The legacy of the Presidential International Scholars

Sending a Wofford student to study in the developing world for the better part of a year with not much more than a credit card must have seemed an odd proposition in 1985, when the college launched the Presidential International Scholarship. Presidential Scholars in the first years had to operate without regular communication with the campus or their families and in areas where they did not always have local contacts or support networks. It was an experiment, for as first Presidential Scholar Collier Slade ’87 explained to Wofford Today before his trip, although students spending part of their junior year in Europe was not uncommon, “this plan called for work on some special topic of my own choosing in a variety of places.” The scholar, chosen personally by the president of the college, was to be the student in the rising senior class “best able to make a contribution to human kind.” After their year of study, scholars are expected to return to campus to share their experiences with fellow students and members of the community.

From these innovative roots, the program has grown over the past quarter-century, with 28 students having benefited from the experience to date. Many aspects of the scholarship have changed considerably over time. The advent of almost universal Internet access has helped recent scholars maintain much greater contact with faculty members and advisers on campus, and the program has become much more structured. Students are able to follow the scholar’s exploits more easily, as many of the recent ones have kept blogs or posted updates to websites. Recent scholars have been able to take advantage of college contacts and various consular arrangements to help them plan their studies. Still, the onus remains on the scholars to make their arrangements, plan their topic of study, and check out experiences as they travel.

Most everything about the program is a little unusual. The anonymous donor insisted that the final selection rest in the president’s hands alone. The focus on the developing world, especially in the closing years of the Cold War, was very forward-thinking.

The anonymity of the donor is also unusual, but the scholars do spend time with him, and all reported that he has been very interested in their plans and their experiences. In a 1993 interview with the Old Gold & Black, the donor expressed hope that other colleges in the region might launch a similar program. His own experiences in life led him to develop the scholarship, and he wanted to do something that would help Wofford students see a bigger world. He chose to remain anonymous, he told the newspaper, because he felt that the scholarship belonged to the scholars themselves.

Especially in the earlier years, the scholar helped bring a little more of the world back to the campus. It became part of a view, also popular on campus at the time, best expressed in the phrase “think globally, act locally.”

Some of the topics scholars have studied included global deforestation, wealth distribution in former British colonies, immunology programs in the third world, comparative higher education systems, comparative primary and secondary school systems, water resource management, urbanization in developing countries, volunteerism and human service, historic preservation, Christian missions, and the Islamic roots of democratic pluralism. A number of recent scholars have studied some aspect of community development.

On their return, Presidential Scholars share their experiences with the campus. Often this is done in informal settings with their fellow students, or in formal presentations to campus and community groups. Some of them have been a bit further. Ingrid Hutto ’90 wrote a book, “No Wrong Mountain,” an account of her travels. Scott Neely ’00 also wrote a book, “A Good Road to Walk.” Dwain Pruitt ’95 produced a television documentary, “Postcards from Africa,” which was made available to local schools. Each scholar has, in his or her own way, shaped the program, and the experience has changed them all.

“It was the opportunity of a lifetime, and it was an educational experience that I will never forget,” said Joey Davidson ’91.

by Dr. Phillip Stone ’94

Presidential International Scholars program extends range

Three Wofford students have been tapped by President Benjamin B. Dunlap for Presidential Scholarships that involve international travel and study beginning this fall.

David Moore ’13, a triple major in chemistry, mathematics and German and a Richardson Family Scholar, has been selected as the 29th Presidential International Scholar. Brian McCracken ’13, a double major in government and economics with a minor in religion and a member of the varsity track and field team, and Chris Bourean ’13, a double major in biology and finance who plans to attend medical school, have been named the inaugural Presidential Global Studies Scholars.

These are three extraordinary individuals, as generously disposed toward others as they are ambitious for themselves,” Dunlap says. “They are among the best we have to offer, but they are also typical of what our students aspire to be... Adding the Presidential Global Studies Scholarships to our already existing Presidential International Scholarship enables us to extend Wofford’s impact abroad, and, because each will return for next year’s spring semester, they will be able to share their experiences on campus directly following their return.”

Moore is interested in studying the development and use of biofuels, especially in South America, during his time as the Presidential International Scholar.

McCracken’s Global Studies research project will focus on “Good Government at the Grassroots,” focusing first on South Africa and then on Botswana, Zimbabwe and Kenya. Bourean’s project will be “Developing Health Care in the Developing World,” focusing on such groups as the World Health Organization, Partners in Health and the Acumen Fund in India as a primary destination, followed by shorter periods in South Africa, Brazil and Haiti.

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ON THE COVER: Dr. Benjamin B. Dunlap confers degrees on the Class of 2012. This spring President Dunlap announced his retirement. The college’s 10th president will serve through the 2012-2013 academic year while the Board of Trustees performs a national search for his successor. For more information about the Dunlap years, see page 5.

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Wofford professor selected as one of the best in U.S.
Dr. Charlie Bass featured in Princeton Review’s book of “Best 300 Professors”

Dr. Charlie Bass, the Dr. and Mrs. Larry Hearn McCalla Professor of Chemistry at Wofford, has been named one of the country’s best undergraduate teachers by The Princeton Review.

The profile of Bass, printed in the new book, “The Best 300 Professors” (Random House/Princeton Review) notes that he “prefers to go straight to having his students attempt to solve problems.” He says in the book, “That way, I can help them correct misconceptions. I think this is much more effective than watching me solve problems for them.”

Bass believes that “positive reinforcement helps students gain confidence to become willing to work harder,” his profile reads, noting that he “cares deeply” that his students “get it.”

“I will work as hard as I can to help them understand the course material,” Bass says.

College administrators and other faculty praise Bass for his commitment to teaching, but Bass gains the most satisfaction from the success of his students.

In “The Best 300 Professors,” one student notes, “Dr. Bass is awesome and makes the incredible pain of learning organic chemistry slightly bearable. Definitely recommended.” Another says, “Organic chemistry is an impossible subject, but his funny personality and perseverance in teaching make you comfortable in trying to learn it.”

Bass credits his wife, Carri, and children, David ’15 and Michael, with supporting him in his teaching career.

“I am blessed to have a very patient wife and children. Their love and support throughout my career have made it possible for me to spend extra time outside of class with my students. Carri in particular has been unbelievably supportive. She is always there when I need her most. Her words of encouragement always lift me up when I need it.”

In the book, Bass also receives credit for working tirelessly to build the new organic chemistry laboratory, dedicated earlier this year to Dr. William P. Cavin ’45, professor of chemistry at Wofford from 1946 to 1988.

“Dr. Bass traveled with me to many cities to present the case for support of the new organic lab,” Marion Peavey ’65, senior vice president for development and college relations, says. “Invariably, former Wofford students of his — many of whom are now in the medical profession — would tell me that he was their favorite professor, primarily because of his teaching skills and his willingness to take extra time to help them understand complex problems.”

Bass received the Roger Miliken Award for Excellence in the Teaching of Science at Wofford in 2006. He also has been recognized numerous times as the faculty member of the year by the Panhellenic Council at Wofford and by the Wofford Campus Union. He serves as the pre-dental advisor and also is the scout advisor to Wofford’s Pi Iota Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, a national service fraternity.

A graduate of William Carey University in Hattiesburg, Miss., Bass received his Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Tennessee. He did post-doctoral research at the University of British Columbia and the Cancer Research Institute at Arizona State University. He was taught at Wofford since 1988.

Bass participated in the Green Chemistry in Education Workshop at the University of Oregon and participates annually at the Denal Day advising conference at the Medical University of South Carolina. He is a member of the American Chemical Society (Organic and Educational Divisions) and the Western Carolinas Division of the American Chemical Society.

The selection of the best 300 professors took into account qualitative and quantitative data from survey findings and ratings collected by both The Princeton Review and RateMyProfessor.com. The professors in the book are not ranked, but each one profiled received high ratings from their important audiences, beneficiaries and critics: the students they teach and inspire.

Jefferson named college’s Chief Financial Officer

Barbie Jefferson has proven herself through superb service to the college as associate vice president for finance and controller,” President Benjamin B. Dunlap says. “Her role as chief financial officer and her continued work directing business operations will assure a smooth transition going forward into the next academic year. All of us in the college’s senior administration are pleased to welcome her to this new responsibility.”

Jefferson joined the Wofford business office in April 2006. Most recently, she has acted as associate vice president for finance and controller. A graduate of Columbia College (S.C.) with a B.A. in accounting, she earned a master’s degree in accountancy at the University of South Carolina.

Jefferson’s promotion comes after Senior Vice President Robert L. Keauser accepted the position of vice president for finance and treasurer at Centre College in Danville, Ky. Keauser had been a member of the president’s cabinet at Wofford since 2002. He also served on the small institutions council of the National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO) and chaired the South Carolina Independent Colleges and University Business Officers Association.
On May 15, Dr. Benjamin B. Dunlap, Wofford’s president since 2000, announced that he plans to retire from that position in June 2013.

He will retain his appointment as the Chapman Family Professor in the Humanities, which he accepted in 1993, and after a year-long sabbatical, he will return to teaching at Wofford.

Dunlap made this statement to the campus community, alumni and friends:

“At this morning’s meeting of the Board of Trustees, I announced my plans to retire as president of Wofford College as of June 30, 2013 — that is, a little less than 14 months from now. I’m making the announcement so far in advance in order to give the board plenty of time to conduct a national search for my successor.

“I have retained my appointment as the Chapman Family Professor in the Humanities, and, after a year’s sabbatical leave, I intend to return to teaching at Wofford. I also plan to devote more time to other continuing commitments, such as my role as senior moderator for the Aspen Institute and for the Liberty Fellowship of South Carolina.

“As only the 10th president in the college’s long and storied history, I have had an exhilarating turn around the track for which I especially want to thank Joab Lesesne, who ran such a brilliant lap ahead of me, and all the faculty, staff, alumni, students and trustees who paced me every step of the way. Needless to say, I feel fortunate to be able to pass the baton while I’m still in full stride, and I will be as interested as the rest of the community in discovering who the person is to whom I’ll pass it.”

J. Harold Chandler ’71, chairman of the Board of Trustees says, “There is only one Bernie Dunlap, and Wofford is fortunate to have had him as our leader for the past 12 years. His contributions are immeasurable. Bernie has lifted our sights on many fronts, and his legacy will continue to benefit Wofford for years into the future. And, speaking of the future, we at Wofford for years into the future.

During Dunlap’s Presidency, 2000-2012

July 1, 2000 — Dunlap becomes Wofford’s 10th president, following the retirement of Dr. Joab M. Lesesne Jr.

April 24, 2001 — In impressive ceremonies, Dunlap is inaugurated and the Roger Milliken Science Center is formally opened.

2003 — Football team wins SoCon championship, advancing to the national NCAA Division I-AA Semifinals. Other championships and FCS playoff appearances follow.

2004 — After two years of planning, the Liberty Fellowship of South Carolina selects its first class. Conceived by Dunlap and founder Hayne Hipp, it becomes the Aspen Institute’s only domestic partnership based at a college or university. Dunlap serves as a senior moderator for Aspen Institute programs in Africa, Europe and the U.S.

May 2004 — Dr. Ellen Goldey receives the first annual Roger Milliken Award for Excellence in Teaching Science. In 2005, an award for teaching in the humanities is created in honor of the late Dean Philip Covington. Dr. Nancy Mandlove is the first recipient.

Fall 2004 — Thanks to a gift from Greenville entrepreneur Grant Peacock, Wofford adds Chinese language and culture to the curriculum.

August 2005 — Wofford is featured in an important study about engaged learning: “Student Success in College.” The book grew out of Project Deep, which chose benchmark campuses based on student scores on the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE).

October 2005 — Wofford launches the public phase of a $105 million fundraising campaign for endowed programs and facilities. Jerry Richardson ’59 chairs the campaign, with Hugh Lane and Harold Chandler ’71 serving as co-chairs.

Spring 2006 — Wofford presents its first Sandor Teszler Award for Moral Courage and Service to Humankind.

Fall 2006 — Construction begins on the Wofford Village, an award-winning “new urban” community for student residential living that reflects the vision of trustee Mike Brown ’76. The project was completed in the fall of 2011 with the opening of the Michael S. Brown Village Center. Brown’s leadership also is reflected in “Fun Funds,” internships, scholarships and the Wofford Forever Challenge.

February 2007 — Dunlap speaks as Wofford celebrates the completed restoration and modernization of Main Building.

March 2007 — One of “50 remarkable people” invited to make a presentation, Dunlap speaks about Sandor Teszler’s “passionate life” at a TED (Technology, Entertainment, Design) Conference. The inspirational video goes “viral” on the Internet, reaching 628,000 views on the TED website.

June 2007 — Wofford plays host for the seventh biennial conference of the Association for the Study of Literature and the Environment (ASLE).

2008 — The environmental studies program is launched, graduating its first major in 2010. The Goodall Environmental Studies Center is not only a LEED platinum facility but also claims a series of awards in historic preservation.

December 2008 — Having surpassed its $105 million goal, the Campaign for Wofford ends a year early. The final accounting reflects funding for 142 new scholarships and 11 new professorships as well as more than $15 million for new facilities.

April 2009 — Dunlap becomes a signatory of Presidents Climate Commitment. Subsequently, a campus-wide sustainability audit is conducted by Jeff Ross-Bain, considered by many to the nation’s leading authority on “green building.”

June 2009 — Thanks to a gift from Joe E. Taylor Jr. ’80, the old physical plant headquarters is transformed into a modern center for coaches and student-athletes.

March 2010 — Wofford’s men’s basketball team wins both the Southern Conference regular season and tournament championships and takes on Wisconsin in the first round of the NCAA tournament. Those “firsts” become “seconds” a year later.

November 2011 — Van Hipp ’82 works diligently behind the scenes to bring the 2011 South Carolina Republican Presidential Debate to Wofford.

May 2012 — Dedication ceremonies are held for the Montgomery Music Building, which houses both choral and instrumental programs.

May 2012 — Dunlap announces that he will retire as president on June 30, 2013.
Two Wofford students will travel to Israel for an archaeological excavation this summer while others will spend their time on campus conducting laboratory research. They are receiving financial support using grants from the South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities (SCICU) Student Faculty Research Program.

The program aims to engage students in professionally guided research, helping them to develop critical thinking, inquiry and communication skills. Thirty-six students from 14 SCICU member institutions have been selected for awards this summer. After the projects are completed, SCICU hosts a Research Symposium.

According to Dr. B.G. Stephens ’57, professor emeritus of chemistry at Wofford who also chairs the SCICU Research Committee, professors seek out students who are willing and capable of conducting research during the summer months. The students conduct the research themselves and routinely report to their sponsoring faculty members. After the projects are complete, SCICU hosts a Research Symposium.

Rob Levin ’14 and Tyrell Jemison ’14 will spend a month in Horvat Kur, Israel, for an archaeological excavation with Dr. Byron R. McCane, the Albert Outler Professor and chair of the Department of Religion, who has conducted numerous such digs. The grant of $5,454 will cover the round-trip airfare for the students. In Israel, they will get first-hand experience at archaeological excavation and interpretation while acquiring advanced experience and understanding of the way archaeologists collect and interpret evidence from the past.

Under the supervision of Dr. Ramin Radfar, associate professor of chemistry, Paul Inclan ’14 will study protein expression, extraction, purification, crystallization and activity measurements. The $4,450 grant will provide Inclan with an opportunity to have hands-on experience in a biochemistry laboratory, getting acquainted with new instruments and new ideas.

Reagan Styles ’13 will conduct psychology research under Dr. Kara Bopp, assistant professor of psychology, on cognition and working memory. Styles began her research project during Interim this year as an independent research project using a sample of college students. This summer, Styles’ grant of $2,450 will allow her to further her research on older adults. She hopes to be granted publication on her final journal article, which will help her when applying to psychology graduate programs.

Kaitlin Brown ’14 will study the "use of the bacterial one-hybrid system to identify the DNA binding site for CcbH in Halothiobacillus neapolitanus" with Dr. Stefanie Baker, associate professor of biology. Their grant was $4,260.

The SCICU research program is an excellent way for students and faculty to work together in meaningful and fairly co-equal ways," says Stephens. "It is a useful mechanism for students to use to 'springboard' into graduate research.

For more information on the SCICU Student Faculty Research Program, visit www.scicu.org.

$383,000 MAC Foundation grant to support "Thinking Like a River" program

"Thinking Like a River," a new three-year initiative at Wofford College, will offer unique, hands-on experiences with area rivers for students, faculty and area residents.

Wofford’s environmental studies program, directed by Dr. Kaye Savage, has received a $383,000 grant from the Margaret A. Cargill (MAC) Foundation to bring the college community together with local citizens to "comprehend, celebrate and create an enduring culture of sustainability on rivers." The project will integrate perspectives from the natural sciences, social sciences and humanities and arts.

The grant proposal was drafted by Dr. B.G. Stephens ’57, professor of chemistry emeritus, and Dr. Terry A. Ferguson ’75, associate professor of environmental studies and sociology and senior researcher for Wofford’s Goodall Environmental Studies Center.

The grant was announced Tuesday, April 24, at the Santer Coop Lecture Series on Sustainability and Energy Issues. Award-winning environmental writer and photographer Tim Palmer was the guest speaker.

"Rivers in the South have always worked hard for a living, and we in environmental studies hope that the MAC Foundation funding of the 'Thinking Like a River' initiative will help raise the watershed consciousness of our community," says John Lane ’77, associate professor of environmental studies and English and director of the Goodall Center.

"Thinking Like a River" encompasses three central components. A floating seminar series will engage Wofford students and faculty, Spartanburg area teachers and the initiative’s Fellows in river exploration and investigation. The river experiences will incorporate readings, discussion, interviews with watershed residents and stakeholders, journaling and site analysis. The series will include one- and two-day float trips during regular semester courses and three- to five-day float trips during the summer. Interim term experiences during January, which will be funded separately from the grant, will use longer trips.

The Goodall Center is located on the Lawson’s Fork Creek in Glendale, S.C., which has a fascinating geologic, prehistoric and historic past. Combined with the modern river environment and dawning revitalization of the area, the potential for outreach is tremendous, Lane says. "We will install instrumentation and draw attention to natural and social history in order to facilitate development of educational activities for adults and K-16 students." The plan also includes hiring an outreach coordinator.

To create a culture of watershed appreciation and protection, community leaders must know about what threatens the health of rivers, and why people love them, Savage notes. "The Fellows program will invite citizens, including business leaders, governmental representatives, and nonprofit representatives as well as Wofford alumni, to spend a year participating in the floating seminars and other events. The Fellows will develop projects to improve awareness of rivers and water quality."

"Although the 'Thinking Like a River' initiative is a three-year effort, the work that we do will have lasting impact through the development of leadership and education at all levels," Savage continues. "Materials relating to the new curriculum, as well as concrete resources, such as a stream gauge, weather station, herbarium, 'dam cam,' gear, and data, will remain in use for years to come."

The MAC Foundation has supported Wofford’s environmental education and outreach since 2009. Funding from the foundation has been used to implement a week-long environmental science workshop for middle school teachers and an environmental writing workshop for students, teachers and community members.

The MAC Foundation is the legacy of Margaret A. Cargill and was created at her direction after her death in 2006. The foundation’s vision is “dedication to providing meaningful assistance and support to society, the arts, the environment, and all living things.” More information can be found at www.macfoundation.org.

by Laura Hendrix Corbin
NEH awards grant to two Wofford faculty exploring enduring questions

The National Endowment for the Humanities has awarded two Wofford professors an Enduring Questions Pilot Course Grant for its 2012 grant cycle. Dr. Christine Dinkins and Dr. Julie Sexeny received the $20,000 grant to collaborate on the development of a first-year “Seminar in the Humanities” course that will address the issue of education in a democratic society. The NEH awarded only 20 grants in a national competition that drew over 200 applications.

The funded project “How Do We Best Educate Citizens?” explores the purpose and function of education in a democracy. Drs. Dinkins and Sexeny will tackle the topic with students in two humanities sections in Fall 2012, as well as an additional section to be taught in Fall 2013. Among questions students will consider are what goals, content and pedagogical methods best educate citizens in a democracy. The course also encourages students to foster an intellectual community with peers in their entering class and consider the merits of their own liberal arts education as it happens.

Sexeny, assistant professor of English, says she drew inspiration for the Enduring Questions grant project from the current debate about accountability for student learning in higher education. “The questions we ask resonate with the data at the local and national level regarding a crisis in education. We wanted to develop a course that would invite students to consider the meaning and purpose of higher education as they were embarking on their own experience of it.” Sexeny added that the course also invites students to experiment with technology for discussion and thereby models practices that will adapt the traditional seminar format for the 21st century.

Dinkins, associate professor of philosophy, says she hopes students will immediately apply lessons from the course to a new understanding of themselves as citizens. “I’m excited that the first seminars will run in Fall 2012, when many of our students will be voting for the first time in a national election. We anticipate students will perceive the questions we study as exceptionally relevant, given that context.” Dinkins and Sexeny hope the course takes them on a journey with their students, together exploring pathways to an engaged Wofford education and a lifelong sense of citizenship.

Dinkins and Sexeny will work together this summer to design the three units of the course: “Why do we teach and learn?” “What do we teach and learn?” and “How do we teach and learn?” They will also plan how to train students in the basic skills and methodology of interviewing and documentary filmmaking to enable students to film interviews with teachers and students at Wofford, other colleges or local schools for short documentaries as part of a final collaborative project. Each documentary will be centered on a specific question about the education of citizens, and the short films will be screened for the campus community at the end of the semester.

Students will engage in quantitative and qualitative assessment of the course at the end of the Fall 2012 semester. Then, Dinkins and Sexeny will meet again in Summer 2013 to study those assessments and revise and improve the course to be taught again by each of them in Fall 2013.

“Enduring Questions” is a new NEH program that has been very well received across the country,” says Wofford President Benjamin B. Dunlap. “This year, fewer than 10 percent of applications were funded, so this news puts us in exclusive company. More importantly, all our students will benefit immensely from the work that two very talented faculty members are doing to focus and improve our first-year experience.”

The current NEH grant project builds on the foundation laid by collaborative faculty work funded by a 1973 NEH grant that launched the first-year humanities seminars at Wofford. The college won that $400,000 grant, the largest ever made at that time to an institution of higher education in the Carolinas, with a proposal that advocated the educational advantage of exploring value questions in small classes led by professors from various disciplines.

by Doyle Boggs ’70
Farrenkopf honored by South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities

South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities (SCICU) has recognized Dr. John Farrenkopf, associate professor of government, with a 2012 Excellence in Teaching Award.

"John possesses the special combination of skills, intellect and commitment that so often characterizes the outstanding teacher. It comes as no surprise to us that he is admired and loved by students and colleagues alike," says Dr. David Wood, Wofford senior vice president and dean of the college, pointing out that Farrenkopf personifies the essence of teaching at a liberal arts college with his passionate dedication as a teacher, advisor and mentor.

Farrenkopf joined the Wofford community in 2006, attracted to the opportunities to teach government and international relations courses at a liberal arts college in the South. He earned his bachelor's degree in history from Trinity College, a master's degree in government from Georgetown University and his doctorate from the University of Virginia in foreign affairs with an emphasis in international politics.

He has been awarded two Fulbright appointments overseas along with several other professional honors and recognitions. He is perhaps best known in academic circles for his book, "Prophet of Decline: Spengler on World History and Politics" (LSU Press, 2001). Along with Arnold Toynbee, Spengler is arguably the leading philosopher of world history in the 20th century. His magnum opus was "The Decline of the West." The noted historian John Lukacs has referred to Farrenkopf’s book as "the most thorough explication and exegesis of Spengler’s life-work now available in English."

"Wofford is a great place to teach and my experience has been very positive here," Farrenkopf says. "I have the privilege of teaching many bright and industrious students. I have the opportunity to learn from colleagues from various departments who are experts in their field, enjoy various enriching cultural experiences and guest lectures on campus and benefit from the assistance of a talented administration and staff."

Each year, each of the 20 member institutions of the SCICU nominates one faculty member to receive the award, which includes a professional development grant for the professor. The nominees are dedicated individuals who are value-centered, passionate, creative and caring. The most important characteristic of the nominees is their commitment to work one-on-one with the students of their liberal arts institution, bringing a rich diversity of education, experience and interest to the campus.

For additional information about SCICU, visit www.scicu.org.

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Faculty Update

How to Live a Happy Life

My friend Dr. Lee Hagglund is retiring this spring after teaching at Wofford for 35 years (1977-2012). On Thursday, April 19, he delivered his “last lecture” to a capacity crowd in the teaching theater of the F.W. Olin Building. The talk was titled, “How to Tune Your Lute, or How the Pythagoreans Could Have Seen the Ocean from Their Boats.” The title would be a little difficult to explain in just a few sentences, but the scholarly work behind it was thorough and convincing, and it was delivered with a passion typical of Hagglund’s career at Wofford. Listening to him speak was fun. When it came time to bring the speech to a conclusion, I grabbed my pen and notebook, because I realized quickly that Lee Hagglund was in the process of sharing something special about himself:

“Five Suggestions for Living a Happy Life”

1. Make your living at something you love to do.

Hagglund grew up near the campus of a fine liberal arts institution, Gustavus Adolphus College in Minnesota. His late father was a professor and registrar there for many years. After graduating summa cum laude in mathematics and German from Gustavus, he studied mathematics and the German language at the University of Munich before earning his Ph.D. in mathematics at Duke University. The “life of the mind” at Wofford came naturally to Hagglund. It involved teaching in a classroom setting and leading problem-solving institutes for public school teachers, but it also included fascinating January Interims. One particularly memorable project in the early 1980s explored the mathematics behind Rubik’s Cube, which I saw him solve almost instantly with a few deft twists and turns. He has ridden his bicycle in the assaults on Marion and Mount Mitchell and is a huge fan of Jeopardy! and college basketball. Members of the current Wofford student body do not realize that Lee Hagglund once was a member of a folk trio called the “West Winds,” which regularly performed on the busy campus circuit in the Upper Midwest. One summer during the 1960s, he sang duets and discussed going out on tour with the late John Deutschendorf, who later became better known by the stage name John Denver. As an encore to his last lecture, Hagglund agreed to sing one of his signature numbers, “Them Moose Goosers,” from “Them Poems” by Mason Williams. (It’s hilarious—google it and check out the lyrics!) In fairness, one should also acknowledge that Hagglund is an accomplished choral musician, who sings with Wofford and civic chorales as well as directing the Chancel Choir of St. John’s Lutheran Church.

2. Be easily entertained.

Hagglund asserts that mathematicians have this trait built in. “Give us a pencil and a blank piece of paper and we’re as happy as clams.” And ... “If the Three Stooges don’t make you convulse with laughter you may be taking life too seriously.”

3. Marry someone who is a better human being than you.

Lee and Kitty Hagglund have been respected and popular members of the Wofford community since they arrived in Spartanburg. Their son Curtis Hagglund graduated from Wofford in 1994, and their son Erik graduated in 1997.

4. Have a dog in your life.

In the case of the Hagglund household, the dogs, plural, are a rescue Golden Retriever “Sam,” a yellow lab “Daisy,” and a Jack Russell Terrier “Oliver,” that seem human and are treated and loved as such.

5. Listen to the music of Johann Sebastian Bach.

Hagglund explained in his lecture that he and a group of graduate-student friends at Duke had a running debate that attempted to identify the single greatest genius of Western civilization. In the end they could only agree on a list of the top five. They are J.S. Bach, Albert Einstein, Sir Isaac Newton, William Shakespeare and the German mathematician Carl Friedrich Gauss. Hagglund admits that there’s room for some debate, but he’s never been tempted to alter that list, and it’s especially easy to see why Bach’s pure, precise instruments and complex, inspiring choral works would delight a mathematician.

After retirement, expect Dr. Hagglund to be busy in and around Spartanburg. His endeavors most likely will include trying his hand at writing fiction, joining Kitty in taking up golf again, riding his bicycle and spoiling his grandchildren. I expect he will have much success and continue following his rules for enjoying life.

by Doyle Boggs 70

For more commentary by Doyle Boggs, visit “Doyle Blogs” under Sights and Sounds on the Wofford website, www.wofford.edu
**A year of research, writing and adventure**

The Shiflets return to Wofford with additional opportunities for students

The Shiflets have been sending Wofford students around the globe for internship and research experiences for more than a decade — to NASA, Universitäät Mains in Germany, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Cedars Sinai Medical Center, Cincinnati Children’s Hospital, the Shodor Education Foundation, St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, the Scripps Research Institute, University of Vienna in Austria, General Electric, and University of Bath in England, just to name a few. During 2011, they sent themselves, and the benefits will ensure that Wofford students continue to gain professional-level experiences as undergraduates.

*“The yearlong professional development was wonderful and had a big impact on what we brought back to Wofford,” says Dr. Angela Shiflet, the Larry Hearn McCalla Professor of Computer Science and Mathematics. “What we saw, what we did… the whole thing was unexpected and so much better than we ever thought it could be.”*

She says it took two years to plan and organize their yearlong professional development experience. The college gave them the time off and partial salary support, but they funded the bulk of the experience themselves. The research skills they learned, the contacts they made, and the inspiration they gained from the adventure, however, made it all worth it — for them and their students at Wofford.

Beginning and ending with presentations at the International Conference in Computational Science (in Amsterdam then Singapore), the Shiflets spent five months in the Computational Biology Group computing laboratory at Oxford University in England doing research for the CHASTE (cancer, heart and soft tissue environment) simulation package, then five months at Monash University in Melbourne, Australia, consulting, writing computer modules, and teaching workshops on computer modeling. Two additional months of traveling rounded out the year.

In Oxford, Angela and I worked on a CHASTE sub-project with colorectal cancer,” says Dr. George Shiflet, the Dr. and Mrs. Larry Hearn McCalla Professor of Biology. “Laboratory and clinical studies of cancer are producing prodigious amounts of data that may span various units of time and levels of organization. We use mathematical and computer modeling to better understand these amazingly complex systems.”

“Some things are very hard to see physically,” says Angela. “Researchers didn’t know if these stem cells at the base of the colon crypt are anchored or free to move around. They ran the model both ways and because of that were able to show something using computer simulations that scientists haven’t been able to see.”

In Oxford the Shiflets were on a team of 64 scientists and mathematicians modeling the heart and colon cancer. They relished the intensive programming experiences and discoveries made with colleagues with the same gusto that they enjoyed the ceremony of High Table at Oxford’s St. John’s College, a performance by the Oxford New College boys’ choir, and every taste of tea, scones and cream that they sampled.

“We felt like we had stepped into a Harry Potter novel,” says Angela. “We learned so much history and culture in both places.”

During breaks from their work, Australia provided opportunities to see a shark face to face while snorkeling, take a side trip to New Zealand (where Angela was reported for driving too slow), and visit the botanical gardens in Perth. After the year abroad, the Shiflets returned to Wofford energized and inspired.

“We love teaching more than anything,” says George, “and the sabbatical enhanced our teaching while giving us more time to focus on research and writing.”

The Shiflets, who helped Wofford develop the country’s first undergraduate program in computational science and wrote the only textbook available for undergraduates in the field, have already used their professional development experience to teach an Intern in modeling biological networks and write several teaching modules. They continue to correspond with members of the international science and mathematics community they met while abroad.

“Computational science really is the interaction between the bench scientist and the person at the computer,” says George. “Anyone going into the sciences without some knowledge of computational science is going to be really behind.”

“It’s an emerging field, which makes it exciting,” says Angela, who firmly believes that undergraduates can make a major impact on current research, but finding meaningful placements takes a well-connected network of scientists and the time to make and cultivate those contacts.

“Angela and George Shiflet continue to leverage and enhance their contacts around the country and globe for the benefit of Wofford students,” says Dr. David Wood, dean of the college. “They are national and international leaders in providing important and high impact opportunities for undergraduates.”

*by Jo Ann M. Braxton* `98

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**Computational science internships that the Shiflets have helped secure for Wofford students this summer**

- Laura Arthur ’13 (Biology)...............................Case Western Reserve University Biomedical Engineering Department
- Kelly Blake ’13 (Mathematics, Environmental Studies) .... Oak Ridge National Laboratory SULI program
- Missy Gaddy ’14 (Computer Science, Mathematics) ...............Goddard Space Flight Center (lunar data analysis)
- Katie Gaster ’13 (Biology, Computer Science, Mathematics)...............Oak Ridge National Laboratory RAMS program
- Sharon Guffy ’13 (Biology, Chemistry).................................St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital
- Jonathan Hanson ’13 (Mathematics, Physics, Spanish) ........ Juiz de Fora University, Brazil
- John Jackson ’14 (Biology, Computer Science) .........................Milliken & Company
- Nico Limogiannis ’15 (Biology, Chemistry) ..................S.C. Space Grant Palmetto Academy
- Evelyn Maris ’14 (Chemistry, Mathematics) ......................Pacific Northwest Laboratory
- Mariya Mohammed ’15 (Biology)........................Oak Ridge National Laboratory RAMS program
- Mayfield Reynolds ’15 (Chemistry, Computer Science, Mathematics) ..........Computational Science Internship with Drs. Angela and George Shiflet
- Greg Valainis ’13 (Computer Science, pre-dental) ..........University of Washington
- Britanny Walker ’13 (Chemistry)...........................National McNair Scholars Program at Winthrop University
- Alissa Williams ’15 (Chemistry, Computer Science) .................Harvard Medical School
Students

Students Relay for Life

The Wofford chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, a national co-educational service fraternity, held a Relay for Life in April on the horseshoe behind Main Building.

The event raised money for cancer research and cancer patients while also spreading cancer awareness, celebrating the lives of survivors, remembering those who have lost their lives to cancer and uniting a community in the fight against cancer.

Each of the 17 teams from Wofford decided on their own theme and created displays and activities for participants.

“The athletes had a Home Run Derby, the American Chemical Society created a ‘periodic table of cupcakes,’ and the Tri-Deltas celebrated birthdays,” says Taylor Thomas ’13, student chair of the event.

The Pi Iota Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega has been chartered at Wofford for 46 years and aims to provide service opportunities that involve the entire campus community. APO is the largest collegiate fraternity in the United States, with chapters at more than 350 campuses, an active membership of some 17,000 students and more than 350,000 alumni members.

$100,000 BB&T gift enables Iraq War veteran, student with a passion for service, to receive professional skills training at Wofford

Two Wofford students, one an Iraq War veteran, the other committed to working with the poor, have won full scholarships for a summer program that teaches professional skills to college students. The $3,900 tuition scholarship also covers room and board, course materials and outings.

The Institute for Professional Development at Wofford will run for five weeks beginning July 9. The institute is sponsored by a $100,000 gift from BB&T Bank made in 2011. This is the second year that two students have received full tuition support for the program. A number of other students receive partial scholarships paid from the BB&T funds.

All 26 students will live on campus during the institute while learning to navigate the working world waiting for them after graduation.

“We teach them how to make an effective presentation, speak appropriately to their boss or senior executives, develop a project and utilize each team member’s strengths to get the work done, use technology to efficiently manage work, dress appropriately for whatever environment they’ll be going into and how to understand and prepare for leadership,” says Scott Cochran ’88, dean of the Mungo Center for Professional Excellence at Wofford, which oversees the summer institute.

For Jeremy Boeh ’13, a 28-year-old majoring in history, the Institute for Professional Development is an opportunity to catch up on some of the experiences he missed while doing two tours of duty as an infantry soldier in Iraq. He hopes to learn enough in five weeks to prepare for a job in marketing and advertising after leaving Wofford next year.

“I have Iraq real-world experience, but I need day-to-day business operations experience in the civilian world. I’m getting a little bit of a late start on such a drastic change from what I’ve done in the past or even what I’m majoring in. The opportunity to be immersed in as much as I can as quickly as possible can prep me for when I graduate,” says Boeh.

Ben Green ’13, a 20-year-old majoring in finance and Spanish, hopes learning professional skills will round out his education and help him speak effectively about his experiences traveling as a student in Peru, Chile and Argentina, as well as the two summers he spent working with Latino children in Dallas and with a mission organization in Iquitos, Peru. He hopes to use his degree to work in a non-profit or humanitarian aid organization.

“I see the institute as something that can help develop my professional side. A big part of that is being able to take your experiences and talk about them and find a useful way to use those in the real world,” says Green. “I think it’s going to be a great step for me from working with people in the field. I’m going to have to be able to do both parts, the business side of it, once I’m ready for a career.”

According to Tom Eller, regional president for BB&T, the bank is a “mission-driven organization with a clearly defined set of values. We expect our employees to have a strong sense of purpose, a high level of self-esteem and the capacity to think clearly and logically. We know that values are standards that lead to excellence in thinking and action. BB&T believes that Wofford students enrolled in the Institute for Professional Development share many of the same values as BB&T employees. The institute creates a forum and environment where its students use independent thinking to make rational, fact-based decisions. The students are trained to be producers and take the necessary actions to accomplish their goals. Because of all this, BB&T knows that the Institute for Professional Development prepares its students for long-term success in the business world. We are proud to be associated with Wofford’s Institute for Professional Development.”

“Through its internal leadership development program, BB&T has shown it understands the importance of helping employees grow into strong, effective leaders, which in turn makes BB&T a strong and effective company,” says Cochran. “This $100,000 gift recognizes Wofford’s innovation in developing future leaders before they leave school. Their gift will enable Jeremy and Ben to have that training, and future students, as well.”

Wofford’s Mungo Center for Professional Excellence was established in 2010 to train students in leadership, entrepreneurship, consulting and project management, as well as to provide them with career search assistance. It is named for Steven ’81 and Stewart Mungo ’74, principals in the Mungo Companies, named one of America’s Best Builders by Builder Magazine for 2012. The brothers are long-time supporters of the college through the Mungo Family Endowed Scholarship Fund, the Mungo Endowed Professorship, and the M. Stewart and Steven W. Mungo Endowed Scholarship Fund. Stewart Mungo is a member of Wofford’s Board of Trustees. Steven Mungo is a member of the President’s Advisory Board.
Wofford CFA team makes the most of “Big Apple” competition

A team of five Wofford seniors traveled to New York City on April 9-10 to represent Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina in the Americas Regional of the annual CFA Institute Research Challenge.

The Chartered Financial Analyst designation is a mark of distinction that is globally recognized as the gold standard for investment analysts. The organization’s Research Challenge is a global competition open to both undergraduates and graduates who are preparing for careers in this field.

Wofford’s team included Thomas DeLoache ’12, Charlotte, N.C.; James Lane ’12, Beaufort, S.C.; Livingston Moyo ’12, Greenville, S.C.; Jack Murphy ’12, Simpsonville, S.C.; and Stuart Robertson ’12, Auckland, New Zealand. Dr. Michael Merriman, assistant professor of finance, is their mentor and coach.

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Wofford’s CFA team impressed the judges and garnered two recent M.B.A. graduates. Merriman. “Thus, I was confident that we would be competitive, but that our competitors are all undergraduates at a liberal arts college, rather than M.B.A. candidates in a graduate school of business. We might have disadvantages in age and experience, but we make up for that with writing skills. Also, the liberal arts background helps our students think broadly and anticipate questions. Finally, our team’s round-the-clock residential experience in The Wofford Village allows our students to know each other very well and work as a team rather than individuals.”

by Doyle Boggs ’70

The Americas Regional is one of four in the competition. The others are Asia-Pacific, Europe/Middle East/Africa, and New York. The Americas Regional started with more than 1,500 students representing more than 300 teams from the United States, Canada and Latin America, with most teams comprised of M.B.A. or other graduate business students. Forty-four teams, including Wofford, earned a trip to New York paid for by the CFA Institute by winning their local competitions. In New York, Wofford advanced to the semifinal round of the 16 top teams. In that round, Wofford lost to the Illinois Institute of Technology team, which ended up winning the competition and which was comprised of five M.B.A. students, including two recent M.B.A. graduates.

The Wofford contingent enjoyed its stay in the “Big Apple.” The tournament was held at the Grand Hyatt Hotel, and after the finals on Tuesday evening, Wofford Trustee Ed Reeves played host to the team for dinner at Sardi’s.

Lane will be attending graduate school in business at either Vanderbilt or Wake Forest in the fall. He noted that the Research Challenge provided tremendous experience in making presentations, including the challenge of answering difficult questions from a panel of investment professionals in front of a large audience.

“This was a unique experience and great training for the work I will soon be doing with Wells Fargo,” noted DeLoache, who will return to New York after graduation to work in investment banking with Wells Fargo.

The Wofford team earned the trip to New York by winning the CFA Southern Classic in Atlanta. Nine teams competed in the Southern Classic, including representatives of M.B.A. programs at Auburn, Georgia State, Georgia Tech and the University of Georgia.

All of the teams in the Southern Classic evaluated the same publicly traded company, AGCO, an international agricultural equipment firm headquartered in Duluth, Ga. The Wofford team received this assignment on Nov. 8 and immediately began working on the 10-page report that was to account for 50 percent of the team score. The team members divided the project into sections to do the research. Upon returning to campus after the year-end holidays, they held a series of sessions to prepare and finalize their report; they submitted the report on Feb. 6 and subsequently learned that the team would take a relatively large lead into the presentation competition based on the quality of the written report.

Then, in Atlanta, the team members faced tough question-and-answer sessions in which investment professionals queried the team on valuation methodologies, industry analysis, financial statement analysis and other areas related to the “Hold” recommendation on AGCO stock.

“Wofford had finished in the final four of the Southern Classic in both 2010 and 2011,” says Merriman. “Thus, I was confident that we would be competitive, but our team is somewhat unusual in that our competitors are all undergraduates at a liberal arts college, rather than M.B.A. candidates in a graduate school of business. We might have disadvantages in age and experience, but we make up for that with writing skills. Also, the liberal arts background helps our students think broadly and anticipate questions. Finally, our team’s round-the-clock residential experience in The Wofford Village allows our students to know each other very well and work as a team rather than individuals.”

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Success initiatives students held the inaugural Joy Prom on campus this spring for local high school students with special needs. Wofford students planned and organized the event, escorted attendees and lined the red carpet as paparazzi.

Assistant Professor J. David Alvis and three Wofford Government majors attended oral arguments for the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Greenville, S.C., on March 26. Wofford students Brittany Bryan ’14, Katherine Canning ’13 and Jacob Godwin ’13 are pictured with retired U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor. O’Connor presided at the oral arguments with Chief Judge William B. Traxler and Judge Dennis W. Shedd ’75.
Quick Hits

Mitch Allen named FCS ADA Scholar-Athlete of the Year

Wofford quarterback Mitch Allen ’11 and Ben Boothby, a tackle from the University of Northern Iowa, have been chosen as the recipients of the 11th Annual Division I Football Championship Subdivision Athletics Directors Association (FCS ADA) Scholar-Athletes of the Year.

Each will receive a $5,000 postgraduate scholarship and recognition during the association’s annual meeting on June 25 in Dallas, Texas.

Allen, from Cincinnati, Ohio, started all 12 games at quarterback for the Terriers this season. He was third on the team in rushing with 856 yards and 10 touchdowns and added 728 passing yards with four touchdowns. Allen was seventh in the Southern Conference in total offense and eighth in scoring. A physics major, with minors in mathematics and computer science, he led the Terriers to the FCS playoffs in 2010 and 2011. Allen was named to the FCS ADA All-Star team and the Southern Conference Fall All-Academic Team by the league’s coaches. He

Ameet Pall drafted fifth overall in Canadian league

Defensive lineman Ameet Pall ’12 was selected fifth overall in the 2012 Canadian Football League Draft by the Calgary Stampeders on May 3. Pall, from Montreal, Quebec, was named the 2011 Preseason Defensive Player of the Year by the Southern Conference coaches. He finished the season with 32 total tackles, along with eight tackles for loss and three sacks. Pall was named to the All-Southern Conference second team.

He was named the 2010 Southern Conference Defensive Player of the Year as well. He led the Terriers in sacks and tackles for loss and finished second in the voting for the 2010 Buck Buchanan Award, the highest finish ever by a Wofford player. He earned All-America honors from four different organizations, including the Associated Press.

Over the course of his career, Pall ranks fifth in college history with 45 career tackles for loss and third in career sacks with 23. He also recovered five fumbles in his career, tied for third in Wofford’s history. Pall played in 48 career games with 33 starts at Wofford. He will be joined in the CFL this season by former Wofford receiver Andy Strickland ’09, who signed this spring with the Toronto Argonauts.

Brenton Bersin signs with Carolina Panthers

Wide receiver Brenton Bersin ’12 signed a rookie free agent agreement with the Carolina Panthers. Bersin has led the Terriers in receiving in each of the past three seasons.

Bersin, from Charlotte, N.C., caught 26 passes for 445 yards and two touchdowns in 2011. He also had 12 carries for 169 yards and returned five punts. At The Citadel he returned a punt 76 yards for a touchdown, the fourth longest in college history.

Bersin is fifth in Wofford’s history with 1,567 career receiving yards and is tied for third with 15 touchdown receptions. During the 2010 season, he had 32 receptions for 703 yards and nine touchdowns. The 703 yards were the third most in a single season in college history, while the nine touchdowns tied the college record mark held by Carolina Panthers owner Jerry Richardson ’59.

Bersin was named to the 2011 Preseason All-Southern Conference team by the league’s coaches. He also has been named to the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll and the Southern Conference Fall All-Academic Team.

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Noah Dahman ’11 (right) playing professional basketball in Macedonia and with Wofford President Benjamin B. Dunlap on campus (below) during commencement weekend.

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by Brent Williamson
Terriers kick off this fall on Ayers’ 25th season

The story is deeply rooted in the history of Wofford football. Wofford President Joe Lesesne and Director of Athletics Danny Morrison ’75 were searching for a new football coach following a 1-10 season. They met a man at the Biltmore Dairy Bar in Asheville, N.C. in December of 1987. They believed he could rebuild a Terrier football program that had fallen on hard times.

That man was Mike Ayers and as he enters his 25th season on the sidelines, the program has reached heights that few could have dreamed.

At the time, Wofford was competing in the NAIA. After just two years, the Terriers played in the NCAA Division II playoffs. The next step was even bigger – moving to NCAA I-AA (now known as FCS) and joining the Southern Conference.

The first several years in the SoCon proved to be a challenge, but in 2000, the team was 7-4 overall, and Ayers was named Southern Conference Coach of the Year, his first of five Coach of the Year honors. The 2003 season saw the Terriers reach another milestone – the Southern Conference Championship and an advance to the NCAA semifinals. Ayers was named the National Coach of the Year following that remarkable 12-2 season.

In the past five seasons, the Terriers added SoCon titles in 2007 and 2010. The team is one of only five in the nation to reach the FCS Playoffs four times in the past five years. Wofford players have been named as SoCon Offensive and Defensive Players of the Year and took the Jacobs Blocking Trophy home twice as well.

Among active FCS coaches, Mike Ayers ranks ninth in wins with 173 in his career, 162 of which were earned at Wofford. Over the past 10 seasons, there have been nine winning records. Needless to say, the hard times are now a distant memory. The decision 25 years ago has had a vast impact on Wofford, along with the approximately 650 players Ayers has coached.

by Brent Williamson

### 2012 Football Schedule

- **Sept. 1** at Gardner-Webb
- **Sept. 8** LINCOLN
- **Sept. 15** WESTERN CAROLINA *
- **Sept. 22** OPEN
- **Sept. 29** at Elon *
- **Oct. 6** FURMAN * (Family Weekend)
- **Oct. 13** at Georgia Southern *
- **Oct. 20** at Appalachian State *
- **Oct. 27** THE CITADEL * (Homecoming)
- **Nov. 3** at Samford *
- **Nov. 10** CHATTANOOGA *
- **Nov. 17** at South Carolina

Home games in ALL CAPS. All dates are subject to change. A Southern Conference* television schedule will be announced in early summer.
Montgomery Music Building dedicated

The Montgomery Music Building at Wofford was dedicated on May 1. Located on North Church Street beside Ben Wofford Books, the building provides a home for the college’s Department of Music with rehearsal space and classrooms for singers, musicians and faculty.

The newly renovated building, formerly the Baptist Collegiate Ministry building, is named for Walter and Betty Montgomery and Rose Montgomery Johnston and their families in honor of their leadership gift toward the building’s renovation.

“Betty and Walter Montgomery have long been major benefactors for this community, most especially in the arts,” President Benjamin B. Dunlap says. “We are honored to have their name forever a part of Wofford.”

The Montgomery family has a long history as generous contributors to the quality of life in the region. Their imprint can be found in almost every corner of Wofford’s campus, including the Montgomery Room faculty and staff dining hall in the Burwell Building.

“The Montgomery family is pleased to support this outstanding liberal arts college and its music program,” Walter Montgomery said on behalf of the family when the lead gift was announced.

The Wofford music program offers a variety of opportunities for students to participate in vocal and instrumental ensembles, musical theatre, music history and theory classes. Nearly half of the college’s 1,550 students take advantage of music education and performance opportunities each year.

At the Endowed Scholarship Recognition Dinner: (Below left) Sally and Philip Foster ’51 with students (left to right) Patrick Harbour ’12, Marshall Diven ’12 and James Mills ’12. (Below right) Wofford Trustee Al Gray ’71 with Sabrina Anderson ’13 and Jean Smith.
The Annual Fund Senior Gift Campaign

On May 20, 2012, the Class of 2012 took their first steps as Wofford alumni, and for many of these graduates it was also their first time giving to Wofford’s Annual Fund. By making a commitment to give to the Annual Fund, the Class of 2012 is saying “thank you” to those who made their Wofford experience possible and paying that gratitude forward to current Wofford students.

In its second year, the Annual Fund Senior Gift Campaign, the Class of 2011 (the inaugural class) posted a 17 percent participation rate. With the help of the Senior Gift Committee, the Class of 2012 more than doubled that with a 36 percent participation rate! The listing on this page represents 127 seniors and staff members who generously gave to Wofford’s Annual Fund. Every person who made a contribution on behalf of the senior class received a commemorative 2012 lapel pin or pendant and the opportunity to recognize two people, groups or organizations who influenced their college experience.

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Wofford College conferred degrees to 305 graduates during the 158th Commencement Exercises on Sunday, May 20, 2012.

Brooks Owens ’13, a student marshal, escorts Nora Beth Featherson, one of Spartanburg’s unsung heroes, to the podium to receive the Mary Mildred Sullivan Award. The student recipient of the award was Amanda Saca ’12. Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award winners were Maj. Gen. Darwin Simpson, former member of the college’s Board of Trustees, and Joseph McAbee ’12.

Dr. Phillip Swicegood places the hood on Mike James ’73, rotating off the Wofford Board of Trustees in June, as he’s conferred the honorary doctor of humanities degree. South Carolina Senator Hugh Leatherman (R-Florence), chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, received the honorary doctor of law degree.

The faculty process in for baccalaureate services held the day before commencement. Other weekend events included a senior party, Legacy Society breakfast and 50th reunion events for the Class of 1962.

Jordan Clayton ’12 (with Master Sgt. Robert Bowman) was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Army during Wofford ROTC Commissioning Exercises, held during commencement weekend.

Four students shared Honor Graduate recognition with perfect 4.0 grade point averages. They were (left to right with Chairman of the Wofford Board of Trustees Harold Chandler ’71): Paolo Arce ’12, Ashlee Price ’12, Joseph McAbee ’12 and Arsalaan Salehani ’12.

Dr. Caleb Arrington, associate professor of chemistry, was awarded the Roger Milliken Award for Excellence in the Teaching of Science. Receiving the Philip Covington Award for Excellence in the Teaching of the Humanities and Social Sciences was Dr. Timothy Schmitz, associate professor and chair of the Department of History.
Wofford welcomes crowds of proud families each year during Commencement Weekend. Here Victoria Bone ’12 poses with some of her biggest fans, her cousins, Carson and Reid Nealy.

Jaynorris Thomas ’12 and Kathryn Teal ’12 give each other a high five as they wait in the Benjamin Johnson arena to line up for their final walk across campus as undergraduates.
new grads

Adrian McLellan ’12
Major: Business Economics
Next Step: While working part-time in banking, McLellan will attend East Carolina University’s MBA program. He eventually wants to build a career in corporate banking.

McLellan credits Wofford with providing ample opportunities to develop leadership skills. During college McLellan served as student body treasurer, a member of the James Fund, president of Rotoract and as a resident advisor.

Hope Griffin ’12
Major: Government
Next Step: Teach for America assignment in Colorado following five weeks of training in Phoenix, Ariz.

By volunteering with the Math Academy, serving as service chair for Zeta Tau Alpha and participating in the Civil Engagement Seminar, Griffin developed a love of helping others. She says Teach for America will provide her with plenty of opportunities to make a difference.

Regis Rutarindwa ’12
(First Rwandan graduate)
Major: Math and Physics with an emphasis in computational science
Next Step: Rutarindwa plans to attend graduate school in mechanical engineering at Clemson University.

An internship experience at Marquette University and classes in applied mathematics opened Rutarindwa’s eyes to opportunities to work in the field he loves.

Katie Bidwell ’12
Major: English and French
Next Step: After a final semester at Wofford in the fall, Katie plans to work in Botswana with children in poverty as a Christian missionary.

While studying abroad in Madagascar for the semester, Bidwell conducted an in-depth study of an NGO (Azafady) and the perception that the local people have of the organization. That information is now being used by villagers to build an adult education center in Fort Dauphin and by Azafady to modify their mission and programs to better fit the community.

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Next Step: Parrish received a merit scholarship and will attend Wake Forest Law School.

Parrish knew he wanted to be an attorney when he enrolled in Wofford as a first-year student. That’s why he chose Wofford, because of its reputation for preparing students for a career in law. As a student, Parrish completed an internship at Ginter Immigration Law at the International House in Charlotte, N.C. The experience further whetted his appetite for a career as an attorney.

Kyle Cochran ’12
Major: Business Economics
Next Step: A week after graduation, Cochran began work as a credit analyst for the small business administration division of TD Bank in Greenville, S.C.

Cochran majored in business economics because he wanted to better understand the world. He says he found it fascinating to sit in his Wofford economics classes and study the financial state of the country and the world through current events.

Josh Turner ’12 (right) and Ron Norman ’13
Turner and Norman represent back-to-back student body presidents from the same hometown.

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Joseph McAbee ’12
(Rhodes Finalist, Honor Graduate, Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award)
Major: Biology with a concentration in neuroscience
Next Step: McAbee received a scholarship and will attend Wake Forest School of Medicine.
McAbee, who served as student chair of Twin Towers, says that building close relationships with professors sets Wofford apart. According to McAbee, the service opportunities, internships and classwork have all prepared him for whatever lies ahead.

Jeanne Umuhire ’12
(First Rwandan graduate)
Major: Psychology with a medical humanities concentration
Next Step: Umuhire heads for Paris, France, where she will attend graduate school to earn a master of public health.
As a Rwandan Presidential Scholar, Umuhire was matched to Wofford because of her academic strength. As a Wofford student she particularly benefitted from the opportunity to study abroad and do a global health internship in Switzerland.

Terra Brannon ’12
Major: English
Next Step: Brannon, who recently spoke to more than 400 people at The Spartanburg County Foundation annual meeting as a successful product of the Citizen Scholars program, has been hired as an English teacher and yearbook adviser at Chapman High School in Inman, S.C.
Brannon began to consider a career in teaching after traveling to Washington, D.C., as a Bonner Scholar. Learning about the disparities in the educational system gave her the inspiration to pursue a career in the classroom.

Mesha Arant ’12
Major: Religion
Next Step: Arant will study religious pluralism at Yale Divinity School.
Arant says that Wofford’s religion department helped her understand that part of her spiritual walk involves learning to be open to change. She challenged herself by studying abroad for a semester in India and living for a month during that time in a monastery that combines Hindu practices and the Christian faith. The experience made her want to learn more and teach others about religious pluralism.

Aften Blackwell ’12
Major: Psychology with a minor in English
Next Step: In June Blackwell begins a Peace Corps assignment in Moldova.
Blackwell, editor of the Old Gold & Black student newspaper during her senior year, says it took her a year to complete the application process for the Peace Corps. She looks forward to the experience because it blends two of her passions — travel and service. While at Wofford she studied abroad in London (semester), Nicaragua (Interim) and Chile (Interim).

Tyler Womble ’12
Major: Chemistry with a minor in mathematics
Next Step: In the fall, Womble will attend Carnegie Melon University to earn a doctoral degree in chemistry.
Womble, who graduated in January, has been working with StarChem as a research intern in new product development. As a student he also completed a Department of Energy-funded internship in Oak Ridge, Tenn., involving nano-chemistry, and a Community of Scholars internship with Dr. Kaye Savage.

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Keeping in touch

(Top Left) College Archivist Phillip Stone ’94 helps Frank Biue ’62 prepare to march with the Class of 1962 during their 50th anniversary commencement.

(Right) President Benjamin B. Dunlap congratulates Don Britt ’62 after presenting him with his 50th reunion medallion.

(Right) Lydia and Bill Kellett ’62, Judy and Ron Ingle ’62, Sue and Dan Brake ’62, and Bill Whetsell ’62 enjoying the Class of 1962’s 50th reunion dinner.

(Above) Members of the Class of 1962 escort the Class of 2012 during Commencement.
Sansbury’s path to higher ed leadership began at Wofford

USC Upstate names Campus Life Building in his honor

In May 1973, when he first arrived at the Spartanburg campus of what is now the University of South Carolina Upstate, Dr. Olin Sansbury ’59 found a two-year institution with two buildings and fewer than 700 students. When he retired 20 years later, the campus had grown to 3,000 students and offered bachelor’s degrees in 30 fields of study.

Sansbury’s remarkable achievements were recognized this spring when the university board of trustees approved the naming of the USC Upstate Campus Life Center in his honor.

“Dr. Sansbury is most deserving of this recognition as he led the university for two decades and laid a great foundation for its future,” says Dr. Tom Moore, a Wofford parent who was recently installed as USC Upstate’s third chancellor.

Sansbury talked recently about his path to leadership in higher education. When he graduated from Wofford, he weighed several career options. He had a background in journalism and considered teaching and the law as well. However, with financial limitations, he decided to fulfill the military obligation he had acquired earning an Army commission through Wofford ROTC.

Thirty-seven months of active duty included 13 months in Vietnam, which opened his eyes to how little even college-educated Americans knew about the world beyond North America and Europe.

Returning home to South Carolina, he found the state embarking on a long-needed expansion in higher education. After a brief foray in broadcast journalism, Sansbury became an instructor in government with a split assignment between USC campuses in Florence and Conway. When the Florence campus was converted to Francis Marion College in 1970, he was named its first dean of students. Anxious to complete his Ph.D. in international studies at USC Columbia, Sansbury returned to USC system headquarters as assistant vice provost for student affairs. He was experienced and able, and we had a good long-range plan for each of those three professional schools. We looked for ways to combine liberal arts majors with concentrations such as computer science and criminal justice.”

In the early years of Sansbury’s administration, the faculty and staff laid the groundwork for a major university campus in the Upstate.

“We tried to focus on developing first-rate academic programs that would meet the needs of the community,” he says. “When we became a four-year campus in 1975, we emphasized nursing, business and teacher education. Our academic deans were experienced and able, and we had a good long-range plan for each of those three professional schools. We looked for ways to combine liberal arts majors with concentrations such as computer science and criminal justice.”

Sansbury also looks back with pride in the efforts that the university made to improve diversity on the faculty and staff, in senior positions as well as entry levels.

“Most of our students commuted from their homes to class, and many of them worked,” Sansbury says. “Nevertheless, my own college days at Wofford had convinced me that student life and academic life could not be separated; students at Wofford were expected to get involved in campus life. We tried to put that same philosophy in place at USC, Spartanburg.”

The average college presidency in recent times has lasted only four to six years, and it seems remarkable that Sansbury was able to build such a lengthy tenure. “I think there were three keys to success,” he says. “First, we were all focused on creating something important and beneficial for the Upstate. That helped us put aside occasional differences and move ahead. Second, I had loyal, talented administrative officers, and I was comfortable that I could trust the people around me. Third, I tried never to use the authority of my office to punish someone who disagreed with me. That took us a long way, even when we found ourselves lacking in the financial resources that other state higher educational institutions enjoyed.”

Since retiring from the university, Sansbury has remained active in the educational and cultural life of the Upstate. He was the executive director of the Greenville Symphony and has taught government classes at Wofford.

In 2006, Olin and his late first wife, Muffet, created an endowed lecture series at Wofford, which provides support for an annual speaker on a topic related to justice and equity in politics. This spring, the college welcomed Dr. Jonathan Van Antwerpen for a public lecture and panel discussion.

In 2009, Sansbury married Mary Ann Medford Claud, and they now live in Tryon, N.C.
1966
Class Chair, J. Hayne Culler Sr.
Conway, S.C., native Pat Henry was inducted into the Conway High School Hall of Fame on May 14, 2012, when he received the 2012 Outstanding Alumna Award. Henry is an original partner and shareholder of Thompson & Henry PA.

1967
Reunion Chairs, Stewart Johnson and Donnie McDonald
Dr. Rodney Stalheim (retired) and his wife, Susan, live in Lenoir, N.C. Dr. J. Richard Williamson received the 2011 Heroes in the Field award presented by ARK. He is a physician at the Medical Center of Orangeburg, received a special citation for life-saving efforts in the course of his work. He is a family support service organization founded in 1996. Randall and his wife, Kathy, live in Summerville, S.C.

1970
Class Chair, Arthur “Buz” W. Rich
Vernon Drew is the director of the Center for the Support of Families (CSF Inc.). The firm specializes in human services consulting and training. Drew and his wife, Leslie, live in Silver Spring, Md.

1971
Class Chair, Kenneth E. Smith
Dr. James C. Andrews and his wife, Sandy, live on their horse farm on Wadmalaw Island, S.C. Andrews continues to work part-time at his dental practice in Summerville, S.C.

1973
Class Chair, John L. Bruce Jr.
Doug Lowe, retired boys’ basketball coach at Spartanburg High School, was inducted into the South Carolina Basketball Hall of Fame on March 16, 2012. Lowe’s coaching career spanned 34 years. He lives in Spartanburg, S.C.

1974
Class Chair, John O. Moore
Dr. Robert St. L. Jordan is the president and chief executive officer for Tidelands Bank. He has been with the bank for more than 32 years. Stalheim retired on April 1, 2012, after practicing internal medicine and cardiology for more than 32 years. Stalheim was awarded The Order of the Long Leaf Pine by Gov. Bev Perdue for his service to the state of North Carolina. Nivens and his wife, Mary Ann, live in Kannapolis, N.C.

1975
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1977
Class Chair, C. Stan Sewell Jr.
Dr. Bob Randall participated in the second Dancing With The ARK's Stars on March 10, 2012. ARK is an Alzheimer's family support service organization founded in 1996. Randall and his wife, Kathy, live in Summerville, S.C.

1978
Class Chair, Richard W. Krapfel
Armando Llorente is the vice president of human resources and practice leader for Clark & Lavey Benefits Solutions Inc. In this role, he partners with clients in New England to develop strategic solutions for human resource matters. Llorente and his wife, Lauren, live in Atkinson, N.H. He looks forward to seeing Wofford alumni, families and friends at the Boston Red Sox vs. Atlanta Braves event to be held on June 23, 2012.

1979
Class Chair, Wade E. Ballard
Lynne Ravens is a self-employed psychotherapy marriage and relationship counselor. She lives in Mount Pleasant, S.C.

1980
Class Chair, Paul D. Kountz Jr.
Peggy McIntyre Graham is a claims representative for the Social Security Administration. She lives with her family in Georgetown, S.C.

1983
Class Chair, W. Scott Gantt
Living in Charlotte, N.C., Scott Gantt is president of employee benefits for Benefit Controls of the Carolinas. The company recently was named the ninth largest employee benefit specialist in the U.S. He also serves on the board of directors of the Charlotte Rescue Mission, and is past president of the International Society of Certified Benefit Specialist Carolinas chapter.

1985
Class Chair, Timothy E. Madden
Heidi Faber Kerns serves as the finance officer for Rutherford County (N.C.) Schools. In her first year with the district, she and her team were recognized as winners of the North Carolina Treasure Award for Excellence in Accounting and Financial Management. They were one of four winners in the State and the only school district team selected for the honor. Kerns and her daughter, Allison, live in Choochney, S.C.

1986
Class Chair, Brand R. Stille
Dewey Lewis is a medical technologist at Loganport Memorial Hospital. He also teaches a class in medical lab assisting at Ivy Tech Community College. Lewis and his wife, Bonnie, live in Loganport, Ind. Living in Vestavia, Ala., Dana Gantt Moore is the owner of a design firm offering all types of residential design including organization and space planning. Event planning services also are offered.

Susanne Tate has accepted the position of assistant girls’ basketball coach at Spartanburg High School. She also will teach mathematics at the District 7 School. Tate and her husband, Rick, live in Boiling Springs, S.C.
Richardson and Moto-Electra Racing prove power of electric technology

In a sheep barn in the least populated county east of Mississippi, Brian Richardson '81 built an electric motorcycle.

So begins a story that has been told on the Discovery Channel, on the motorcycle grand prix circuit, in national motorcycle and alternate energy magazines, on the web, in local newspapers and in corporate boardrooms and governmental think-tank circles across the country. Now it's been told at Wofford as well.

Early in the spring semester Richardson shipped his team Moto-Electra racing motorcycle to Wofford to show physics students the power of electric. Built on a Norton Featherbed chassis, the motorcycle runs 130-plus mph at 130 volts. The bike holds the 2011 ECTA Land Speed Record and was 5th place in the first-ever sanctioned gasoline vs. electric race on Oct. 9, 2010, at the Barber Motor Speedway in Birmingham, Ala. The race was an accomplishment.

The motorcycle also took first place in the first-ever sanctioned electric motorcycle series race at Virginia International Raceway. Richardson's electric bike, ridden by Thad Wolff, safely tucked out of the way, dead last in the grid.

"Despite that, by the time the first lap was over, Thad was up to seventh. The second lap he was up to third," says Richardson.

While the announcers explained that the electric bike would soon begin to fade because it couldn't sustain the current pace, Richardson's motorcycle slipped into second. At the white flag (the signal for the final lap), Moto-Electra Racing was in the lead, and when the electric bike sailed under the checkered flag to win the race, there wasn't a gas bike in sight.

"They had a record crowd at Barber, and they were very excited about what they were seeing," says Richardson.

What they were seeing, according to Richardson, was the ideal test of electric vehicle technology in action.

"Innovation comes from competition and war," says Richardson. "During qualifying at Infineon, we crashed our vehicle at a high rate of speed. It was a high-side crash, the most dangerous, because the bike flips end over end."

Wolff walked away and helped Richardson cope with the damage and prepare the bike to race the next day — duct tape and all. It was an important lesson in racing, life and electric practicality.

"We learned a lot from that crash," says Richardson. "Like what happens to the batteries when the vehicle crashes. Racing vehicles is one way of having the discussion without being fearful of the gas vs. electric controversy. If it crashes and bursts into flames you may not want to buy one."

Where Richardson lives in the mountains of Virginia, the F250 Dually is the most popular vehicle on the road, and electric motorcycles aren't going to replace trucks in rural communities any time soon. Still, Richardson says that it's a mistake to look at electric vs. gas as an either/or.

"People can choose their politics and still understand that electric vehicles have their place. They reduce pollution in cities and reduce gas prices for all of us," says Richardson.

According to Richardson, electric motorcycles caught gas motorcycles in two years, and Richardson's Moto-Electra team has found itself at the front of the pack — usually on the podium or in the winner's circle.

"Our story is that it was done on a shoestring as opposed to companies that receive large sums of investor capital and grant money. One team bragged that they had $1 million in R&D before they ran the first race. Others have government funding," says Richardson. "In 2011 our budget was $35,000 including beer, gas and the rider's paycheck. That we were even close was an accomplishment."

In addition to sharing his passion for motorcycles and electric-powered vehicles with Wofford students, Richardson has taught classes and seminars at Virginia Tech and James Madison University. He feels that as the technology moves forward it's important to put an educational face on the gas vs. electric issue.

"The bikes that have million-dollar investments may claim to go 100 miles on a charge, but I don't believe it. They might go 50, which is still remarkable, but we've got to work on range. They need to go 200 miles on a charge," says Richardson.

That's where college students come in.

"I want to organize a coast-to-coast race and invite the world to beat our time. Moto-Electra would set an ambitious bar (under four days) by sheer will and determination," says Richardson. "Having college students involved would get young people excited about the technology and would bring visibility to the project."

The college-backed initiative set a coast-to-coast record also would be a way to address some of the questions looming for electric powered vehicles: What would the charging station of the future look like? How would exceeding the speed limit reduce the range of the vehicle? What constraints will aerodynamics dictate regarding speed?

For Richardson, the journey so far — from building his own café racer to meeting Wolff and entering the world of the TT.XGP circuit to looking ahead at Moto-Electra's role in the development of electric vehicles — has been like finding the fountain of youth.

"The last two summers it seems like I'm 16 or 17 again," says Richardson. "I like to think that one day we'll look back and think we were at least a little part of making history."

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington '89
Lott on the art and science of medicine

Pharmacogenomics.

It may be an unfamiliar term to many Americans in 2012, but we’ll be hearing it often over the next few years. Simply put, it means "personalized medicine," using genetic testing.

Dr. Steven Lott ’90, head of next generation sequencing clinical implementation for Life Technologies Corp., explains the concept this way: “Medicine always has been as much an art as a science,” Lott says. “Our bodies have different genetic properties. We experience disease as individuals, and we react to treatment as individuals. Medications that work well for one person will cause an adverse reaction in someone else. Because of advances in third-generation microchips, we can now use mathematics-focused technology to begin unraveling genetic codes more quickly and cost-effectively,” he says. “In the next 10 to 12 years, physicians will be able to look at the course of individual illness as a predictable matter. They will treat it using the regimens and pharmaceuticals that offer the best odds for good results, one patient at a time. We should be able to avoid trial and error as well as the adverse reactions that now impact 2.2 million people each year.”

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Lott recently visited Wofford to speak to students about his career and particularly the paid summer internships that Life Technologies Corp. offers. This global, diversified company had sales of $3.7 billion in 2012. Brabham previously served as chairman of the board of directors of Dollar General and served as chairman of the board of directors of KMPG. He and his wife, Janett, live in Greenville, S.C. Yarbrough and his wife, Elizabeth, have three children.

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Briana Lomen and his wife, Dr. Shawnah Canonon Lomen, live in Morrisville, N.C. Brian is a tax principal for Strategic Federal Tax Services, a specialty practice within Grant Thornton LLP. Shawnah is a patent attorney at Myers Biegel Sajovec. The couple has three children.

1991
Class Chair, Leslee Houck Page
Spartanburg resident Alan De-Credico and his business partner, Travis Garner, are owners of Alan Christopher Antiques and Broad Street Interiors. The store features furniture pieces restored by DeCredico as well as antique and new rugs, wallpaper, paintings, luxurious fabrics and other rare items. Ellis O’Toole is a financial advisor with Plantation Financial Services. He lives with his wife, Janette, in Pawleys Island, S.C. The couple has two children.

1994
Class Chair, Alicia Nunamaker Truesdale
Gus Brabham, president and CEO of Franklin B. Norris & Co. Inc. insurance company, has been named business chairman of the National Alliance for Mental Illness. Mid-Carolina’s NAAMIWALKS 2012. Brabham’s role is to build awareness for the Mid-Carolina Chapter and the services the non-profit provides. Brabham previously served as chairman of the board at Oberlin Gospel Mission and currently serves on the board of the Charleston Trident Homebuilders Association. He and his wife, Heathen, live in Columbia, S.C.

Lowery Curry Jr., a senior engineer at Progress Software Corp. and his wife, Lauren Matthew Curry ’99, live in Marietta, Ga. The couple has two children.

Living in Charlotte, N.C., Charles (C.R.) Melvin is director of sales for Little Idea LLC. Little Idea is an invention development company. Melvin invites anyone with a “little idea” to see how they can help bring it to market.

1995
Class Chair, Brandice Yancey Lorena
Alex Groos is a director of Wells Fargo Bank in Charlotte, N.C. Groos and his wife, Jackie, have two children, Will and Mary Ashley.

Living in Columbia, S.C., Kimberly M. Johnson is a columnist for the South Carolina Writers Workshop newsletter, The Quill. The column, “Must Reade,” highlights popular books, authors and writing trends. Johnson also blogs for the South Carolina Writers Workshop Columbia II chapter website.

Anthony Livesay has been promoted to lieutenant in the City of Morristown Fire Department. The promotion allows Livesay to direct a company during fire ground operations. Livesay lives with his family in Morristown, Tenn.

Dr. Nicole Redmond joined the faculty at the University of Alabama at Birmingham in August 2011, after completing her Harvard Fellowship in General Internal Medicine at Brigham and Women’s Hospital. She wrote, “I am happy to talk to students (especially underrepresented minorities) interested in biomedical sciences, medicine and public health since I have training in all of them!”

1997
Class Chair, Beth Mangham Guerrero
Heather Randolph Carter and her husband, Tim Carter ‘99, live in Charlotte, N.C. Tim is a franchising director with Salsarita’s Fresh Cantina, a Charlotte-based fast-casual Mexican food concept. Heather is a senior vice president at LPL Financial and was recently made head of the Corporate Communication Department. The firm is the fourth largest brokerage firm in the U.S.

Calvin Craft is an English teacher and head boys’ basketball coach at Cane Bay High School. Craft and his wife, Cameron Goosman Craft ’06, live in Mount Pleasant, S.C. The couple has three children.

Living in Atlanta, Ga., Stephen Lynn is a senior associate for the audit, tax and advisory firm KPMG. Lynn and his wife, Lauren Barnes Lynn ’98, have one son, William Miller.


The coffee begins its journey in the highlands of Papua New Guinea, where the Gimi peoples raise the plants and harvest the beans. It is processed in Goroka and shipped out from the port of Lae. Most of the exported coffee is brewed and consumed in Germany, but it is also a favorite in Sydney and London.

The impact of this specialty coffee trade on the peoples and cultures of Papua New Guinea is the subject of West’s important new book. She continues her exploration of how “sustainable development” has become an important vehicle by which the social and economic ideologies of liberalism are circulated globally. The book has been well received by colleagues in the field, one of whom calls it “a meditation on caffeine and power.”

West is an associate professor in the Department of Anthropology at Barnard College and Columbia University. She joined the faculty there in 2001 after earning her Ph.D. in cultural anthropology from Rutgers University. In 2008 she founded a professional journal titled Environment and Society: Advances in Research, and she co-founded in 2001. She continues her exploration of the subject of West’s important new book. She co-founded a professional journal titled Environment and Society: Advances in Research, and she co-founded in 2001. She continues her exploration of the subject of West’s important new book.


The end of the Cold War in the early 1990s led to the development of truly global challenges, including population that was exploding in some places and aging rapidly in others; wealth and poverty; improved production of food and energy; environmental questions such as global warming; and the spread of technology, especially nuclear technology that might be used in weaponry.

In response, Seitz developed a survey textbook for his classes at Wofford that is published in the United Kingdom for an international market. Based partially on his first-hand experiences in South Korea, Iran, Brazil, Liberia and Pakistan, it has become available in Chinese, Japanese and Portuguese translations.

For this fourth edition, Professor Emeritus Seitz has been joined as co-author by Dr. Kristen Hite ’00, who now leads the climate change program at the Center for Environmental Law and teaches international environmental law at Johns Hopkins and the University of Maryland. As a Rotary Scholar in Ecuador, she developed a forest management plan in Spanish that was approved by the Ecuadorian government to secure legal protection for 3,000 acres of rainforest in the Ecuadorian Amazon. She also has served on the board of directors for SustainUS, a youth organization for sustainable development that she co-founded in 2001.


U n i t e d M e t h o d i s t Bishop Willimon, who will resume his career as a full-time teacher and writer at Duke University this fall, is often asked the question, “Your curriculum vitae now lists more than 60 books. Where’s the best place to start toward getting an insight into your thinking?”

This small volume from Abington Press is a good answer to that question. It’s a collection of brief stories and essays that is part of a new series that also features other great preachers: “The Best of James W. Moore,” and “The Best of J. Ellsworth Kalas.”

Sections of this provocative book discuss “Jesus,” “Trinity,” “the Bible,” “Following Jesus,” and “The Church and the World.” It can be read virtually in one sitting, or it can be well used for thought and meditation over a period of time.


Sprott is the executive director of the McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority in Atlanta, Ga. The MLRA, as it is called, is the agency spearheading the redevelopment of Fort McPherson, a former military reservation that served as a headquarters post for a number of Army commands over the years.

In his spare time over the course of the past 15 years, Sprott worked on a historical novel set in the early years of the South Carolina colony, when the future hinged on tensions diplomacy with surrounding Native American nations. The Yemassee War began in 1715 with a Good Friday massacre of colonial diplomats. The bloody conflict continued until the advancing Yemassee and their Creek allies were turned back just 12 miles from Charleston. Eventually, the Cherokee aided the English and together they prevailed over their enemies.

“Man Beloved: A Novel of the Yemassee War” tells the story of actual events, and some of the characters are real historic figures. “It took me 15 years to research and write the novel, but I really found the process relaxing and enjoyable,” Sprott wrote. “Copies are available on Amazon.com or from my publisher at LuLu.com. I may be contacted at jackesprott@gmail.com.”

Dr. Doyle Boggs ’70, with Brad Steinecke and Mark Olencki ’75, “Historic Spartanburg County: 225 Years of History.” Spartanburg County Historical Association, HPM Books, 2012.

“Don’t celebrate the past—use it to understand the present and impact the future!”

For more than 30 years, the annual Leadership Spartanburg program has begun with an overview of the history of the county. In the beginning, it was presented by the late Dr. Lewis P. Jones ’58. This extended essay by Boggs covers the major points he covered during the presentations and bus tours he has led as Jones’ successor.

This hardcover book also contains some great photos from the collection of the historical association as well as a bibliography that will be helpful to those interested in further reading about Upstate history. It is available for $15 at the Spartanburg County Regional Museum of History and will be coming soon to other locations.


First-year students at Wofford participate in the Novel Experience. During the summer before they arrive on campus, they read a novel chosen by the faculty. They write essays on a question suggested by the book, the best of which are published and distributed to the campus community. They discuss the book in small groups, and then have a chance to interact with the author.

Wofford students will read the book “Old School,” which takes the reader back to an elite prep school of the 1960s and will be a perfect springboard into the Year of the Liberal Arts, which Wofford will celebrate during the 2012-13 academic year.

Wofford will visit Wofford on Sept. 20. He will speak in Leonard Auditorium at 11 a.m., specifically talking about the novel from the perspective of the first-year student-essayists, and then he will talk to a community audience that evening.
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“During National French Week, French Honor Society members along with the principal, Mrs. Sandra Sowell (far left), sampled escargot. Delandris Jones (second from left) has taught at Cheraw High School for the past two years serving as adviser for the National French Honor Society, the International Club and the Senior Class.

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“We nailed it, and I’ve never been so inspired,” says Jones. “This event made the students who participated feel truly special.”

In the fall, one of Jones’ students leaves for Harvard to study linguistics. For Jones, it is a source of pride knowing that he’s passed forward his love of languages. Jones, who is now pursuing a doctorate in curriculum and administration from Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va., also will be leaving Cheraw to teach French at Meadow Glen Middle School, a language magnet academy in Lexington, S.C.

“I know I’m going to need to move up the administrative chain to make the kind of impact that I want to make regarding language study in our schools,” says Jones. “We can’t make our children 21st century-ready if we’re not placing an emphasis on languages and international study.”
Cooper nominated for tribute to
Tom T. Hall’s “Songs of Fox Hollow”

Peter Cooper ’93 revisited Tom T. Hall’s “Songs of Fox Hollow” and the resulting Grammy nomination has the Nashville-based singer, songwriter, touring artist, producer, award-winning journalists (for the Tennessean) and college professor (for Vanderbilt University’s Blair School of Music) busier than ever. He begins his European tour this summer, then a tour of the United States after that — all while working on a new album that will be out in 2013. Two of the songs are available for download at www.redbeetrecords.com. Still, Cooper took the time out to answer a few questions for Wofford Today. Meet Peter Cooper.

What made you revisit Tom T. Hall’s “Songs of Fox Hollow?”

I was a favorite album of mine as a kid, and I’m sure it was my entry point into Tom T. Hall and into much of the storytelling country music that I came to love. Plus, it’s an album that connects generations: Two songs on the album were No. 1 country hits. It’s rare that a recording artist can create a piece of work that appeals to 6-year-olds and to 60-year-olds.

Do you listen to children’s music differently now that you’re a dad?

I’m very picky about children’s music, and I’m trying to make sure that our son — who is named Baker after my Wofford pal Baker Maultsby ’92 — listens to songs that are more than the aural equivalent of empty calories. We were very deliberate in crafting the “I Love” album so that it is highly musical, with real, acoustic instruments played by some of the masters of those instruments. No cheap whirligigs and sound effects, though there is one that a recording artist can create a piece of work that appeals to 6-year-olds and to 60-year-olds.

The songs of Fox Hollow tell stories. Why are stories important for children? What makes Fox Hollow such a magical place?

Stories are important for children because they foster curiosity and creativity, and they help kids understand that things that happen to them and to others are fun and exciting, instructive and important. Fox Hollow is a magical place because Tom T. created it as such: Every creature has a narrative and a perspective, which to my understanding is fully in keeping with the way things are outside of Fox Hollow as well. Tom T. conveyed the magic of Fox Hollow through understatement and wry humor, never talking down to his audience. And he makes sure his audience knows that he’s as entertained and inspired by Fox Hollow as they are.

You do a little of everything on this CD — produce, sing lead vocals, sing harmony vocals, play acoustic guitar, etc. Do you have a favorite song and a favorite role on the Fox Hollow CD?

My favorite thing to do was to create an environment where good people could gather and pay respect and attention to each other, and could in some small way let Tom T. know how much he is revered and appreciated. And I was thrilled to be able to bring my son into that place. He won’t remember it, but we’ll show him the pictures to prove that it’s true. I also am very glad that I was able to sing “Everybody Loves to Hear a Bird Sing,” which I sing to my son around the house all the time, with Duane Eddy and Lloyd Green and other good friends.

Why is collaborating with other musicians important to you?

Emmylou Harris talks a lot about the “third voice,” which is her term for the separate entity that can be created when people sing in harmony. There’s also a third voice created when people play together, and that voice is always worth exploring. Working with others is a chance to find out what that third voice is going to sound like. Things are also more fun with a team. Look at someone when they win, say, a singles championship at Wimbledon: They let out a big breath, like they’re exhausted and relieved and maybe a little lonesome. Then look at a baseball team when they win the World Series: Those folks are a picture of happiness and joy. The other good thing about a collaboration is that you’ll learn something if you pay attention.

 entrevist by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington ’89

Story wins first Grammy for Blessings; Elvington remains her inspiration

Contemporary Christian singer, songwriter and worship leader Laura Story won her first Grammy for “Blessings,” a number one hit inspired by the struggles she and her husband, Martin Elvington ’00, faced after he was hospitalized for a brain tumor in 2006. No stranger to success, Story wrote the number one worship hit “Indescribable,” recorded in 2004 by Chris Tomlin. After signing with INO Records, Story made her national debut in 2008 winning a Dove Award for Inspirational Album and earning Story two consecutive nominations for Female Vocalist of the Year.

While continuing to work with the music and women’s ministry programs at the 4,000-member Perimeter Church in Atlanta, Ga., Story recently kicked off the “Girls Night Live Tour” with Mandisa. The tour will visit more than 30 cities. For more information visit www.girlsnighlive.com.

In addition, Story has written a book of devotionals based on her Grammy-winning song, “What If Your Blessings Come Through Raindrops?”. The first book by Story, it is available through Freeman-Smith, a division of Worthy Publishing. The 30-day devotional contains Story’s personal reflections garnered from her own journey, along with prayers, quotes and a journaling page for readers to recount how blessings have impacted their own lives.

Visit www.laurastorymusic.com for tour dates and news about Story and Elvington.
Wofford Weddings

1994
Dr. Geoffrey Stuart Steinkruger married Jillian Kirkland, Sept. 30, 2011. They live in Mount Pleasant, S.C. He is a dentist with Charleston Endodontics.

1998

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Margaret Huntley Smith married Kristopher Lee Bass, April 28, 2012. She is a PA-C physician assistant with Salem Chest Specialists specializing in pulmonary and critical care. He is associated with Wells Fargo Bank. They live in Winston-Salem, N.C.

2000
F. Coker Gamble married Alexander B. Powell, Oct. 22, 2011. They live in Roswell, Ga. She is a senior vice president of corporate relations for the American Heart Association. He is a commercial real estate broker with Couriam.

2003
Robert Brandon Batson married Courtney Lynn Smith, March 17, 2012. They live in Greenville, S.C. He is a sales manager for Wells Fargo. She is an inside sales representative for Balfour.

Ladson Lee Berry married Amanda Lauren Holliday, Dec. 20, 2011. They live in Fort Rucker, Ala. He is a pilot in the U.S. Army.

Kyle McMillan James married Heather Martin, April 21, 2012. They live in Duncan, S.C. He is chief executive officer and co-founder of nuCloud. She is an administrative coordinator at Human Technologies Inc.

Ashley Catherine Knox married Tristan Carnahan, Dec. 4, 2011. They live in Minneapolis, Minn. She is a ministry assistant with Bethlehem Baptist Church. He is a freelance video producer.

2004
Martha Clark married Emory Hendrix Jr., April 14, 2012. The couple resides in Greenville, S.C. Martha is a dentist at Small Smiles Dental.

Elizabeth Grace Hunter married Jeffrey Gardner, Oct. 8, 2011. They live in Raleigh, N.C. She is a financial analyst for Duke Eye Center. He is a vice president consumer risk analyst at PNC.

2005

Patrick Carter Pearson married Molly Elisabeth France ’07, Aug. 6, 2011. They live in Mount Pleasant, S.C. He is a vice president and mortgage loan officer for Southeast Community Bank. She is associated with public a public affairs firm in Charleston.

2006

Aaron Michael Johnson married Hannah Leigh Thompson, April 7, 2012. They live in Boiling Springs, S.C. He is a football coach at Wofford. She is a nurse with Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System.


Dr. Sawaiid Nichole Whitener married Joshua Collie Glenn, March 18, 2012. The couple currently resides in Columbus, S.C. She is completing her M.D. degree at the Medical University of South Carolina and will begin her residency in family medicine at Spartanburg Regional on July 1, 2012.

2008
Dr. Benjamin Scott Friday married Dr. Katie Elizabeth Powers, March 1, 2012. The couple will reside in Virginia. They both received their M.D. degrees from the Medical University of South Carolina in May. He will pursue his residency in family medicine at DeWitt Army Medical Center in Fort Belvoir, Va. She will complete her residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Washington Center in Washington, D.C.

David Stephen White married Sarah Bradwell Smith, May 12, 2012. They live in Greenville, S.C. He is pursuing a master’s degree in business administration at Clemson University. She works for McCallum Sweeney Consulting.

2009
Mary Susan Branch married Robert Blair Reath ’09, April 21, 2012. They live in Greenville, S.C.


2010
Kyle Wayne Behrendt married Lauren Claire Reynolds, April 28, 2012. They live in Greenville, S.C. He is associated with Resurgent Capital Services. She is employed by Emeritus Senior Living.

2011
Emily Jean Knight married Matthew Allen Shier, Dec. 17, 2011. They live in Charleston, S.C. She is working on her master’s degree in clinical counseling at Citadel Graduate College and works as a psychometrist at the Medical University of South Carolina. He is associated with the Charleston Police Department.

2004
Dr. Mark Ferguson and his wife, Kerry, of Spartanburg, announce the birth of Felicity Dare Ferguson, March 9, 2012.

2005
Dr. Geoffrey Steinkruger and his wife, Jill, of Mount Pleasant, S.C., announce the birth of Jacob Steinkruger, Feb. 21, 2012.

2006

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2008
Julie Hopper Milne and her husband, Dean, of Woodbridge, Va., announce the birth of Elza Grace Milne, Nov. 2, 2011.


2009

Colby Rankin and his wife, Stephanie, of Mount Pleasant, S.C., announce the birth of Elizabeth Clark Rankin, Dec. 1, 2012.

2010
Trey Gantt and his wife, Lindsay, of Goose Creek, S.C., announce the birth of Allen Theodore (Drew) Gantt IV, Oct. 20, 2011.

2002
Brooks Segars Gaylord and his wife, Jennifer Gaylord, announce the birth of Sarah Brooks Gaylord and Patricia Gaylord on Feb. 8, 2012. Proud grandparents are Emie Segars ’72 and his wife, Jeanette, of Laurens, S.C.

Sara Bernston Keeley and her husband, Chuck, of Acworth, Ga., announce the birth of Matthew McCutchen Peter Keeley, April 18, 2012.

Kris Neely and his wife, Patricia, of Spartanburg, announce the birth of Carolina Elizabeth Neely, March 20, 2012. On October 31, 2011, the Neelys finalized their adoption of Kristopher Michael (7) and Allie Louise (11).

2003
Anna Thompson Brink and her husband, Jeff, of Laurens, S.C., announce the birth of William Joseph Brink, Dec. 13, 2011.

Sarah “Sallie” Cheek Harrell and her husband, Christopher, of Centennial, Colo., announce the birth of Hudson Harrell, Oct. 9, 2011.

2004
Melissa Foster Stilling and her husband, Kirkland, of Boiling Springs, S.C., announce the birth of Addison Stilling, May 9, 2011.

2005
Catherine Powell Regan and her husband, Jason, of Mount Pleasant, S.C., announce the birth of Carolina Camichael Regan, April 1, 2012.

2007
(Above) Doug Marion ’78 (a member of the Parents Advisory Council) and his daughter Laura Douglass Marion ’13 at Hampton Court Palace in England. The Marion family went to visit Laura during her semester abroad in London.

(Right) Wofford was well represented in the Scout upper leadership of BSA Troop 859 in Springfield, Va. A Life Scout and a sophomore at West Springfield High School, Joe Schwartz (son of Lt. Col. James ’89 and Lynn Schwartz) has been elected to be senior patrol leader. Jasper Butler (son of Maj. (Ret) Randy ’84 and Melissa Butler and Bonnie Ferguson Butler ’84) has been elected to be assistant senior patrol leader of the troop. Jasper is a Life Scout and an eighth grader at Hayfield Secondary School. Randy also serves as an assistant scoutmaster of Troop 859. Photo by Bonnie Ferguson Butler.

Wofford wins USGBC leadership award
Wofford’s Goodall Environmental Studies Center has received an Exemplary Project Award from the U.S. Green Building Council-South Carolina Chapter. The award recognizes outstanding projects with the ability to inspire others to pursue Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification. Receiving the award at a luncheon on April 29 in Greenville, S.C., were Wofford trustee Betty Montgomery (above center); Jason Burr ’01, associate vice president for facilities (above left); and Dr. B.G. Stephens ’57, professor emeritus of chemistry.

(Above) The Diamaduros Family at the Terrier Baseball Team’s Senior Honors Ceremony. Left to right are: Pete ’83, Elee ‘14, Gia and Konstantine ’12, the Terriers’ starting first baseman.

2012 calendar of events for alumni & friends:

- June 22...............Wofford and Friends event (East Greenwich, R.I.)
- June 23...............................Boston Red Sox Alumni Event
- June 30.................................Chicago Cubs Alumni Event
- August 23..........................Spartanburg Area Oyster Roast
- October 5-7.............................Family Weekend
- October 26-28..........................Homecoming Weekend
- November 3......................Wofford vs. Samford Pre-Game Event
- November 17.......................Wofford vs. USC Pre-Game Event

At the inaugural Coaches Classic Golf Tournament
(Left to right) Wofford men’s golf coach Vic Lipscomb ’70, Charlie Bradshaw Sr. ’59 and John Bauknight ’89 were among the participants of the inaugural Coaches Classic Golf Tournament to raise scholarships for student-athletes through the Terrier Club. Participating teams bid on the coach of their choice as their playing partner during the tournament.

For more photos and details about upcoming events, visit www.wofford.edu/alumni.
**Rising Stars list**

Attorneys listed on action/mass torts. In the personal injury division. In were selected for the Rising Stars list. Hoyle and Ledlie both practice in the personal injury division. In addition, Ledlie specializes in class action/merit cases.

**Meadors earns historic preservation award for restoration work**

James Meadors '81 and Meadors Inc., of Charleston, S.C., earned the Honor Award for Historic Preservation for renovation work on the downtown buildings at 93 and 97 Broad Street in Charleston. Mayor Joseph P. Riley Jr. and representatives of the Preservation Society and Historic Charleston Foundation were present as the Palmetto Trust for Historic Preservation presented the award. The two Broad Street buildings were nominated for the award because of their collective impact on the streetscape downtown.

The Booz-Allen house at 93 Broad Street was built circa 1783 by Peter Booz. It is a fine example of a Charleston single house built in 1835. Mordecai Cohen was a prosperous merchant and commissioner of the Orphan House. He built three adjacent tenement buildings on the sites of 97, 99 and 101 Broad Street.

Preservation and renovation of the buildings took three years and was completed in 2010. The buildings were restored to Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, or LEED, standards while maintaining the historic qualities of the buildings.

**Partin recognized for volunteer work with Guardian ad Litem**

David A. Partin '02, an agent with Gibson & Associates Inc., in Columbia, S.C., was recently honored with the Direct Service volunteer award for his work with the South Carolina Guardian ad Litem program. Partin was out of the country during the awards ceremony, but his father, Pat Partin and Kershaw County Guardian ad Litem Coordinator Elizabeth May accepted the award from Governor Nikki Haley on his behalf.

**Lazenby becomes ambassador for The Lunch Project**

Amy Lazenby '98 is serving as The Lunch Project's first ambassador in Upstate South Carolina. The Lunch Project, started by two mothers in Charlotte, N.C., for the South Carolina Guardian ad Litem program. Lazenby was out of the country during the awards ceremony, but her father, Pat Partin and Kershaw County Guardian ad Litem Coordinator Elizabeth May accepted the award from Governor Nikki Haley on his behalf.

Living in Aiken, S.C., Dr. Rob Williams is staff pharmacist at Aiken Regional Medical Center. He also is in charge of the antibiotic stewardship program within the pharmacy which helps guide the appropriate use of antibiotics at Aiken Regional.

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DEATHS

1937
Eugene Traywick Stephenson, April 19, 2012, Chesterfield, S.C. A U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, Mr. Stephenson opened Stephenson Hardware in 1938, which he owned and operated for almost 75 years. He served on the Chesterfield Town Council and supervised the construction of the Chesterfield town hall. Mr. Stephenson was a member of Chesterfield Presbyterian Church where he served as a deacon, elder and superintendent of Sunday school.

1938

1939
William Pinckney Irwin III, March 23, 2012, Spartanburg, S.C. Mr. Irwin had a 45-year career with Reeves Brothers Inc., from which he retired as president of spinning and weaving production. He was a member of the Episcopal Church of the Advent. Mr. Irwin also was a member of the downtown Rotary Club.

1940
Marion Griier Pratt, May 5, 2012, Spartanburg, S.C. Mr. Pratt was a retired school administrator and a member of the Spartanburg Associate Reformed Presbyte- rian Church, where he served as an elder and Sunday School teacher. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

1943
Dr. Kenneth Gordon Nix Sr., March 17, 2012, New Orleans, La. In 1990, Dr. Nix retired from his private internist practice at Baptist Hospital in New Orleans where he had served as president of the medical staff from 1988-89. He also was a member of the clinical faculty of Louisiana State University School of Medicine. Dr. Nix was a long-time member of St. Andrews Episcopal Church.

1944
Roy Litle Christy, Feb. 29, 2012, Charlotte, N.C. Mr. Christy served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

1946
Dr. Elwyn "Jake" Marion Rozier, March 5, 2012, Dillon, S.C. Dr. Rozier served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and the Korean War. He practiced dentistry in Lancaster, S.C., for three years before relocating to Dillon where he practiced for 53 years. Dr. Rozier was a member of the American Dental Association, the South Carolina Dental Association and the Pee Dee District Dental Society. He was a member of Main Street Methodist Church where he served as a Sunday school teacher and chairman of the board of trustees.

1949
John Martin Snoddy Jr., Feb. 9, 2012, Summit, N.J. A veteran of World War II, Mr. Snoddy had been associated with Reeves Brothers in Summit. He was a member of Calvary Episcopal Church.

1950
Dr. Hugh Webster Mole, March 21, 2012, Orangeburg, S.C. Dr. Mole was a veteran of World War II with the Navy and Marines. He was a retired obstetrician-gynecologist who served the Denmark, Bamberg, Orangeburg, Winnsboro and Savannah areas for more than 50 years.

1954

1955
Lee Delano Ford, Feb. 25, 2012, Knoxville, Tenn. Mr. Ford served as an officer in the U.S. Army and retired from Texaco Inc. after 35 years in operations management. He was a member of Church Street United Methodist Church and was a member of Taylor Lodge #345 F&AM.

1957
Bobby Gay Wilson, March 3, 2012, Charlotteville, Va. Mr. Wilson was a retired research analyst from the Institute of Textile Technology. He was also a classical musician, playing both the piano and organ.

1962
Lee Cunningham Cullimer, April 9, 2012, Ormond Beach, Fla. Mr. Cullimer was president and owner of Cunningham Service & Oil Company Inc., Cunningham LP Gas Co. and Lee Cunningham Cullimer Properties Inc. He was a general partner with H&D Partnership, a South Carolina farm land company, as well as a member of LISM, LLC. Mr. Cullimer was very active in the community and received the Holly Hill Corporate Citizen Award and was an Olympic Torch Bearer in 1996. He was the brother of Hayes "Cull" 66 and the uncle of Stewart Cullmer 96 and Katherine Wilkinson 95.

1965
Dr. Bruce Welborn White Jr., March 9, 2012, Florence, S.C. Dr. White was a past president of both the Florence County Medical Society and the South Carolina Radiological Society, practicing radiology at the McLeod Regional Medical Center since 1975. He was an advocate for breast cancer screening and worked to establish a mammography unit in the community. He also contributed to the McLeod Cancer Center and Hospice House. He was honored as the first McLeod Foundation Physician of the Year in 2012 and is a member of the Dr. E.H.McLeod Legacy Society. His civic activities included serving as a trustee of the Florence Museum and the board of visitors of the Medical University of South Carolina. He was a lay leader at Central United Methodist Church.

1966
John Warren Belk Jr., April 20, 2012, Mountain City, Tenn. Mr. Belk was the lifetime owner of Casa Que Pasa Antiques. He was a member of the Living Waters Christian Fellowship in Boone, N.C.

1971
Richard Brady Lowry, April 11, 2012, Cross Anchor, S.C. Mr. Lowry was associated with Leigh Fibers for 36 years. He was a member of the Episcopal Church of the Advent, served on the board of the Country Club of Spartanburg, Maugrove Mill Golf Club and was active in South Carolina Manufacturers Alliance and many other textile organizations. Memorial contributions may be made to the Richard B. Lowry Endowed Scholarship Fund at Wofford College.

1972
Harry Lee “Buddy” Taylor, March 1, 2012, Spartanburg, S.C. Mr. Taylor was a real estate broker and appraiser. He served in the National Guard and was a past president of the Spartanburg Jaycees.

1996
Jennifer Lee Vernon, March 15, 2012, Washington, D.C. Mr. Vernon’s professional career was in the writing and editing industry, and she worked at various times with the National Geographic Society, the Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the National Association of College and University Business Officers. She had a deep love of the arts, travel and the outdoors, especially Pawleys Island.

Friends
Irene Biggs Baker, April 27, 2012, LaGrange, Ga. Mrs. Baker was a retired switchboard operator at Wofford.

Patricia Gail Butler, April 6, 2012, Rock Hill, S.C. Mrs. Butler was a retired switchboard operator at Wofford.
Homecoming Weekend: October 26-28

HOMECOMING WEEKEND:
Football vs. The Citadel
Reunions for classes ending in 2s and 7s
Classes without Quizzes
Lunch on the Lawn
Street Party / Terrier Ball

Look for more information this summer!