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February 14, 2007
Barton College/Wilson Symphony Orchestra presents “Love the Symphony” Gala
Wilson Gymnasium (reservations required)

February 20, 2007
The Elizabeth H. Jordan Lecture presents Dr. Walt Wolfram,
Linguist at North Carolina State University, 7:30 p.m., The Sam
and Marjorie Ragan Writing Center

March 1-4, 2007
Theatre at Barton presents “The Laramie Project”
8 p.m. Thurs., Fri., and Sat.;
3 p.m. Sun., Howard Chapel

March 4, 2007
E.G. Purcell, Jr., Bible Conference presents Dr. L.
Gregory Jones
Dean, Duke University Divinity School
3 p.m., Hardy Alumni Hall

March 5-6, 2007
Thedford G. and Woodrow W. Sprinkle Lectures presents Dr.
Patrick Willson, Senior Minister,
First Presbyterian Church in Williamsburg, Va.
7:30 p.m. Mon.; 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., Tues., Hardy Alumni Hall

March 28-30, 2007
Barton Museum presents the Junior Art Review
Barton Museum, Case Art Building

April 14 – May 9, 2007
Barton Museum presents the 2007 Senior Art Exhibition
Barton Museum, Case Art Building

April 14, 2007
Opening Reception for the 2007 Senior Art Exhibition
7-9 p.m., Barton Museum

April 10, 2007
Friends of Hackney Library presents author Elizabeth
Spencer
Book signing and wine reception at 6 p.m., dinner
and remarks at 7 p.m., Hardy Alumni Hall
(reservations required)

April 19 –22, 2007
Theatre at Barton presents the faculty show “Sylvia”
8 p.m. Thurs., Fri., and Sat.;
3 p.m. Sun., Howard Chapel

April 26, 2007
Barton College Choir presents “A Spring Concert”
7 p.m., Howard Chapel

May 6, 2007
Barton College/Wilson Symphony Orchestra presents “A Spring Concert”
3 p.m., Howard Chapel
When I sat down to write this message, I had just come from hosting about one hundred prospective students and their parents at an open house for high school seniors. As I spoke to them about our national ranking in student-faculty interactions and in enriched educational experiences, I was also able to report to them that our nursing program had – that morning – passed their NLN accreditation visit with flying colors. The previous evening, Susan and I were at an alumni gathering where I had also talked about our national ranking in engaged learning. As I point out our accomplishments here at Barton, I am always aware that the College’s accomplishments are built upon the work that was done earlier at AC. I am also reminded how Barton continues to honor our long tradition of putting students first. We are intentionally focused on providing each of our students a personalized path to graduation.

That path includes for many of our students the opportunity to participate in college sponsored international experiences. Early last summer, Susan and I traveled to China on a Barton College sponsored trip. We were joined by students, faculty, staff, donors, and friends. For fifteen days, we traveled, saw sights, and engaged our minds in an exciting learning experience – from Beijing to Shanghai. It was a remarkable experience.

There are many international experiences being offered by Barton College. Please consider participating in one these opportunities in the near future.

Meanwhile, in this issue, you will find a number of articles about our connections to the world. Enjoy the stories, and we hope they will motivate you to come and join us!

Norval Kneten
President
Travel Nurses
Developing Cultural Competence

by Kathy Daughety

Their senses immediately heightened upon arrival. Taste buds were tempted by exotic fruits and vegetables; noses were seduced by the aroma of fresh-baked bread. Eyes were mesmerized by the wash of color across the landscape, and ears experienced a cacophony of sounds welcoming them to their destination. They had finally arrived in Costa Rica, and their 10-day immersion had begun.

Four Barton College senior nursing students: Lauren Gullatte, Elizabeth Kunkel, Kimberly Lynch and Michelle Ross, with professor Carol Ruwe, had an unforgettable experience during an advanced independent nursing study course in nutrition taught in Costa Rica.

The previous year, Ruwe and two nursing students launched a similar learning experience in Costa Rica. Ruwe, accompanied by student Amanda Hall, traveled to Costa Rica at the invitation of senior nursing student Kelly Naranjo and her husband, Noé, a native of Costa Rica. They enjoyed the
warm hospitality of Noé’s grandmother, Señora Joaquina Madrigal Arias, in Grecia, Costa Rica, which is located in the lush Central Valley about one hour north of San José.

Later that year, Ruwe returned with her husband for a second visit. And, as a result of this new friendship, Ruwe’s “second family” has encouraged her to bring students each year for this valuable learning experience. “My husband, Harris, and I feel so fortunate to be a part of this warm, loving family,” shared Ruwe. “They have added a richness to our lives unlike any we have ever known. It is such a privilege to share that with my students.” The latest Barton group to arrive in Grecia was welcomed with open arms this past May.

On campus, Ruwe teaches Normal and Clinical Nutrition in addition to a course on Food and Culture. “With my students, I particularly emphasize the importance of developing good nutritional assessment skills in providing effective nutrition and health teaching for their patients and being culturally sensitive,” she said. This travel course proved to be an excellent opportunity to accomplish this goal with her students.

The objective of this course was to assess the nutritional status of Costa Rican adolescents and provide culturally appropriate nutrition education. The group spent five days at a local high school where the nursing students weighed, measured, calculated body mass index, and collected dietary data. “Based upon their assessment findings, my students developed and presented nutrition education programs in Spanish to the high school classes,” said Ruwe.

Ruwe also arranged for the nursing students to spend time observing and assisting in a local clinic as well as making home visits in rural areas of the country with a clinic nurse who regularly visits these families. They were able to talk with nurses and physicians about the health needs and the health problems prevalent in Costa Rica.

“The trip proved to be a valuable learning experience regarding health and nutrition needs in Costa Rica and helped the nursing students to gain greater cultural competence,” continued Ruwe.

Living in a Costa Rican household afforded the Barton group an opportunity to learn much more about the local and regional culture and to develop friendships they will treasure for a lifetime. They literally became members of the non-English speaking household. And, while communication was a challenge the first few days, they soon overcame such barriers. To assist with communication, 17-year-old grandson Geremy spoke fluent English, and Ruwe and Gullatte spoke Spanish. Together, they assisted the others as each person learned more about the others’ language.

The nursing students discovered that there is still great poverty in Costa Rica despite its recognition as the most highly developed of the Central American countries. According to Ruwe, the citizens there live a much simpler life with a strong emphasis on values of family, faith, friends, and health. This experience was very much about the human connection that developed from these new relationships created within a diverse culture.

One of the first things the group noticed when they arrived were the huge yellow hearts painted on the roads, indicating that someone has died there. The hearts are reminders for drivers to slow down and drive carefully. The number one cause of death in Costa Rica is heart disease. The second is vehicular accidents.

Another observation that Kunkel quickly made of the Costa Rican culture was the closeness of families. Family members always spend a great deal of time together. Costa Rican students almost always go home to eat lunch with their families. The students soon discovered that life revolved around coffee breaks at the family table. “The flavor and aroma of the richest coffee on earth is mingled with the warmth of family and friends,” added Ruwe.

Even students in classes behaved much like a second family, very supportive and nurturing of each other. The Costa Rican students welcomed the Barton students without hesitation; they were made to feel very much at home in this foreign land.

Not a surprise, the nursing students admitted that one of the most intimidating parts of the experience was the language barrier. They feared that they would be made fun of for trying to speak Spanish when they addressed the classes, but in actuality, the students embraced their efforts.
Michelle Ross checks this student’s height.

And, while there was a little laughter, it represented the Costa Rican students’ appreciation of the American visitors’ effort to communicate in Spanish. Barton students made their presentations in English classes so the Costa Rican students readily understood how difficult a different language could be at times. The extra effort from both sides of the language barrier dissolved the fear and frustrations.

Lynch summed up the experience when she shared, “The important thing, I think, was not being afraid to try to communicate; that’s so important.”

Ross observed that there were relatively few differences between American teenagers and teenagers in Costa Rica. Both cultures enjoy sports, school, spending time with friends, and eating their favorite junk foods. The foods, though different in the two countries, still include a multitude of fried choices — less than healthy, but favored choices nonetheless.

Other observations by the Barton group included specific nutrition and lifestyle problems for the Costa Rican children as well as other family members. Fried foods were prevalent, and students often frequented “sodas.” These were fast food vendors that offered drinks and snacks for the students between classes and after school. A favorite snack among students was fried cheese sticks.

There were few healthy food options at school; most choices included more high sugar, and high fat foods. It was noted that Costa Rica is beginning to experience similar problems with obesity and heart disease as found in the United States.

“When we visited families, we saw these same health problems over and over; from children to parents and grandparents — too many were suffering from obesity, hypertension, and diabetes,” said Ruwe. “And, unfortunately, for those who don’t have health care or know how to seek it, they didn’t even realize how serious their health conditions were and that the problems needed to be addressed with medication and healthier food options. Education is key to a healthier community. Even when the healthier choices are available (they have a wealth of wonderful fruits and vegetables from which to choose), it’s still hard to resist those tasty fried treats.”

The Barton students weren’t immune to the fried food delicacies either. One of their favorite Costa Rican foods was a churro, a fried pastry rolled in sugar and filled with caramel. Other favorite foods enjoyed during their visit were the juicy mangos and fresh pineapples.

In addition to teaching the Costa Rican students about healthy nutrition, the nursing students also discussed the importance of exercise. The boys exercise much more than the girls because of soccer (futbol) games almost every afternoon, but the girls do not have similar outlets. The nursing students encouraged the girls to seek out opportunities to fit this important component into their routines.

When the nursing students compared this trend with their observations of American students, there were obvious similarities. Children in both countries enjoy the thrill of Internet and video games, and, when coupled with lots of junk food, communities can count on a rise in childhood obesity. At present, the problem of childhood obesity in Costa Rica is in the early stages compared to the epidemic plaguing the United States.

Sobering observations for the nursing students also included problems of extreme poverty and sanitation. They visited two rural homes where there was no running water or refrigeration for food and rarely was there electricity. “Both of the families we saw were Nicaraguans who had immigrated to Costa Rica,” shared Gullatte. “So, when they arrived, they often had no more than the clothes on their backs, and they didn’t have the means to go out and get the things they needed for basic sanitation. Our main purpose during these home visits with the nurse was to provide vaccinations, because in Nicaragua they don’t provide vaccinations for their citizens. For the people of Costa Rica, it is very important to provide these vaccinations to protect the health status of the country.”

In addition to vaccinations, the traveling nurse also gave one family with a baby a nutritional powder that could be mixed with water to ensure the child would get the nutrients needed. At a second home, the group found a young girl who was very sick, but the nurse was not able to diagnose the illness. The family was encouraged to seek medical attention. But before a doctor could see her, the young girl needed paperwork from Nicaragua, which she did not have. The traveling nurse also served as an advocate for this family, sharing the girl’s name at the clinic and following up to make sure she received the help needed.

The nursing students quickly began to understand just how difficult and frustrating it was for families seeking medical care. That made the education they brought to the students in the classroom and to the families on these home health visits even more important. They said education and advocacy went hand-in-hand.

Lynch noted, “It was very enlightening to see how home health works in a
different culture.” “For instance, we get in our car and drive wherever we need to go. But in Costa Rica, we walked a long way, sometimes through the jungle, to get to the people. And, there was one family we did not see because a bridge was out. It may be a long time before the bridge is repaired and the nurse can get to that family. Additionally, the conditions and the environment there are much more hazardous than you would find in most places in this country. The nurse we accompanied must often travel to these areas alone. Nevertheless, the people there still have the same needs and deserve the best treatment available.”

The Barton students found the clinics in Costa Rica to be quite different from the medical facilities in the United States. One particular difference was the lack of attention for patient confidentiality that is so carefully guarded in the States. Additionally, they were more sensitive to the language barrier as visitors to another country and how those barriers impact health care. “I was very aware of the language barrier because we didn’t speak their language very well,” said Kunkel. “It helped me to understand that, even in this country, there are people who do not speak our language and that can create a great deal of anxiety when it comes to medical treatment.”

By staying with their adopted family in Costa Rica, the Barton students were able to witness firsthand the culture through everyday routines. “I see how family is so important to them,” said Lynch. “For instance, I saw how important their breakfast meal is to them, as well as sharing other meals throughout the day. So, I think I understand more about the things they value.” Ross added, “It is more difficult for them to get items that are much more readily available in our culture.” Basic foods, that Americans may take for granted, have to be grown by the families, or they travel long distances, by walking or taking long bus rides, to acquire the food staples needed. But, on the other hand, fresh pineapple, carambola (star fruit), limes, and mangos grow in their backyards.

“I think this experience has helped me avoid stereotyping people, especially after the way we were welcomed,” shared Lynch. “We were treated so wonderfully there. I felt like a princess. Just seeing how warm and welcoming they were and being greeted every day with a kiss on the cheek, helped me realize that it is not like that here. So now, when I walk into a room with a patient from another culture, I don’t think about how difficult it is going to be, but rather, I am thinking about how I can best help the patient. I think I now have a different outlook on patient care in general.”

“And, that is what this trip was all about,” said Ruwe. “It was about living and working in a different community (in this case, country) and learning to appreciate that culture. The students have been able to bring back what they learned and to apply this newfound knowledge in their care of patients. In addition to gaining new insights, they gained a broader understanding and a new degree of respect for people of other backgrounds. I believe they are now better prepared to provide health care for individuals of diverse cultures than prior to this experience. They have learned to reach beyond the boundaries of language and social and ethnic differences to find ways to communicate while providing the best health care possible.”

The Barton students’ senses had been heightened during this 10-day immersion. They tasted the rich flavors of gallo pinto (the national dish of Costa Rica), arroz con pollo (chicken and rice) and pan de elote (a sweet baked cornbread) at the family’s laden table. Refrescos de mora, pina, and fresa (blackberry, pineapple, and strawberry, respectively) soothed their parched throats. Their lungs inhaled the fresh air of sea breezes from the Costa Rican coast. They memorized the fragrant spices and delicacies at the open-air market, and the crunch of brush grasses as they trekked to rural areas for home health visits. They saw the joy of students learning in classes, the questions in patients’ eyes during blood pressure checks, the poverty and sanitation problems in some areas, and the lush green spaces of parks and forests in other areas. Their hands grasped the hands of newly made friends when they said good-bye, and hugs meant to last forever were shared in a matter of seconds. Indeed — the senses had been heightened and the hearts overwhelmed.
For a young man who loves adventure, Gareth Hosford has been on a fast track since he landed in America. An international student from South Africa, Hosford joined the freshman class of Atlantic Christian College in 1987. He was recruited to play tennis, but it wasn’t long before he was also wearing a Sigma Phi Epsilon jersey, and holding a gavel in his right hand leading Student Government Association meetings as its president. He served on the year-long task force that proposed the College’s name change to Barton and witnessed history with its unveiling his senior year. Hosford loved college life and thrived in that environment.

He graduated summa cum laude in 1991, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with concentrations in Marketing and Finance, but Hosford wasn’t ready to leave the States. He sought a job in the Office of Admissions at his beloved alma mater, and the Admissions staff was thrilled to add this charismatic personality to its team of ambassadors. Off he went traveling the Northeast — wooing students to the warmer climate of North Carolina and the lower college costs of Barton College.

His visa only allowed him to work one year before returning home to South
Africa, with one exception — graduate school. Hosford researched programs and narrowed it to two, but in the end, Southern California won out with the offer of a full scholarship. He was off again — this time to the West Coast.

“It was a super two years, but it was a big shift from Wilson to L.A.,” said Hosford. “One of the biggest adjustments was leaving Barton where there was so much personal attention and coming to a university of thirty thousand and a MBA program where you were one out of two hundred folks.”

Hosford didn’t blink though. He graduated with honors again and had a job waiting for him on commencement day. The prior summer, he had completed a summer internship with Proctor & Gamble at their UK branch in Newcastle, England.

“On the last day of my internship, they offered me a job,” continued Hosford. “It was really nice going back to graduate school knowing I had a job lined up; I still looked around at some other companies, but in the end, I decided to accept the P&G offer. I really believe P&G is a great training ground for core business principles. I couldn’t pass up this opportunity.”

Hosford’s first role with Proctor & Gamble was serving as an associate brand manager. Under the supervision of his brand manager, he was in charge of running the Bounce brand in the UK. That’s right, dryer sheets.

“It was great!” he said. “I really enjoyed it and did it for about a year. That’s when they said, ‘Enough of that, well done,’ and then I was assigned to work with a much bigger brand called Fairy Liquid, which was the UK’s equivalent to the US brand, Dawn dishwashing liquid. It’s the same product, just a different name. After about a year and a half of working with that brand, Hosford was promoted to brand manager and became responsible for the Lenoir and Bounce brands. Lenoir is the equivalent of Downy. “I was the softness guy, both the sheets and the fabric softener,” he said, laughing. “If there is one thing I know, it’s how softness works.”

“P&G taught very sound business fundamentals and principles,” continued Hosford. “I look back now at the foundation I received, and I am very thankful for how well they bring people in and train them. I pushed myself hard and was having a ton of fun. Everything was going great, but there was a part of me that said I wasn’t using that whole skill set I had acquired with my MBA. I was learning some good basic business principles, marketing in particular, but I wanted to broaden my portfolio a bit and dip my toe into the consulting world.” This was one area of business that Hosford had seriously considered when he graduated from Southern California and was conducting his job search.

“McKinsey is the premier management consulting firm,” he said. “I was lucky enough to get into the door for an interview. It’s very difficult to get an interview with them and even more challenging to get through their ruthless interview process. I was very surprised to get a job offer, and it was a six-month struggle deciding to leave the comfort zone of Proctor & Gamble and to sign on with McKinsey.

By joining them, I realized two immediate benefits: the first was the opportunity to learn and develop a whole new skill set; the second was that the company wanted to move me back to South Africa, home for me,” Hosford shared. McKinsey had just opened an office in Johannesburg, and it gave Hosford a chance to be closer to his family and to be part of a start-up operation.

“The first three months were really tough because I went from having the support of a full project team at P&G to just me,” he said. “I was starting at the bottom of the totem pole again, crunching numbers and long hours.” Hosford’s self-induced schedule was backbreaking. He worked from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. and sometimes until midnight, usually six and sometimes seven days a week. “I was learning a whole new tool kit, and by definition, consulting means tough hours anyway,” Hosford reminiscenced. “I wasn’t great at balancing my work life, but I’ve become much better as I’ve gotten older. At that time in my life, I was very driven and wanted to make this new role work. It was difficult and challenging, but proved to be a great learning period. At the end of that first year, I was very surprised they wanted to keep me. I kept hammering away, learning everything I could and, before I knew it, I had been promoted twice and was an associate partner. I’d been with McKinsey for four years, and I was reaching another crossroad.” Partnership was potentially the next level for Hosford; that was the big goal and would require a huge push.

Although he was passionate about his work at P&G and McKinsey, mainly because of the challenges and the problem solving, Hosford said that he wasn’t necessarily passionate about the industries in which he served.

He still had a yearning deep down to try something different, after a couple of additional years at McKinsey, he decided to explore other possibilities. Hosford said he had the confidence to do this because of the benefits of his educational experiences. “My life at Barton was about lessons learned and experience gained,” he said. “I had great professors, and I learned a lot. I was a kid who came across the world and didn’t know much of anything at the time. Although it wasn’t planned, the size of Barton and the attention I received were perfect for me. This is a place where international students have the opportunity to jump
in and get involved right away. The confidence I gained by my senior year, the faith Dr. Hemby had in me, and the good relationships I had with faculty have enabled me to succeed in my career steps thus far and to be confident during some very difficult moments in my life. The professors were great role models for me, and they always made time for me as a student and now as an alumnus.’” Hosford was quick to list numerous folks on the Barton campus who have influenced his life, including Dr. James B. Hemby, Jr., Bobby White, Dr. Walter Anderson, Dr. Anand Jaggi, Rob Edmundson, Anthony Britt, Tony Tilley, and Kim Watson, just to name a few. He also credited the growth of his leadership skills in business to those first opportunities he had in college with SGA, the fraternity, and the tennis team, as well as his work in the Admissions Office.

Now, Hosford was ready to make some big changes in his life, but not without some planning. He did his homework, made lists, and finally decided to embrace two big personal passions: sports and consumers. While he pursued additional opportunities, his heart was set on Nike. After six months, he landed the job of his dreams.

Hosford serves as Director of Global Strategic Planning for Nike, Inc. Joining the company in 2004, his responsibilities include helping the organization to identify and pursue priority business building opportunities and to oversee the Nike global strategic planning process. His accomplishments include leading the development of strategies and plans to build Nike’s action sports, basketball, tennis, lacrosse, and Lance Armstrong businesses.

“There’s an amazing buzz about the Nike campus; it’s like a college campus,” said Hosford. “There’s energy here, an excitement. The main headquarters is in Portland, Ore. The one component of my work that has really lived up to my expectation is the passion that people have for Nike and for sports. There’s an incredible surge of electricity that follows you from meeting to meeting — whether you’re discussing the World Cup or the NBA all-star games. The next thing you know, you’re talking about getting into the skating business or researching lacrosse. If you’re passionate about sports like I am, that’s amazing. The flip side is that the people here work hard; I’ve been very impressed with the quality and caliber of the people who work for Nike.”

Nike employs some 26,000 employees, and Hosford ranks in the top 600. There are approximately 7000 employees on the Portland campus. In the United States, they also have offices in Los Angeles, New York, Chicago, and Miami. And, there are Nike offices in almost every country around the world, with a separate European headquarters as well.

Hosford’s not sure what his step will be. He’s interested in a general management role with Nike, possibly a general manager of a country or a particular business unit. He describes himself as having general business acumen with a bent toward marketing and strategy. He loves leading a team, setting a direction, driving the program.

Whatever Hosford ends up doing next, he will be passionate about it. Passion is his driving force. His advice to all is, “Choose a path, make a plan, and then, just do it!”

Notes From China
Highlights from travelers who trekked across China in May

We did a lot of walking during our trip. Everything in China is uphill even though you come back the same way! We thoroughly enjoyed the trip because of Dr. Cai and Dr. Jones, and we highly recommend traveling with the Barton community on future trips abroad. We hope to go again for another of these travel opportunities.

Flora and B.B. Plyler

(Johnston King studied abroad in China during spring semester 2006.)

In late May and early June 2006, Norval and I went with a group from Wilson and Barton College to China. Since I had seen some of the terra cotta soldiers in a museum in Fort Worth, Texas, about 20 years ago, I had wanted to see these statues. What an incredible experience I had as we walked up to the museum and walked inside. As I looked over the railing, there before my eyes were the soldiers, all
lined up with their horses! It was a remarkable sight for me to actually see in person. Every day was one of wonder and surprise. We met with students from other colleges and high schools, children from a nursery school, physicians in a hospital, and then, of course there was the shopping! The Great Wall of China was everything I wanted it to be. I was able to climb up about half way, then when it became too steep, I watched Dr. Zhixiong Cai and Norval complete the trip upward. The beautiful gardens were beginning to bloom, and in one garden, we met a group of retired people who met regularly to sing in the park. We listened for awhile, then sang “Row, Row, Row Your Boat” to them! It was truly a cultural experience for us and for them.

Susan Kneten

Dr. Kathy James (left) with Suzanne Scruggs and her daughter Meihua

To me, the highlight in Beijing was meeting with Suzanne Scruggs and her nine-year-old daughter Meihua. Suzanne graduated from Barton in 1991, and is now the owner and manager of three English schools in Shenyang, a big industrial city in northeast China. Suzanne and Meihua flew to Beijing just to meet us. While her mother was busy catching up with her advisor, Dr. Kathy James, Meihua talked to me in perfect Chinese about her life as a student in her mom’s school. Proudly, she showed me her T-shirt. Sure enough, Suzanne’s name was featured in the school logo. It feels so good to hear the success stories in China from Barton’s own!

Dr. Zhixiong Cai

Today, we traveled south of Chengdu to Leshan for a visit to the largest sitting Buddha in the world. On the way, I learned that it took 90 years to build, starting in 713, and finishing in 803. It was also said that the Buddha was thought to have been inside the mountain all along. He just had to be revealed. This would, of course, make it much older. In any case, standing over 70 meters high, it is quite impressive.

What really interested me about the Buddha is the reason that it was made (or revealed). The site of the Buddha is near the merging of three rivers, a rare occurrence and one which often caused flooding downstream. The solution proposed was to carve this Buddha nearby to watch over the rivers and help ease the flooding. This sounded to me like a fairly odd solution, especially given the huge amount of time and money which it would take, but they say it worked. Flooding in subsequent years was not as severe. Aside from the spiritual answer that this is because of the presence of Buddha, it is also possible that the huge amount of rock, which was cleared from the mountain and put at the bottom of the river, helped in some way. It is possible that it changed the river bottom in such a way as to ease the flooding. Or perhaps, it is just a coincidence. Given the amount of time it took to build the Buddha, it is possible that changes in the environment could have contributed to the change. Either way, it seems to have worked out well for everyone, including tourists like me who come to appreciate it now.

Jordan Barbour, ’07

On the hylozoic doctrine that matter is inseparable from life, life is different in China because the physical place is different. I have traveled to China three times now and am convinced hylozoism holds. The people are informed by a different history, a different place. They are describable in the same categories I use to describe people in the United States: patient, friendly, careful, shy, anxious, and looking for good experiences. But the roots of these characteristics are different. The philosophical and religious overlays and lenses through which they see me and the world are different. I have studied these lenses: Marxism, Confucianism, Taoism, and Buddhism. I lived seven years in Asia. It was always clear in Southeast Asia that China was the parent culture. If I had to say just one thing about the Chinese, it is that they are strong. They are strong in the sense that they are deeply rooted in their soil and history — a soil and history different from ours. They are strong in the sense that they are numerous, bright, and energetic — more numerous and as bright and energetic as us. And, they are strong in the sense that they understand us — in ways we do not understand them.

Dr. Joe Jones
If you had to name the founding fathers of the United States of America, would George Mason immediately come to mind? Probably not — hence the title of Dr. Jeff Broadwater’s newest book, “George Mason, Forgotten Founder.”

Broadwater’s third book, in its third printing since August, has attracted national attention for providing a clear, comprehensive account of Mason’s leadership and influence in the midst of our country’s growing pains. Favorable reviews published in “Publishers’ Weekly,” “The Wall Street Journal,” and “The Washington Post” confirmed that Broadwater has indeed hit the mark with his depiction of George Mason and the legacy he left behind.

Mason had a tremendous impact on the history of the United States, but he never sought to be the center of attention, he refused to sign the Constitution despite the work he personally put into its development, and he never held a political office higher than a seat in the Virginia legislature. Yet, his keen insight and vision for the early American republic helped to create the very documents that outline our political system to this day.

Broadwater’s newest work sheds tremendous light on the life of this highly opinionated, sometimes cynical politician and how his wisdom and experience helped shape not only our fledging national government but also the governance structure of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

H.W. Brands, author of “The First American: The Life and Times of Benjamin Franklin,” summed it up well when he said, “George Mason was irascible, opinionated, and essential to the evolution of American political theory. He inspired Jefferson’s Declaration of Independence and Madison’s Bill of Rights. Virginians know him, but most of the rest of the country doesn’t. Jeff Broadwater’s elegant and insightful study will remedy this neglect, and none too soon.”

Broadwater explains that George Mason, an obscure figure to most Americans today, is better known, if at all, for lending his name to a burgeoning state university near the nation’s capital. “But in eighteenth-century Virginia, he rivaled George Washington and surpassed Thomas Jefferson in his political influence,” said Broadwater. “Before the American Revolution began, Mason made a name for himself as the author of the Fairfax Resolves, a classic statement of the Patriot position in the imperial crisis with Great Britain. Mason’s fame grew during the Revolution. In 1776, he wrote most of the Virginia Declaration of Rights, which was widely hailed as the first modern bill of rights, and Mason’s language and ideas soon reappeared in the Declaration of Independence and in the first 10 amendments to the United States Constitution.”

Richard Brookhiser of “The Wall Street Journal,” in his recent review of Broadwater’s book, said, “Why then is he on the Founding Fathers’ bench instead of on the first string? Mr. Broadwater’s earnest and even-handed attempt to explain both Mason’s genius and his present obscurity raises important questions about intellect and leadership, right thinking and right acting... Mr. Broadwater is right to emphasize Mason’s contempt for ordinary politics. Ordinary politics is often sordid; at best, it involves trading off lesser goods for greater. But it is what we have, and it is better managed by wise men like Mason than by others less wise. When Mason was in sync with the Virginia planter elite in 1776, he was at the top of his game. When he found himself out of step with a large portion of the national elite in 1787, he left the field. Mr. Broadwater gives a fair picture of his great achievement and his final failure.”

Broadwater believes that Mason has been overlooked in part because he shunned the spotlight. He disliked politics, and he did not hesitate to take controversial positions. Most notable was Mason’s refusal, as a delegate to the Philadelphia convention of 1787, to sign the Constitution. “In fact, he ended his political career as an unreconstructed Anti-Federalist, convinced that the new
national government was destined to become the plaything of the moneyed interests,” continued Broadwater. “To later generations, Mason seemed to be on the wrong side of history, and as so often happens to ‘losers,’ he has been all but forgotten.

“‘George Mason, Forgotten Founder’ tries to make the case for his importance and for his complexity, but above all else, a fear of the almost inevitable abuse of power haunted Mason,” said Broadwater. “That fear, I think, went to the core of the revolutionary experience. He was no aberration, and better understanding his career, I think, helps us better understand the origins of the American republic.”

Jonathan Yardley of “The Washington Post,” in a stellar review of Broadwater’s book, said, “Broadwater is rightly at pains to insist that it usually is a mistake to equate Mason’s positions more than two centuries ago with ones that are abroad today — ‘Eighteenth-century republicanism,’ for example, ‘should not be confused with modern libertarianism.’ But he distrueduct what is now commonly known as big government, he was a strong believer in the separation of church and state, and he was an ardent opponent of slavery, regarding it, in Broadwater’s words, ‘as a moral evil, dehasing the souls of slave owners and storing up wrath against the entire nation for a final day of judgment.’” Yardley’s review ended with a description of Mason from William Pierce, a Georgia delegate to the Constitutional Convention: “Mr. Mason is a gentleman of remarkable strong powers, and possesses a clear and copious understanding. He is able and convicing in debate, steady and firm in his principles, and undoubtedly one of the best politicians in America.” Yardley adds, “The nation is everlastingly in his debt, as Broadwater’s fine book makes conclusively clear.”

A lawyer, historian, scholar, and author, Broadwater also serves as an associate professor of history in the Department of History and Social Sciences at Barton. He is the author of two additional books — “Adlai Stevenson and American Politics: The Odyssey of a Cold War Liberal” and “Eisenhower and the Anti-Communist Crusade.” And, he has written numerous articles, essays, book reviews, papers, and presentations.

Earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in History with a minor in Political Science from Harding University, and a J.D. degree from the University of Arkansas, Broadwater went on to complete both a Master of Arts degree and a Ph.D. in American History from Vanderbilt University. In addition to teaching a variety of history courses at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Texas Woman’s University, Mississippi State University, Vanderbilt University, Arkansas Tech University, and Barton College, Broadwater has also practiced law in a variety of capacities in Arkansas. He belongs to a number of professional associations and has received grants and fellowships from the National Endowment for Humanities and the Eisenhower Institute, among others.

Broadwater is currently working on a chapter about James Madison for “The Encyclopedia of the Presidency,” a multi-volume reference work to be published by Facts on File.

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Howls From The Dog House
by Gary W. Hall, Director of Athletics

Another Great Year to be a Bulldog!

For 2005-06, the Barton College Athletics Program continued a great run in the standings for the Carolinas-Virginia Athletics Conference’s Joby Hawn Cup, the league’s all-sports award. Our second-place finish for this award gives us three first-place and three second-place finishes in the past six years. Pfeiffer University is to be congratulated for their recognition this year. While we did attain more points than Pfeiffer for the 12 sports we both sponsor, the points acquired by Pfeiffer in women's golf and women's lacrosse pushed them ahead of us in the final standings. The academic success of our teams continued to be evident as an institutional record 22 student-athletes were named to the CVAC Academic All-Conference Team.

Wendee Saintsing Closes Great Run as Volleyball Coach

It doesn't seem correct to say that Wendee Saintsing has “retired” from anything as we enter the 2006-07 academic year, and she continues her excellent work as Head Women's Basketball Coach and a faculty member in our Department of Physical Education and Sport Studies. She completed her 19th season as our Head Women's Volleyball Coach this past year with Patrick Morgan joining us as the team's new coach. It is amazing to look back at Coach Saintsing's career as our volleyball coach, including over 320 victories, and note what she accomplished while coaching two sports for all those years. Under her leadership, our volleyball teams were very successful on the court and in the classroom, and a number of her former volleyball players have become excellent coaches.

Godwin Closes Out Career with Special Award

Senior Brock Godwin closed out a great career at Barton by being named the CVAC Male Athlete of the Year. Godwin, from Wilson, became only the second Bulldog student-athlete to ever win this honor. He helped lead our baseball team to the CVAC regular season championship and, in the process, he also earned All-Conference, All-Region, and All-American honors, as well as sharing Barton’s Kiwanis Male Athlete of the Year Award.

The Return of Night Bulldog Soccer

On the evening of September 9, 2006, Night Bulldog Soccer formally returned with a celebration held as part of a doubleheader against Belmont Abbey College. Over 300 people turned out to share a night of great soccer and to help us thank many who had made this upgrade possible. Speakers at the celebration included Frank Styers, Scott Cruikshank, Lynn Houchins, and Charlie Bedgood, all individuals who lent dynamic support to the project and have been recognized as recipients of Bulldog Club Awards for their efforts.

Former Bulldogs Honored on All-Time CVAC Teams

Our athletics conference, which has been known as the Carolinas-Virginia Athletics Conference or CVAC for the past 12 years, will be changing its name to Conference Carolinas for the 2007-08 academic year. To commemorate this change, All-Time Teams are being selected for each CVAC sport. Barton College was one of only three CVAC members to have a player named to each of the five fall sport teams already announced.

Congratulations to Todd Bailess (men's soccer); Amy Morris and Stacey Tant, also our current Head Women's Soccer Coach, (women's soccer); Jennifer Mills, Shemkia Reid, and Keauna Vinson (volleyball); Josh Godfrey (men's cross country), and Carin Burkett (women's cross country) for their respective selections to these teams.

Men’s Basketball Ranked #2 Nationally Entering Season

Street and Smith's Pre-Season Basketball Publication ranked Barton men's team as #2 nationally in NCAA Division II entering the 2006-07 season. Head Coach Ron Lievense and his team reached a ranking as high as #3 nationally a year ago in a 28-4 season which included a berth in the Division II Elite Eight Tournament. The pre-season ranking is an honor for our team. Coach Lievense stated that the ranking only serves to make the targets on the team's backs bigger.” Stay connected with our men's and women's basketball teams as their season continues on the heels of great success a year ago.
It’s time you got to know our new alumni director on a first name basis. Summer Brock, the newest member of the Institutional Advancement team, joined the Barton fold at the beginning of the fall semester.

“We are extremely pleased to have Summer Brock join our staff,” said Carolyn H. Brown, vice president for institutional advancement. “She brings a wealth of experience to our alumni office, which is outweighed only by her energy and enthusiasm. Summer has already proven to be a valuable member of our team, and we look forward to her helping engage more alumni than ever in the life of the College.”

The responsibilities of the director of alumni programs include managing, coordinating and implementing a comprehensive alumni program. She is responsible for building alumni engagement and participation through strong communication, personal interaction, organization of reunions, and regional alumni programming. Summer also promotes alumni endorsement of institutional activities and continuously enlists alumni feedback and support.

Summer has brought over 17 years of experience in college alumni relations to her new role. Prior to joining the Barton community, she served as executive director of alumnae and alumni for Goucher College in Baltimore, Md. Other professional roles have included director of alumni relations at Keuka College in Keuka Park, N.Y., associate vice president for institutional advancement and director of alumni affairs at Methodist College in Fayetteville, executive director of the Methodist College Foundation, director of development for alumni affairs and director of alumni affairs at St. Andrews Presbyterian College in Laurinburg.

“I am absolutely delighted to be a part of the Barton community,” shared Summer. “Alumni relations work is all about the people connected to the institution, and I really enjoy that wonderful diversity of folks you meet through each alumni association. I look forward to getting to know all the great alumni of Atlantic Christian and Barton College.”

Summer earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Fine Arts - Theatre from St. Andrews Presbyterian College and continued her education with graduate studies in theatre/speech communications at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Her professional memberships include Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), and Alpha Psi Omega Theatre Fraternity. A native of Durham, Summer is the daughter of Dorothy P. Brock of Durham and the late W.R. Brock.

Outside the office, Summer loves to read, especially mysteries, and enjoys gardening. She is also a history buff with a special interest in World War II and the Civil War. Summer enjoys working with community theatre and loves college basketball.

Summer and Cashmere, her long-haired cat, make their home in Wilson. Please join us in welcoming Summer into the Barton community.
Homecoming 2006 saw the debut of several new events designed to entice more AC and Barton alumni to participate in the weekend. Alumni found plenty of time to visit with classmates whether at the beer and wine garden Friday night or throughout the day and evening on Saturday.

New this year was the Silent Auction. The Auction began Friday night and closed on Saturday at the Pig Pickin’. Many wonderful items were donated by alumni, area merchants, and Barton faculty. There was a 4-day/3-night cruise from Carnival Cruise Lines with a choice of destinations. The winning bid was placed by Mary Griffin McKellar, ’56. A special item in the Auction was a watercolor by Lois Lee, ’34. Lois took up painting when she was 89. Now 95, she didn’t feel up to the rigors of Homecoming, but wanted to participate in some way. When she spotted the Auction in the brochure, she decided to donate one of her paintings to the cause. Hughes Dillard, ’56, made the highest bid on the painting. The auction raised more than $1,500. All proceeds from the Auction support the Alumni Association Endowed Scholarship.

Hardy Alumni Hall rocked with laughter and more than a few tears as Russell Rawlings, ’78, inducted Eddie Summerlin, ’69, D.J. Grisewood, ’94, and Melanie
Thornton, '96, into the Bulldog Hall of Fame. For details, please see the related story on page 17.

Saturday began early with the Reunion and Awards Brunch. Members of the Class of 1956 were out in force to celebrate their 50th Reunion. The group was recognized by college president, Dr. Norval C. Kneten, and alumni association president, Phillip “Butch” Warren, '71. Each member received a special gift in honor of this milestone. The Class of 1981 was recognized for their 25th Reunion along with the Classes of 1996 and 2001, celebrating their 10th and 5th reunions. Alumni Association Awards were presented to Stephen and Sharon Hazelrigg Ginn, '59, Dan Shingleton, '63, and Todd Bailess, '99. College trustee Walter Brown was named an Honorary Alumnus. Dr. Kneten also presented an update on the College and its goals for the coming year.

Greeks were out in force during the weekend. Following their special recognition during the Brunch, they filled Hardy Alumni Hall for a Greek Town Meeting to hear plans for enhancing Greek life at Barton. Many alumni enjoyed a student panel during which current students shared their thoughts on the college experience today.

Campus mascot “Bully” made new friends during the Pig Pickin’ Saturday night, and “The Monitors” offered great dance music as alumni displayed their skills on the dance floor.

Sunday morning, Dr. and Mrs. Kneten welcomed alumni and friends to the Barton-Graves House for breakfast prior to the Barton Sunday service at First Christian Church. Weary, but rejuvenated alumni began their trips home as Sunday wound down. The energy of the weekend was terrific as Atlantic Christian and Barton alumni came together to remember the past and hear about a bright future. Make your plans now to attend Homecoming 2007, October 26-28. See you then!

Hugs and handshakes were the rule of the morning as more than 160 alumni and friends crowded into Hardy Alumni Hall for the Reunion and Awards Brunch at Homecoming 2006. The volume rose with each new arrival, and it was well past the appointed starting time when the program began. Five worthy award recipients were recognized for their service to Barton College, their communities, and their professions.

Introduced by the Reverend Dr. William Presnell, minister of First Methodist Church of Wilson, Dan Shingleton, '63, was honored as the Alumnus of the Year. Clearly moved by Dr. Presnell's introduction, Dan quoted the late football coach, George Allen, “I do not deserve this. However, I have arthritis, and I don't deserve that either.”

Dan told the laughing crowd that he had prepared four speeches for this occasion and left them all at home. He did share the topic of each speech. The first was a meditation from the Book of John 8:12 from which the College takes its motto. The second was a reflection on the life of Barton Warren Stone. The third, a meditation on the buildings that are the College, including those no longer standing. And, the fourth, a reflection on teaching. How appropriate.

An assistant professor of social work in the Department of History and Social Sciences since 1970, Dan has touched the lives of many students – and they have touched his. He has served and continues to serve a variety of committees and organizations dealing with public health and welfare, and he has taught hundreds of students who have shared his passion for service. He received the Jefferson Pilot Outstanding Faculty Award from the College in 1997 and the Life Membership Award from the North Carolina Public Health Association in 1998. For his outstanding contributions to the students of AC and Barton College, to Wilson County, and to the state of North Carolina, Dan Shingleton was a deserving choice as Barton College’s 2006 Alumnus of the Year.

Husband and wife, Stephen and Sharon Hazelrigg Ginn were the recipients of the Alumni Achievement Award. A longtime friend, Kenneth Rouse, '57, shared the chronology of the two, how their lives intertwined at Atlantic Christian and how the two have continued to work together for the Christian Church and their communities.
Following their graduation from AC, Stephen and Sharon attended Lexington Theological Seminary and were both ordained into the ministry. They returned to Sharon's home in Miami, Fla., to serve First Christian Church for two years until they became involved with a missionary ministry that took them to Asuncion, Paraguay, for three years. Upon their return to the U.S., Stephen earned his Master of Divinity degree from Lexington Theological and ultimately his doctorate as the two continued to serve churches in Florida. While working together in the same church was not against the “rules,” it wasn't something that was often done successfully. Stephen and Sharon made it work.

In 1998, the two decided to retire and move to Kinston. Retirement however was not what happened. They accepted a co-ministry at a local church on an interim basis, again something you were not “supposed” to do. Now, technically retired once more, they continue to be serve whenever they are needed.

In accepting the award, Sharon reflected on her arrival in Wilson on a midnight train from Miami, Fla. Dean Sarah Bain Ward allowed a group of upperclassmen, already on campus for freshman orientation, to meet the train and whisk Sharon and her luggage off the train and safely to the Atlantic Christian campus. This warm and immediate acceptance motivated Sharon to work hard to show her appreciation and gratitude. Her interaction with faculty, students, and administration during those four years laid the foundation for the rest of her life.

Stephen majored in biology at AC, and he thanked Dr. J.P. Tyndall for introducing him to botany and zoology. He reflected on the faculty and their care for every student and how that continues with today's administration and faculty. “I have always been thankful for this place...I will always be a loyal supporter, advocate, and friend of Barton College,” he shared.

With a voice hoarse from “evaluation of referees” at the week's earlier soccer match, Coach Gary Hall, '80, presented Young Alumnus of the Year recipient Todd Bailess, '99. In addition to earning a master's degree in sports administration during the three years he served as women's soccer coach at Barton, Todd's teams won two CVAC titles, and he was twice named Coach of the Year. He has since gone on to earn his law degree from West Virginia University.

“What I have given to Barton College does not come close to what Barton College has given to me,” said Todd, surprised and honored to receive the award. “The College exposed me to professors who gave me the academic confidence to pursue a law degree. Barton also gave me the opportunity to develop lifelong friendships. And, also through Barton, I had the opportunity to play soccer for Coach Hall. Since the first day I stepped on campus, Coach has been one of the most positive influences in my life.”

What an extraordinary group of honorees.
Barton Hall of Fame
2006 Inductees: Summerlin, Grisewood, and Thornton

by John Hackney, sports information director

A local lifelong coach, a soccer standout, and a two-sport star were inducted into the Barton College Athletic Hall of Fame on Friday night, Oct. 13, during the school’s 25th induction ceremony on campus.

Long-time Fike High School coach, teacher, and athletic director Eddie Summerlin, Class of ’69, NAIA All-American forward D.J. Grisewood, ’94, and softball-volleyball standout Melanie Thornton, ’96, raised Hall membership to 93 during Homecoming Weekend at the College.

The presence of 22 former inductees made the occasion one of the most special in school history as Russell Rawlings, ’78, again served as master of ceremonies in a packed Hardy Alumni Hall.

Summerlin, an Elm City native, was a teacher, coach, and administrator in Wilson County for 30 years. He directed girls’ basketball teams at Elm City and Fike to more than 400 victories, including two state championships and two runner-up finishes. Already a member of the Fike Hall of Fame, Summerlin was also a head coach or offensive coordinator for Fike’s football team for many years and spent several seasons as girls’ track coach.

“I am elated and shocked (at his selection),” Summerlin said, “but I am very appreciative. Barton means a lot more to me now that I am older. There were only 43 people in my graduating class at Elm City High School, so Barton was the perfect size and fit for me. I think if I had gone to any other school, I wouldn’t have made it.”

Summerlin officially retired in 1998, but still coached one more season of girls’ basketball at Fike, then served as an assistant coach at Northern Nash, Smithfield-Selma, and Clayton high schools over the next few years. He made his home in Clayton with his wife of seven years, Cathy.

Summerlin passed away on Nov. 25, 2006 after a year-long battle with cancer. He honored his alma mater throughout his life, and he will be truly missed.

Grisewood, a native of Decatur, Ga., was a goal-scoring machine who helped then-new head men’s soccer coach Gary Hall turn around a struggling program. He tallied 31 career goals and 14 assists, earning NAIA All-America status along with teammate and current Barton College Hall of Famer Patrick O’Boyle in 1991. Grisewood scored 13 goals and had five assists, making him the top scorer in the Carolinas Conference that season as Barton tied for the league championship, quite an about-face considering the team had won but three games in 1989 — the season before Hall, Grisewood, and his freshmen teammates arrived on the scene.

“I am just speechless and honored,” Grisewood said of his selection to the Hall of Fame. “I was caught completely off-guard when Coach Hall called.”

Grisewood was an assistant coach for Barton’s 1993 men’s soccer team, which won the Carolinas Conference regular season title. He then played professional soccer in the Knoxville area before a series of knee injuries and operations sidelined him for good. He has been a successful classic level coach in Atlanta for a number of years and is currently living in Tucker, Ga., with his wife, Elizabeth, and two young children. He is an accountant in his father’s firm.

Thornton, from Creedmoor, is a first-ballot selection to the Hall of Fame (minimum of 10 years out of school). After a superb career at South Granville High School, where her teams won two softball state titles, she was a three-time all-conference performer in both volleyball and softball at Barton. She was a Barton MVP twice in volleyball and three times in softball.

She was the Carolinas Conference Softball Player of the Year in 1994, when she also made the All-District 26 team. Thornton was a pro volleyball player, mainly on the East Coast beach circuit, for a number of years and has been coaching varsity girls’ volleyball and teaching health and physical education at Cary Academy for the past eight years.

“I never expected this at all, but it is absolutely a great honor,” Thornton said. “I needed a small-school atmosphere because I thought I would be lost in the shuffle at a big school. If I could do things over again, I would not change anything about college. I had an absolute blast at Barton, from the time I got there to the time I left!”
“I wanted to be an engineer.”
Upon graduation from high school in 1960, Maurice Bélanger of Colon, Republic of Panama, had a plan. “Russia had made news in 1957 with the launching of Sputnik, and the space race was on,” he shared. “I was headed for Georgia Tech, but plans have a way of changing. I was informed that I had been awarded a one-year Rotary Exchange Scholarship to Atlantic Christian College. And, after considering that this was an offer for a free year of college, I decided to take them up on their offer. That’s how I ended up at Atlantic Christian.”

Of course, once Bélanger was settled in classes, the Rotary Club expected him to visit Rotary Clubs in the area to talk about his native Panama. It was a chance meeting with Dee Winstead, a student at ACC and son of the late Dr. Elton D. Winstead, a mathematics professor at ACC, that helped Bélanger with this new responsibility. “Dee had slides that he had taken as a high school student when his father, a Colonel in the U.S. Army, was stationed in Panama,” continued Bélanger. “So, he showed me the slides, and he helped me in two ways: First, he loaned me the slides, which helped tremendously with my presentations, and second, he introduced me to Sigma Phi Epsilon, and that’s how I got into the fraternity.” Bélanger has remained close to his fraternity brothers, staying in touch over the years. Last year, he hosted a group of fraternity brothers and their wives in Panama for a reunion.

After a memorable first year for Bélanger, the College offered him a scholarship and encouraged him to stay. He had good grades and decided to stay for one more year. At the time, he thought he might still transfer. “But after another year, I was having fun; I got involved in the fraternity,” he quickly added. “With Southern hospitality working at its best, I decided to stay. I had a great time and even became president of the student body. It was called the Cooperative Association at that time.” Upon graduation, Bélanger was honored with the Faculty Cup, now known as the Coggins Cup. In 1998, he was again recognized with the Alumni Achievement Award in International Business by the Barton College Alumni Association.

“My education in the U.S., especially at Atlantic Christian, was very instrumental in helping me to work my way into the professional field,” he said. “I think that a college education has to be about more than just academics.”

Bélanger majored in accounting and minored in history. “Mr. Swain never forgave me,” recalled Bélanger with a smile. “He said I should be taking math or something like that, but history is what I liked. And, I am sure that my education at AC was a big part of the reason that I got into the University of Pennsylvania.” Bélanger graduated from ACC in 1964 and then enrolled in the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.
of Pennsylvania. Upon completion of his Master of Business Administration degree, Bélanger returned to his homeland.

Returning home never slowed his pace or deterred his focus. His first two years back in Panama, he worked with an import/export company. Then, Bélanger joined the Boyd Steamship Corporation where he stayed for 37 years.

The Boyd Steamship Corporation is a ships agency. Bélanger said that explaining the role of a steamship agency (also known as a ships agency) can sometimes be confusing, especially since there are no more steamships. When asked to clarify this a bit, he shared, “A ships agency is actually a company that services the owners and operators of ships.” “In Panama, for example, the Canal has lots of ships transiting. The ship owners need someone on site to handle their financial affairs, as well as other needs and requirements, as an intermediary or expediter of the services. By being at the Canal, we can ensure that they transit with as little delay as possible. This is important because the cost for one day’s operation of a ship can range anywhere from 30K to 50K a day. So, our main service is to expedite their transit. This is the role of a ships agency.”

Bélanger served as vice president and part owner of the Boyd Steamship Corporation. His responsibilities included serving as comptroller for the company and heading up the accounting and information systems. Bélanger added that, by a small quirk, he also handled advertising and public relations, mainly in Panama. When the leadership in the company changed, he decided to make some changes himself. Bélanger retired from his role as vice president, sold back his shares of stock, and embarked on a new adventure.

“At that point, I didn’t know exactly what I wanted to do,” he said. Bélanger began to notice activity in the real estate market, and before long, he decided to invest in a property that caught his attention — a small piece of land in Boquete. “Boquete is a small area, nestled in the mountains close to Costa Rica,” he shared. “My property is about two acres, and it is a place where, hopefully, I will be able to retire. I used to go there and stay at this lodge, and I would talk to all of these foreigners who were coming in there talking about buying land.”

After a little encouragement and a lot of thought, Bélanger decided to get his real estate broker’s license. He soon formed a company and began looking for clients. In the midst of exploring this industry, Bélanger ran into a friend who had been in the business for several years, and together, they formed a strategic alliance. “He gave me my first clients and helped to get me rolling,” said Bélanger. “And, I helped him because the business was growing, and he needed a dependable partner to work full time with him. Things are going well, and I feel like I am contributing to the alliance.”

Now enjoying the fruits of this second career, Bélanger serves as president of Panama Multiservices Corporation, a real estate services business (and a strategic alliance partner of Palmetto Realty). “The slogan is, ‘Your link to real estate services and more,’” said Bélanger. While the core business is real estate, the company offers a number of services to assist those coming from outside the country to relocate, to buy a vacation home, or to retire. There is so much involved in making these land purchases, especially regarding legal and accounting issues. “What I like about this work is the contact with the international people coming to town,” added Bélanger. “I have found that I really enjoy being around people. When I see a name with which I am unfamiliar, I find myself wondering about its origin and that person’s background. I guess that is because I come from a multicultural background myself.”

Bélanger’s father was French-Canadian, and his mother was Panamanian of Chinese descent. His father was born of Canadian Diplomats and raised in France. On a visit to Canada to visit relatives in Montreal, his father took the Canadian Pacific Railway to Vancouver where he boarded a ship headed back to France via the Panama Canal. The first port of call after Vancouver was San Francisco, where the woman who would eventually become his life partner boarded the ship. She had been studying in San Francisco and was returning to Panama. “My mother spoke fluent French because she had attended a Catholic high school in Panama run by Swiss nuns,” shared Bélanger. “So, she spoke fluent English, Spanish, and French. On the other hand, my dad could only speak French. But, you know love — it’s a universal language,” added Bélanger, smiling as he shared his dad’s story.

But, the story does not end there. Bélanger’s parents corresponded for a while after that fateful meeting, and in 1938, his mother’s family traveled to Paris. When Bélanger’s parents saw each other again, his father proposed. “So, my dad went to Panama, and they were married in 1938,” said Bélanger. “The plan was for them to move to Boston from there, and my father would join his aunt and uncle in a cosmetic business. But, the family ended up staying in Panama. That is where all my brothers and I were born. Eventually, there were four kids.” Bélanger and his brothers all attended American schools in Panama. When the treaty was signed for the Canal, an agreement was made that allowed all who were involved in the work on the Canal, whether American or Panamanian, to have access to American schools.

Bélanger’s educational ties in the U.S. have remained steadfast. He recently attended a 40th reunion of MBA graduates from his Wharton School graduating class at the University of Pennsylvania. Still active with that campus, he is a member of the Global Alumni Network Advisory Board for the University of Pennsylvania. Bélanger is also president...
of the University of Pennsylvania Alumni Club in Panama. “We have about 120 graduates there and about 60 active members,” he said. “We won the achievement award last year for the outstanding international club. I also was elected earlier this year to the Board of Directors at the American Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Panama. (In November, Bélanger was also named vice president of the American Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Panama. This new role is a one-term position for the year 2007.) Many countries that have business relations with the U.S. have chapters like this in their country. It is a great way of promoting trade with their country.”

Speaking enthusiastically about recent changes in his home country, he said, “I think that, right now, one of the brightest spots in Latin America is Panama. We have a flourishing economy. I think people are interested in Panama for a combination of different reasons.” He cited that baby boomers, who are reaching retirement, have enormous purchasing power and are looking for places where they can get a “bigger bang for their buck.” People are also interested in relocating in Panama, which has a temperate climate and is relatively free of weather-related disasters. It helps that the U.S. dollar is their official currency, and they have a stable economy with a burgeoning democracy. “Our infrastructures are very good and crime is fairly low,” added Bélanger. “Investors are coming in; the latest news is that Donald Trump is going to build in Panama.” He also noted that gated communities are being developed to cater to the international market and that properties in Panama sell at far lower prices than those comparable in the U.S. In addition, there are plans for the expansion of the Panama Canal, which is a $5.2 billion mega project that was approved in a referendum in October, which will generate a tremendous amount of opportunity and activity in the small country, which is about the size of South Carolina.

Bélanger is married to Lupita Bragín of Panama City. They have four children: Maurice, Jr., Marie-Louise, Marcel Philippe, and Michael Pierre. Outside of work, Bélanger said he enjoys precious time with his family, and he also participates in community volunteer programs. Bélanger was honored several years ago with the “Meritorious Son” Award presented by the Municipal Council of Panama City. This award celebrated his faithful work with the Rotary Youth Soccer Program. He has been a member of the Panama South Rotary Club since 1974 and is the founder of the summer recreation program that has now expanded across his country. Over 50,000 kids have participated in this program during its 24 years of existence.

Remember that small piece of land in Boquete? Well, it just so happens that the property included orange groves and coffee. “There is not enough volume for commercial production, but the coffee harvested from this land is top notch,” said Bélanger. “This area of the country is growing specialty coffee that is commanding some very high prices. And, the oranges are quite special too. Boquete oranges are the seedless variety. I did finally have a chance to taste some of my own coffee last year. Being a city guy, I really like having this little piece of land. It will be a great place to retire — one day.”
On the evening of September 14, 2006, Barton College and the Wilson community gathered on the Barton campus to celebrate the accomplishments of Wilson business leader, C. Buren Williford. With more than 200 family and friends present, Mr. Williford was awarded the second annual Wilson-Barton Partnership Business Leadership Award.

The award was based on Mr. Williford’s contributions to the business community, his strong leadership qualities, his entrepreneurial spirit, and his dedication to Barton College.

His local credentials are impressive, evidenced by more than 30 years of service on various community boards and committees, including service on Barton’s Board of Trustees.

Longtime friend Ray Flowers and Dr. Norval Kneten presented Mr. Williford with a small wooden box, hand crafted from a felled walnut tree at the Barton-Graves House. The box was built by local craftsman Stan Corbett.

Other highlights included Dr. Terry Grimes and Dr. John Bethune presenting two Wilson County business students with annual scholarships funded by gifts made to the College in honor of C. Buren Williford. Congratulations to Dawn Lewin and Rachel Harvey!

Barton trustee Tom Cozart said it best, “I don’t know anyone who has meant more to the Wilson community.” Thank you, Mr. Williford.

The Wilson-Barton Partnership was created in 2004 to celebrate the relationship between Barton and the Wilson Community and to promote understanding of our mutual dependence.
Barton Students Give Saturday To The Community

You would have spotted Barton students all over Wilson on Saturday afternoon, Aug. 26, as they volunteered with Wilson area community projects. Approximately 205 students signed up to participate. This event was focused mainly on introducing and engaging freshmen with members of the Wilson community, but there were also a number of upperclassmen serving as peer leaders for the various projects.

The community-wide projects included volunteer work with The Brittany Soccer Tournament, the city of Wilson's Adopt-A-Highway program, Wilson County Youth Athletics, Salvation Army, Youth of Wilson, Imagination Station, Red Cross, For the Love of Dogs, House of Hannah, ARC of Wilson, Arts Council of Wilson, Wesley Shelter, and Habitat for Humanity.

“I look forward to Community Day each year because it allows the students a chance to meet residents of Wilson,” said Theresa Mathis, director of leadership and student involvement. “Students are so busy in class and on campus; they often miss the chance to meet members of the community.”

The students’ day began with a Kick-off in Howard Chapel at 11 a.m., followed by a quick picnic lunch on the center campus lawn. Projects were scheduled from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday afternoon.

Faculty and staff assisted with supervision of the projects, as well as representatives from several campus organizations including Phi Beta Lambda, Alpha Phi Omega, Psychology Club, Campus Activities Board, Waters Hall Resident Assistants, Orientation Leaders, Delta Zeta, and Sigma Sigma Sigma.

“In addition to providing a learning opportunity outside the classroom, Community Day engaged Barton students with community organizations at the beginning of their freshman year,” shared K’Charis Drewery, first-year hall director. “We hope this will lead to continued partnerships and involvement throughout their years at Barton.”

Weekend College at Barton Welcomes New B-K Program

We know education begins at birth, and this is an exciting time to be in the field of Early Childhood Education. Research is proving the importance and benefits of high quality early childhood programs. And, as a result, Barton College's School of Education established a new Birth-Kindergarten major during fall semester through the College's weekend program.

“We implemented the B-K program at Barton because there was such a great need for licensed teachers at the birth through kindergarten level,” said Dr. David Dolman, dean of the School of Education. “This program is excellent not only for individuals who are interested solely in B-K licensure, but also for those who want to add B-K to elementary education or special education licenses.”

Llewellyn Jones, coordinator of the birth-kindergarten teacher licensure program, shared that this early foundation of education has a lasting impact on a child’s later success in school. She also reiterated that North Carolina is working very hard to improve the quality of the programs, both public and private, that serve our youngest citizens. With the current shortage of licensed teachers for the More at Four program across the state, Barton's newest B-K major is preparing teachers for these expanded educational roles.

“Our first B-K class here at Barton has 14 students, who are very motivated to be working toward their B-K teacher licensure,” said Jones. “These are students who are currently working in the field, who want to improve their skills, to benefit the children they teach, and to help their centers/schools maintain their star ratings. This program being offered in Weekend College gives students the option of attending college while maintaining their jobs.”
Three significant notifications for Barton College were cause for celebration on campus during fall semester.

The College’s School of Nursing learned that 21 out of 21 students taking the North Carolina Board of Nursing exams passed with flying colors. The school also was notified that the one student testing out of state also passed her nursing exam. The 100% pass rate for nursing graduates taking state board exams is a testament to the hard work of both faculty and students. On the heels of that good news, Barton was notified on Aug. 18 by “U.S. News & World Report” that the College had been named for a third straight year in the “Top Schools” category in the Comprehensive Colleges Bachelor’s South Division. Just days later, on Aug. 21, Barton learned that the school was again designated as a “Best Southeastern College” on PrincetonReview.com,” also for a third year in a row.

“Barton College can take great pride in these successes as we begin a new academic year,” said Dr. Norval C. Kneten, president of Barton College. “The success of our nursing graduates indicates that our vision of engaging students in their academic pursuits is becoming a reality. The recognitions by “U.S. News & World Report” and “PrincetonReview.com,” for a third year now, are testaments to consistency with regard to Barton’s long-standing commitment to academic pursuits.”

For 36 years, Barton has taken pride in its nursing program. Barton’s 100% score in North Carolina rises above the reported 86.7 N.C. state pass rate and the 87.2 national pass rate for 2005.

“I am extremely proud of the achievement of the Class of 2006,” shared Dr. Nancy Simeonsson, associate professor and dean of the School of Nursing. “This is a fitting tribute to them for the successful completion of a challenging nursing program, as well as a reflection of their commitment and dedication to the future of nursing.”

Dr. Terrence L. Grimes, vice president for academic affairs, said he was delighted but not surprised that Barton’s graduating seniors performed so well on the North Carolina Board of Nursing Exam. He attributed their success to the excellent classroom instruction and the determination of the students. He also noted that the generous endowment provided for program support and laboratory equipment by Dr. William P. Nixon, Jr., of Wrightsville Beach, a trustee of the College, has greatly enhanced the learning of Barton’s students. “Barton’s strategic vision of becoming the engaged learning campus has provided a foundation for understanding that students retain knowledge best when they apply what they learn and internalize their understanding,” continued Grimes. “The School of Nursing is a campus leader in making this vision come to fruition.

“We are also delighted that the quality of all our academic programs has once again been recognized by ‘U.S. News and World Report’ and by ‘The Princeton Review,’” said Grimes. Comprehensive colleges, as defined by “U.S. News & World Report,” are those that focus on undergraduate education and offer a range of degree programs in the liberal arts, which account for less than half their bachelor’s degrees, and in professional fields such as business, nursing, and education. This year, “PrincetonReview.com” decisions came from a total of 656 schools. Barton College was one of 146 schools on the site receiving the “Best in the Southeast” designation. According to publisher Robert Franek, “these schools uphold the standards of our ‘Best Southeastern College’ distinction and provide students with a wide breadth of excellent schools to consider.”

Author Tim Madigan Visits Barton

Barton College welcomed author Tim Madigan to campus for three days of events this past October as he shared his newest book, “I’m Proud of You: My Friendship With Fred Rogers,” with the Barton and Wilson communities.

In addition to a book signing and dessert reception held in Hardy Alumni Hall on Saturday night for the public, Madigan also had the opportunity to speak to the children of St. Therese Catholic School on Friday morning, to discuss his book and the art of writing with Barton students at noon, and to enjoy meeting members of the Barton Society at a Friday evening cocktail reception in his honor. It was a whirlwind visit for Madigan, and he shared a story that the campus community will not soon forget.

Madigan, of Arlington, Texas, is an award-winning journalist and author of two critically acclaimed books, “See No Evil: Blind Devotion and Bloodshed in David Koresh’s Holy War” and “The Burning: Massacre, Destruction and the Tulsa Race Riot of 1921.” His newest book, “I’m Proud of You” was released in August by Gotham Books and tells the story of Madigan’s friendship with Fred Rogers, known best to many as the lovable, good-natured gentleman who welcomed generations of children to “Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood.”

“Everyone knows Fred Rogers was a good man,” said Tom Junod of “Esquire
Magazine.” “What Tim Madigan was blessed to discover was that he was also a great one, and, like all great men, challenged as much as he inspired. Fred inspired because he saw the good in everyone; Fred challenged because he wanted everyone to see the good in themselves. Now Fred comes to life in ‘I’m Proud of You,’ with his simple goodness etched on every page, and his complicated greatness etched in the heart of every reader who finishes the book and decides to become a better person.”

Madigan and Rogers first met in 1995 when Madigan was assigned to write a profile of children’s television icon Fred Rogers. One November morning, he met Fred at the WQED station in Pittsburgh. Fred greeted him with a smile and said a heartfelt, “Welcome to our Neighborhood.” Madigan, watching from the sidelines, saw an episode of “Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood” unfold, and then later had a chance to sit down and talk with Fred. They spoke about family, friends, childhoods, religion, and heroes — a talk that was unlike any profile interview Madigan had ever had.

A few days later after following Rogers around and quizzing him regularly, something happened that was unthinkable to Madigan at the time — Rogers called him at his hotel room, “Tim, this is Fred Rogers. If you don’t have other plans, I was wondering whether you’d like to join my family and me for church tomorrow.” Of all the people who had profiled Rogers, Madigan was the first he ever invited to church.

After suffering marital problems and struggling with depression, Madigan found an advisor in Rogers who imparted a gentle but powerful perspective on spirituality, marriage, depression, and the nature of true friendship. With his friend’s loving and patient guidance, Madigan eventually came to understand that his emotional troubles were rooted in a deep fear that his father had never truly been proud of him. Hence the mantra of the friendship between the two, the phrase Rogers used to conclude dozens of letters and email messages to Madigan: “I’m Proud of You.”

It has been said that a person is lucky if, at the end of his life, he can count his true friends on the fingers of one hand. “I’m Proud of You: My Friendship with Fred Rogers” is the story of two men who formed just such a friendship. Read it, and meet the man behind “Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood”: the ordained minister, the loving husband, father, grandfather, and devoted friend.

**Barton Egg Boat Exhibit**

Viewers discovered the art of the “Lost Wax” process and its relationship to bronze as Barton College honored the late Horace Farlowe, internationally renowned sculptor and alumnus, with the Barton Egg Boat Exhibition in the College’s Barton Museum from Oct. 15 to Dec. 5.

The Barton Egg Boat Exhibition featured a bronze sculpture created especially for Barton College by Farlowe. Just prior to his death, Farlowe released this limited edition sculpture in support of the arts at his alma mater. Limited to 100 pieces, this 11.75 x 3.75 x 3.75 solid bronze egg boat at $1,500 offers collectors a rare piece of Farlowe’s work. Each Egg Boat is signed in the mold and hand numbered. The proceeds will support an endowment Farlowe established for the teaching of sculpture at Barton.

Interested collectors may contact Carolyn Brown in the Barton College Office of Institutional Advancement at 1-800-422-4699 or email: cehbrown@barton.edu.

The “Lost Wax” process, the same used to create the Barton Egg Boat, was captured on 10 photographic panels by Keith Tew, director of publications at Barton College. The panels, depicting the 10-step process, chronicled the work of artist Jodi Hollnagel-Jubran of Greenville.

Farlowe graduated from Barton College in 1963 with a Bachelor of Science degree in painting and continued his studies at East Carolina University where he completed a Master of Arts degree in sculpture. Farlowe was the former Head of Sculpture at the University of Georgia in Athens. Lauded internationally for his talents in the area of sculpture, Farlowe was one of four artists selected for the International Granite Carving Symposium at Lumsden, Scotland, during the Scottish Sculpture Workshop. He was involved with the Oliver Strebelle video project in Brussels, Belgium, as well as the video project on contemporary stone carvers of Zimbabwe, Africa. He also traveled to Carrara and Cortona, Italy, as a result of his sculpting expertise.

Farlowe’s work has been viewed in over 100 exhibitions across the country and abroad, and his works are recognized in over 28 permanent collections.
Fitness Management Earns National Program Recognition

Barton College’s Fitness Management major has met the criteria for program recognition by the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA). The Educational Recognition Program of the NSCA recognizes academic institutions that prepare students for careers in strength and conditioning. In order to be recognized, an institution must provide required and suggested coursework in sport and exercise science, anatomy, biomechanics, physiology, exercise technique, and nutrition. Founded in 1978, the NSCA now serves nearly 300,000 members in 52 countries. The NSCA is accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies in Washington, D. C., a non-governmental body that endorses certification programs. Barton is one of two schools in North Carolina with fitness management program recognition.

“We are very excited that our Fitness Management major has received program recognition status by the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA),” said Dr. Claudia Duncan, chair of the Physical Education and Sport Studies Department. “Program recognition indicates that Barton College has met the curriculum requirements in its fitness management major as established by the NSCA, the leading authority on strength training and conditioning. Our program is now listed on the NSCA web site as a recognized program, and our students receive a discount on the price of the certification exam. The NSCA is the premier certifying agency in the area of strength and conditioning.”

Barton’s Fitness Management Program prepares students for employment in a variety of fitness/wellness related settings including amateur and professional sports, rehabilitation clinics, industrial settings (corporate wellness), fitness/health clubs (private), colleges/universities, high schools, and research and scientific institutions (Cooper Institute, Olympic Training Centers). Specifically, students with this Bachelor of Science degree can plan and conduct classes, prescribe exercise programs, counsel and administer graded exercise and health related tests, and work as personal trainers.

Fitness Management majors take coursework primarily in the Department of Physical Education and Sport Studies as well as six elective hours, required for the major and selected from a variety of disciplines based on the interest of the individual. Students must complete either a field experience (three credit hours) or an internship (12 credit hours) for this major. Coursework in this major prepares students for the National Strength and Conditioning Association’s certification exam to become a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist.

Another exciting aspect of the Fitness Management major is the internship. Students (with assistance from Barton faculty) locate a placement with an agency and work full time for that agency. This class (SPS 470) is worth 12 credit hours, so students take no other coursework during their internship semester. During the internship, students have the opportunity to use all of the information learned in classes in a work-based setting. This provides great experience to list on resumes, and helps students to make valuable contacts for future employment. Student internships have included Barton partnering with World Gym, Wilson Family YMCA, and North Carolina State University.

According to the United States Department of Labor, employment in this area is expected to grow much faster than average for all other occupations through 2014. Salaries vary; they can range from $15.00/hour to as high as $55,000/year for those at the top (salaries can range from the mid $20s to mid to high $50s). Earnings vary by education level, certification and geographic region. Some are paid salary, others by the hour, per session, or by number of participants.

Dr. Hackney Named Trustee Emeritus

For the many years of dedicated leadership and service, his wisdom and keen insight, and for his faithful commitment to and vision for the future of Barton College, the Barton College Board of Trustees bestowed upon Dr. Thomas J. Hackney, Jr., the title of trustee emeritus with all the rights and privileges thereto pertaining. The announcement was made at the October 21st fall meeting of the Board.

Following in his grandfather’s and father’s footsteps, Dr. Hackney became chairman of the Board in 1965. During his involvement on the Board of Trustees, Dr. Hackney served the College in many capacities. He was instrumental in the Enriching the Tradition Campaign in the early ’90s by serving as the honorary chairman of the Wilson area campaign. During his tenure as chairman of the Board, Dr. Hackney served as the link between three administrations, and therefore, responsible for hiring two college presidents. In 1985, Dr. Hackney relinquished the chairmanship, concluding a 78-year record of board leadership by one family. He continued to serve on the Board, holding a variety of leadership roles until his retirement in October 2006.
Each spring semester, the Barton College community celebrates teaching excellence in the classroom and faculty commitment to our students’ success by recognizing two distinguished members of the faculty with the Jefferson-Pilot Faculty Member of the Year awards. This year, the recipients were Dr. Jackie S. Ennis, associate professor of education in the School of Education, and Richard A. Lee, assistant professor of computer information systems in the School of Business. The award included a cash stipend for international travel in conjunction with the College’s global emphasis.

A native of Nash County, Ennis earned a Bachelor of Science degree (summa cum laude) in Intermediate and Middle School Education with a concentration in mathematics from Barton College. She continued her studies completing a Master of Education degree in Intermediate and Middle School Education with a concentration in mathematics and science at Campbell University and a Ph.D. from North Carolina State University. She also holds certifications in computer education and academically gifted education. Prior to joining the Barton faculty, Ennis was a teacher in the Nash-Rocky Mount School System.

Ennis’ professional affiliations include the North Carolina Council of Teachers of Mathematics, National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, Kappa Delta Pi, the International Society for Technology Education, the National Association for Gifted Children, the North Carolina Middle School Association, and the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

Outside the classroom, Ennis enjoys spending time with family and friends. She particularly enjoys a walk on a quiet beach. She also enjoys participating in activities at her church.

Ennis and her husband, Jim, reside in Red Oak. They have two children, Logan and Margo.

A native of Johnston County, Lee earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Engineering from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and a Master of Science degree in Business Management from North Carolina State University. He is currently a doctoral candidate in the Financial and Information System Management program at Northcentral University. Prior to joining the Barton faculty, Lee served as an engineer and manager in the telecommunications field for 13 years.

Lee is a member of the Association of Global Business Leaders (AGB), Association For Information Systems (AIS), National Association of Individual Investors Corporation (NAIC), Association of Computing and Machinery (ACM) Toastmasters International, and the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE).

Outside the classroom, Lee enjoys the outdoors, traveling, and spending time with his family.

Lee and his wife, Lisa, live in Clayton. They have one daughter, Peyton.

What influences guided these professionals to careers in education and what keeps them excited about teaching? Ennis and Lee share their answers.

Q. Why did you choose a career in higher education?

Ennis - I guess we have all heard tales of the child who dreams of being a teacher. As funny as it sounds, I admit that I am one of those people. My younger sister had to endure my many efforts at educating her, ranging from lessons on playing the piano to instruction in reading and math. I also admit that I was one of those children who “played school” and quite often subjected my dolls and stuffed animals to lessons conducted from the chalkboard in my bedroom. I attended Barton College (then Atlantic Christian College) and graduated with a degree in Elementary Education and licensure in Middle Grades Education as well. I enjoyed 15 years of teaching in the Nash-Rocky Mount Schools. I think that out of my love for teaching, I naturally developed a desire to foster that passion in young people who might wish to pursue a degree in education.

Lee - Actually, I didn’t initially choose a career in higher education. The first 13 years of my career were spent in industry and spanned such fields as software engineering, product management and product marketing.
I like to tell people that higher education is really my fourth career, but so far has been the most fulfilling. I was also trying to finish my doctorate when the Barton position became available. So, working in higher education was a nice compliment for that pursuit. Above all, I love working with students and seeing them succeed.

Q. What brought you to Barton?

Ennis - As noted, I naturally became interested in wanting to play a part in the professional development of future teachers. I had the opportunity to teach a couple of classes for Barton College as an adjunct instructor, and I really enjoyed the interaction with the college students. In 1995, there was an opening in the Education Department for a Middle School Education Coordinator, so I applied. I was very pleased to join the Barton College Department of Education (now the School of Education) as a full-time faculty member. As a graduate of this program, I was aware of the very positive reputation that this college and its education department enjoyed in the public schools. I felt honored to be part of this organization and to have the opportunity to make a contribution to the school that had nurtured my love of teaching.

Lee - When I finally decided to pursue a teaching career, I was looking for a smaller institution where I could really get to know the students, faculty, and staff. I had worked for a corporation with over 100,000 employees spread across the globe. Working in such a large and dynamic environment, it is sometimes harder to have that personal atmosphere. At Barton, you not only know most of the students, but you also know the faculty, staff, and even the president on a first-name basis.

I also have many ties to the Wilson area. My wife graduated from Barton/Atlantic Christian and is a vice president with a regional bank. Moving out of the area could have disrupted her career. I also have a brother and sister-in-law who graduated from Barton/Atlantic Christian. Between family members and a host of friends, who are also graduates, I knew quite a bit about the institution. Some of the professors they used to talk about are still on campus today.

Q. What do you enjoy most about teaching?

Ennis - Well, I guess it's obvious that I love teaching – period. What I like most about teaching in the School of Education is helping our pre-service teachers develop into beginning teachers. I am very proud of the knowledge, skills, and professional dispositions that our students develop through our educational program. I enjoy seeing the progress they make, and I love hearing of their many successes as they enter the field of teaching after graduation.

Lee - I truly enjoy learning. So, being in higher education aligns with my personality and interests. If you enjoy a subject, then it is natural to want to share that same interest with your students. It is also very rewarding to see students return years later and find that they have established successful and rewarding careers.

Q. What do you enjoy most about teaching?

Ennis - My favorite memories are actually composite pictures of my students' faces as they realize that they have much potential and that they are developing into real teachers! I also enjoy the memories of students as they learn to use materials provided through our grant with Merck Pharmaceuticals, Inc. I find it very rewarding to see them interacting with these materials and learning to use them as teaching and learning tools. The students learn that teaching mathematics and science is not a frightening situation, but it is actually a very interesting and fun adventure. Hearing students say with conviction, at the end of the methods courses, that math and science are fun is truly a favorite memory!

Lee - One of the more memorable memories, occurred on September 11, 2001. This was my first semester on campus, and I was discussing how online-news outlets broadcast live video events over the Internet. I was using cnn.com as an example when news of the first 9/11 crash came “streaming” over the web. We were all mesmerized as the events unfolded. This was surely a sad memory and not a favorite, but one we will remember vividly for the rest of our lives.

Q. What replenishes your energy and enthusiasm for teaching?

Ennis - Obviously, the success of my students replenishes my energy and enthusiasm for teaching. The interaction with my colleagues helps to keep me encouraged, as well. Other simple means serve as sources of revitalization for me. I find walking, especially walking on a beach, to be a very good source of energy restoration. I also enjoy time with my family, our family pets, and our friends. Listening to lots of music helps to revive my spirits, too!

Lee - I think being around enthusiastic people is always a plus. The faculty and staff on campus take their jobs not only seriously, but with a sense of enjoyment and enthusiasm. I find this appealing. With so many subject-domain experts on campus, something new and interesting is always happening. This makes the learning environment exciting for students as well as the professors.

Q. What excites you about Barton's new vision of an engaged learning campus?

Ennis - The concept of engaged learning fits precisely with my personal philosophy of teaching. Considering that I value social interactions in education, I am pleased to be communicating with my colleagues about engaged learning. I am proud to be part of a campus that is committed to this vision.

Lee - One of the unique features about being on a small campus is the ability to interact with students in a personal setting. This creates a unique arrangement where professors can challenge students in ways that reflect real-world situations. Engaged learning techniques facilitate this type of learning environment and energizes students to become...
critical thinkers responsible for their own learning. Anyone that has worked in a professional setting realizes that success isn’t simply achieved by passing a test. True success takes on many different forms, such as collaboration and communication skills, problem solving ability, knowledge breadth, working with others, and a host of hard and soft skills. Engaged learning helps hone these techniques and forces students to integrate them when searching for an optimal solution. I like to say that engaged learning is like learning how to think inside and outside of the box at the same time.

Q. How will you use the international travel stipend?

Ennis - I have not decided how I will use the international travel stipend. Right now, I like the idea of not yet having a definite plan. Rather, I am enjoying the process of considering many different possibilities. Until I make the final decision, every place in the world is a possible destination, and that is a fun idea in itself!

Lee - Traveling has always been one of my passions. I haven’t decided exactly where I will go, possibly somewhere in Europe, South America or Australia. My wife loves to travel, so coming up with something unique will be a joint effort. It will also be our daughter’s first major trip, which should make it even more interesting.

Scholarships Work

Leigh Anne Penny

Elementary Education
Freshman – Raleigh, North Carolina
Recipient of The Lucille and Hadley Bryan Endowed Scholarship

“Attending Barton College is a true honor. Without this scholarship, I would not have been able to enroll at Barton. It has been my dream to become a teacher one day, and I know I’m receiving the best education possible to prepare me for the classroom. I could not imagine earning my degree anywhere else, and I will be forever grateful for this opportunity. The Lucille and Hadley Bryan Endowed Scholarship has given me the opportunity to attend a college where I feel I truly belong and to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Education, so that one day I may make a difference in a child’s life.”

The Lucille and Hadley Bryan Endowed Scholarship was established in 1987 by North State Motor Lines, Inc. and the company president, Mr. Donald T. Bryan. The scholarship is in memory of Mr. Bryan’s mother and father.

3rd Annual Scholarship Luncheon

Save the Date

When:
March, 29 2007, 11 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Who:
All those who have an established scholarship are invited to meet their scholarship recipient(s). This is becoming a popular event for both donors and recipients. Come see firsthand how scholarships make a difference in a student’s educational experience.
We are always excited to recognize our alumni and friends each year in the Honor Roll of Donors. This year’s Honor Roll is evidence of the success we enjoyed last fiscal year. Let me take this opportunity to thank you. I think you will see what a difference you are making as you read on.

The excitement and celebration from last year is continuing in 2006-2007. We expect this fiscal year to be the most successful friend- and fund-raising year in the College’s history. I say this because you can feel the energy, not only from the campus, but when you speak with attendees at events and listen to comments from our generous donors.

A few highlights…..let’s start with our annual fund participation this year. We have established the 1902 Club (a club named for the year the College was established and reserved for those who are first-time donors to the College). We asked for $19.02; many of you gave more. So far, over 120 donors have joined this new club. In addition, we have 250 more annual fund donors than last year at this time and more than 210 of those are alumni.

In anticipation of our next capital campaign, our fundraising efforts have continued to focus on special projects. We announced the completion of the $300,000 Nixon Baseball Challenge last month and are convinced that our baseball facility will be the envy of the conference. The chair-back stands that are now in place will change the experience for the spectators. We will celebrate the completion of this special project campaign on February 3. If you would still like to participate and be included in the recognition, please contact us. We celebrated the completion of the soccer lighting project at a soccer game under the lights on September 9. Over 300 attended, and soccer at Barton changed forever!

Recently, a friend of the College extended a challenge that will help us complete a $2 million black box theatre similar to the Kennedy Theatre at the Progress Energy Center for the Performing Arts in Raleigh. A committee has been established to raise the remaining $500,000-8750,000, after which, construction will begin. We still have a number of Horace Farlowe Egg Boats available for your private art collection. Remember it is a limited edition sculpture (100) for only $1,500. Our goal is to raise $100,000 for the sculpture program at Barton. One more thing, this spring we are working with the Department of Art to launch the Friends of Visual Arts. A recent gift of $100,000 has established the Visual Arts Endowment Fund to be used primarily for lectures related to the visual arts. And, this was a gift from a “friend” who did not attend the College. Wow!

Individuals and companies are responding to the passion felt by many for Barton College, formerly Atlantic Christian. They see what’s going on at the College. This passion is contagious. Why don’t you consider getting involved now! You will have fun, and we need you. Call me at (252)399-6358 or email: chbrown@barton.edu with your ideas and comments.

And now, please take time to look over the names in the Honor Roll of Donors.
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The Value of Relationships

Why give back to your alma mater?
Brothers Bill and Bob Andrews of Wilson, class of 1973, give back because the College has been a part of their lives for as long as they can remember.

The brothers agree that they will go to their graves indebted to ACC/Barton. Bill adds that the College gave him a second chance, an opportunity to re-examine who he was and what he wanted to do with his life. These are powerful statements to make about commitment, but Bill and Bob also emphasize that, for them, giving back to the College was easy, both mentally and emotionally. They made a conscious decision to stay connected to this place that had offered them so much support during some very impressionable college years.

But the Andrews’ relationship with Atlantic Christian began long before they enrolled. The twin sons of Frances and Van Andrews of Wilson, the brothers grew up in a house on West Gold Street near the campus. When they were young, they raced their bikes on the sidewalks around and through campus; they sneaked into the gymnasium to play basketball; and they went trick or treating at the Sigma Pi fraternity house. They have vivid recollections of favorite campus characters, as well as cherished memories of friendships made while in college. Dr. C.H. Hamlin, their neighbor and a faculty member, encouraged them to attend A.C., and they remember Sarah Bain Ward always “keeping them straight.” One of the twins’ favorite memories is Chaplain Dan Hensley whistling as he strolled across the campus. Bob shares that it always lifted his spirits to hear that familiar whistle. Bill and Bob also met their wives on campus. Bill and his wife, Becky, have four children: Meredith, Derick, Rusty and Jonathan. Bob and his wife, Jan, have one son, Adam.

Their experiences growing up near and eventually on campus helped to shape their adult lives, and at the age of 32, the Andrews brothers decided it was time to begin giving back. Bill and Bob chose to give a life insurance policy because it was convenient and an inexpensive way to start giving back. Since that first gift, they have become strong Annual Fund supporters; they supported the construction of the Kennedy Recreation and Intramural Center several years ago and also established the Andrews Scholarship Fund for students in the School of Business.

Another example of their support includes hosting internships for Barton students. On several occasions, interns were later offered employment with the brothers’ insurance company, The Planning Group, Inc.

When asked what advice they would offer to young people about giving back to Barton, the Andrews brothers both quickly replied, “just start giving.” That’s the most important thing to remember.

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The main goal of the alumni office is to foster strong connections between alumni and the College. Times may have changed, but Barton College is still the same outstanding college you remember. The Barton experience offers a great environment where each student is important, just as it was when you were a student. A lot of great things are happening on our campus. We would love for you to visit and reconnect with your alma mater.

There are many ways to volunteer and be involved with Barton College including: serving on the Alumni Board, serving on your Reunion Committee, or hosting an alumni event in your area. Please don’t wait for me to call you to share your ideas. Call, email, or send me a letter. I look forward to hearing from you.

Go Bulldogs!
Summer

Alumni Gather for a “Down East” Celebration

Atlantic Christian and Barton alumni took time from busy fall schedules to join fellow alumni and friends for a “Down East” Alumni Dinner held on Thursday, Nov. 9. This event proved to be a great opportunity to reconnect with classmates and friends across the miles and the years.

Hosted by Gordon Street Christian Church in Kinston, the activities included a social hour followed by a delightful dinner and program. Dr. Norval C. Kneten, president of the College, brought greetings from the campus and shared the latest in Barton news. Barton’s own Daniel Heath, a senior from New Bern, entertained the crowd with a number of contemporary favorites on the piano and guitar. A talented musician, Heath also plays saxophone and banjo. Majoring in mass communications, his concentration is audio recording. Having already secured a job upon graduation, Heath will be working on the famous “Music Row” in Nashville, Tenn.

This was the third alumni dinner held at Gordon Street Christian Church in the last six years. It was widely received, and those attending thoroughly enjoyed the great fellowship, food, and entertainment. Sharon Ginn shared with the attendees, “It is events such as this dinner that allow us to recall those memories and offer gratitude for those people who made positive impacts on our young lives...share time with old and new friends, as all of us have common roots in Atlantic Christian College / Barton College.”

The host committee for the event included: Bill “Tex” Boswell, ’57; Martha Dawson Boswell, ’61; Rhondra Fleming, ’87; A. Stephen Ginn, ’59; Sharon Hazelrigg Ginn, ’59; Ossie Kearney, ’70; Mary Betty Barnes Kearney, ’72; Kenneth Moore, ’85; Karen Williams Moore, ’84; Allen C. Owens, ’50; Mary Sharpe Williford Owens, ’52, and Kenneth Rouse, ’57.

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Upcoming Events!

March 15, 2007
Edgecombe/Nash/Warren Counties Social at the home of Hiram Perkinson, ’68. Details will follow in February. If you have questions, please call the alumni office at 252-399-6383 or 800-422-4699.

April 13-15, 2007
Weekend in Washington!
Be sure to join us for our first event in Washington, D.C. Leave the driving and parking to us with our chartered Southern Coach. We’ll stay at the Hampton Inn Convention Center Hotel in the heart of the city. There will be several ways to spend your Saturday – the National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade and the Sakura Matsuri (the Japanese Street Festival) are scheduled. You also may spend the day touring the sights of our capital city. Group tickets can be arranged for the International Spy Museum or the Holocaust Memorial Museum for those interested. On Saturday evening, we will join alumni from D.C. and the surrounding cities for a very special alumni event. On Sunday morning, you may attend services at the National City Christian Church before returning to Wilson. Cost includes round-trip transportation to Washington, hotel, and all event tickets. Meals are on your own except for lunch on Friday and Sunday. Depart Wilson at noon, Friday; return approximately 5 p.m. Sunday. Cost: $300 per person/based on double occupancy.

Space is limited! Reserve your space now! Call 252-399-6383 or 800-422-4699.

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1940s

Grethel McLamb Boyette, ’41, has four children and is the proud grandmother of 11 grandchildren.

Mabel Roberson McIntyre, ’41, has received an NCAT Award in her honor in Cullowhee.

Dorothy Freeman Smith, ’46, would like to read more about classmates from the 1940s. She encourages classmates to send their news to Class Notes.


Melville Warren, Sr., ’48, is now retired after 33 years as assistant to the superintendent of Dover City Schools in Delaware.

1950s

Arthur Bishop, ’58, recently wrote and published his first book, “Jesus: What He Was and What He Wasn’t.” His book can be purchased online or at local bookstores. He is teaching “Historical Jesus” at the Lifelong Learning Institute in Manassas, Va.

1960s

Janice Kilby Kemp, ’61, has one son, Myron, and one grandson, Ashton.

Patricia Hall Stone, ’62, is an ordained elder in WNCG-UNC and has served as pastor for 17 years. She was appointed Chaplain of Hospice in Scotland County in 2004. She has six grandchildren.

Joe Tolson, ’63, has been re-elected N.C. State Representative for the 23rd District.

David Tharrington, ’65, recently retired and is enjoying his free time.

Garnet Williams Phillips, ’65, has retired from Southampton County Schools after 40 years of teaching. Her biography was published in the 2005 edition of “Who’s Who Among American Teachers.” She and her husband, Dan, have two daughters, Mary Margaret and Rebecca. The family resides in Murfreesboro.

Janice Cousins Loud, ’66, retired in 2003 after teaching for 32 years.

Lynda Sawyer McKittrick, ’66, recently retired from the Heath County School System with 30 years of teaching experience. She and her husband live in Newark, Ohio.

Nancy Williamson Pyles, ’66, and her husband, Richard, have three children. They reside in Temple Hills, Md.

John Tobin, ’67, retired from the Army in 2006, and was presented with the Legion of Merit. He was also awarded the Bronze Star and the Combat Infantry Badge while serving in Afghanistan. He has accepted a position with Alion Science and Technology as a Senior Military Analyst for Special Operations. His wife, Betsy, is the vocational education coordinator for Charlotte-Mecklenburg schools.

Kathie Chastain Cooper, ’69, and her husband, Alexander Cooper, ’70, have recently moved from Winston-Salem to make their home at Lake Norman. Kathie retired from Forsythe County after 33 years of service. She is currently working full time for the N.C. State Board of Elections in the Charlotte area.

1970s

Thomas Lewis, ’70, has a daughter-in-law, Jacquelynn Lewis, who is a current student at Barton College.

Jim Hollingsworth, ’70, retired from the state of North Carolina and has relocated from Goldsboro to Grassy Creek.

Griffin Thomas, ’70, his wife, Ella, and son, John, toured Air Force One in December 2005 while President Bush made a stop in N.C. Griffin’s son-in-law, Major Patrick Leonard, is an Air Force One advance agent and arranged the tour. Also, Griffin and Ella and their two sons, John and Will, traveled to Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks in June. They met their daughter, Mandy Ross Leonard, ’97, and her husband, Patrick, to celebrate the first birthday of their grandson, William Patrick.

David Cox, ’71, and his wife, Judy Wilson Cox, ’71, are the proud grandparents of twin grandsons. The twins were born to their daughter, Amanda, in May 2006.

Delores Oakley Bullock, ’72, is a literacy coach at Brassfield Elementary School in Raleigh.

Ron Faulkner Cornwell, ’73, and his wife, Helen, were married in July 1999. They announce the marriage of their son, Wesley, on July 29, 2006.

Leonard Woodruff, ’73, recently retired from N.C. Revenue Services after 34 years.

Barry Scott Winstead, ’74, retired in August 2006 as district manager of District 7 with the N.C. Division of Community Corrections after 32 years of service. District 7 includes Edgecombe, Nash, and Wilson counties.

Russell Earl Allen, ’75, was appointed as a substitute judge for the 15th Judicial Circuit Court, which includes his home area of Hanover County. The 15th circuit is the largest in Virginia.

Dorothy Robinson Ward, ’75, has been working at Duke University Medical Center as a nurse for 25 years.

Gatsy Owens Eason, ’75, is currently a math teacher at a charter school in Battleboro.

Marie Williams Bradley, ’75, has one son, Michael Alexander, who graduated from Durham Academy Upper School in June 2006. Her son is now a full-time student at Duke University.

Tommy Carr, David Sledge, and Russell Rawlings, ’78, invite Alpha Sigma Phi alumni, young and old, to participate in the 20th Annual Nags Head Reunion, scheduled May 4-6, 2007, at the Cavalier Motel. Relish in the fellowship and test your skills on the links as Joe Murray defends his title after fending off a furious nine-onslaught from Jerry Sledge last year. Convey your interest via email to Tommy Carr (carr419@earthlink.net), David Sledge (dsledge@greensvillecountyva.gov), or Russell Rawlings (rrawlings@ncbar.org).

Phil Faison, ’78, was elected to the Board of Commissioners for Camden County in May 2006. His wife, Terri, serves on Camden’s Board of Education.

Billie Williams Odom, ’79, has become a literacy coach and is no longer in the classroom.
Dr. Catherine Jeffries Honored By North Carolina Society of Historians

Dr. Catherine Wilson Jeffries of Wilson, retired professor of physical education, was recently awarded the D.T. Smithwick Newspaper & Magazine Article Award by the North Carolina Society of Historians, Inc., at their 65th Annual Awards Banquet held at the History Place in Morehead City in October. The award recognized her feature article, titled “School Days on Walnut Street,” that appeared in “The Robesonian” newspaper on August 22, 2004.

Awards were presented in several historical and genealogical categories relating to local, regional or statewide places, people, or events. Barringer Awards were presented for exceptional service, and two Historian of the Year awards were presented, east and west. A President’s Award was given to the President’s personal choice of all entries winning by the unanimous decision of a distinguished panel of judges.

The judges’ collective comments on Dr. Jeffries’ entry read, “We really enjoyed this author’s style of writing as we were taken on a ‘trip down memory lane’ through her childhood memories, family life, and educational background. It was a fascinating journey since lifestyles have changed, and she was reminiscing with a modern, very different public. When we speak about three different ‘school systems’ these days, we are speaking of either public, private, and parochial, or we are speaking about city, county or home school. When school systems were the topic in the 1930s in Lumberton, they were speaking about black, white, and Indian. What a refreshing change it was for us to read a concise biography that said so much in such a small amount of space! And, kudos to Ms. Jeffries’ mother whom we now dub the ‘inventor of the book bag!’”

The North Carolina Society of Historians was formed in 1941 for the purpose of collecting and preserving North Carolina history, traditions, artifacts, genealogies, and folklore not only on a statewide basis, but also on the county and local levels also. Their purpose is to aid in and encourage the exchange of information between members, and, primarily, to reward those persons who fulfill the objectives in exceptional ways via the society’s awards program.

For additional information about the North Carolina Society of Historians, you may view the web site at: www.ncsocietyofhistorians.org or email: ncs@earthlink.net.

1980s

Theresa McIntyre Reed, ’80, was one of three teachers selected to receive the “Teaching Excellence Award” from Jiffy Lube with the support of WRAL-TV. Theresa has taught a variety of subjects over the past 27 years. She is employed as assistant principal at North View Middle School in Sevierville, Tenn. She and her husband, David, have three children, Chris, Bryan, and Dara. She would love to receive email from her classmates. Her email address is renewalker@sevier.org.

Herbert Gary Bradshaw, ’85, has earned a Doctor of Theology degree and is the radio pastor of “Giants for God.” It is an international radio broadcast that is heard in over 150 countries every Sunday.

Jewel Conway Lucas, ’85, received her Master of Science in Accounting Degree and an Education Specialist degree from East Carolina University in 1996 and 1998 respectively. She currently serves as principal of Nashville Elementary School in the Nash-Rocky Mount School System. She and her husband, Keith, have two feline children, Charlotte and Daytona.

Elizabeth Martin Richardson, ’85, presented a workshop: Early Emergent Literacy Skills for Deaf Infants and Toddlers at the 40th National Cued Speech Convention held at Towson University, Towson, Md., in July 2006.

Delise Pfohl Talley, ’87, has two children, Alex (10) and Bryce (8). They make their home in Arden.

Christi Lilley Rogerson, ’87, is a math teacher and has been teaching for 18 years.


1990s

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Laura Watson Thomas, ’80, is a nationally certified school nurse for three schools in the Johnston County School System.

Russell Wilkins, ’80, is celebrating his 29th year as pastor at St. John DOC Church in Washington, N.C. Russell and his wife, Rose, have a son and a daughter.

Mark Leggett, ’82, is a chief court counselor, 2nd district, with the N.C. Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

Susan Myer Allison, ’82, and her husband, Boyd, have started a real estate auction company called Bexhill Auction. Check out their web site, www.bexhillauctiongroup.com.

Terry Harper, ’83, has a son, Peter, who is a freshman at Barton College.

Cynthia Freuler Nicholson, ’83, will celebrate her 20th year at Western Carolina University this year. She has been promoted to Associate Director of Purchasing. Cindy and her family reside in Sylva.

Rene Harrell Walker, ’84, received her doctorate of education from California Coast University in June 2006. She is employed as assistant principal at

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ACC Alumna Serves in South Africa with the Peace Corps

Barton alumna Sara Brame Skinner, ’60, a resident of Winston-Salem, was accepted into the Peace Corps. She departed for South Africa on July 28, 2006, and was trained to serve as a Primary Teacher Training Volunteer. A substantial part of her service includes assisting local educators to improve their teaching and classroom practices in mathematics. She also works with educators, parents, and community leaders to foster a greater partnership between school and community.

“Since its formation in 1961, I have been interested [in the Peace Corps],” said Skinner. “When President Carter ran for president, I learned his mother served in the Peace Corps as an older adult, so for years, my husband and I talked about the possibility of serving after retirement. After his death, I decided [Peace Corps] was a way to make my remaining years meaningful.”

A native of Wilson County, Skinner graduated from Rock Ridge High School in 1956 and attended Atlantic Christian College, where she graduated in 1960 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mathematics. After several years of teaching in the public schools, she received a MAT degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1964. In 1993, Skinner earned a Doctor of Education degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, having majored in Curriculum and Teaching with a focus on Mathematics Education. She completed her teaching career at Forsyth Technical Community College in Winston-Salem and retired in May 2003.

“Peace Corps is a way to serve my country by being a positive ambassador from the United States while helping South Africans reach their educational potential,” said Skinner. “Personally, I will learn to appreciate a new culture and have a rewarding adventure.”

Skinner joined more than 180 North Carolina residents currently serving in the Peace Corps.

More than 182,000 Americans have served in 138 countries as Peace Corps Volunteers since 1961. Today, over 7,800 Volunteers serve in programs to address business development, health and HIV/AIDS, the environment, education, agriculture, and information technology.

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Triangle region. He and his wife, Suzanne Farmer Pierce, ’94, have two sons, Andrew Gregory (8) and Tyler Ellis (4).

Michael Brantley, ’91, and his wife, Kristi Pendleton Brantley, ’91, recently had a son, Michael Kent Brantley, Jr. He has an older sister, Holly (6). The Brantleys reside in Spring Hope.

Judith Harris Fearing, ’91, teaches first grade at Nags Head Elementary School. She has been teaching for 14 years. She and her husband, Craig, have three children, Jillian (8), Chandler (6), and Lindsea (2).

Stephanie Eubanks Nall, ’91, is an accountant for First Flight Federal Credit Union in Havelock. She and her husband, Benjamin, have three beautiful girls, Bridget (13), Brandy (9), and Hannah (6).

Richard Kennedy, ’92, completed requirements for his Ph.D. in Education from Capella University. Members of the Dissertation Committee included Dr. Alan Lane of the Barton College History Department. Dr. Lane was faculty advisor and mentor for Richard during his years at Barton.

Lisa Christman Buckner, ’92, received her M.Ed. for school administration/leadership from Virginia Commonwealth University last May. Her husband, Rob, received a military transfer to the Navy Supply Corps School in June 2006. The family, including son, Josh (13) and daughter, Jordan (12), moved to the Athens area in Georgia. Her two stepsons, Cory (18) and Zaek (17), stayed in Virginia to finish high school. Lisa is in her 15th year of teaching deaf/hard of hearing students and is currently teaching in Athens. Stay in touch by email: LSK1167@aol.com.

Deana Wilkins Doby, ’94, and her husband, Brian, announce the birth of their son, Cameron Seth, on Jan. 16, 2005. The family resides in Oxford.

Leslie Ching Inman, ’94, was married to Chris Buck on Nov. 4, 2006 in Midlothian, Va. Leslie is a pediatric intensive care nurse in Richmond, Va. She and her husband make their home in Midlothian. Also in attendance at the wedding were Lance Goss, ’99, and Robb Griffin ’99, as well as Dr. Jane Kolenie, professor of biology and chair of the Science and Mathematics Department at Barton.

Lori Beth Kei, ’96, graduated in May 2006 from Virginia Commonwealth University where she earned a Master of Science in Nursing degree.
Heidi Apelt DeVincen, ‘96, and her husband welcomed their second daughter on April 25, 2006. Abby Rose weighed 8 lbs., 8 oz. Abby was also welcomed by her big sister, Shelby Leigh. Heidi has added Middle Level English certification to her educational background.

Sam Turner, Jr., ’96, and his wife, Candace, announce the birth of a beautiful daughter, Lauren Rose Turner born on Aug. 30. She weighed 8 lbs., 6 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Mandy Ross Leonard, ’97, and her husband, Major Patrick Leonard, and their son, William Patrick, met President Bush and toured Air Force One in February while at Buckley AFB in Colorado. Patrick is an Air Force One advance agent and arranged a tour of the plane. Will was born June 20, 2005. Recently, the Leonards moved near Ogden, Utah, where Patrick is a C-130 pilot at Hill AFB.

Julie Daniel-Yount, ’97, and her husband, Brad, welcomed a daughter, Edith Marian Yount, on New Year’s Eve 2005. Julie accepted a teaching position with East Carolina University’s Department of Physician Assistant Studies. Brad is a physician assistant at Walter B. Jones Alcohol and Drug Abuse Treatment Center. The family resides in Greenville.

Robert Dowling II, ’97, married Binh Yung on Aug. 27, 2006. Since 2000, Robert has been working on Broadway in New York City. Binh is a senior designer for Nautica.


Amy Coleman McFalls, ’97, married Dennis McFalls in 2005. Their son, Alexander James, was born in August 2005 and weighed 11 lbs., 8 oz. Amy is a social worker III specializing in foster care and adoptions.

Marianna Southard DeBolt, ’91, and ’98, earned her Master of Education degree in Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment from Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonais, Ill. She serves as the art teacher at Princeville Grade School in Princeville, Ill. She and her husband and four children live in Wyoming, Ill.

Roy Henderson, ’98, and his wife, April Snipes Henderson, ’99, welcomed their first child, a son, in September 2006. Roy is employed at Wells Elementary School and April works at United Hospice.

Laura Short Bryant, ’99, and her husband, Brent, and daughter, Alexandra, announce a new addition to their family. Carl Edwin was born on Sept. 6, 2006, weighing 8 lbs., 7 oz.


2000s

James Beazley, ’00, worked for Delegate Terry Kilgore as his Policy/Press Secretary during Virginia’s General Assembly session in early 2006. James has recently been hired as a consultant specializing in local government affairs.

Cameron Paige Mitchell, ’00, completed a Master of Science in Nursing degree from UNC-Wilmington in May 2005. She is working as a nurse practitioner at Coastal Neurosurgical Associates in Wilmington. She married Lance Tatone in October 2006.

Sherry Slagle Moyer, ’01, and her husband announce the birth of their son, Ryan Thomas, on Nov. 27, 2005, weighing 4 lbs., 8 oz. Sherry enjoys staying home with her son.

Joey Mahouchick, ’00, and his wife, Jennifer, announce the birth of their son, Nathan, in March 2006.

Amy Ferrell Lybrand, ’00, has been promoted to vice president at BB&T in Wilson. She is a bankcard implementation and process manager who joined the bank in 1988.

Heather Berry Saunders, ’01, and her husband, Rob, announce the birth of their son, Keegan Robert, on March 1, 2006. The Saunders family resides in Smithfield, Va.

Rhonda Brown Scott, ’02, announces the birth of a daughter, Emily Gail, on Jan. 2, 2006. Emily has a big sister, Jessica (9).

Kadie Hagan Wishall, ’03, married Ashley Wishall, ’03, on Aug. 12, 2006. The couple lives in Tarboro, where Kadie is a human resources representative at Hospira, Inc. Ashley is self-employed with Wishall Contracting.

Nakhesia Fenty Sheen, ’03, and John George Sheen were married in Fort Worth, Texas, on Sept. 24, 2005. Katelin completed her Master of Divinity degree from Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University in Dec. 2006, and she will be ordained in the Christian Church (DOC).

Marianne Koval, ’04, completed a Master of Social Work degree from West Chester University. She is a therapeutic support specialist working with children with autism and other emotional disturbances. She also enjoys working part time at Ann Taylor Loft.


Brian Allen, ’05, and his wife, Lesley Bowden Allen, ’05, announce the birth of their daughter, Kailey Ann. Kailey was born on Aug. 1, 2006, weighing 7 lbs., 5 oz.

Latasha A. Beckwith, ’05, is a paralegal with the North Carolina Education Lottery.

Michele March, ’06, is working with the IRS as a revenue agent in the Small Business/Self-Employed Division in Greenville.

Erin Jamieson, ’06, is employed as a group coordinator at The Planning Group, Inc. in Wilson.

In Memoriam

Alumni

James Bishop, Sr. ’63
Clint E. Patterson ’70
Jerry Minton ’74
Susan Kelly Harman ’77
Cynthia Blackley Farabow ’80
Queen Wiggins Dixon-Miller ’80
Eva Louise Shelton ’80
Andy Warren ’02
Katelin Dame Warren ’03
Queen Wiggins Dixon-Miller ’80
Eva Louise Shelton ’80
James Prescott Morris ’52
Magdalene Suggs Stancil ’52
Celebrating the Life of Howard Andrews

Barton College patriarch C. Howard Andrews, Sr., passed away on Monday, August 7, 2006, and the campus community will never be quite the same. He was a gentleman of strong spirit and quiet dignity, a devoted husband and father, and a faithful and dedicated servant of his church, his country, and Barton College.

A strong proponent of education, Howard Andrews earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Commerce from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Subsequently, he served in the United States Marine Corps in the South Pacific during World War II.

Mr. Andrews was a devoted leader within his church serving in a multitude of roles, and he was honored most recently with the title “elder emeritus” of First Christian Church in Rocky Mount. He also served on the Board of Trustees at Christmount Assembly in Black Mountain, and was a past chairman of the Board of Christian Churches in North Carolina.

A member of the Barton College Board of Trustees for 37 years, Mr. Andrews was named trustee emeritus in 2002 for his faithful service to the College. During his lengthy tenure, he served on the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees as well as chair of several board committees including education, development, institutional advancement, and trusteeship, and also served as a member of the finance committee.

A successful entrepreneur and respected businessman, Howard Andrews brought caring wisdom and keen insight to his role as a trustee. He was a leader by example. He and his wife, Juanita Davis Andrews, gave of their time, energy, and financial resources to support myriad programs and projects on the College campus. They participated in numerous events and shared Barton’s story with all whom they came in contact.

Mr. Andrews’ passion for education and his dedication to Barton College earned him the admiration and respect of his fellow trustees, alumni, faculty, staff, and students alike.

We are thankful for the life of Howard Andrews and all the gifts and talents he so willingly shared with the community of Barton College. His zeal for life, his infectious smile, and the mischievous glint in his eye will remain treasured memories of our dear friend, and etched in our hearts will be his examples of honesty, integrity, and generosity that were abundant in his leadership on the Barton College Board of Trustees.
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Angela and Jim Farthing met each other in 1975 on the campus of Atlantic Christian College, now Barton College. She a sophomore from Durham and he a senior from Lenoir, the two majored in different fields but shared like experiences and many of the same friends. Now, more than 30 years later, Angela and Jim share far more than their memories of AC College, they share a life together.

The two have very demanding jobs, Angela works for the North Carolina Association of Educators, and Jim is a construction manager for a Raleigh civil engineering firm. Even though both careers require a lot of time and energy, Angela and Jim always find time for Barton. Angela says that her memories alone are worth the effort of getting involved. “It was good to us,” she states. Jim says that AC College was the foundation for his success, and all that he learned is relevant to his life today.

Not only do Angela and Jim give of their time, they are loyal supporters of the Barton College Annual Fund. They feel like their annual gift is a small way they can help keep Barton on the map. Jim’s dream for Barton is that more North Carolina students see the College as an option for higher education. “If I had it to do over again, I wouldn’t change a thing about my experience,” he says. Jim wants to pass this opportunity along to others. Angela feels it is her responsibility to take care of the things that she values most. When asked why she and Jim give, she simply responded, “We can and we want to.”

Angela and Jim understand the importance of alumni support. Jim thinks that if more alumni connect with the current administration and get to know Dr. and Mrs. Kneten, giving back will be natural.

It’s love that brought these two together, and it’s love that always brings them back to Barton.