The Methodist Connection

In addition to holding the college’s permanently valuable records, the Wofford Archives serves as a repository for the archives of the South Carolina Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. The college has been keeping South Carolina’s Methodist records since 1856, when the conference created a historical society to care for its records.

The two collections, college and Methodist, really grew up together, and today, they share the same space in the Sandor Teszler Library, and I serve as the archivist for both collections. Considering the long relationship between the college and the church, it’s not surprising that there’s some overlap between the collections.

The Methodist collection consists of the minutes of the Annual Conference, copies of the South Carolina United Methodist Advocate (which has been the conference’s newspaper since 1837), conference agency files, district conference journals and various indexes that my predecessor, Dr. Herbert Hucks Jr. ’34, created. Under church rules, the records of closed congregations are supposed to come to the archives for safekeeping, so we have files from about 70 or 80 circuits, some going back into the early 1800s. There’s also a collection of published histories of the conference, histories of individual churches, biographies of ministers, pictorial directories of ministers and histories of Methodism.

A few years ago the conference United Methodist Women deposited their records in the archives, and we also have taken several clergy manuscript collections. In the past several years, we’ve added the personal papers of the Rev. Adai C. Holler ’21, the Rev. Melvin K. Medlock ’27 and the Rev. Allan R. Broome ’35. We have acquired the journals of the Rev. Ralph A. Cannon ’50 and a collection of letters by Methodist missionary Mary Belle Winn, who served as a missionary to China for more than 20 years. Most recently, the family of the Rev. Eben Taylor ’48 has donated his papers to the archives, and they await processing.

The majority of the reference questions that come to the archives relate to the Methodist collection. These questions largely include inquiries from local church historians about their congregations and from genealogists who are searching for Methodist ancestors, whether they are clergy or laity. An index of obituaries in the Advocate, started by Hucks and turned into an online database by my student assistants and me, is a popular resource for genealogists. We provide these reference services at no charge, believing it’s important to promote good will for the college and the church and good relationships between local churches and the archives.

We continue to try to move the Methodist collection into the digital age as we scan and post various records online. Many of the photographs in the clergy biographical directories are available on our website, which lists local church historians and directs researchers to the archives. We also work on digitizing the books and materials that are most highly sought by researchers.

These records aren’t just collections of statistics. Sometimes they tell quite interesting stories—such as the story of Sancho Cooper, the slave who Bishop Francis Asbury converted to Methodism. Considering the brutal treatment that Sancho describes in an autobiography letter, his positive outlook on life is both amazing and very moving. And then there’s the moment when two researchers who were looking up their common ancestor discovered the record of that ancestor’s clergy trial in the 1870s for immoral behavior.

The Annual Conference continues to support the archives through its Commission on Archives and History, which supervises the work of the archives and contributes a portion of my salary. The commission also sponsors awards, recognizes historic sites and helps solicit new collections for the archives. Many other Methodist-related colleges host their conference archives, and it’s an arrangement that continues to work well at Wofford.
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The Aldo Leopold Outreach Shack was completed as an Interim project by senior environmental studies majors. The picturesque snow scene also features the Carolyn Fawcett Converse garden. Both the shack and garden are a part of Wofford’s Goodall Environmental Studies Center.

Read more about environmental studies and the Thinking Like a River grant on page 9.
When we see a snake, stub our toe or watch the loss of a favorite football team, we vividly remember the color of the snake, the sharp pain or the last interception that cost the game. Negative experiences seem to pervade our memories.

Dr. Katherine R. Steinmetz, assistant professor of psychology at Wofford, wants to find out exactly what is happening in the brain that causes emotions to affect memories. She and her students will be able to take a step toward that goal with the addition of new brain recording technology on campus.

The department’s new electroencephalogram (EEG) machine is able to measure human brain waves by detecting electrical impulses fired by neurons in the brain. The addition will expand Wofford student resources in the area of neuroscience and the study of human subjects.

“Cognitive neuroscience is a booming field within science,” Steinmetz explains. “Having the machine on campus is going to make Wofford unique from other undergraduate schools where students don’t have the opportunity to work with this type of technology and receive training in this growing field.” The machine allows for measuring of higher level cognitive processing of humans that cannot be studied in animals.

Sara Futch ’16, a psychology and German double-major from Lawrenceville, Ga.; Brittany Flemming ’15, a psychology and biology double-major from Columbus, S.C.; Aubrey Knight ’16, a psychology major from Lexington, S.C.; and Anna Henson ’15, a psychology major from Lexington, S.C. and a psychology minor from Columbia, S.C.; are working alongside Steinmetz using the EEG in their research.

Four senior students will continue with this research in the spring as part of their senior thesis course.

“I am planning on having a career in the psychology field,” Futch says. “My goal for this lab is to learn the ins and outs of being a part of a lab group. The knowledge I’m gaining about how to do research will be invaluable to me in the future.”

The focus of the study will be on the relationship of emotions and memory. Specifically, the goal is to look at two aspects: the comparison of negative versus positive stimuli and neural changes in reaction to a stimulus that can predict whether it will be remembered.

Negative stimuli appear to be processed differently than positive. “It seems obvious that a person is likely to remember emotional events such as a high school graduation or 9/11 more vividly than everyday occurrences,” Steinmetz explains. “However, we are trying to figure out what is going on in the brain that makes these memories process differently.”

Steinmetz uses the example of remembering a snake versus remembering a birthday party.

“If I show a person an image of a snake, they can remember the size and color of the snake; however, if I show an image of a birthday party, the person can’t remember the color of the balloons, but they may remember outside details about their own thoughts of parties in general.”

The snake is a negative image, which causes a person to remember specific details. The birthday party is a positive image, which the brain tends to relate to broader memories of other relatively positive events, causing less focus on the actual image and more focus on outside memories.

“Emotion is a natural part of the human experience, and memories help us navigate our experiences throughout life,” student Henson says. “It is interesting to study where and how these two themes overlap and affect each other.” It is also believed that there could potentially be a millisecond timing difference in the processing of different stimuli. “The new EEG machinery will help us research the temporal aspects of this relationship as well,” she continues.

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“It goes beyond traditional brain-recording technology and allows us to time-lock brain data to a specific event, which we refer to as event related potentials (ERPs),” Steinmetz explains. “If there is a difference in processing caused by timing, it would allow researchers to predict exactly what a person is going to remember dependent on when stimuli are encoded.”

The EEG consists of electrodes that attach to a participant’s head, and communicate the activity of the brain to the machine. Every time a neuron fires in the brain, it sends an electrical impulse. A participant sits in front of the computer monitor and is asked to read and complete a set of tasks. The neurons in the participant’s brain fire electrical impulses as he or she completes the instructions on the computer screen. These brain waves are recorded and the data is analyzed to see exactly when impulses were fired in response to stimuli.

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NSSE shows Wofford the way to improvement

“How do we improve the undergraduate experience in the United States?”

That was the question that Dr. Jillian Kinzie asked the Wofford faculty and academic staff during a visit to the campus on Oct. 15. She was in Spartanburg to review Wofford’s latest scores on the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE). Again, they revealed that Wofford is among the nation’s best liberal arts colleges as measured by the standards of engaged learning.

Since 2001 Kinzie has been one of the educators from the Indiana Center for Post Secondary Education who has been responsible for developing and improving NSSE. This year marked her third visit to Wofford. A previous trip was devoted to Project DEEP. It involved a detailed study of Wofford and 19 other colleges and universities where NSSE scores indicated they might be role models. The findings of Project Deep led to the publication of the book, “Student Success in College: Creating Conditions that Matter” (revised edition, 2010).

On this particular fall afternoon Kinzie told her audience: “Higher education today is more and more focused on outcomes. Colleges and universities must demonstrate that they make a difference. It’s not enough to attract very bright students and send them out into the world with 4.0 GPAs. We expect to see scientific evidence of engaged learning between the time students take the test at the end of their first year and repeat it just before they graduate.”

“Wofford delivers, and there is a positive restlessness here; a continuous search for improvement. Faculty really care about substantive relations and intellectual engagement with their students,” Kinzie says. “Every student is getting feedback about the quality of his or her performance. NSSE data suggests that students can count on this feedback and use it to improve.”

“Prospective students can’t hide at Wofford; they will be challenged.”

Dr. Dennis Wiseman, dean for the center for innovation and learning and Reeves Family Professor of Foreign Languages, explained how this works in language study. “We ask for a statistical report that shows an aggregation of all languages where we offer courses, and then each language (Chinese, French, German and Spanish). We get back a good indication not only of how students understand and speak other languages, but how they engage with other cultures through studies abroad and civic engagement. The answers help faculty members pay attention to what’s really happening in and out of class.”

Wiseman also says that each department prepares goals-and- objectives statements that deal with learning outcomes. An example of such a statement is: “We expect our majors to write a great deal and to write well.” As a means of evaluation, seniors may be asked to respond to a question such as, “Do you think your writing has improved since you entered Wofford?”

“We always felt that we are really good liberal arts college teachers,” Wiseman says. “We know how to build knowledge, skill and disposition among our students. With NSSE, we have the kind of proven instrument that confirms it. It also shows us where we can do better, department by department, program by program.”

NSSE is vital important at Wofford at the critical point where the individual student meets the individual teacher. According to Dr. Boyce M. Lawton III, vice president for academic administration and planning, much also can be learned by institutional comparisons.

“We now have 10 consecutive years of data on the first-year experience,” he says. “NSSE is a proven instrument that has been adjusted very high over time even as we have grown from 1,100 to 1,600 students over the last few years.”

Open Doors Report and Kiplinger’s bring good news for Wofford; validate NSSE findings

Kiplinger’s Personal Finance has included Wofford on its list of the country’s best values in private colleges for 2014, and the college once again ranks in the nation’s top 10 liberal arts colleges in the prestigious Open Doors survey for studies abroad.

“It is gratifying to receive more recognition as one of the nation’s high value liberal arts colleges,” says President Nayef Samhat. “In September U.S. News & World Report cited Wofford as being among ‘40 Great Schools at Great Prices’ as well as one of America’s ‘Up and Comers’ for 2014. Such recognitions reflect our long-term commitment to balancing two important priorities: offering an outstanding residential educational program and focusing on affordability for a wide range of students and families.”

Kiplinger ranked Wofford as number 32 among 100 liberal arts colleges nationwide. The full listing is now available online at www.kiplinger.com/links-college.

Wofford and the other colleges included in the 2014 list represent campuses that provide high-quality academics at a reasonable cost during these continued tough economic times. The colleges exemplify the attributes parents and students look for in higher education, including small class sizes, a good first-year retention rate and a high four-year graduation rate.

Wofford again is among the national pace setting in undergraduate participation in study abroad programs, according to the 2013 Open Doors Report compiled by the International Educational Exchange (IIE).

Consistently ranking in the top 10 on the Open Doors report for more than 15 years, Wofford is the only South Carolina institution included on any of the report’s three lists for percentage of undergraduate participation in study abroad programs – Top 40 Doctoral Institutions, Top 40 Master’s Institutions and Top 40 Baccalaureate Institutions.

The rankings are based on the number of students studying abroad and the number of degrees conferred, resulting in the estimated ratio of student participation in study abroad programs for credit.

In 2011-2012, the year covered in the survey, Wofford sent 338 students abroad compared to its graduating class of 309. A ranking of seventh among the nation’s top 40 baccalaureate campuses again confirms the college’s commitment to its students becoming global citizens. Complete details about the Open Doors report may be found on the www.iie.org website.
A new home for the holidays

Prema Samhat talks about continuing her family’s fun and casual Thanksgiving and Christmas traditions at Wofford

Wofford President Nayef Samhat has embraced Wofford as his. Anyone who sees him in action knows that it’s not just a job. He uses phrases like “our college” when he speaks to groups about Wofford, and he is eager to meet the Wofford community — sitting in on meetings of student organizations, meeting various groups of Wofford friends over lunch, inviting the campus community to his home for monthly social gatherings, attending Wofford athletics events and cheering on the Terriers with the same enthusiasm that he cheers for his hometown Detroit Tigers, Pistons and Lions.

And he’s not alone. Prema Samhat, the president’s wife, has jumped into campus life and the Spartanburg community with the same commitment and zest, and both are eager to celebrate their first Thanksgiving and Christmas in their new campus home.

“We will have 18 over for Thanksgiving,” says Prema.

“Nayef’s father and sister and her family, my sister and her family, and our girls will be home.”

By then the tree will be up and trimmed with family keepsake ornaments, souvenir ornaments from their travels, pasta and dough ornaments made by their daughters when they were children, and a new painted glass Main Building ornament given to the Samhats by a loyal Wofford supporter.

“It doesn’t matter if the tree is chopped fresh from a tree farm or bought at a supermarket, it’s got to be a Fraser Fir,” says Prema, who loves listening to Christmas music, “but never before Thanksgiving.”

According to Prema, Thanksgiving for the Samhats is a two-day feast. The day before Thanksgiving includes ethnic dishes that honor Prema’s Indian heritage as well as special family recipes passed down from Nayef’s Syrian Lebanese ancestry. They pull out the turkey and stuffing on Thanksgiving Day, and everyone hopes that Nayef will grill something during the holidays.

“He’s like the steak whisperer,” says Prema. “I’m not sure how he does it because he doesn’t seem to pay attention. He walks in and out, chats and carries on with people, pokes at the meat a few times, but it’s always perfect.”

“When their daughters, Alia, Jehan and Leila, were young children, they did the traditional visits with Santa Claus. On Christmas Eve the girls left cookies and milk for St. Nick. (Guess who ate them?) They woke up Christmas morning to gifts and surprises. As they’ve grown older, Prema says that they have created family holiday trivia games, shopping excursions and treasure hunts to keep the excitement going. Nayef and Prema also make donations in honor of their daughters to local non-profit organizations.

“Our Christmas traditions involve lots of laughter,” says Prema. “I love decorating, and Nayef and I both enjoy attending ugly holiday sweater and white elephant gift parties. There’s no pressure to be perfect or have someone else’s ideal holiday experience. I’ve discovered that it’s easier to be laid back, informal and casual. It’s more our personality, and it’s not as expensive!”

The Samhats recently shared their recipe for a joyful holiday season in a year-end mailer for the Wofford Annual Fund. Look for that and consider informing some of your blessings with Wofford students during this season of giving. The gift year ends on Dec. 31.

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington ’89

Cates family donates new grand piano in support of Wofford music program

This fall the Wofford community enjoyed the debut of a new Bosendorfer Model 200 grand piano donated to the college by Mr. and Mrs. MacFarlane L. Cates Jr. The piano’s permanent home is in Leonard Auditorium, where it will be available for the Music Department and for concerts by guest artists. At the piano are students (from left) Philip Coffey ’14, Katherine Buchanam ’16, Palmer Cantler ’15 and Matthew Petit ’15, all soloists in the college’s 2013 performance of Handel’s Messiah.

Peavey goes out a winner with CASE Distinguished Service Award

Marion B. Peavey ’65 is this year’s recipient of the District III Distinguished Service Award of the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education. As he retires this spring as Wofford’s senior vice president for development and college relations, he will be honored at the opening session of the district’s annual conference on Feb. 16 in Orlando, Fla., for his nearly 50 years of service in philanthropy. Peavey has served CASE as a past chair of the board of directors and mentor to dozens of its members over the years.

“Marion has served Wofford faithfully for the past 11 years and led the college in the largest fund raising campaign in Wofford’s history, raising more than $110 million,” says Wofford President Nayef Samhat.

Peavey’s career is somewhat unusual in that it began at Wofford in 1967 after he completed a master’s degree in journalism and communications at the University of South Carolina. Decades later, he came to his alma mater again for a senior cabinet assignment in 2002. In between, he held development, alumni relations and other similar positions at Duke University, the University of Virginia, the University of Alabama, and the NCAA, where he served as executive director of the NCAA Foundation and led the effort to create an endowment to underwrite fellowships for student-athletes.

“Bernie Dunlap approached me to see if I would come back to Wofford not only because he was seeking an expanded fund raising program, but also programming for alumni and other constituencies,” Peavey says. “We were fortunate to have a dedicated and professional staff working in development, but he wanted to add depth to the program and improve technical services.

“A great education comes with a price tag,” Peavey says. “The number one priority at our college is finding creative ways to support students and their families through endowed scholarships.”

According to Peavey, fund-raising has changed since he was named associate director for development at Wofford in 1967.

“There has been an exponential increase in the number of non-profit organizations competing for the same dollars. Innovative online technology is now a requirement for any successful development program, both in terms of record keeping and communications. The same is true of student recruitment and even the art of teaching. Finally, effective planning is even more essential than it was in the decade when we first walked on the moon.”

In retirement Peavey will continue to work with Wofford staff and participate in alumni activities, but he will do other consulting in higher education and enjoy spending time with his grandchildren.

Wofford has had 11 presidents in its 159-year history, and Peavey is proud of the fact that their families through endowed scholarships.”

Wofford has had 11 presidents in its 159-year history, and Peavey is proud of the fact that he has worked closely and effectively with five of them. He was a student assistant in the alumni office during the administration of Charles F. Marsh and then he served on the professional staff of Paul Hardin III, Joab M. Lesesne Jr., Benjamin B. Dunlap, and now Nayef Samhat.

As Dunlap says, “Nothing so bespeaks loyalty to Wofford as Marion’s willingness to return when asked to do so. Much of what the college is today rests on the achievements of Marion and the staff of the alumni and development office. I will never forget what he has done for his alma mater, nor should any of us.”

by Doyle Boggs ’70
For the love of Wofford
Ann and Joe Price ’55 continue to find ways to give

*For Ann and Joe Price ’55 it’s simple. They love Wofford, and they give and give, then give some more out of that love.*

The Prices give annually to the Terrier Club, support class giving initiatives and capital campaigns, contribute to the college’s music program, and fund a scholarship and several gift plans at the college.

“I’ve loved three things in my life—my parents (I picked my parents well), the person sitting right here beside me (my wife, Ann) and Wofford College,” says Joe.

Joe says that Wofford holds such a big space in his heart partly because of what he saw the college do for the young men who came into the football program during the early 1950s.

“Fifteen or so a year came in as freshmen to play football,” says Price. “They were rough, mean and would fight you for nothing. After the first year Wofford polished them up a little bit. By the end of the second year, I could tell that they were coming around. Those that made it to the third season were studying and acting like polished gentlemen, and when they graduated they went on to make fine citizens. That’s to me said a lot.”

Price started his college career at Vanderbilt University in his hometown of Nashville, Tenn. During his first semester on campus, however, his father died, and college seemed the least of his worries. That Thanksgiving Price and his mother traveled to Spartanburg to visit family, and an uncle took him to a Wofford football game.

“Wofford was playing Eastern Kentucky, and the coach, Phil Dickens, was running the old-fashioned single wing offense that I grew up playing in high school. On the way out of the gate, I told my uncle, ‘I’d love to play on a team like that,’ says Price.

The next morning Price’s uncle was beating on the floor of his bed.

“Heart, get up! We’ve got an appointment with Phil Dickens; he said, gulped, got dressed, brushed my teeth and away we went.”

According to Price that meeting with Dickens only lasted about 30 minutes, but it changed his life.

Price admits he was overwhelmed at first—making a decision as big as changing colleges in such a short amount of time—but the answer came to him on the train ride back to Nashville.

“There was a snowstorm when I changed trains in Chattanooga,” says Price. “I admit I was pretty disheartened on that ride home, but when I got out of the train with the smoke and steam from the engines and the snow swirling around, I saw a beautiful silver Pullman car. As I walked around the corner to get a closer look, there was a big sign on the side that said Wofford College. I knew then that it was meant to be.”

Price went home, withdrew from Vanderbilt and started at Wofford in the spring, and he didn’t start alone. Price convinced his friend and teammate, Fowler Hollabaugh ’55, to come with him.

“That was the beginning,” says Price. “I can’t tell you how much love I have for Wofford College. It gave me a reason for getting back in the world after my father’s death. I’ll never forget that.”

Ann’s love of Wofford began 28 years ago when she and Joe married.

“Even though I didn’t come to school here, I’ve fallen in love with Wofford,” says Ann. “I see so much love, respect and energy at this college. Coming down several times each year is a highlight of my life too.”

Joe tells great football stories and tales of traveling with the Tennessee Dew Drops, a band of students that became local celebrities and toured with Sam Moyer’s Glee Club. Ann tells stories of visiting, shopping and tailgating in Spartanburg. Both include lots of laughter and shared experiences with Wofford friends.

“We do not have any children, and Wofford has provided us with a number of vehicles to give and support Wofford students,” says Ann.

“If we had children, we would have sent them to college. Now, because of Wofford, we’ll be able to send 15, 20, maybe even 30 students to college over the next 50 years. What more could our life stand for than that?”

According to Smith Patterson ’67, Wofford’s director of gift planning, the Prices funded a charitable remainder unitrust in 2005 from the sale of a commercial building. The unitrust provides income to the Prices and eventually will add to the Joe O. Price Jr. Endowed Scholarship fund for a student-athlete on Wofford’s football team and support Wofford’s vocal performance program.

“By establishing this charitable trust, Joe qualified for an immediate income tax deduction, avoided potential capital gains and estate taxes, and provided lifetime income for himself and Ann, and ultimately will provide a source of financial support for Wofford—a generous and tax-wise decision,” says Patterson.

Patterson says that the Prices recently revised their estate plans to provide additional future support for Wofford. Through their wills the Prices have established several standard trusts and gift annuities that will provide for their beneficiaries and support the college.

“Former President Henry Nelson Snyder once warned, ‘When an institution begins to forget its past, the time will come when it will not have a past worth remembering.’ Joe Price fondly remembers and respects his alma mater’s past, and through his and Ann’s financial support, they will be helping Wofford students for generations to come. We need more friends like them,” says Patterson.

To learn more about establishing a scholarship or planned giving, contact Patterson at 864-597-4196 or pattersons@wofford.edu.

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington ’89
Carter engages students in the United Way

Ryan Carter ’16 wants to be someone who “works with the community, not for the community.”

The first weekend of the academic year Carter, a Bonner Scholar, boarded a plane for Washington, D.C., to attend the Student United Way Leadership Retreat, where he had the opportunity to attend a White House briefing on education and listen to the CEO of United Way Worldwide speak.

Carter, a government major with minors in business and finance from Charlotte, N.C., is in the midst of planning a Student United Way program for the Greater Piedmont Communities’ campuses, including Wofford and other campuses in Spartanburg.

Before Carter initiated his project, the United Way of the Piedmont was developing strategic plans to engage college students in local service, but leaders in the organization soon realized that their strategy was wrong. President and CEO Chris Steed explains that the initial aim was concentrated on the wrong group of people.

“For a movement aimed at mobilizing college students to be successful, it can’t come from faculty or staff or administration or the United Way. It has to start with the student body, and Ryan has the vision and the passion,” Steed says.

According to Carter, “United Way of the Piedmont seeks to bridge the gap between knowledge and resources for local non-profits to pursue service goals. A Student United Way in the Piedmont area would be a similar resource that organizations on-campus could use to connect in the community, between campuses, and even on our own campus.”

The next step for Carter is to continue planning. “We are still in the theoretical stage,” he says. “We don’t want to get too excited and start the program, and then look back and wish we would have planned more effectively.”

Carter hopes Wofford will start seeing signs of Student United Way activity on campus in the spring. Ideally it will be in full force next fall.

Steed has big plans for the program. “Five years from now I want all 17,000 college students in our shared community engaged in meaningful service. I believe that begins with Ryan, Wofford, and United Way,” he says.

by Dana Nobles ‘15

WoCoders conquer and prevail

Dr. David Sykes, professor and chair of the department of computer science, reports that the college’s computer programming team known as the WoCoders finished in first place for the second consecutive year at the southeastern regional contest sponsored by the Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges. “WoCord Team A” included Mayfield Reynolds ’15, Evan Orenstein ’14, John Jackson ’14 and Jamie Hames ’14. The team solved seven problems correctly within the three hours of coding. “WoWord Team B” was composed of Carol Sadek ’15, Caroline Odell ’14, Calli Holman ’14 and Alex Boutwell ’15. They coded up programs for five problems. Two teams also competed at the southeastern regional for the Association for Computing Machinery on Nov. 2. Out of 51 teams that competed in Division 1, Wofford finished 7th and 12th.

Business Ethics course honors best business

Image Collision Repairs Inc. in Spartanburg was awarded the 2013 Best Business Award, given by the Business Ethics course at Wofford. Runners up included Hub City Farmer’s Market; Palmetto Proactive Healthcare and Junk Matters.

The project gives students real world examples of ethical businesses.

by Lisa Mincey Ware
Thinking Like a River (TLAR) is an innovative three-year initiative that aims to shape a culture of sustainability centered on local waterways by offering hands-on experiences with rivers for students, faculty, visitors and area residents. After year one, here’s what Wofford’s Environmental Studies Program has accomplished...

Floating Seminars and the 1st TLAR Symposium
Outreach and Education at the Goodall Center
A Community Fellows Program
Real-Time Data Broadcast on the Web

How Dr. Kaye Savage thinks like a river

As part of our Thinking Like a River initiative, we in the Environmental Studies program ask our visiting speakers, our community fellows, and our students to share their personal perspectives about what “thinking like a river” means. It only seems fair that I put my own thoughts together as well to express at least a momentary reflection.

Thinking like a river entails a journey, with changes in character and surprising turns. The beginning may be full of apprehension, excitement, finding one’s way in unknown terrain, among steep slopes punctuated by stunning beauty – a red leaf in a dark pool, ice-spattered moss shining deep green through splintered light, the hollow sound of trickling amongst boulders. My own river journeys began in the headwater way in unknown terrain, among steep slopes punctuated by stunning beauty – a red leaf in a dark pool, ice-spattered moss shining deep green through splintered light, the hollow sound of trickling amongst boulders.

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A river’s journey requires persistence and flexibility. Persistence to cut through mountains even as they continue to rise, to collect pieces of bedrock and carry them downstream even as their accumulation heavies the load, and to pound moment by moment against stubborn obstacles. Yet the river maintains flexibility to find an easier path, developing a meander or dividing around an island, dropping part of the load when its energy level no longer permits bearing the full burden. Deposition is no sin, for a river. It is part of its work. The new sediment may provide habitat for a damselfly, or a gentle place to pull up a boat. Radical thinking is expressed in a river’s might. In September, thousands of people were displaced – and some lost their lives – by raging floods at Boulder Creek and neighboring rivers in Colorado. For the people, it was devastating. For the river, it is unusual – perhaps a 500-year or 1000-year flood – but well within its normal behavior over the long term. It is 110 years since the flood – but well within its normal behavior over the long term. It is 110 years since the flood – but well within its normal behavior over the long term.

We can also embrace and support the restoration and renewal that follow destruction. Reflection, reception, and connection are also part of river thinking. Still pools, even where rapids may once have roared, now provide places of rest and slow runimation. Rivers must accept all that is delivered – the productive and the destructive. The nutrients and the toxins. The flow over land, and the flow underground. Their connection with the land and with us is intimate, their health dependent on our actions, revealing their vulnerability together with their power.

Thinking like a river also means appreciating abundance, diversity, and the unknown. A river expands its reach over time and captures more land; each tributary brings new materials and new life. Each flood enriches the land. Each environment contributes to the fluvial ecosystem – the riffles and pools, shoals, waterfalls and swallets, the mysterious hyporheic zone, the muddy banks… Each community connects to the others across many scales of time and space. New research constantly brings these relationships to light, and shows how much we still don’t know – there is much that we can’t yet appreciate, and we need to learn.

Back to trust. I can’t leave this short personal reflection without relating the tale of my terrifying encounter with Ralph “Treehouse” Brown, a locally famous Ozark outfitter born in 1918. Brown had come through WWII as a medic and returned to Missouri limestone after a slim dinner, I developed hypothermia. Our trip leaders recognized that I needed to get out of the winter weather and took me downstream to meet up with Ralph Brown. He was a frightening sight, grizzled and fierce. But he was as well known for helping people in trouble as he was for threatening hooligans. We got into his truck in the dark. I’m not sure how he managed to drive, with one bad arm and the other holding a bottle of whisky on his lap, but we headed down the road. Never have I been so alarmed as when we approached the river to cross with no bridge in sight. But Brown had been thinking like a river for decades, and got us across. I don’t recall the rest of the journey home, but I am ever grateful to Treehouse Brown.

Dr. Kaye Savage is associate professor and director of the college’s environmental studies program.
Men's soccer wins SoCon regular season title
The men's soccer team (pictured below) claimed its first SoCon Regular Season title since 2009. The team was 10-6-1 overall and 5-1 in the SoCon leading into the SoCon Tournament. After downing Furman 2-1 in the semifinals, the team advanced to the championship game for the third time in the past five seasons. In double overtime, Elon scored the winner in the 1-0 contest.

At the conclusion of the season, four players were selected to the 2013 SoCon Men's Soccer All-Conference Team. Midfielder Connor Davis '16 was selected to the first team and defender Forrest Lasso '15 was selected to the second team. Forward Matthew Aurednik '15 was selected to the All-Freshman team, and goalkeeper Garrett Class '17 was named to the All-Freshman team.

Soccer Academic All-District selections
Men's soccer defender Billy Padula '14 was named to the 2013 CoSIDA Capital One Academic All-District Men's Soccer Team. From Irmo, S.C., Padula started all 17 games this season for the Terriers. He currently has a team-high and SoCon-leading 10 assists on the season. A double major in business economics and government, his 10 assists rank among the top five in NCAA Division I men's soccer.

Women's soccer reaches SoCon semifinals
The women's soccer team finished the regular season in sixth place in the SoCon with a conference record of 4-2-4 and 8-4-5 overall on the season. In the first round of the SoCon Tournament, Wofford faced UNCG and advanced in penalty kicks winning the shootout 5-4 after a 0-0 tie in regulation. The Terriers hosted Elon in the semifinals but were defeated 0-1 by the Phoenix. It was the team's first time advancing to the semifinals since 2002.

Following the season four players were selected to the 2013 SoCon Women's Soccer All-Conference Teams. Bosley was selected to the first team, goalkeeper Kimberly Cohn '14 and forward Chloe Brackett '16 were selected to the second team, and defender Tanner Kaplan '17 was selected to the All-Freshman team.

This marked the first time that Wofford has had a women's soccer player on an All-Conference team since 2006. Bosley is only the third player in Wofford women's soccer history to be selected to the SoCon first team. The only other players to be selected were Hall of Famers Bridgit Meadow Littleton '98 in 1997 and Heidi Beut '01 in 1997 and 1998.

Men's golf wins two fall tournaments
The Wofford men's golf team won two tournaments this fall. The team was 10-6-1 overall and 8-4-5 in the SoCon, four players were selected to the 2013 SoCon Men's Golf Academic All-District Team. Men's golf won two tournaments this fall.

On Oct. 14-15 in Morganton, N.C., the squad carded the lowest 54-hole score in the program's NCAA Division I era to win the Donald Ross Intercollegiate at Mission Hills Golf and Country Club. George Perkovich '14 tied for the individual championship, finishing the tournament at 8-under-par 202. The Terriers finished the three-round tournament with a winning total of 16-under-par 824.

At the Hummingbird Intercollegiate from Nov. 3-5, the team shot the low round of the final day, overcoming a four-stroke, final-round deficit to win at 8-over-par 860 in Sapulpa Valley. The Terriers shot a final-round 2-over-par 286, eight strokes better than Appalachian State's 10-over 294, leading both the Mountaineers and Belmont to claim the title. Brent McKenzie '14 took Wofford's best individual final finish of the tournament, carding a three-round total of 1-over-par 214 for tie for third place. The team begins the spring season on Feb. 17 in Hilton Head, S.C.

Sweet's inaugural year sees improvements for volleyball
The 2013 Wofford volleyball team completed the regular season with a mark of 13-18 overall, 7-9 SoCon, earning its most SoCon wins since 2005. First-year head coach Ron Sweet also led the Terriers back to the SoCon Tournament for the first time since 2006, with Wofford earning the No. 7 seed. Along the way, Amanda Liguori '14 became the program's new all-time leader in kills, surpassing Andrea Duke '05, who held the record for nine years. Liguori also earned her 1,000th career dig, and Bekah Dorsey '14 eclipsed both 3,000 career assists and 1,000 digs.

Taylor Baird '15 was named second team All-Conference, the first Terrier to earn postseason honors since Liguori was named to the All-Freshman team in 2010. Baird had 385 kills and averaged 3.29 per set during the regular season, leading the Terriers in both categories. The junior right-side hitter also tallied a team-leading 445.5 total points and averaged 3.81 per set. On top of that, Baird's 37 service aces and 0.32 aces per set were a team best.

Football Academic All-District selections
Wofford football student-athletes Kevin Thomas '15 and James Zotto '14 were named to the 2013 Capital One Academic All-District Football Teams, selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America, which recognizes the nation's top student-athletes for their combined performances athletically and in the classroom.

Thomas is a linebacker from Mills River, N.C. He has started all eight games this season and leads the team in total tackles with 63. The accounting major also leads the team with three sacks and is second on the squad with eight tackles for loss.

Zotto is a safety from Libertyville, Ill. This season the biology major has started seven games and is fourth on the team in total tackles with 49. He also has a forced fumble, fumble recovery and three pass break-ups. This marks the third straight season that Zotto has earned a spot on the Academic All-District team.

This marks the 14th straight season at least one Wofford football student-athlete has been named Academic All-District. Wofford is in the fourth district, which includes schools in Alabama, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. Nominees must have at least a 3.30 grade point average.
Tommy McKelvey rarely misses her mark

Tommy McKelvey ’16 rarely misses her mark—whether it’s during a rifle competition or doing pushups—and when she does, she just uses that as further motivation to work toward getting better. McKelvey, an ROTC cadet at Wofford, has maxed out all three of her physical training tests this year, and has broken two records during her time at Wofford—one with the Southern Guards ROTC Battalion and one with the college’s rifle team.

She currently holds the Wofford record, for both men and women, for performance on the Army physical fitness test, extended scale. She also set the Wofford individual scoring record for marksmanship on the rifle team with a score of 586 at the South Eastern Air Rifle Conference hosted at The Citadel last year. She was recognized during the Bosscars, a recognition evening for student-athletes, with the Female Rookie of the Year award.

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“The key to her success is staying healthy, time-management and motivation to always do better,” says Col. Michael Borgel, Wofford’s director of campus safety and rifle coach, who also is retired from the military, says of McKelvey. “She exemplifies the Wofford Honor Code and the Army values.” He explains that as a recent match, McKelvey’s rifle malfunctioned and fired before it was on a target, considered a violation even though it was an accident. “No one but her knew of the incident, but she knew she had to do the right thing and report the violation. She believes in doing the right thing, even when it is not acknowledged.”

Wofford’s participation in the Southern Guard Battalion continues to expand. Of the 69 total cadets, 40 are Wofford students, including 15 students who receive ROTC critical language scholarships for Chinese, ranking rifle team members and eight student-athletes. Two cadets studied abroad this fall—one in China and the other in New Zealand. Two Wofford Cadets also shadowed medical professionals during Interim 2013 at Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu, Hawaii.

While ROTC scholarships cover 100 percent of tuition and fees, with Wofford underwriting room and board, Cadets still need extra funding for Interim travel/study experiences, internships, summer language programs or specialized skills training. The Southern Guard Battalion is currently working to increase the Southern Guards Battalion Endowed Scholarship Fund to pay for some of these extra opportunities.

This photo was made after the promotion ceremony for Professor of Military Science Michael J. Borgel from major to lieutenant colonel. Front row from left: Spencer Thomas ’17, Wofford; Lt. Col. Michael Borgel, Wofford; Joshua Allen ’14, USC Upstate; Andrew Pettit ’17, Wofford; (son of Col. Ray Pettit ’87). Back row from left: Ned Hann ’14, battalion commander, Wofford; Dillon Trojan ’16, Wofford; Col. (Ret.) Ray Pettit, current senior Army instructor at Dorman High School; and Timothy Edge ’17, Wofford.

by Dana Nobles ’15

ROTC thriving at Wofford

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From Sept. 30 through Oct. 4, Wofford, Converse College and the Chapman Cultural Center served as hosts to Tibetan Lamas from the Drepung Loseling Monastery for a series of cultural events. The Lamas constructed a sand mandala and performed sacred music and dance at the Chapman Cultural Center. Professors from Wofford and Converse also presented a series of lectures throughout the week.

"Mandalas are symbolic representations of the cosmos," says Dr. Trina Jones, Wofford professor of religion who was instrumental in bringing the Lamas to Spartanburg. "The particular mandala that was created here was made of colored sand. Over the course of about 30 hours, the monks painted the mandala with millions of tiny grains. The sand was applied with a ridged funnel called a chak-pur. This particular mandala was devoted to Chenrezig, who is the Buddhist bodhisattva of compassion."

The event was sponsored by the Humanities Council of South Carolina, The Spartanburg County Foundation, the Arts Partnership of Spartanburg, the Teagle Foundation, the Johnson Family, Converse College, Wofford and the Chapman Cultural Center.
keeping in touch

1951
Ed Atkins, retired owner of Atkins Appraiser, lives in Moore, S.C.

1960
Longtime Spartanburg oncologist Dr. Julian Josey was awarded the Order of the Palmetto on Oct. 15, 2013. The award is South Carolina’s highest civilian honor. The Gibbs Cancer Center in Green, S.C., also recognized Josey by naming the garden and fountain outside in his honor.

1963
The Rev. (ret.) Roger Wood lives with his wife, Elaine, in Jacksonville, Fla. The couple has plans to relocate to Hendersonville, N.C., in January 2014. Wood served as pastor. The Chinese chestnut tree 64 years. He credits Woodford for what he believes to be the greatest accomplishment of his lifetime ministry: 35 mission trips to France and French-speaking Belgium.

1964
Class Chair, Charles W. Saunders Bill Hannon and his wife, Annie, live in Inman, S.C. Hannon is the owner of Able Septic Tank Service.

1968
Class Chair, Ronald G. Bruce Dr. David Ivey and his wife, Audrey, live in Mount Pleasant, S.C. Ivey is owner of David W. Ivey, DMD, PA and is a practicing dentist/pedodontist.

1969
Class Chair, Richard L. Myers Ron Lunsford lives with his wife, Eugenia, in Port Canaveral, Fla. Lunsford is a retired operations command contractor for the U.S. Air Force.

Bryan Smith, an international business consultant, is chief executive officer of Game Change Time LLC. He and his wife, Ivette, live in Mount Pleasant, S.C.

1970
Class Chair, Arthur “Buz” W. Rich Paul Walker is a vice president for Sun Trust Mortgage Inc. He lives in Johnson City, Tenn.

1971
Class Chair, Kenneth E. Smith The Rev. John Holler was the guest speaker at Red Bank United Methodist Church on Sept. 8, 2013. Holler is the president and chief executive officer of Epworth Children’s Home in Columbia, S.C., a residential, educational and medical facility.

Dr. White Jeffrey Jr. is owner/physician of Sumter Pulmonary LLC. He and his wife, Mary, live in Sumter, S.C. Their daughter, Macaulay White Smith ‘00, is married to Murrell Smith ’90.

1972
Class Chair, Allen S. Guignard David Currie and his wife, Phyllis, live in Sanford, Fla. Currie is a compliance auditor for Spartan Electronics. The couple has two children.

1973
Melton Francis is a self-employed magician. He lives with his family in Derbry, Kan. Dr. Steve Jeffers at Clemson University, who is a phytophthora expert on horticultural plants, once started chestnut restoration farm in Seneca, S.C., to to finding a way to develop Phytophthora [fill-tof-ther-uh] resistance for chestnuts so they can once again populate Southern forests.

1974
Class Chair, Jerry L. Galvest The Rev. DeTreville “Det” Bowers Jr. served as guest minister during the annual homecoming and revival for the historic Robersonville Baptist Church in October 2013.

Bowers is most recently a pastor of Christ Church of the Carolinas in Columbia, S.C. Bowers has been selected as a federal administrative law judge. Peace served two terms as solicitor for Albemarle, Greenville, Laurens and Newberry counties. He is retired from the U.S. Army and spent 20 years as a judge advocate general. Peace lives in Greenwood, S.C.

From the roots up: Dr. Joe James takes on mission of restoring the American chestnut to South Carolina forests

Dr. Joe James ’68 has been called the Dr. Kevorkian of chestnut trees. Hundreds die at his hand every year, but to be honest, they probably would have died anyway. The real culprit — Phytophthora cinamomoni or root rot — has decimated the American chestnut crop south of the Mason Dixon line, and James works every day to grow a population of trees that could lead to a cure.

That’s right, Phytophthora, not chestnut blight, is the disease that wiped our American chestnuts in the southern part of the United States. Part of the problem is that James has to contend with both diseases if he’s going to see American chestnuts growing in South Carolina forests again.

“Chestnuts are 100 percent killed by Phytophthora contact,” says James. “Once the tree’s roots are infected, the tree cannot transport water and goes through a drought period and is dead in about a week.”

Phytophthora is 100 percent Phytophthora resistant, but they’re an inferior tree, not shade tolerant, not as pretty, not as good for wood, and they don’t provide the same superior fruit.

A retired orthopedic surgeon, James has become an expert on chestnut trees and their diseases since he bought a farm in Seneca, S.C., and decided to try to plant blight resistant hybrid American/Cheinese chestnuts on his land.

After three years of planting all of James’ hybrid trees died. “If it rained they died. If it didn’t rain, they died, so I started looking at the roots,” says James. James was put in contact with Dr. Steve Jeffers at Clemson University, a phytophthora expert on horticultural plants. He started learning about Phytophthora — an organism with swimming spores that moves through ground water. It’s not a plant or a fungus. It’s an Oomycetes species that stowed away in the soil of tropical plants brought into Charleston. It’s not an issue in the north because of the depth of the freeze line.

“Phytophthora is like small pos, little bit will kill ya,” says James. “If I were a tree and had a choice, I’d choose blight every time because it leaves the roots alive. Phytophthora kills the roots, and there’s nothing left.”

Jeffers says that Phytophthora is ubiquitous in the nursery system, which means it’s practically everywhere, yard, field, garden and forest across the Southeast. “About 50 percent of the plants that leave nurseries have it in the soil,” says Jeffers.

Because of the invasive nature of Phytophthora, keeping plants away from it is futile. The only option is to develop genetic resistance within the population of hybrid American chestnut trees. The survivors will become the parents of the roughly 7 percent survival rate.

In 2004 James began screening American/Cheinese hybrids in 150-gallon tubs. Of the first 503 nuts he planted, “53 trees survived, so that gave us hope,” says James of the roughly 7 percent survival rate.

In 2011 James planted 507 nuts from blight-resistant parent trees that are classified as B3A, which means that they are at least 94 percent American chestnut. He planted them in the large tubs or in one of five orchards on his farm. Each tree is tagged and inoculated with Phytophthora. Then James cuts the seedlings using his own rating scale.

“It’s tough love. If they’re dead or don’t look healthy, we cull them from the gene pool. Trees that survive for three years in the field are declared Phytophthora resistant.”

The oldest “restoration chestnut” on James’s farm is a 3-year-old grown from the Clapper family of trees. It’s more than 12 feet tall, and James promised to shoot at anyone who tries to move it.

According to James’ wife, Sandy, restoring American chestnuts requires long days and lots of patience. James spends most of his daylight hours preparing fields, planting, inoculating, weeding, watering, fertilizing, collecting nuts and taking the time to teach others about the disease. Evening hours are spent working on the paperwork involved to be an ATFS certified American Chestnut Foundation research station.

“I think there’s a band of squirrels that send out a sentinel to watch for the nuts. Joe has to beat them to it,” she says. “It’s a discouraging choice of work, so I’m behind the scenes encouraging him.”

In September, a group from the Carolinas Chapter of the American Chestnut Foundation visited James’ Chestnut Restoration Farm to learn about the science involved. One of the attendees asked whether he would live to see the restoration of the American chestnut tree in South Carolina?

“How old are you?” James answers.

“Seventy-three.”

“I’d keep my health real good,” says James.

“Edward James feels he and other researchers are making great progress, he believes they’re still a few tree generations away from finding a way to make American chestnuts Phytophthora resistant in the wild.”

“We’ve done about three-fourths of known families of American chestnuts, but I feel like we’re missing a few genes to have a complete system of resistance,” says James.

Before the invasion of Phytophthora, James estimates that 5 to 10 percent of the trees in the Piedmont region were American chestnuts. He also says that Confederate soldiers noted in their journals that chestnuts were dying out, which is another indication that Phytophthora was well ahead of blight (which started in 1904).

“Every animal in the forest eats chestnuts,” says James. “Returning chestnuts and chinquapins (especially prized by the American Indians) to our forests would be a great boon for wildlife.”

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington ’89
“Jack” Buice as executive vice president and commercial banking officer. A veteran commercial lender, Buice has worked as a retail area executive and in sales management administration with another commercial bank. He lives with his family in Anderson, S.C.

1978

Class Chair, Armando Lorette
Dr. Keith Riddle is managing director for J. Henry Stuhr Inc. Funeral Chapels. He and his partner, David Baker, live in Johns Island, S.C.

1979

Class Chair, Wade E. Ballard
Ken Page is market manager for the floor care solutions firm Cubix Inc. He lives in Riverview, Fla.

1982

Class Chair, J. Madison Dye Jr.
Harry Bell and his wife, Carol, live in Forest Acres, S.C. Bell is the head di­rector for the University of South Carolina.

1983

Class Chair, W. Scott Gaunt
Ardrina Caldwell Scott Elliott is director of gift administration at the University of South Carolina. She lives with her family in Columbia, S.C.

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Class Chair, Timothy E. Madden
Dr. Mary Ann McCrackin is a veterinary medical officer at Ralph H. Johnson Veterans Administration Medi­cal Center and an associate professor at the University of South Carolina. She and her husband, Rick Hurley, live in Charleston, S.C.

1987

Lt. Col. Donald Dunn recently completed a three-year assignment at the U.S. Air Force Command at Shaw AFB. He now has returned to U.S. Airports, where he is a first officer on the Boeing

1988

Class Chair, C. Lane Glaze
Eugene S. Taylor III is self-employed as an attorney. He lives in Atlanta, Ga.

1989

Class Chair, Michael Sullivan
Ruth Parvis Queen is vice president of Keeler Queen & Masters CPA Inc. She and her husband, Dallon, live in Cayfﬁnny, S.C. The couple has two children.

Within the next 12 months, Lee McAlilly ’05 and Zach Lever ’05 want Original Fuzz to be the guitar strap of choice for the world’s most influential musicians. Ambitious? Yes. But then they have had a very good year.

In April Original Fuzz helped attract musicians to and raise support for the One Spark crowd-funding festival in Jacksonville, Fla. Out of that came an opportunity to apply for funding from billionaire Jacksonville Jaguars owner Shad Khan to be a part of the inaugural class of KYN, a new startup accel­erator in downtown Jacksonville. Chosen from among hundreds of applicants, Original Fuzz is one of four companies participating in a four-month program that provides seed funding, mentors, prime office space, and access to a team of designers, developers and interns, all with the goal of helping them jumpstart their company and brand.

We were told after the fact that they placed a lot of emphasis on our team,” says Lever. “I have a legal career. Lee has marketing experience. We both have a musical background. Our skills comple­ment, and they believed as a team that we could pull off what we were pitching.”

It also helped that Original Fuzz had a product in place and was primed for growth. “They’ve already been featured on the cover of the Jacksonville Business Journal, and in October Original Fuzz ended its first pre-sale event early, selling out of all of its Peruvian guitar straps.

Lever and McAlilly met at Wofford during their first year and decided to room together as sopho­more, both took Dr. Stephen Michaelmann’s Jazz Improv Interim, pledged Sigma Nu, participated in almost every musical opportunity offered at the college, started their own band and graduated summa cum laude in economics (Lever) and English (McAlilly). They de­cided to stick together after college as well.

“We wanted to live in a cool place after graduation so we moved to Nashville,” says McAlilly. “We moved there, had a band and were playing music for about a year,” says Lever. “Then I went

Original Fuzz launched its second pre-sale event in early November. Music lovers have plenty of time to pick up handmade gifts in time for the holidays if they order by Dec. 17. Visit www.originalfuzz.com for more information.

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington ’89

Original Fuzz

Makes you want to learn to play the guitar just to wear the strap

Original Fuzz products are in stores in New York City, Chicago, Nashville, Memphis, Savannah, Miami and Jacksonville. Interested musicians also may purchase Original Fuzz bags, straps, cables and other accessories online at www.originalfuzz.com.

For Wofford Terriers, McAlilly and Lever are offering a special deal: Buy a product using the special Wofford URL, and they will donate a portion of the sales to the college’s Annual Fund. Go to www. originalfuzz.com/wofford to shop (and give).

Lee McAlilly ’05 (left) and Zach Lever ’05 in a recent production photo shoot. Photos by Jensen Hande.
The Coalition for Leadership in Aging Services (CLAS) honored Mark H. Lee ’76 (above), administrator of Franke at Seaside Active Lifestyle Continuing Care Retirement Community in Mount Pleasant, S.C., with the Hiram J. Friedsam Mentorship Award for 2013. This award recognizes an individual who has made significant and ongoing contribution to the education and development of professionals in the field of housing and aging services. Lee’s presentation was at the LeadingAge Annual Meeting in Dallas, Texas, on Oct. 27, 2013.

Lee was nominated by his employees as ‘the kind of leader that nudges you around little by little without you realizing that he is mentoring you along the way. He takes his leadership role with responsibility and commitment to help develop young professionals in the field of housing and aging services.’

Aul launches Staghorn Design Studio
Katherine Aul ’07 announces the launch of her landscape design firm, Staghorn Design Studio (www.staghornodesignstudio.com), Co-founded with fellow Columbia University graduate Hannah Warren and business development guru Leone Kraus, the firm specializes in creating beautiful and environmentally sustainable outdoor spaces for residences and businesses. This year’s projects have ranged from a front entry garden in Oklahoma City to a rooftop space in Brooklyn to a beach cottage landscape on Long Island, and that’s just the tip of the iceberg.

In addition to landscape design and garden design, Staghorn also provides garden maintenance and habitat restoration services. The company’s blog, www.staghornpress.tumblr.com, gives a peek into the inner workings of a landscape design firm and offers advice and inspiration to fellow green thumbs.

Stone completes first marathon for charity
Duffie Stone ’85 (above), the South Carolina 14th Circuit Solicitor, just finished the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C., in three hours, 42 minutes. The event was Stone’s first full marathon. He had been training for the race since February, when he ran in the Hilton Head Island Half Marathon.

Stone used the race to raise money for Beaufort County’s Marine community and the three service members who work in his office. Funds raised support the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, which provides need-based scholarships to military children.

Barber political commentary in demand
Ellison Barber ’12 has had a busy fall. She writes a weekly commentary for the “DIY” crowd. It offers a place where weekend craftspeople can do things they’re not equipped or able to do at home. For example, they can refresh furniture, print in 3D, or do metal and glasswork. If they need materials, they can either pick them up in a stockroom or order on the spot from a convenient source. If they want to take a break, they can stay next door to a downtown restaurant.

In a way, it’s a place to avoid making a mess in one’s own garage or basement. But more importantly, it’s a place where there are helpers to demonstrate the proper way to use the machinery. For those who want even more assistance, classes will be available.

In short, Project Hub is that comparatively rare entrepreneurial project where the more you learn about it, the more eager you are to see the doors open. And if you think Project Hub is a neat idea, wait until you learn about Alverson’s concept for driverless, automated trucking. For additional information, visit his LinkedIn Profile at www.linkedin.com/in/elaneyalverson.

Jablon’s roses show well at State Fair
Dr. Harold Jablon ’66 (above), a Columbia, S.C., dentist, entered roses in the South Carolina State Fair for the first time and came away with several winners. Jablon is on the board of the Medical University of South Carolina and works with pediatric patients in Kids First Dental in Columbia. Jablon is a past president of the Greater Columbia Dental Association, a member of the Pierre Fauchard Academy—International Honorary Dental Association, a fellow of the American College of Dentistry, member of the American Dental Association and past president of the Medical University of South Carolina Alumni Association.

Foust excels in Dr. Phil Show production
Lindy Foust ’10, following an internship for “Dr. Phil” in Los Angeles, Calif., was hired as a production assistant on the show. After a year in the position, which involves the booking of shows, she was promoted to assistant producer for the upcoming 2013/2014 season. One of Foust’s shows received the highest ratings of all shows this season.

Pazdan Smith. It was through McMillan’s service that the endowment was secured. He was on the local Palmetto Bank Advisory Board for many years. He is a retired architect with McMillan for the Spartanburg Arts Council for many years and the Spartanburg Art Museum board of trustees. Also, he was on the local Palmetto Bank Advisory Board for many years. He is a retired architect with McMillan Pazdan Smith. It was through McMillan’s service that the endowment was secured.
Natalie Hills Boggs ’08 majored in art history, but she also knows how to read a balance sheet and understands the principles of factoring thanks to her economics classes at Wofford. It was that combination of art and finance, plus her communications skills and confidence, that landed her a job in the Los Angeles offices of the New York City-based Hilldun Corp., one of the oldest and most well-respected finance companies in the fashion industry.

“This is definitely a finance-driven company, but we work in the fashion industry where understanding creative vision as well as the business goals of our clients is vital to doing business with them successfully. I brought enough interdisciplinary skills to become part of a great business team,” says Boggs, who serves the company as assistant director of business development.

Although she’s in banking, Boggs loves the creative energy involved in working in the fashion industry... and if she’s in the mood she gets to wear jeans to work (albeit with designer labels). She’s responsible for managing both high-end and emerging designer relationships for the West Coast as well as Australia and Asia. She also travels often between Los Angeles and the company’s office in the heart of the Garment District in Manhattan. Always she’s bringing in business, and for Hilldun that means welcoming more designers into the family.

“We have about 400 clients, but we’re also a family owned company that likes to personally get behind designers with talent,” says Boggs. “It’s neat to see the progression of an emerging designer. They may not have a strong business background, but they’re incredibly talented, and Hilldun has a reputation for helping designers to grow their businesses.”

Hilldun does that primarily by providing factoring and factoring services. According to Boggs, cash flow can be a challenge for a growing company and while a bank loan is a fixed amount, factoring allows a business to receive a cash advance based on unpaid accounts receivable.

“A company needs to maintain steady cash flow for growth. We provide our clients with cash immediately after they ship, so they do not have to wait on payment from their stores. This type of financing is ideal for a designer because it allows them to fund their business through their sales, without giving away equity.”

Some of the hot button topics facing the industry right now are the economy, environmental responsibility and bringing the production of clothes back to the United States. It’s an industry in transition, and Hilldun, established in 1958, has helped launch or worked with some of the biggest names in the business — Betsey Johnson, I.A.M Inc., She lives with her family in Florence, S.C.

Lisa Deavenport Ireland and her husband, Eric Ireland ’92, live in Simpsonville, S.C. Lisa is chief talent officer at the Palmetto Bank, and Eric is marketing operations manager for Michelin Tire Corp.-Greenville. The couple has two children.

1991
Class Chair, Leslie Houck Page
Our apologies to Allen Morris for our error in stating his name as Allen Bridges in the fall issue of Wofford Today. Morris is a financial adviser for Wells Fargo Advisors and lives with his family in Bullying Springs, S.C.

Ellis O’Tuell has been promoted to vice president in the financial services firm from the Main Street Group. He joined the firm in 2012. O’Tuell lives with his family in Pawleys Island, S.C.

1992
Class Chair, Nicholle Palmeri Chuann
After practicing with the Chat-tanooga law firm of Chambliss, Bahner & Stophel for the past seven years, and making shareholder two years ago, John B. Critchfield has joined the Volkmann plant in Chattanooga, Tenn., as counsel on a contract basis. He will be assisting plant counsel on all legal topics while continuing his practice.

Critchfield lives with his family in Greenville, S.C.

1993
Class Chair, Sarah C. Sawicki
Catherine Castrell Onzer is employed as a school psychologist at Gilber High School. She and her family live in Lerreille, S.C.

1994
Class Chair, Alicia N. Truesdail
Gus Brahman won the Young Agent of the Year award at the annual convention of the Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of S.C. He also is serving on the board of directors for a three-year term.

Brahman lives with his family in Columbia, S.C.

Dr. Brian Starks earned his Ph.D. in criminology from the University of Delaware in 2012. He is an assistant professor at University of Delaware in 2012. He is an assistant professor at Delaware State University, and serves as an associate director for the National College for programs and operations at the National Association for College Admis-sions Counseling. She lives in Alexandria, Va.

Colby Morris Murphy and her husband, Sean Murphy, live in Winston Salem, N.C. The couple has two children, Millie and Mac. Colby is as-sociated with Summit School.

1996
Class Chair, Curt L. Nichols Jr.

Dr. Frank Bartel has been promoted to assistant director of Greenwood Genetic Cen-ter’s Cytogenetics Laboratory. The promotion comes after the completion of a two-year clinical genetics labora-tory fellowship. Bartel lives in Greenwood, S.C.

Michael Bassett teamed up with his father, Fred, for a father/son poetry reading at Hub City Bookshop on Sept. 14, 2013. Bassett, a teacher at Hilton Head Preparatory School, is an accomplished poet, having published three books. His poetry has appeared in more than 100 journals and anthologies.

David Sebastian Cross earned his Ph.D. in comparative literature from the University of South Carolina on Aug. 10, 2013. He also has completed graduate-level study in Arabic at Middlebury College and at Yarmouk University in Jordan. Cross is an assistant professor at Charleston Southern Univer-sity, where he teaches Spanish and Arabic.

1997
Class Chair, Beth Mangham Guerreero

Dr. Jeffrey F. Johns lives in Berkeley, Calif. He is a psychiatrist for the City of Berkeley Health, Housing and Community Services.

1998
Class Chair, Casey B. Moore

Dr. Isabel Ghowanlu Drigghers is a pediatric dentist and owner of Coastal Kids Dental & Braces. She and her husband, Jacob, live in Daniel Island, S.C. The couple has three boys, Corbin, Palmer and Rowan.

Living in Columbia, S.C., Dr. Christina Lynn is a staff physician at Three Rivers Be-havioral Health. Lynn has one son and one daughter.

Jessica Thomas is a senior in-ternal auditor for Old Republic National Title Insurance Co. She lives in St. Paul, Minn.

William P. Williamson’98 represented Wofford at the inauguration of the new president of the University of Georgia, Dr. Jere W. Morehead, in November. Williamson is a
An update on Rhodes Scholar Rachel Woodlee ’13

She was a force on the volleyball court, but now Rachel Woodlee ’13 wants to try her hand at another sport – rowing – while she’s attending Oxford as Wofford College’s most recent Rhodes Scholar. It’s one thing she’s doing on her “off time” while studying for her masters degree in contemporary Chinese studies for the next two years. “I’ve actually signed up for rowing for this year, which is my college here,” she says in an email. “I’ve tried several other sports, but I’ve never tried any sort of competitive sport, because it seems like a very British thing to do, and also a nice change from all of the crew, but it seems like a very British thing to do,” she says in an email. “I’ve never tried any sort of competitive sport, because it seems like a very British thing to do, and also a nice change from all of the crew, but it seems like a very British thing to do.”

Woodlee was a star on the Wofford volleyball team for four years, and she played volleyball and basketball at Mauldin High School in Mauldin, S.C. At Oxford the emphasis is on independent study, so Woodlee, who majored in business economics and Chinese at Wofford, has a much more flexible schedule than she had at Wofford. “We’re not actually in class or lecture that often by American standards – usually about one to two hours per weekday,” she says. “However, we’re expected to do a lot of reading and writing outside of class, and we work closely with our supervisors on the research project that will lead to our dissertations. It’s been an adjustment in that respect, but it’s also much more flexible.”

“Since I have a much more flexible schedule here, I cook at least one meal a day and am looking forward to trying out some cool new recipes in the future. I’m also hoping to do a lot of traveling,” she says, adding that a weekend trip to Belgium is “a chillier one!”

Woodlee says she has been surprised by the “amazing people I’ve met. I was originally intimidated by the other Rhodes Scholars, and yet they’ve all turned out to be very friendly and down to earth on top of their amazing accomplishments.”

“In addition, I wasn’t prepared for how international Oxford is,” she adds, “and I’ve loved getting to make friends with people from such different backgrounds in such a short amount of time.”

“So far, Woodlee says, she’s been extremely busy since arriving at Oxford. “Sitting into a new place is always a little stressful, because there are so many little things that need to be taken care of, like finding a cell phone plan and buying a bike. However, I’ve also been lucky enough to meet an amazing group of people and to get to do some fun sightseeing and meet and greet-type of events, but I’ve definitely been having a great time.”

At Oxford Woodlee is studying in Chinese economics, history, international relations, geography and other areas. “Oxford has a unique program that takes an interdisciplinary approach to studying China since 1949,” she explains. “At the end of classes, I’ll also write a 10,000-word mini-dissertation.”

England has had some surprises for Woodlee. “It’s actually not quite as rainy as I’d thought it would be – yet – and the food has been much better than the horror stories I’ve heard about the U.K.,” she says. “Overall, I’d say it’s been much easier than I’d thought it would be to get settled in and feel at home here, but then again, last time I moved overseas it was to Beijing. ... so I guess I should’ve expected England to be much less of a shock.”

Just being at Oxford has been the most interesting thing about the experience for her so far, she says. “There’s so much history here, from the doors in my college that were installed before the United States was even a country to the pub Bill Clinton so controversially frequented in the 1960s, so just walking around the streets every day is almost like living in a museum, but a much chillier one!”

by Laura H. Corbin

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country music industry-developing communications and new media for artist management companies. She lives in Mount Pleasant, S.C.

Becky Heiser is a guidance clerk and assistant to the registrar at Shannon Forest Christian School. She lives in Pelzer, S.C.

Holly Holladay, former editor-in-chief of Evening Post Books in Charleston, S.C., has founded the publishing company Holladay House Publishing. The firm plans to release several books before the end of 2013. Holladay lives in Manning, S.C.

William D. James earned his master’s degree in health administration from the University of South Carolina in 2013. He is an applications support analyst for St. Joseph’s/Candler Hospital. James lives in Savannah, Ga.

2012 Class Chair, Hallie Marie Wilkins

Noely Bailey, an internet sales manager for Vic Bailey Marts, is a member of the Spartanburg for 2013-14. She lives in Spartanburg.

Living in Charleston, S.C., Jordan Ball is a teacher assistant at Liberty Hall Academy.

Winston Cavell lives in San Diego, Calif., where he is an instructor/guide at Aqua Adventures Kayaks.

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Wilson named Carolina Miracle League Volunteer of the Year

The 2013 Carolina Miracle League (CML) fall season wrapped up on Oct. 28 and during the end of the year celebration the CML board of directors made a surprise presentation to two deserving supporters of the league — one of those was Alex Wilson, former Wofford pitcher and current Atlanta Braves minor league prospect. Wilson received the Volunteer of the Year award, Dobbie Gassett was named Coach of the Year.

Wilson, a native of Landrum, S.C., was exposed to the CML when the Wofford baseball team made its yearly visit to Miracle Park to serve as buddies. Following the 2012 college season, Wilson was drafted by the Atlanta Braves and this past season played for the Class A South Atlantic League Braves in Rome, Ga., where he saw action in 33 games, logging 52 2/3 innings with a record of 1-5, a 3.59 ERA and 8 saves. Upon completing his R-Braves season in early September, Wilson returned to the Wofford campus and is taking his final classes to graduate with a degree in chemistry.

The Carolina Miracle League (CML), founded in 2001, provides children with disabilities in Spartanburg, Union and Cherokee Counties in South Carolina and Rutherford and Polk Counties in North Carolina the opportunity to participate in an organized baseball league. This project was funded in part by Spartanburg County Community and Economic Development Department through the use of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Community Development Block Grant Funds.

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Wofford Births

1992


1994


2003

Will Hoy and his wife, Jennifer, of Spartanburg, S.C., announce the birth of Mary Margaret “Maisie” Hoy, Dec. 20, 2012.

2010


2013

Kelly Day Miner and her husband, Jimmy Miner ’04, of Beaufort, S.C., announce the birth of Mary Everett Wayne, Aug. 4, 2013.

Mary-Margaret Fitzhenry ’97 and Carter Noland ’97 were married May 4, 2013 surrounded by Wofford family and friends spanning the classes of 1954 to 2007. Photos by Evan Laettner.
For Grace Wallace ’13, it’s “the art of giving back” that drives her business, WritefullyHis LLC.

Wallace started her philanthropic business of designing and selling stationery during the fall of her senior year at Wofford. With the help of The Space, Wallace spent much of the year building a network in the Upstate and getting WritefullyHis off the ground.

In the past year WoffullyHis has found a home in the digital health accelerator The Iron Yard LLC’s CoWork space at 151 S. Daniel Morgan Ave. in Spartanburg. Wallace also has formed a board of advisers that includes Wofford benefactor Mike Brown ’76; Bill Barnett, former Spartanburg mayor; Scott Cochran ’88, dean of The Space; Chapman Cultural Center President Jennifer Evins; and Steve Hahn, head of entrepreneurial services for the Spartanburg Area Chamber of Commerce.

While she was on the train traveling from the south of France at a small coffee shop, where she and her older sister, Amy Kate ’11, sat and simply brainstormed.

Some of her brainstorming took place while she was on the train traveling from Aix to Paris and during her art history course. To this day Wallace keeps a journal of ideas, concepts and drawings.

“Anything that’s close to me, it’s in here,” she says, pointing to her book. “I write things down.”

Around 20 percent of the proceeds from WritefullyHis go to the faith-based nonprofit Xchange International, which uses WritefullyHis funding to purchase charitable products in Africa to benefit communities in Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania and Rwanda. These include notebooks, pencils and other resources that ensure opportunities to receive a better education.

There were times when the young entrepreneur was unsure of which direction to take or which choice to make.

“It was faith that kept me going,” she says.

In March of this year, Wallace was stuck between becoming a business for profit or taking the non-profit route. As soon as she had finished praying about it, she received a call from Mike Brown ’76, a Wofford benefactor. He wanted to order $6,000 worth of stationery from WritefullyHis.

Wallace decided to make her business for profit, while providing some proceeds for nonprofit purposes.

This summer, Wallace had the opportunity to travel to Jinja, Uganda, to visit one of the schools to which she helps provide resources. She took a friend, her mother and videographer, to capture the experience, which was rewarding and humbling, she says.

“They all knew my name, and they knew WritefullyHis,” Wallace explains. “I felt a responsibility to each and every child I met.”

Although Wallace says that owning a business is overwhelming, she credits writefullyHis with a strong support system and her faith in God with her success. Wallace remembers clearly that shortly after she won The Space’s Launch competition in the spring, she received an email from President Nayef Samhat, before she had even met him, detailing how proud he was of her and offering encouragement.

“If you have an idea, then launch it,” Wallace says, advising students and young alumni to be true to themselves. “Jump in, give back and connect to something bigger than yourself.”

Eventually Wallace wants WritefullyHis to be a household name in the region and have a presence in retail stores. This holiday season Wallace is partnering with local schools to help students write letters of cheer, using WritefullyHis stationery, to military veterans at the Atlanta VA Medical Center.

“It’s all about giving back,” she says. “Someone helped me along the way, and I want to be able to give that opportunity to someone else.”

For more information or to buy stationery from WritefullyHis LLC visit www.writefullyhis.com.

by Tyrell Jemison ’14

United Way leadership offers Goss opportunity to make a difference

D’arrin Goss Sr. ’93 learned at Wofford that an individual could make a difference. In his new job as president and chief executive officer of the Capital Area United Way in Baton Rouge, La., he says the organization provides him with a chance to do just that — “to make a significant difference in the lives of thousands of people.”

For Goss, who was named the new head of the nonprofit organization in May, his work and mission have always been about service.

The United Way, which has more than 1.200 local chapters in the U.S. and affiliates in 41 countries around the world, “is working to make a measurable difference in the lives of children, youth and families by addressing the root causes, focusing on strategies that provide a continuum of support and services, and most importantly, leveraging the time, talent and treasure of communities against the work,” Goss says. “In this way, the United Way was a perfect fit for me.”

Goss first began working with United Way in Greenville in 2007 after spending four and a half years in the Student Affairs Office at Wofford.

“I found myself longing to make a difference in the lives of children, youth and families who may not be Wofford bound,” he says.

In Greenville, Goss was a vice president and managed a staff of 17 people. Now he has a staff of 28 and an area twice as large. According to Goss, the Capital Area United Way, which covers a large area in the Baton Rouge region, is undergoing a rebuilding process.

“The wonderful thing is that there is great community support, my staff is motivated and energetic, and we are all passionate about helping people,” he adds.

Goss wants his group to become the mission of choice in the Capital Area for all donors, with a goal of raising more than $9 million this year.

“I am trying to create a culture of collaboration with an orientation toward success and excellence,” Goss says of the community and his office. “I once heard that culture will eat strategy for lunch, so for me it is all about building a culture that respects the gifts, talents and personhood of every individual.”

Goss believes that a culture of collaboration and respect and welcome diversity, caring for the poor, improving the lives of children, youth and families is entirely consistent with the gospel.

Goss also credits much of his current success and beliefs to his walk with Christ. He admits to being angry as a young adult when he first entered Wofford because of the injustice he witnessed in the world based on gender, race and socioeconomic status. Then Goss met the Rev. James Richard, pastor of Mt. Cavalry Baptist Church, and the Rev. Talmage Skinner ’56, Wofford’s chaplain.

“This changed my life and perspective on everything,” Goss says. “Instead of trying to place blame and hold people accountable for the wrongs I perceive with systems and structures, I learned that I needed to forgive and work for reconciliation.... For me this work I am doing is an extension of my ministry as a pulpit preacher. My message of reconciliation, caring for the poor, improving the lives of children, youth and families is entirely consistent with the gospel.”

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Goss says that he is thankful that Wofford led him to his wife of more than 20 years now, Vee. “The two met because they were both volunteers at the Boys and Girls Club at Cleveland Elementary School.

To current Wofford students Goss says, “Be excellent at what you do, be committed and loyal to your employer, your colleagues and the staff teams you will lead.”

He says that performing well, having faith and following his passion has helped him immensely. Goss believes his love of service has gotten him to where he is today.

by Tyrell Jemison ’14

WritefullyHis LLC: Wallace builds business inspired by service
Carmen Faulkner shared this photo with Wofford in anticipation of the Heritage Society event during Family Weekend. The photo shows the rings of the Rev. Robert C. Faulkner '51, Robert Faulkner '74 and Mary Courtney "M.C." Faulkner '14 — three generations, grandfather, father and daughter.

(Left) The Wimberlys took family photos in front of Old Main during Homecoming Weekend 2013.

(Below) Katie Machowski '15, Mary Machowski '11 and Walter Machowski '77 show their Wofford pride at the South Carolina Dental Association’s 5th annual Dental Access Day in Charleston, S.C., on Aug. 24.

(Above) Gary '67 and Bea Daves caught up with Alvin Neal '65 at the Columbia Gathering on Oct. 24. (Below) Also enjoying the Columbia Alumni Gathering are Ann Satterwhite, Lyn Evans and Evie Bunge.

(Above) The Kay family celebrated with the Class of 2014 at the Senior Reception held in the Michael S. Brown Village Center during Family Weekend.

More than 50 Wofford alumni and friends participated in Orbiting Seminar XV in Savannah Sept. 25-26. The group is shown here on a beautiful Friday morning at the Pin Point African-American Heritage Museum, located just south of the city. It was the first time that the seminar had ventured outside South Carolina, and it was a great success, thanks in large part to a superb guide, Mary Burdell.

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Her journey is the story behind a fascinating book by Pilley, professor emeritus of psychology at Wofford. For members of the college community, “Chaser” combines a setting of beloved places and people with a fresh and interesting explanation of the science behind the unique relationship that links us to our dogs. It also is an adventure story as human members of the Pilley family accompany Chaser as she makes appearances in the TV network spotlight, including co-starring in segments with Matt Lauer and Diane Sawyer.

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Philip N. Racine. “Living a Big War in a Small Place: Spartanburg, South Carolina, during the Confederacy.” University of South Carolina Press, 2013.

Dr. Philip Racine, Kenan Professor of History Emeritus, has had a distinguished career in writing history, and it is good to see that he is still active and productive, always readable. Racine paints a picture of the Civil War in a small town that began with excitement and optimism, but which had turned sour by 1864. Particularly important are Racine’s details about African-American life in the dying months of slavery, conveniently forgotten or deliberately set aside by the white “Reedeemers” who took control of local and state government in the 1870s. As Racine writes, “The fighting was over, but the cultural battle continued over 100 more years, and may yet not be finished.”

Another excellent book of “nearby history” in the 19th century is a collection of essays edited by Dr. Timothy P. Grady of the University of South Carolina Upstate and Dr. Melissa Walker, the George Dean Dean Johnson, Jr., Professor of History at Converse College. “Recovering the Piedmont Past: Unexplored Moments in Nineteenth-century Upcountry South Carolina History” is also published by the University of South Carolina Press.

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1949 Thomas Gower Slaughter, Sept. 27, 2013, Charlotte, N.C. Mr. Slaughter, a native of Hickory Grove, S.C., served with the amphibious assault forces in the Pacific during World War II. From 1956 until his retirement, he taught chemistry in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg schools and worked as a pharmacist in the Charlotte area. He was a member of the Robert Boyle Society and the Rho Chi Society as well as the American Contract Bridge League. Mr. Slaughter and his late wife, Mary M. Slaughter, included Wofford in their estate plans, resulting in the creation of three endowed scholarship funds: the Tom and Mary Slaughter Scholarship for students studying in the science, chemistry, and mathematics fields; the Thomas Gower Slaughter Scholarship for a major in chemistry who intends to pursue a teaching career; and the Wofford Teaching Fellows Fund. In 2013, Mr. Slaughter’s children established the Thomas Gower Slaughter Scholarship Fund to provide a $7,500 scholarship to one or more students in the Science, Chemistry, or Mathematics fields. The Slaughter family has made a significant contribution to Wofford’s vibrant chemical school and community.

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1954 Jack Stanley Abel Sr., Sept. 14, 2013, Charlotte, N.C. After serving in the Korean War, Mr. Abel earned membership in Wofford’s athletics hall of fame. He lettered in golf, track, basketball and football, where he established a season record with 57 reception. He went on to a successful career in chemical sales, and he was a member of the Charlotte Slug Club, where he was well known for his prowess as a dancer. The family suggested memorial gifts to the Jack Abel Fund at Wofford College.

Dr. James Strong “Doc” Huneycutt, Sept. 11, 2013, Pocatello, Idaho. After serving in the Army for two years, Dr. Huneycutt completed dental school at the Medical College of Virginia. He opened his practice of dentistry in 1960, and continued it for 35 years. He was active with several business ventures as well as civic and professional organizations.

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A Chicago native, Mr. Anderson was U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and the Korean War. He received his education at Indiana University, earning his master’s degree in library science at Syracuse University. He came to Wofford after serving at the head of the library at Kansas Wesleyan University. In his early years at Wofford, he was part of a group of civic leaders who worked to improve race relations in Spartanburg and to move desegregation forward by peaceful means. Shortly after his arrival at Wofford, he began planning for a new library building, which was completed in 1969, and which became the Sandor Tezler Library in 1971. The building won a merit award of excellence from the South Carolina chapter of the American Institute of Architects and demonstrated a design that departed from the older Carnegie model. Instead of a single large study space with book stacks separated from the students, Mr. Anderson’s plan integrated study spaces throughout the stacks and provided group study spaces. The new building provided approximately three times the square footage of the former library—now the Daniel Building. His emphasis on service and access was integral to his vision of a library: “The Library should not be a museums for books, rather a link in the communications gap. . . a center of art, sculpture, lectures and intelligent search.”

In addition to being the director of the library, Mr. Anderson also was the de facto rare books librarian and began building a strong collection that continues today. An avid printer, he was known for teaching an Interim in handprint printing each January for many years. His students each printed a small keepsake book by the end of the term, continuing a tradition and method as old as Gutenberg. He was the author of “Private Presses of the Southeastern United States” and numerous articles.

After his retirement he continued to print miniature books at his Kismet Press and was active in the Miniature Book Society.

His self-deprecating sense of humor included penning letters under various pseudonyms such as Franco Andersoni and Knarf Nostreda with titles such as “Everything I Know about Women” filled with blank pages.

Surviving are his wife of 69 years, Jeanette Rioux Anderson, daughter Maria King and her husband Morgan King ’77 of Spartanburg, and granddaughter Catherine King ’12 of Asheville, N.C.

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