed he was among the oldest, if not the oldest, living graduate of Wake Forest. He is survived by a son, N.W. Pope, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Robert Glenn O'Brien ('27), December 5, 1998, Oak Ridge, TN. A chemical engineer, he was the chief chemist for 34 years with Swift & Co. in Kansas City, KS. Prior to that he was a high school teacher and coach in Mount Airy, NC.

George Lemuel Hocutt ('28), February 14, 1999, Greenville, NC. He was a pastor for 31 years, serving churches in Matthews, Charlotte, Norwood, Fayetteville and Ridgecrest. He is survived by his daughter, Margaret H. Ramsdell; and two granddaughters.

C l a s s N o t e s

William Frederick Barefoot (BS, MD '32), May 18, 1999, Whiteville, NC. He practiced medicine in Wilmington, NC, after his graduation from Tulane School of Medicine in 1936 until he entered the U.S. Army Air Force in 1942. He served as a flight surgeon from 1942-1946 in England, France and Germany. After World War II he resumed his practice in Wilmington. In 1953, he moved to Whiteville, NC, where he practiced until his retirement in 1978.

Charles R. Edwards ('36), February 11, 1999, Christiansburg, VA

Conrad Cornelius Baldwin ('37), June 18, 1999, Winston-Salem. In 1942 he became a Chaplain for the U.S. Air Corps and retired with more than 20 years of service as a lieutenant colonel. He lived in Winston-Salem for 37 years after his retirement, where he was active in the Masonic Lodge and as a Deacon in Knollwood Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife, Cora Marriott Baldwin; a daughter, Helen Thurston; two sons, Chaplain Col. Charles Baldwin and Conrad Baldwin Jr.; eight grandchildren; and one great granddaughter.

Zebulon W. Stephens ('37), August 27, 1997, Fuquay Varina, NC

J.O. Bishop ('38), June 23, 1999, Rocky Mount, NC. He distinguished himself as a member of the University's first golf team and graduated with a law degree. He worked as a special agent for the FBI and served in the Marine Corps in the Pacific Theater during World War II. In 1961, he established J.C. Wheat and Co.'s first North Carolina office in Rocky Mount, where he was branch manager and president for 30 years. At the time of his death,

he had been a Deacon Club member for 48 consecutive years. He was an important volunteer in the Rocky Mount community, where he served on the N.C. State Board of Conservation and Development. He was a member of the American Legion, the Elks Club, the Kiwanis Club and a charter member of the Lakeside Baptist Church.

Charles Highsmith ('38), June 9, 1999, Troy, NC

Elton R. Peele, April 19, 1999, Raleigh, NC. He was head of the N.C. Driver's License Division for 18 years. He served as an officer in the Navy during World War II. He is survived by his wife, Hazel Privette Peele; two daughters, Mary Katherine Bolch and Louise Jordan; a stepdaughter, Sheila Stevens; and nine grandchildren.

Thomas M. Freeman ('39), February 20, 1999, Dunn, NC. He was a prominent leader in the North Carolina Baptist State Convention and served two years as president. His last pastorate was First Baptist Church in Dunn.

Dr. Donnie Hue Jones Jr. ('40), April 11, 1999, Princeton, NC

Austin Lovin ('41), February 18, 1999, Greensboro, NC. He and his wife, Ruth, gave their lives as missionaries for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, establishing seven churches in their work.

Anthony Richard Gallovich ('42), April 18, 1999, Richmond, VA

Joseph Whitener Abernethy (MD '45), April 18, 1999, Hickory, NC

William Martin Salmons ('47), June 13, 1999, St. Petersburg, FL. As a pilot of a B-17 stationed in Foggia, Italy, Captain

Salmons flew 50 missions and earned the Distinguished Flying Cross for his courage under heavy fire. After leaving the service in 1945, he returned to Wake Forest College and was graduated in 1947. He worked first with Western Electric and then as a purchasing agent with American Cyanamid, a position he held until his retirement in 1986. He is survived by his wife, Janet Graff; his son, William Jr.; and his daughter, Elizabeth Moody.

Dr. Fay Knickerbock Myers ('48), February 5, 1999, Knoxville, TN

Demar Herrond Boyles ('49), February 21, 1999, Shelby, NC

Marlie Linard Choplin ('49), March 15, 1999, Raleigh, NC

Ola Vergil Harrell ('49), March 24, 1999, Dudley, NC

Mack Dolphus Bissette Jr. ('50), November 4, 1998, Wilson, NC

B. Frank Yandell Jr. ('50), April 26, 1999, Columbia, SC. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, and served in the South Pacific in Okinawa, in China during World II and at Camp Lejeune during the Korean conflict. He served the Boy Scouts of America for more than 49 years as a professional and volunteer leader, and was recipient of The Silver Beaver Award. Surviving are his wife, Margaret Lee; a daughter Linda Byrum; a son John Yandell; and a grandson, Joshua Yandell.

Donald Eugene Bower ('51), November 24, 1998, Williamsport, PA

Kennedy Wooten Ward ('52), March 23, 1999, New Bern, NC

Wenfrey Eldred Billings ('53), June 24, 1999, Winston-Salem

Louise Patton Hearn, the mother of Wake Forest University President Thomas K. Hearn Jr., died Thursday, May 27, in Albertville, AL. She was 86. Memorials may be sent to the Louise Patton Hearn Scholarship Fund at Wake Forest University.

John F. Watlington Jr., chief executive of Wachovia Corp. for 20 years from 1956-1976, died May 31 after a long battle with Parkinson's disease. He was 88. In 1963, Watlington joined the board of visitors at what was then the Bowman Gray School of Medicine. Over the next 12 years he helped raise \$75 million for the medical center. The Wake Forest School of Medicine honored Watlington by naming an academic office building for him.

Kathryn Ann Clendenin, a rising junior at Wake Forest, died suddenly on June 16. A campus memorial service will be held early in the fall. Memorials may be sent to Bill Burns Scholarship Fund c/o Herndon United Methodist Church at 701 Bennett St., Herndon, VA 20170.

Marion Joseph Signore ('56), April 28, 1999, New Brighton, PA

Dr. Adolphus Reid Allison Jr. ('57), May 23, 1999, State College, PA

Raymond Benjamin Farrow ('59), February 9, 1998, Glen Burnie, MD

Paul Everette Biles ('62), October 20, 1997, New Bern, NC

Levi Gillikin Jr (MA '67) January 24, 1999, Englewood, CO

Gary Price Todd (MD '67) November 13, 1998, Waynesville, NC

Norma Jean Parsley Robinson ('73), June 20, 1999, Greensboro, NC. She was a member of the Ardmore Baptist Church in Winston-Salem and was a member of the Deacon Club. She was owner of the Burnsville Insurance Agency, Greensboro

division. She is survived by her husband, Charles Robinson; son, Mark Robinson; mother, Lillie Parsley; and brother, David William Parsley Jr.

Michael Ralph Greeson Jr. (JD '75), June 20, 1999, Greensboro, NC

Alan Gerard Zyskowski ('77), April 24, 1999, Grand Rapids, MI

Milan George Slahor (JD '85) March 6, 1999, Scottsdale, AZ. He had a law practice in Scottsdale, specializing in international law. Previously he was a pilot for Piedmont and American Eagle airlines.

Brian Wesley McDaniel ('91), May 15, 1999, Henderson, NC

T h e L a s t W o r d



Jane O'Sullivan ('89)

Full circle My experience as an undergraduate student at Wake Forest University can be summarized in a single word—exploration. The outcome was discovery—about my inner self, about my immediate surroundings, and about our world.

AS A FRESHMAN, I was enrolled in Survey of Major British Writers taught by Dillon Johnston. Through his friendship with the Irish poet Thomas Kinsella, I enrolled in a program at Trinity College Dublin during the spring of my sophomore year. From January through May I explored the British Isles and met an incredible array of people, including an all-star line-up of Irish intellectuals. Equally as important, I forged friendships with other students that have lasted to this day.

My second study-abroad opportunity came rather unexpectedly. I remember reading an article in *The Old Gold and Black* about a group of Wake Forest students traveling to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics during spring break. I had not taken any Russian language courses, but I was fascinated by the idea of what life was like on the other side of the then-Iron Curtain. Together with fellow students, I walked the streets of Tashkent in Uzbekistan and visited the apartments of black market traders in Leningrad. It represented another face of humanity—in many ways different but also remarkably the same—to the one we knew back home.

The summer between my junior and senior years, I was fortunate to live and study at Worrell House, Wake Forest's London residence. After working in solitude at the library

all day, it was a joy to come home to share my findings with my housemates, to discover what adventures they had had that day, and to make plans for evening excursions.

All of these experiences inspired me to apply for a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship, and I continued my explorations during a postgraduate year of study at the University of Auckland in New Zealand. The essential elements of interacting in a meaningful manner with the people around me, regardless of cultural differences, were skills that I developed because of the window to the world Wake Forest had opened to me.

I now work for Rotary International at its World Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois. Recently I returned from a business trip to Hong Kong and Singapore. In Singapore I had dinner with Pamela Basciani ('90), a friend who studied with me at Wake Forest and now works as a manager for Coca-Cola there. We shared the feeling that our meeting half a world away was due in large part to our opportunities as Wake Forest undergraduates. In the words of the poet T.S. Eliot, neither of us had "ceased from exploration" of the world during the intervening years. In so doing, we realized that we now know—and appreciate greatly, perhaps for the first time—the place from whence we started. That place is Wake Forest University. **W**

