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Correction:
Dr. E.L. Woodard was mentioned in the "Villager" article of Scope newsletter issue 245 as the late Dr. Elinor L. Woodard. We regret this error and offer our sincere apologies to Dr. Woodard and his family.

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a message from the
President

If you ask...YES, we are still celebrating our national championship!

Susan and I were privileged to be a part of the championship experience. Our trip to Springfield, Mass., the birthplace of basketball and the site of the championship tournament, was filled with memorable moments. This issue of Scope details many of those moments, and I invite you to read this issue from cover to cover.

I have gathered even more memories since our return from Massachusetts. I recall standing with Coach Lievense and his team at the Governor's Executive Mansion in Raleigh and in the well of the North Carolina Senate and of the House. I remember the resolutions being read and the pride I felt in the appearance and demeanor of our student-athletes as they stood in those settings and represented us so well. Since that time, senators, representatives, and other officials have remarked to me, over and over again, about how proud they were to claim this team as North Carolina's own.

There are so many memories to share, but I will mention only one more. It was after the championship game, and we had taken the team to the Longhorn Steakhouse in Springfield to celebrate. You can imagine the excitement and the conversation, the laughter and the kidding that was taking place throughout the room. Towards the end of the meal, after the steakhouse had served the team an enormous celebratory cake, Coach Lievense leaned across the table, looked me in the eye and said, "You know, this is not about basketball." The animated conversation among everyone at the table continued but, for me, there was a bubble of silence that encompassed the space between us. He had my undivided attention. Coach Lievense continued, "This is about those young men and what they have learned about determination and about heart, and about what they can do."

This brief moment still summarizes for me what we are about here at Barton College. This is about these young men...this is about our students...anything I might add to this would only detract from the message.

Enjoy this issue of Scope, and come visit us on campus! You will be welcomed with open arms...

Norval Kneeten
President
"This is your day; you are playing for a national title. You have fun; you believe in yourselves. There is no lack of faith in here; there is none. There is nothing but heart, determination, and commitment to win this game!"

— Coach Ron Lieverse's message to his team in the locker room just prior to the National Championship game.

Absolutely amazing, incredible, phenomenal...

Perhaps to fully appreciate these adjectives describing the Bulldogs' recent national championship win, we need to glance back to March 2006.

"We Believe!" It was a short but powerful chant that began with a few voices in a small section of the bleachers during the final game of the 2006 NCAA D-II East Region Tournament in Wilson Gymnasium. Little did these fans realize — their rally cry would become the much-chanted mantra for this past 2006-2007 season.

As the story is told, the chant began as the game's end drew near, and soon crescendoed into a crowd-deafening "WE BELIEVE!" The electricity created by that hometown crowd literally surged from the rafters to the floor. The Bulldogs, who were trailing near the end of the second half, rallied at this cry from their fans. Coming from behind to win the game, they also won the East Region Tournament, and thereby, earned the right to play in the NCAA D-II Elite Eight National Tournament in Springfield, Mass. These fans believed their team could do what others deemed impossible. The Bulldogs had proven it in the Dog House. Now, they were called upon to do it again in their first game in Springfield.
In their 2006 quarterfinal game, the Bulldogs were paired with the Warriors from Winona State University. Despite Barton's amazing tenacity, the mighty Bulldogs narrowly lost their chance to move up in the rankings during an eventual overtime loss that fateful evening.

The team returned home in March 2006 as regional champions if not national champions, and their fans welcomed them back with plenty of congratulatory hugs and handshakes. They had represented both the College and the community well, but the Bulldogs knew the taste of victory, the exhilaration of winning, and the adrenaline rush that comes from a roaring crowd as precious final seconds tick off the clock! They planned to return to Springfield!

And, return they did! The national pre-season poll in the 2006-07 Street & Smith College Basketball Yearbook ranked the Barton Bulldogs as No. 2 in the nation. Only time would tell if the prediction would hold true.

Now, fast forward to spring semester 2007. The team, though dealt some difficult blows with injuries, bad calls, and missed opportunities, played their season full of heart, conviction, and perseverance. Their fan base grew larger with each game, and the Dog House rocked night after night with astounding comebacks and overtime wins. New records were made, not only for the school but also for the Conference, Division II, and the NCAA.

With a spirit that never wavered, the mighty Bulldogs set their sights on that elusive bone and, with each winning game, they moved closer and closer to Springfield.

This tremendous effort by their beloved Bulldogs only fueled the fire under frenzied fans. Alumni and prospective students joined Barton students, faculty, staff, and trustees for end-of-season games and, by the 2007 NCAA Division II East Region Tournament, again hosted by Barton, everyone was turning out for Tilley's Tailgates hosted by Barton's Admissions and Institutional Advancement offices.

By the final game in this year's East Regional play, Tilley's Tailgates had grown exponentially, and everyone was wearing royal blue “Ron's Rowdies” T-shirts and/or basketball beads around their necks. The Bulldog fever was contagious, and few could escape its infectious avidity!
"WE BELIEVE" resounded from the Dog House game after game, and the fans nearly brought down the roof after this year's regional tournament win against Millersville University! ELITE REPEAT was heard across the campus in the days ahead.

Barton was going back to Springfield, and Winona State would be there waiting—with 55 straight wins under its belt.

Both campus and community fans turned out to wish the team well the morning of their departure for Springfield. None showed more enthusiasm than the Barton Baseball Team as they chased the Bulldogs' chartered bus that was airport bound. If the team wasn't stirred awake by this pre-dawn farewell, they certainly couldn't miss the rushes on Highway 264. As the bus approached the Raleigh exit, Barton staff members with signs in hand had commuter traffic honking their good luck wishes as the team traveled on to meet its destiny.

The Wilson Daily Times kept the fans informed of the latest news on the Bulldog front with daily reports from Michael Lindsey who traveled with the team. And, they listened to famed radio announcer Alton Britt as he broadcast noon updates from Springfield on WZAX each day. Loyal followers were either tuned in to the radio or glued to the screen of CSTV to catch the Bulldog action in the quarterfinal game against Grand Valley State University while lucky others traveled to Springfield to make sure the team heard their voices roar, "WE BELIEVE!"

Riding a wave of destiny, the Barton College Bulldogs fought hard for the quarterfinal overtime win with Anthony Atkinson's exhilarating 30-foot 3-pointer at the buzzer. The semifinal win proved no easier against California State University, San Bernardino, but the Bulldogs didn't let anyone down. Win after win, they had finally made it to the NCAA Division II Championship Game to face their formidable foe and 2006 National Champion, Winona State University, once again. The match, described as David vs. Goliath, would prove to be an emotional one for both sides.

Snapshots Of A Winning Season
by Gary W. Hall, Director of Athletics

Engaged Learning at Senior Night
Barton College's emphasis on "engaged learning" took on a whole new meaning at the Senior Night games against Limestone College on Saturday, Feb. 24. A great crowd of 1,650 was treated to victories by both our men's and women's teams to close out their regular seasons, but the real action took place after the games. First, Ron Lieve was recognized for coaching his 200th victory since he joined the Bulldogs' team at Barton College. Then, Anthony Atkinson was introduced to the remaining crowd of 1,400, many of whom sensed some type of special recognition for Anthony was imminent. Anthony took the microphone and called his girlfriend, Veronica Johnson, a senior on our women's team, down from the stands. Taking a ring from his uniform, he got on one knee, and proposed marriage to her. When Veronica accepted, the crowd roared its approval and one more chapter of the courage, displayed by Anthony in Wilson Gymnasium, was written. A special thanks goes to Veronica for saying "yes" and therefore not killing the moment. I don't know how we can top this evening at Senior Night for 2008.

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Much was at stake, but the Bulldogs’ hometown base, split between Springfield and Wilson, was prepared for the challenge. They had faith in their Bulldog pack. Some 500 Barton fans, temporarily transplanted in Massachusetts and armed with banners reading “WE BELIEVE,” soon converted many in Springfield into believing as well. Area middle schoolers, volunteers at the Mass Mutual Center, and even the folks at the Longhorn Steakhouse were soon pulling for this little team from North Carolina. The fever of March Madness, rampant in Massachusetts, had an equally strong hold in Wilson. Media representatives, now coming out of the woodwork, were canvassing the campus and the community in search of new angles to this often told story of Bulldog perseverance.

Well, the rest is now history and what a great read. Be sure to see John Hackney’s highlights of game coverage beginning on page 12.

Yet, we all know that reading about it, even play by play, will never completely recapture what we saw in person or on television that memorable March day earlier this year. The last 48 seconds of this championship game will be the talk of Barton historians and sports enthusiasts for years to come. No words will ever fully describe the emotion felt that day by those players on the floor, the fans in the stands, and all those from across the country who witnessed those 48 history-making seconds.

At the sound of the final buzzer, the announcers, suddenly at a loss for words, could only describe that last shot as, “G-O-O-D! G-O-O-D! Anthony Atkinson at the buzzer! Barton is your national champion!”

After a prolonged moment of silence, the announcer finally remarked, “You could not have written a script that would have matched the drama here... The little team that could — Barton College from Wilson, North Carolina... They were a team of destiny... I don’t know how they did it!”

Absolutely amazing, incredible, phenomenal...

Words still seem inadequate... so, perhaps we need not worry about the right adjectives. Let us simply savor the moment... forever.

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http://www.barton.edu/athletics/EliteEight.htm
Arlington's Son  
by Kathy Daughety

A Celebration of Life —
Snow began to dust the streets in Arlington, Va., on March 7, as those closest to Major General Ellis Warner Williamson and his wife, Margaret McNeill Williamson, were given the chance to celebrate these lives and to say a fond farewell. Ellis Williamson, known by his friends as “Butch,” died on January 28 at the age of 88. Margaret, his wife of 64 years, passed away on February 16, also at the age of 88. They are survived by daughter Nan V. Williamson, son Dan E. Williamson, grandchildren Tina Franklin and Dan E. Williamson, Jr., and many members of extended family.

A service of celebration for the lives of Williamson and his wife was held at the Old Post Chapel at Fort Myer where Brigadier General (Ret.) James A. Huchens officiated, and Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Roy S. Lombardo, Jr., offered the eulogy. Both gentlemen had served with Williamson, and in their remarks, Huchens and Lombardo shared poignant stories of amazing courage and leadership exhibited by Williamson, both on the battlefield and beyond. The service of testimonies, scripture, and music was an extraordinary celebration of remembrance and gratitude for this couple and for their lives of service to God and country.

Following the service at the Old Post Chapel, this extraordinary soldier and his devoted wife were escorted by carriage to their final resting place in Arlington Cemetery. The cadence of the horses' hooves on pavement signaled a somber reverence for all in attendance, and the caparisoned horse (or riderless horse) reminded us not only of the sacrifice and service of Major General Williamson but also of countless others who have served our country with honor and courage.

As Arlington Cemetery came into view, the picturesque scene brought a hushed awe to those assembled. The symmetry of the white stones standing at attention symbolized the discipline, the order, and the enormous responsibility that was expected and carried so willingly on the shoulders of those soldiers — patriots who had once defined the role of a soldier for Williamson and others for whom he had served as a revered role model.

Despite the sub-freezing temperature, the United States Color Guard and the United States Honor Guard carried out their responsibilities with precision and poise — from the folding and presentation of the United States flag to the 21-gun salute, and finally the lone trumpeter playing “Taps.”

These “good and faithful servants” were now at rest, and for one brief moment, those attending recalled the closing words of Lombardo’s eulogy. “Whenever I come here to Arlington Cemetery, I am reminded of the brave centurion.”

A Celebration of Career and Service —
Barton College recognized Major General Williamson in 1996 with the Alumni Achievement Award for his illustrious military career while serving his country. His career spanned the 20th century and included service through five campaigns in Europe.
during World War II, seven campaigns through the Korean War, and six during the Vietnam War.

Born in Raeford, N.C., Williamson grew up and went to high school in Raleigh. He served in the North Carolina National Guard during high school and college, and following graduation from Atlantic Christian College, he accepted a commission as 2nd Lieutenant of Infantry in March 1941. He was soon deployed with the 120th Regiment to Europe where he participated in the D-Day landings in Normandy during World War II.

Highlights of Williamson's military career also included service in the European theater where he commanded at the platoon, company, battalion and regimental levels, earning temporary promotions through the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. In 1950, he was on the planning staff and participated in the Inchon landings in Korea, and subsequently served on the X Corps staff, remaining in Korea until 1953. Following these Korean assignments, Williamson served two years in the Office of the Chief of Staff of the Army, followed by a two-year assignment in the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

Following instructional and staff assignments in the United States, he assumed command of the 13th Infantry Regiment at Fort Carson, Colo., taking the regiment and their families to Germany during Operation Gyroscope. He held the position of Chief of the Training Division in Headquarters, Seventh U.S. Army in Germany, and later became an army paratrooper. In Okinawa, he organized the 173rd Airborne Brigade and carried them into Vietnam as the first U.S. Army ground combat troops to enter the conflict. Williamson also held the position of Assistant Commandant at The Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga. It was during this assignment that he was promoted to major general and then began his command of the U.S. Army Training Center at Fort Polk, La. Williamson commanded the 25th "Tropic Lightning" Infantry Division when he returned to Vietnam. After that campaign, he resumed stateside duty as Deputy to the Chief, Office of Reserve Components and, at that time, qualified as an Army Aviator. Three years later, Williamson was designated Chief of the U.S. Military Mission in Iran and later designated as personal advisor to the Shah of Iran. He was medically evacuated from Iran in 1973 and subsequently retired from active military service.

Major General Williamson's decorations were as extensive as his career and included honors from England, France, Belgium, Korea, Vietnam, and Iran in addition to many recognitions received from the United States. His numerous decorations included the Distinguished Service Cross, the Distinguished Service Medal (2 OLC), the Silver Star (5 OLC), the Legion of Merit (OLC), the Bronze Star Medal (3 OLC), the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal (28 OLC), the Purple Heart (4 OLC), the Combat Infantryman Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Army Aviator Wings, Glider Qualification Badge, the British Distinguished Service Order, the French Croix De Guerre with Silver Star, the Belgium Fouragere, the Korean Presidential Unit Citation, the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with 2nd Palm, and the Iranian Decoration of Merit.

Williamson's military education included basic and advanced courses at the Infantry School (1942-43), the Command and General Staff College (1950), the Armed Forces Staff College (1953), and the National War College (1960). He was granted a master's degree from the Graduate School of Business at Harvard University in 1962 and a master's degree in international affairs from George Washington University in 1963.

During retirement, the Williamson family lived in Arlington and continued to be active in various non-profit community organizations. From 1973 until his death, Williamson was an active participant in military and community organizations including the Society of the 173rd Airborne Brigade (President and President Emeritus), the Airborne and Special Operations Museum (Board of Directors), the Army's Military District of Washington Retired Council (President), Army Distaff Foundation for Knollwood Hall (Board of Directors), and the Greater Washington Metropolitan Organ Society (President).

During Lombardo's remarks about Williamson, he also shared, "Success in life is never possible without a loving and resourceful wife and partner. Throughout, Margaret was at his side, supporting, encouraging, understanding, raising their family, and being the perfect balance to his aggressive style. She knew my children by name and through them we raised her grandchildren. At a picnic at the FBI academy, she held my granddaughter and told her that she used to hold her Mommy and Uncle Lance on Okinawa. She recalled at a recent luncheon that we were from New Orleans and wanted to know how our family was affected by Hurricane Katrina. We
were only one of thousands of families that had served with
the Williamson's, but she remembered all of those who were
[a part of their extended family]. Together, they were two of
the greatest of the Greatest Generation."

(Our appreciation is extended to the family of Major
General Ellis W. Williamson, who provided the career
information printed in this article. A special note of thanks
is also extended to the Williamson family for inviting
representatives from the Barton community to attend this
special service of remembrance and celebration.)

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Refining The Fire
Altos de Chavón Revisited
by Susan W. Moses, Spring PR Intern

There is an
inconspicuous clay
pot on a lower shelf
in the corner of an
artist's workshop.
The side is so
smooth that it could
easily be mistaken
for wood. There are
subtle designs moving
along the base, and
there is no glossy
skin that is characteristic
of other jars hovering
above and below. There
is a marked difference in
this solitary creature; it
has an ancient air about
it. This living artifact was created
thousands of miles away in a remote
highland village in the Dominican
Republic. It now resides in the wheel
and clay world of Barton art professor
Mark Gordon, a world layered with floor to ceiling shelves of
pottery, sculptures, and a carefully organized collection of
music from every genre.

A light dusting of a refiner's fire has sufficiently settled, and
there is a brightly colored, Carnaval, paper-mâché mask
with curved horns and a devilish grin made of cow teeth that
laughs at those who enter this potter's domain. The 25-year-
old mask is another piece of history that has made its way
North.

Gordon was invited by the Igneri Foundation to jury the
Third International Ceramic Tile Triennial or Elt-Tile
2006-2007, an international ceramics exhibition held last
November. There were 251 entries from over 53 countries.
Gordon, along with two other international ceramists (from
Switzerland and Cuba), deliberated for three days before
selecting the winning entries among these five-inch squared
creations. The pieces ranged from the traditional to the
celestial and are now on exhibition at the Museo del Arte
Moderno Nacional in Santo Domingo. In conjunction with
the Elt-Tile 2006-2007, Gordon also presented a lecture for
second year sculpture students at the School of Design in
Altos de Chavón, as well as delivering a presentation at the
UNIBE (Universidad Iberoamericana) in Santo Domingo. But
the competition was not Gordon's first time to this island; this
was his personal version of "Paradise Revisited," a purposeful
déjà vu. From 1980 to 1983, he designed and implemented
ceramics studio at Altos de Chavón, creating a vocational
workshop for the people of La Romana. His focus in going to

BARTON Society

Standing with a small group of Barton Society members
under the dim lights in an elegantly adorned white
tent, nationally recognized entertainer Mike Cross
sheepishly admitted that he was planning to wear his
tuxedo but forgot his white dress shirt. Instead, Mike
Cross took the stage at the annual Barton Society
event on May 5 wearing his signature outfit...denim
overalls. Immediately, he set the tone for the evening's
entertainment.

For more information about the Barton Society,
please contact Caroline Hart, assistant vice president
for institutional advancement at (252) 399-6533 or
cohart@barton.edu.
the Dominican Republic was initially because of the job offer. But more important, he says he wanted to "immerse himself in a Spanish speaking culture." And, immerse he did. He not only established and directed the pottery making workshop for three years, he came back in 1987 to complete a three-month research project on Caribbean paper mâché mask making in La Vega and Montecristi and also documented the traditional women potters of Moca.

Gordon goes to his computer, tucked away in the corner of his workshop, and he begins to show photographs of the traditional potters of Higuierato and Reparadero. Altgracita Polanco sits on the ground of her hut and carefully molds the clay with her hands into a cazuela (casserole). There is no potter's wheel, no modern studio, only knowledge and a carefully crafted skill that have been handed down from mother to daughter for as long as they can remember. Higuierato and Reparadero are villages located in the remote highlands of the Dominican Republic in Moca township. The workshops of these traditional potters are thatched roof dwellings, and they fire their pots using adobe wood-burning kilns. Altgracita Polanco and Gloria Lora Jimenez are two of three remaining potters in Moca – the last in the region. Gordon was in this same one-room hut in 1987 filming and documenting Gloria's blind mother performing the "soil-building" technique, where layer upon layer of clay is added, by hand, in coils to form the vessel. Once the three remaining potters are gone, their knowledge will go with them. The matriarchal chain has been broken. What was once passed down from mother to daughter, the craft of hand building pottery, is indeed a "dying art" because it is simply no longer economically feasible for the next generation to continue.

These unique works of art, made daily in Moca, are sold to tourists for just a few dollars. When these women die, the tradition will go with them. Gordon was able to spend only a short time with these women. The village is about a five-hour drive from Altos de Chavón. He would like to go back again some day to "encourage them and develop a marketing plan," but he's not optimistic. The funding is just not there. After seeing the faces of these women in the photos, it is easy to understand why Gordon carried this simple fragile treasure on his trip back home. This is much more than clay and water; this object is an embodiment of the village, of the time, skills, and efforts of a few women hanging onto the last remnants of a diminishing tradition.

During his stay, Gordon also was able to visit the pottery workshop at the Altos de Chavón School of Design after a 23-year absence. When asked what surprised him most about going back, Gordon replied immediately, "The students of my students!" While there, he spent a couple of days making pots. Afterwards, the students were able to reproduce his technique making exact copies of his pieces. Gordon said, "It was scary." These talented young potters are good wheel throwers according to Gordon, and he shows me photos of his former assistant and students and their own students around them, all displaying individual works. They create and work in the same studio that Gordon designed in 1980. They use the same kiln and the same equipment that was there in 1983, but they are able to produce a myriad of objects, including planters, vases and lamps, in large volume. This is a working studio. His hopes for this small group of artisans, to whom he has passed on his own traditions and techniques, are for them to continue working, acquire new equipment, and have increased wages.

In addition to these hopes, there are three goals Gordon said he wants to accomplish in regards to this place — this place where the seeds of his labor have come to fruition. He would like to go back for a month and create a body of work for an exhibition. He would also like to work with his former students and their students to help them improve the designs of their ceramic products and to freshen their product line. As for the women of Moca, Gordon also would like to help them market their pots and improve product design. And, he would like to further document their traditions. He thinks his input would be helpful.

If Gordon encapsulated this most recent visit to the Dominican Republic in a single memory, it would be that of seeing a young man carrying a "mountain of avocados" in a basket on his way to market. Gordon describes him as "the Caribbean Atlas carrying the weight of his world." Gordon sees volumes in those eyes as he passes him. This poignant exchange seems to characterize just how much this island country means to Mark Gordon. The smiling women of Moca, the ghoulish Carnaval mask, and the wheel throwers of Altos de Chavón have all found a way to follow him back home.
Clark
Elizabeth H. Jordan Endowed Chair for Southern Literature

The Office of Academic Affairs at Barton College is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. James A. Clark, professor of English and writer-in-residence, as the Elizabeth H. Jordan Endowed Chair for Southern Literature.

"We are delighted to have Dr. James Clark on our faculty," said Dr. Terry Grimes, vice president for academic affairs. "He is a true Renaissance man, excelling in his creative work as well as in scholarly writing, while maintaining a strong commitment to excellence in teaching. His well of energy seems bottomless, as he writes poetry and critical studies of literature, presents papers at scholarly meetings, reads his poetry and performs musically for a variety of audiences, participates as an officer of the South Atlantic Modern Language Association, and engages fully in the life of Barton College. I can think of no one more deserving of the honor of the Jordan Chair, and I know that Jeff Jordan, once a colleague of mine in the Department of English and Modern Languages at Barton, would be very pleased to know that Jim is helping to keep her legacy of fine teaching and love of literature alive at Barton College."

A renowned literary scholar, Dr. Clark has been recognized with a number of honors including the Randall Jarrell Scholarship, the Harriet Simpson Arrow Short Story Award, and the Merrill Moore Writing Award, among others. He is a past Alan Collins Scholar in Poetry at the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference and was named the Gilbert-Chappell Distinguished Poet in North Carolina for 2006 and 2007. In 2003, Dr. Clark was honored with the Jefferson-Pilot Faculty Member of the Year Award at Barton College.

Dr. Clark's newest book of prose and poetry, Notions: A Jim Clark Miscellany, was published earlier this spring. He also is the author of two collections of poems: Dancing on Cucanu's Ruins and Handiwork. Handiwork was nominated for Book of the Year by the Appalachian Writers Association. His poems and short stories have been widely published in a lengthy list of journals and magazines. He also has written a play, "The Girl with the Faraway Eye," staged at the Portland Actors Conservatory in Portland, Ore. Dr. Clark is the editor of Fabik in the Blood: The Selected Poems of Byron Herbert Reece, and he also has served as editor of literary journals including The Denver Quarterly and The Vanderbilt Poetry Review.

The founder and director of the Barton College Creative Writing Symposium, Dr. Clark is an accomplished musician, and his readings often include music and songs performed on the guitar, banjo, and mountain dulcimer. His first CD, Buried Land, was released in September 2003; it featured poems and Appalachian folk music. He has since recorded a second CD, Wilson, with fellow members of "The Near Myths" folk-rock band. The group's newest CD, Words to Burn, will be released later this year.

"When I was told that I had been appointed to the Jordan Endowed Chair for Southern Literature at Barton College," Dr. Clark concluded, "I have always felt respected and valued for what I do at Barton, but it was nice to have it stated explicitly."

"When I first came to Barton in 1994, President James Hemby told me, in a favorite phrase of his, that he thought I was 'a good fit' for Barton," Dr. Clark continued. "I have always felt that he was right. My multi-disciplinary interests in all genres of creative writing, in music, and in scholarship, were, I believe, something of a puzzle and a source of consolation to the administration of the institution at which I taught before coming to Barton, perhaps indicating a lack of focus on my part. The Jordan Chair, on the other hand, rewards and supports both scholarship and creative endeavor. I look forward to using the position and its resources to do as much good as I can for Barton College, especially as regards its relation to the city of Wilson, the state of North Carolina, and the region."

Dr. Clark is the son of Katherine and A.C. Clark of Cookeville, Tenn. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and Philosophy from Vanderbilt University, a Master of Fine Arts degree in Creative Writing from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and a Ph.D. in Creative Writing and Modern Literature from the University of Denver.
Prior to his appointment at Barton College in 1994, Dr. Clark was an assistant professor and director of creative writing at the University of Georgia. He has also held teaching appointments at Auburn University, and Christian Brothers College in Memphis, Tenn.

The Elizabeth H. Jordan Endowed Chair

The Elizabeth H. Jordan Endowed Chair was established in 1996 to honor the life of Elizabeth Hereford “Bop” Jordan by her son, Dr. William Jordan, and his wife, Jeanne, of Fayetteville. Prior to the appointment of Dr. Clark, the endowment earnings were used to bring visiting literary scholars to the Barton College campus each spring.

“She was an unpretentious intellectual and careful scholar with a wonderful sense of humor,” said Dr. Jordan, describing his mother. “She had a passion for exploring new ideas and visiting far off places, but being home with family and friends was always most important.

“Her love of life was evidenced by her living of it just as her constant acquisition of knowledge stood testimony to her intellectual appetite,” he continued. “She loved Barton College and delighted in teaching English literature at this institution.”

The daughter of Lilian and Thomas Earl Hereford, Mrs. Jordan was born on Sept. 6, 1909, in Fayetteville, Tenn. She began elementary school in Valdosta, Ga., but completed her grade school and high school education at the Kentucky Home School for Girls in Louisville, Ky. She graduated from Wellesley College with a major in English literature and a minor in Italian. Returning to Louisville, she taught at the Kentucky Home School until her marriage to Edward H. Jordan. They moved to Wilson in 1935 and over the next twelve years, they were blessed with five children.

While her children were growing up, Mrs. Jordan continued to be very involved in education. She served as president of the Woodard School, Charles L. Coon and Fike High School (first president) PTAs, and was the first woman elected to the Wilson City School Board. After teaching for one year in Elm City, Mrs. Jordan began her long association with the former Atlantic Christian College, first as a full-time instructor and then in a part-time capacity some time later.

During these and later years in her life, Mrs. Jordan also spent much of her time, energy, and expertise serving the Wilson community in a multitude of roles. She wrote a column for The Wilson Daily Times. She also worked tirelessly on behalf of the public library, Wilson Woman’s Club, Wilson/Greene Mental Health Association, the Fine Arts Club, First Christian Church and her own book club.

Though she passed away in December 1996, Elizabeth H. Jordan’s legacy continues through the establishment of this endowed chair in English, and her passion and love for literature will be equally matched in Dr. Clark’s classroom.

Third Annual Scholarship Luncheon Held On March 29
by Jason Gipe, associate director of development

Hardy Alumni Hall was filled to capacity as students and donors enjoyed lunch and shared stories of their Barton/Atlantic Christian experiences. This annual event provides an opportunity for donors to meet their scholarship recipients, and for students to say thank you to the donors.

Donor speakers included Ann Jennings Goodwin and Virginia Allen McCuen ’65. Goodwin shared that the scholarship her father established was named in memory of her aunt. “There is no greater joy than giving a gift that might make a difference in someone’s life,” she said. Goodwin challenged students to become donors themselves in order to sustain the future of the College. McCuen endowed a scholarship honoring the Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority. An active member of the campus community in the 1960s, McCuen understands the importance of offering the same opportunities to our current students.

Student speakers included Matt Wingo and Hayley Stafford, Wingo, a senior from Hillsborough, plays baseball at Barton. He is majoring in criminal justice and criminology and will pursue a career in law enforcement after graduation. He considers Barton “a window of countless opportunities.” Hayley Stafford, a junior nursing major from Claremont, chose Barton because it offered the most clinical to classroom hours in the state. She knew this would provide her with the experience that no other school could. “None of my experiences, or the experiences of my classmates would have been possible without each and every one of you,” she said.

Keith Anderson, a senior from Wilson majoring in religion and philosophy, delivered the invocation. Daniel Heath, a senior from New Bern, majoring in mass communications with a concentration in audio recording, performed “The River” on piano for the attentive audience. Heath is now working on the popular “Music Row” in Nashville, Tenn.

If you have any questions, or would like more information about endowing a scholarship at Barton, please contact Jason Gipe in the Office of Institutional Advancement at (252)399-6360 or email: jmgipe@barton.edu.

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Barton Basketball Team Wins National Championship!

Miracle finish upends top-ranked, undefeated Winona State
by John Hackney, Sports Information Director

David slew Goliath!

And now, EVERYONE believes!

The Barton College men's basketball team never lost faith Saturday afternoon, March 24, and mounted a miraculous, improbable comeback from seven points behind in the final 39 seconds to claim the NCAA D-II National Championship with one of the most thrilling finishes in history.

Senior All-American point guard Anthony Atkinson scored the Bulldogs' final 10 points as Barton roared back to claim a 77-75 victory over top-ranked Winona State.

In Hoosiers-like fashion, Barton, a school with less than 1,000 full-time students, took down teams with 23,000 (Grand Valley State, MI), 17,000 (Cal State San Bernardino) and 8,000 students (Winona State) during the Elite Eight to claim the school's first NCAA championship in any sport.

Barton, ranked 15th nationally, finished the season with a school-best 31-5 record while winning its last 21 games (another school record). Winona State wound up 35-1.

Down 74-67 to Winona State, the defending national champs and winners of 57 straight games, the Bulldogs did not panic, especially Atkinson.

While Winona State thought Barton's slingshot may have been empty, the Bulldogs—just like they have all year—believed, and it paid off again.

"During our last timeout," Atkinson said, "we just came over and the first thing we said was 'stay calm, we've been in this situation before.' Everybody kept their heads. They (Warriors) were over there celebrating while we were contemplating our next move...We just got a basket, another basket, then another basket, and the game was over."

Atkinson made a layup at :59 and quickly fouled Zadeh Malvik, who made 1-of-2 free throws at :34. On the ensuing possession, Atkinson worked his way into the lane on the left side and swished a 12-foot jumper to make it 74-71 with 25 seconds remaining. On the inbounds play, Barton sophomore guard Errol Frails jumped in front of All-American Monte Flowers for the steal along the baseline and flipped the ball under the basket to Atkinson, who drove to the hoop from the left side, hung in the air and lofted a shot into the basket over two defenders as he was fouled.
With a chance to tie the score at 74 with 23 seconds showing, Atkinson misfired, then 6-7 senior swingman Alejo Barroero fouled Flowers, who missed the first free throw and made the second for a 75-73 Winona State lead at :19. Atkinson again found a lane and scored under the basket for a hanging, acrobatic reverse layup in traffic at :11. The Warriors inbounded the ball to Mahvik, who dribbled past two defenders, but had the ball stolen from a charging Bobby Buffalo from behind. Buffalo tossed the ball to Atkinson—who was heading the other way—with only 2.1 seconds left. With the fans in disbelief, Atkinson glanced at the clock and hustled to the hoop, laying in the National Championship-winning basket as time expired.

“When Bobby tipped the ball away and passed it to me,” Atkinson said, “I had the angle on the clock and saw I had 2.1 seconds. The other night I made it the length of the court in 3.5 seconds. This time, I was already at half-court, so I knew I could make it. Nothing was going to stop me from getting to the basket; nothing.”

Atkinson, the Elite Eight MVP, ran around the basketball standard in the MassMutual Center after hitting the game-winner, then, with his teammates in hot pursuit, ran the length of the court with his hands over his head in disbelief.

“For me, you can’t find a better ending,” 11th-year Barton head coach Ron Lievens said. “How does it get any better than this? I don’t know how it possibly could. The way the game was won, who the game was against, I don’t see how any ending could be better.”

“It’s kind of tough to swallow,” said Winona guard Quincy Henderson, who scored 19 points on 5-of-7 shooting from 3-point range. “And I’m still kind of wondering what happened. It all happened so fast. The last 30 seconds, it seemed like, blew by, and I’m still not sure what happened at this point.”

“Ant” and his army of believers is what happened.

Atkinson put together an Elite Eight performance like no one had ever seen, winning all three games on the final possession while scoring 32, 19 and 29 points. He scored the final 10 points of the championship game in just 39 seconds. He averaged 26.7 points on 58.4-percent shooting, four assists and 2.7 steals. Amazingly, he played every minute of all three Elite Eight games and had just 2.6 turnovers per outing.

In two preseason D-II polls, Winona State was ranked No. 1 and Barton was No. 2. The Bulldogs spent the whole year hoping to get back to the Elite Eight, where they would get another shot at the Warriors, who had ended their season, 86-78 in OT, in the 2006 National Quarterfinals. Ironically, Barton amassed an NCAA all-divisions record in 2006-07 by going 9-0 in overtime games, including four straight at one point.

Winona State was red-hot in the first half, swishing 62.1 percent of its shots en route to a 41-31 lead at intermission, but the Bulldogs didn’t back down, reeling off nine straight points at the start of the second half to pull within 41-40 with 17:57 left.

Snapshots Of A Winning Season
by Gary W. Hall, Director of Athletics

Alejo Barroero: Smart Guy… Unselfish Champion

Alejo Barroero’s career at Barton College has been a study in how intercollegiate athletics ought to be. As a senior with over a 3.9 grade point average, he had been named to our conference’s Presidential Honor Roll and Academic All-Conference Team in each season for which he has been eligible for these awards. Alejo did not receive much playing time as a freshman. However, through the efforts of Coach Lievens and Alejo himself, he developed his total game to the point where he was a First Team All-Conference player and Most Valuable Player for the 2006 East Region Tournament. Alejo broke his wrist in December in a practice session, and his absence from the team’s lineup was felt immediately as we suffered a three-game losing streak. He had played few enough games that by NCAA rules he could receive a medical red-shirt by sitting out the remainder of the 2006-07 season and then be eligible to play for the full 2007-08 year. On February 15, with only four games remaining in the regular season, Alejo asked Coach Lievens if he could return to play. That night, we enjoyed a huge overtime victory at Queens with him scoring 16 points, including a perfect 14 for 14 at the foul line. With Alejo in the lineup, our Bulldogs went on to win the next 12 games, including repeating as CVAC and East Region champions, and winning the national title. The brevity of Alejo’s 2006-07 season meant that he was not considered for individual awards for which he had previously been selected, and for which he surely would have been a great candidate had he taken the red-shirt year and returned for the full 2007-08 season.
Blue & White

The Warriors held the Bulldogs off and pushed their lead to 10 points at 66-56 with 8:56 showing on a dunk by National Player of the Year John Smith, the 6-8 center who was hampered by foul problems much of the game.

Barton pulled within 72-67 at 4:37 on a dunk by high-flying freshman J.J. Dunn. Neither team scored for nearly four minutes until Malvik made two free throws at :15, setting the stage for the Bulldogs' heroics.

"Winona State will probably go down as one of the premier teams in the history of the game," Lievens said. "They are a team that has fought through to win so many great victories. Who would have thought that would happen to Winona State?"

"That" was a rally for the ages...and an ending to a game that will go down as one of the most thrilling of all time.

Winona State shot the second-best percentage from the floor in championship history (30-for-51 for 58.8 percent), while Barton canned 32-for-67 for 47.8 percent. Winona State claimed a 29-27 edge in rebounding, but the Bulldogs' pressure defense forced the Warriors into 24 turnovers, compared to 15 for Barton.

Malvik scored 26 points, Flowers notched 13 points, 12 boards and Smith added 10 points.

Senior Mark Frisoe was key for the Bulldogs with 14 points on 5-of-7 shooting and Dunn added 10 points and six rebounds. Junior Brian Leggett had eight points and 10 rebounds and senior Alejo Barovero swished nine points.

Flowers, Smith, Malvik and Central Missouri's Zack Wright joined Atkinson on the All-Tournament team.


"Anthony's the best point guard I've ever played with in my life, possibly the best player," said the 6-8 Frisoe, who played AAU basketball with LeBron James.

"It's not what he has done for Barton College basketball," Lievens said, "It's what he has done for Barton College. Ant's one of the finest young men I have ever coached, and one of the most humble. What he has meant as a person first is more important than what he has meant to us as a player. To put that in perspective, he just won the National Championship for us, and he still means more to us as a person."

"Little Ant," whose dad is a preacher, was certainly at the forefront as the Bulldogs marched through March Madness to win the biggest prize of all.

Believe it!

Barton is the National Champion!

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Hall Retires From College Soccer After 27 Seasons

For nearly two decades, Gary Hall's name has been synonymous with soccer in Wilson and particularly at Barton College. And, despite his recent decision to retire from coaching soccer at the collegiate level, members of the campus and Wilson communities will long remember the significant impact Hall has made on his alma mater's 35-year-old soccer program.

Hall has coached soccer for over 27 seasons and, for the past 18 years, he has served as Barton's head men's soccer coach and director of athletics. Now, he will devote his efforts full time to the latter position. In his 23 years as a college head soccer coach, Hall has compiled a 188-176-35 record, ranking him 33rd nationally for career wins among coaches at the NCAA Division II level. He has previously been named Coach of the Year by the Big South Conference, NAIA District 26, and by the Carolinas Conference. Hall is believed to have the second most career victories by a North Carolina native coaching men's college soccer at in-state schools, ranking behind only Woody Gibson of High Point University.

A native of Winston-Salem, Hall has been involved in soccer in North Carolina as either a player or coach for the last 36 years, with experiences that range from playing on one of
the state's first select teams to coaching a team to an NCAA Division I league championship.

Hall has led Barton to 11 winning seasons and his 149 victories here make him the career coaching wins leader in the history of the program. He led the Bulldogs to conference championships in 1991, 1993, and 1998. A large number of his former Bulldog players have gone on to become successful head coaches of college, high school, and classic teams. Hall also re-established the Barton College Youth Soccer Camp in 1991, which has grown as a non-residential camp to now have an enrollment of over 260 each summer. There is no question that Hall has left his mark on this game that so many love, whether a participant or a spectator.

"I have been blessed to have been able to coach this great game for so many years at the college level," said Hall. "I see working in athletics and coaching as a calling from the Lord, just as a physician, counselor, or minister might see his or her work. The time has come where I need to devote my energies alone to my position here as director of athletics. As Barton's head coach it has been an honor to carry the baton from Dave Adkins and Mike Smith, both of whom I played for here and who combined to make the first 15 years of this program's history so special. I am very proud of the competitive successes I have shared with our teams here. But more than the championships and winning seasons we have produced, I am most pleased with the academic and personal achievements of the young men who have moved through this program to become great husbands, fathers, community leaders, and continued Barton supporters."

Hall shared that he has kept a running log of all the young men who have completed their senior year in his soccer program over the years. Those students have all graduated from Barton College, 70 percent have been on the Dean's List for academic achievement, three have continued soccer at the professional level, and three have received the Coggins Cup at graduation, an honor presented annually to the student voted best all-around by the Barton faculty and staff. Hall has never wavered in his belief that academic responsibility is a top priority in the athletics program, and his students' record is a testament to that philosophy.

Hall's 18 years as Barton's director of athletics ranks him second, behind only UNCG-Greensboro's Nelson Bobb, in longevity in that position at four-year institutions in North Carolina. He was twice named NCAA District 26 Athletic Director of the Year prior to Barton's move to NCAA Division II in 1995. Under Hall, Barton has won the SWAC's all-sports award, the Jody Hawn Cup, three consecutive years (2002-03 through 2004-05) and has finished second in those standings on seven occasions. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for the NCAA Division II Athletic Directors Association.

As difficult a decision as this was for Hall to make, he said it was even harder sharing the news with his soccer team. "It ripped my guts out to tell the current Barton players that I would no longer be coaching them," said Hall. "I pray that I can reconcile giving up something that has been such a big part of my life for so many years. I see it all in the plan God has had for my life.

"My coming to Barton allowed me to become reacquainted with Jean and for us to become married and start our family," continued Hall. "For years, I have been recruiting in-state players with the notion that their families could see them play at the college level. However, a great inconsistency, which has been present for me, is that the combination of my responsibilities at Barton has meant I have been able to attend only about 10 percent of my own children's soccer games. With the deletion of my coaching position, I will be taking on additional duties in my job at Barton as director of athletics, including operations for our Bulldog Club. Jean, my son Andrew, and my daughter Ashley have made do without me being there a lot over the years, and not just at soccer games. Hopefully, one outcome of my retirement from college coaching is that I can spend more time with my family, not have to spend much time with me."

Even as Hall welcomes a new soccer coach this fall to the talented team of coaches he supervises at Barton, his voice will still be heard on the soccer field. However, in the coming season, you'll find this athletic director rooting for his team from a different vantage point — this time, on the sidelines with his wife and kids.

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Atkinson, Denevan Lead Hit Parade At Barton Athletics Banquet

by John Hackney, Sports Information Director

For the first time in the NCAA history of Barton College (since 1990), the Bulldogs were able to honor a National Champion during their annual Awards Banquet on May 10 in Hardy Alumni Hall.

The men's basketball team, which beat defending champ Winona State in overtime for the D-II title, was the highlight of the program. Senior point guard Anthony Atkinson, a first-team All-American and Elite Eight MVP, was heralded as the Kiwanis Male Athlete of the Year for the second straight time while senior center Jo Denevan, who led the Lady Bulldogs to their third NCAA Tournament appearance in the last four years, garnered the Kiwanis Female Athlete of the Year award.

"We are, and have been, a championship college," Barton President Norval Kneten told a crowd of some 200. Dr. Kneten also saluted the work of Barton Athletic Director Gary Hall, who retired as men's soccer coach after 27 years in college coaching (18 at Barton). Hall will now focus completely on his A.D. duties at Barton.

Noting that the athletic department's primary goal every year is "to be successful across the board," Hall praised the men's basketball team for winning a national championship that "helped illuminate our entire athletics department and community."
Hall also mentioned that at least one member from each of Barton's 12 athletic teams made the CVAC All-Academic Team (3.25 GPA and junior or senior status).

Special presentations were made to John Marte for his work as interim tennis coach in the fall of 2006; Ron Lievense for reaching 200 victories as head men's basketball coach at Barton on Feb. 24, 2007; Todd Wilkinson for reaching 400 victories at Barton as head baseball coach on April 14, 2007; and Wendee Stanting for 20 years of dedicated service to the athletic department.

Alejo Barroaro (men's basketball) and Brooke Richardson (women's cross country) shared the Edward L. Clen Scholarship Award given to the senior with the highest cumulative GPA; Brandon Sneed (baseball) earned the Ned Liggen Memorial Scholarship for contributions to student life; and Barrett Martin (baseball) received the Ernest Brewer Memorial Scholarship Award given to the non-senior best combining academic achievement.

MVP awards were given to: Michelle Walker, athletic training; Jason Schinig, men's soccer; Tara Davis, women's soccer; Kenana Vinson, volleyball; Jo Demeur, women's basketball; Anthony Atkinson, men's basketball; Goney Winner, men's cross country; Ashley Hilliard, women's cross country; Jennifer Chambers, softball; Kristen Packard, women's tennis; Will Cobb, men's tennis; Kevin Brosseau, baseball; Nick Nosewicz and Stephen Harrison, golf. Davis and Atkinson were each named CVAC Player of the Year in their respective sports.

The men's basketball team went 31-5, winning CVAC regular season, tournament, and East Region titles en route to the school's first NCAA Championship in any sport.

"The legacy our seniors (Barrowo, Atkinson, Bobby McNeill and Mark Friscone) left is incredible," Lievense said. "This group did what has never been done before."

Claiming other basketball awards were: Brian Loggins, Leading Rebounder (8.6); Bobby Ballew, Best Free Throw Percentage (85.6); Jeff Daley, Defensive Award; and L.J. Dunn, Most Improved.

The golf team made its eighth straight trip to the NCAA Atlantic Regional, finishing third, and wound up 30-4-1 in region play and 100-34-3 overall. The Bulldogs, ranked No. 1 in the region, won the school's only other CVAC Championship. Stephen Harrison of Wilson was CVAC Freshman of the Year, sophomore Jonathan Burke (a C.B. Aycock graduate) was CVAC medalist and senior Nick

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Snapshots Of A Winning Season
by Gary W. Hall, Director of Athletics

Community Engagement Continues... In Springfield... In Airports... In Wilson and On-Campus

Championships by athletic teams, when done the right way, have the power to inspire and to bring people together in special ways. The example set by Coach Lievense, and our team at the Elite Eight impacted others who did not know us prior to this event in special ways. By the time Saturday's championship game was completed, neutral persons were exclaiming how our faith-based approach had inspired them to get behind us. I had a number of persons working at the tournament tell me after our championship that when though their connection to the event would not make it appropriate to do so publicly, they were thrilled to see our team and our approach come out on top. During our return on Sunday, people in airports who had not known about us before seeing the CBS telecast or ESPN highlights congratulated our team for its success. Our reception at RDU Airport was a hero's welcome with supporters confined initially to roped areas by security personnel. The bus trip back to campus was a "surreal experience." The city of Wilson provided a police escort with intersections being closed as we passed. Thousands lined the route and cheered wildly. The bus could barely make its way to the front of Wilson Gymnasium as a delirious throng of supporters engulfed the vehicle. Our proud champions were back on campus, back at our beloved Dog House, and back to where the "We Believe" story took root.

The next day's "Bulldogs Unleashed" campus tailgate celebration was attended by several thousand as the College and the Wilson communities came together in a spectacular way unmatched in our first 105 years. The roadways wrapping around Wilson Gymnasium formerly known as Woodard and Rountree were renamed "Championship Drive." A string of events, including the Friends of Hackney Library's "Full Court Press" dinner and program on April 10, an Autograph Evening on April 26, the Championship Dinner on May 4, and Barton Day at the Carolina Mudcats game on May 6, helped to keep the fire of our great achievement burning. Success such as a national championship is a great experience, but it is so much sweeter when it can be shared with so many.
Nosewicz won a D-I tournament at East Carolina with a school record 11-under par score for three rounds.

The women's basketball team posted a 21-8 overall mark and went 16-4 (2nd) in the CVAC. The Lady Bulldogs lost to Indiana University of Pennsylvania in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. Point guard Esty Flores was CVAC Freshman of the Year.

Denevan was given a 1,000-point club plaque after finishing with 1,092 and Kim Butts won the Defensive Award. Sportsmanship Award winners in each sport were: Joseph Jeffreys (men's soccer); Jessica Galasso (women's soccer); Kyle Petty (women's soccer); Gina Harshman (women's basketball); Brian Leggett (men's basketball); Nikola Andjeljev (men's cross country and men's tennis); Leanne Sarra (women's cross country); Veronica Rossi (softball); Meghan Lynch (women's tennis); Kelly Stracke (baseball) and Joe Elwell (golf).

Paul Lanfranchi won the Extra Effort Award for athletic training; Carter Ellis copped the Come Award for rookies in men's soccer; and Randal Mendoza and Scott Summers shared the Mike Smith Award for performance and courage in men's soccer.

Denevan (Edgewater, Md.), who planned to tour Hungary this past summer after playing well in an exposure camp in Greensboro, said she was “very surprised, but delighted” to be named Barton's Female Athlete of the Year. She averaged 15 points and eight rebounds per game en route to first team All-CVAC honors.

"Individually, I was satisfied," she said, "but I think I could have done better. My toughness grew as the season went on. I just wish I would have started playing that way earlier. I'm glad we made it to the NCAA Tournament this year, and I am proud to have been on a team that made it three of the last four years. It was a great experience, and I can't say I would have done that anywhere else."

Atkinson corralled yet another big award in Male Athlete of the Year, but the two-time CVAC Player of the Year said he was still in awe of what the Bulldogs accomplished as a unit this year.

"I just can't put into words what the last two seasons have meant to me," said Atkinson, who was later heralded as the CVAC Male Athlete of the Year. "One of the reasons I came back (to Wilson and Barton after starting his career at Campbell University) was to win a National Championship. It just seemed like the perfect time. Just doing what the team and I did for Wilson makes it all so special for me.

"It's just fun right now," he continued. "Our senior class left a legacy that might not ever be duplicated (59-9 during his two years here). It was just a great thing to go out on top in my last year of college basketball."

And, Atkinson says he's not done yet. He has some NBA tryouts scheduled and says he plans on making believers out of his pro-potential naysayers — just like he did of those who thought he was too small to come up big at the college level.

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Community Engagement . . . 600 Miles from Campus
At the same time that Barton College is embracing “engaged learning” as a theme in our educational approach, NCAA Division II has established “community engagement” as a key component in its new strategic platform. These two initiatives synergized themselves in a terrific way at the Elite Eight for our men's basketball team and Lynch Middle School of Holyoke, Mass., just north of Springfield. The local tournament administrators organized an outreach project which provided “cheer partners” for each competing team. The entire seventh grade at Lynch Middle School, about 100 students, attended our Wednesday quarterfinal game against Grand Valley State University. They wore royal blue and white, and many painted their faces with Bulldog emblems. With signs to support the team and individual players, they cheered their lungs out alongside Barton supporters at our eventual overtime victory. Their teachers had made this partnership an academic pursuit by having these students research details about Barton College and our team members. After winning Thursday evening's semifinal victory, we had no game on Friday as we looked ahead to Saturday's championship match-up. Friday was anything but a day off however, as there was only one hour of free time during the day. Our team committed to use that time to travel to Lynch to personally thank our cheer partners for their support. We entered the auditorium to again see our colors and mascot displayed on apparel, faces, and posters, and to experience a mutual love and gratefulness that is hard to put into words. Local organizers allowed Barton to pay a greatly reduced ticket price for Lynch students to attend Saturday's championship game, which we gladly did and for which the school's principal and teachers gladly made provisions. Again, these new Bulldogs cheered every “We Believe” until our remarkable title had been won, and they joined the celebration by having photos made with the championship trophy.
An Amazing Year

Whew! In my article for the last Scope, I talked about a "whirlwind of activities" in Advancement. But I didn’t know what that phrase meant until Barton won the 2007 NCAA Division II Men’s Basketball Championship! Winning has changed our lives as well as the lives of the student athletes on the championship team. I think Russell Rawlings ’78 summed it up when he said, “We are neither Atlantic Christian nor Barton grads...we are all Bulldogs now.”

Folks tell me that I am “all about fundraising,” so I will stick to a couple of fundraising stories that have occurred since the championship.

• After watching the last 45 seconds of the national championship game, over and over, Dr. Kneepkens came up with a great idea of how to provide extra financial support to Coach Ron Lievense and the basketball team – the 45-Second Club was created. We are looking for 10 members (we have five already) who will commit $5,000 a year for three years. These funds will directly support the basketball program and respond to specific requests made by the Coach.

• Out of all the national championship celebrations that I took part in, one stands head and shoulders above the rest. On the evening of May 4, the men’s basketball team, their families, coaches, athletic sponsors, Bulldog Club members, and special friends joined together under a stunning white tent on the side lawn of the Barton-Graves House to "officially" salute our national champions. With the championship game projected in grand fashion on the roof of the tent, Athletic Director Gary Hall presented each player with a framed autographed picture of the team and an autographed basketball. The evening would have not been possible without the support of the evening’s sponsors. Special thanks to BB&T; Bridgestone/ Firestone; State Farm Insurance; the Chuck Finklen Agency; and The Wilson Daily Times.

• I was excited to receive an email from a new college friend in California. The gentleman had grown up in eastern North Carolina but had been away since age 14. He watched the championship game and decided that he would like to make a significant gift to a small private college. His rationale was that his "gift can make a difference" at Barton. I am pleased to report that his generosity will support a scholarship to recruit exceptional students to the College. This was a wonderful surprise but, you know me...I’m still waiting for that multi-million dollar gift that will "transform the College."

Spring was proving to be quite a success even before the National Championship win. I can’t fail to mention the other projects and celebrations this spring that have made this the most exciting year of my career.

• On a breezy, cool day in February, we celebrated the completion of the extensive renovation project at Nixon Baseball Field. You really have to see it! In addition to recognizing Dr. William P. Nixon, Jr., and his family for their continuing support, we named the home dugout the Wilkinson Dugout. I believe...but you can never be sure with Coach...that we actually surprised Coach Todd Wilkinson with the honor.

We are continuing the “Take a Seat Campaign” through the fall. If you or anyone you know would like to leave your mark at Nixon Field, please contact me. To date, we have sold more than 50 seats in the grandstands.

• A special moment, and one that I will not soon forget, was when Jim Goodman, owner of Capitol Broadcasting Company, made a special presentation at the March Board of Trustees meeting. He shared that
a generous gift is forthcoming from The WRAL/CBC Community Fund of the Triangle Community Foundation to honor longtime WRAL employee, Barton College alumna and trustee Phyllis Parish-Howard '79. The gift will support Barton's Broadcast/Video Production program and will name the Television Control Room for Phyllis Parish-Howard. (See the following page for the full article.)

- Earlier this past spring, we experienced tremendous success in securing support for The Lauren Kennedy and Alan Campbell Theatre. The Black Box Theatre Committee has raised over $2.1 million toward the $2.5 million goal. We have contracted with an architectural firm that will preview the vision for the Theatre this fall at an announcement ceremony featuring Broadway stars Lauren Kennedy and Alan Campbell.

- I hope you know by now that we are committed to honoring and recognizing the efforts of our generous alumni and friends. In March, we hosted scholarship donors and their scholarship recipients in Hardy Alumni Hall for the third annual Scholarship Luncheon. This is always such a special time for our students—get to meet, in person, the individuals who are making their Barton experience a reality. I don’t know what we will do next year because we are quickly outgrowing Hardy Alumni Hall! (See page 11 for the full article.)

- In May, the College held an inaugural event for our Heritage Society members, individuals who have chosen to include Barton in their estate plans. Many of these gifts will transform the College one day. A special thanks to those committed donors.

- Also in May, we honored Sarah and Milton Adams during the College’s annual Founder’s Day Luncheon. Hardy Alumni Hall was packed with family and friends (more than 175 in attendance) who wanted to salute the undeniable dedication and generosity of two Barton College icons. (See page 24 for the full article.)

In closing, I have one request of you …….. please, don’t be shy. Let us know about your accomplishments. We are always trying to find individuals to honor with our Alumni Achievement, Honorary Alumnus, and Alumna of the Year awards. We know you are out there, and we want to share how proud we are of you with prospective students. Your accomplishments will help us recruit more students to Barton. Prospective students want to know what their futures hold after receiving an education from Barton.

And too, please come back for Homecoming!  

Carolyn H. Brown, vice president for institutional advancement

Dr. E.D. Winstead Returns For A Visit

Alumnus Dr. E.D. Winstead returned to campus on May 20 to join the Barton College community for the annual commencement ceremonies. He and his son, Ed, joined other Sigma Phi Epsilon brothers to hear featured speaker and fellow fraternity brother Maurice Bellanger deliver the commencement address.

It was a treat for us to catch up with Dr. Winstead, retired professor and chair of the Department of Mathematics. Dr. Winstead now enjoys retirement in Durham where he remains very active and continues to bowl each Thursday. He shared, “I’m in reasonably good health and enjoy each day, particularly avoiding work!”

He has one daughter, Sue, and three sons, Ed (known in college as “Dee”), Ray, and Gene. Sue, Ed, and Ray are also alumni of Atlantic Christian College.

Dr. Winstead would love to hear from colleagues and former students. His mailing address is Durham Regent, 3067 Pickett Road, Apartment 209, Durham, NC 27705-6014.

Also, take time to visit the website created by his son, Dr. Roy Winstead, that shares a wonderful history of Dr. E.D. Winstead’s life including a 24-year military career—http://nsn1.nsm.tap.edu/reinsteew/echo/
Gift From WRAL/CBC Community Fund Honors Barton Alumna

Barton College is pleased to announce a gift from the WRAL/Capitol Broadcasting Company Community Fund. Jim Goodman, president and CEO of Capitol Broadcasting Company, presented the gift at the Barton College Board of Trustees' spring retreat held at the North Carolina Bar Center in Cary. The gift will support the Broadcast/Video Production concentration in Barton's Mass Communications major through its School of Arts and Sciences. The project includes the naming of the Phyllis Parish Howard Television Control Room in honor of Barton alumna, trustee, and WRAL-TV employee Phyllis Parish Howard.

Goodman first became associated with Barton College when his daughter Elizabeth Goodman McIntyre enrolled as a student at the school. She completed a Bachelor of Arts degree in English at Barton in 1997.

His gift will fund digital equipment needs for the Broadcast/Video Production concentration of Barton’s communications program through 2009. The gift will provide new equipment and upgrades necessary for both the teaching facility and television control room, and the gift will advance the facility’s transition from analog to digital to HD.

"Because of the generosity of Jim Goodman at Capitol Broadcasting, new technology in this room will provide an up-to-date learning environment that will increase the success of our communications program," said Dr. Norval C. Knetter, president of Barton College. "Using the equipment in the Phyllis Parish Howard Television Control Room, students will enjoy a hands-on experience that reinforces the theories of communication that are presented in the classroom. The enhanced technology raises the Mass Communications major to a more dynamic level of engaged learning at Barton."

At the opening session of the Trustees’ board meeting in March, Goodman spoke highly of his colleague Parish Howard, her many accomplishments during her 25-year career at WRAL-TV, and his joy in making a gift to Barton in her honor. Goodman’s message inspired a positive, productive day of strategic planning for Parish Howard and her fellow board members.

"I’m thrilled that Capitol Broadcasting is supporting Barton’s Mass Communication major," said Parish Howard. "These students are the future of the broadcasting field. I’m very honored we are reaching out to help them, so they can carry on the legacy of Barton within our industry."

Parish Howard is senior producer of local programming with WRAL-TV, a division of Capitol Broadcasting Company, Inc. in Raleigh. She was chosen Employee of the Year and awarded WRAL’s 5-Star Award in 1987. She has been recognized for her outstanding broadcasting achievements with four Mid-South Regional Emmy Awards from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. Her award-winning programs include "Troubled Rivers," "Smart Start Kids," "WRAL's For the Children" campaign and, most recently, WRAL's teen pregnancy prevention campaign, "Sex, Lies & Education." Parish Howard also received a Gracie Allen Award in 2005 for her locally produced special, "Super-sizing Our Kids: N.C.'s Epidemic of Overweight Children."

"What an honor it is to work for Jim Goodman, who continually gives back to our community!" said Parish Howard. "I see his generosity through the local specials, children's programming and telelthons I manage, and I realize how fortunate my team and I are to have these producing opportunities. Most stations do not produce these kinds of programs anymore. We know we produce these projects because of Jim’s concern for the communities we serve. And hopefully, these outreach programs make a positive difference in our viewers’ lives. Now, he’s making a positive difference in the lives of Barton College students! He’s an amazing leader, and I’m very proud to work for him."

Parish Howard graduated from Barton College (then Atlantic Christian College) in 1979 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English. She served on the Barton College Board of Trustees as an alumni representative from 1999 until 2003. Parish Howard then returned to the Board as a trustee in 2004. That same year, she was also honored with the Barton College Alumni Achievement Award.
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Snapshots Of A Winning Season
by Gary W. Hall, Director of Athletics

Head Coach Ron Lievense...National Coach of the Year

In the world of sports, the comment is often made that "players win games." And, it would be easy for one to summarize that "players win championships" when you consider what our Bulldogs achieved in March. Head Coach Ron Lievense directed our team to not be complacent with its success in reaching the 2006 Elite Eight and depicted for them in the pre-season a mountain that would lead to another shot at Winona State in 2007. He told them that this journey would not be an easy one and that our success in the previous season would only assure the team that targets would be on their backs for 2006-07. Coach Lievense hammered, pushed, and inspired our team to get them through the more difficult early parts of the season. Our team responded by finished the year winning 21 straight wins and four championships (CVAC regular season and tournament, East Region, and NCAA Division II National Tournament). The student-athletes performed, but their head coach was the architect and inspiration. Coach Lievense was selected as Coach of the Year for the Carolinas-Virginia Athletics Conference (CVAC) and for the fourth time for the 2006-07 season. The National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) selected him as the NCAA Division II Men's Basketball National Coach of the Year. He guided us to the top of the mountain that he illustrated in the pre-season, and now he stands at the top in his profession.
Portrait
Of An Artist
by Susan W. Moses, Spring P.R. Intern

It is 1962, and a young woman and her husband drive their Alfa Romeo along a narrow road overlooking the Pacific Ocean. She is looking for the right place, a place she has been previously to sketch. It has become her physical muse. The car finally stops, and she fetches her 30X40 stretched linen and castle that she has carefully situated snugly behind her seat. Now, her odyssey begins. She waves to her husband as he drives away. He will return for his bride as evening falls, but for now this North Carolina girl walks along the Venice landscape of Playa del Rey, Calif., and intermingles with students, oil workers, beachcombers, and locals. She is drawn to the squeak and hum of nearby machinery. Her eyes soon spot the derricks and pumps of nearby oil fields. She does not see them through the rank and file lens of ordinary; she sees metal beasts grazing dotted along a peninsular enclave — with an artist’s eye. The rhythm of these wells suddenly begins to move in synchrony with the blood flowing through her veins. These sounds are the beginning heartbeats of a love affair that will continue for the next 45 years.

Other affairs of the heart would be the step by step impetus to drive her toward this destiny. Her love of art would bring her to Barton College, then Atlantic Christian College, where she would study techniques of abstract expressionism under Russell Arnold’s care, and where in 1955 she would receive her degree in fine arts and English. There she learned “art history, drawing techniques, and the structure of painting.” Arnold had studied under Hans Hoffman and so the foundations of “color, texture, line composition, and design” were taught at ACC. At the time, abstract expressionism was the predominating artistic style, and the keen sense of structure and balance in her paintings were the primary components of instruction that she received from Arnold. In fact, she relates that “balance is the quality most noted and enjoyed in her art today. For the next two years, she would work as a commercial artist at the Ferrero Art Studios in Raleigh and take evening graduate courses at the NCSU School of Design. In Raleigh, she would also meet and marry the love of her life, Kenneth Cowans, an engineering student. In 1987, her husband would receive a fellowship to study at UCLA that would propel the young couple across the country to a place that would become their future.

Cowans describes the Venice of the early ‘60s as a “fascinating area.” She talks of there being “everything to paint,” and she lists those wonders as the “canals, bridges, oil fields and the Speedway.” Cowans found the history of the area just as fascinating as the view, and she spoke of the man who had built these bridges and canals after receiving inspiration from their European progenitors, the canals in Venice, Italy. But as the constancy of change and progress soared through the area, one woman was there to grab hold to and immortalize the Venice oil field inhabitants before they gave way to maritime creatures that would be housed in the newly constructed Marina del Rey. Before their dismantling, Cowans felt the magnificent energy and vitality of those pumps and saw them not as “eyesores” but as “abstract sculptures.” That sensitive artist’s eye captured a history and beheld the linear vision of this geometric landscape whose bold colors would breathe and vibrate as living entities. As Cowans continued her studies in art by taking graduate courses at UCLA and also by studying as an apprentice under the care of Carlos Buenora, a classical portrait painter, her technique would expand and transform allowing her to capture “the many moods and facets of the subject,” making this a living history.

These framed interpretations would first be presented in 1963 as her “By the Speedway’s End” exhibition. Cowans taught and exhibited her work as well as other area artists in her Playa del Rey studio until 1968. She would later merge her technique of capturing light with flat color representation with the light theories of Faber Birren, a University of Antwerp scientist. Her focus was in finding the area between light and shadow or penumbra. Her Shadow paintings, because of their emphasis on the living quality of the color, would transform works of realism into works of abstract expression. In
1973, some of the paintings would be used in the movie “A Time for Love.” Then, she put aside the canvas to satisfy entrepreneurial yearnings as owner and director of Encino Advertising and Design. In 1993, she moved to Orange County, Calif., and the old flame, kept on pilot light all those years, was ignited once again when she found those familiar metal monoliths as her neighbors. The call of those old pumps wailed and insulled in Cowans an urgency to capture the beauty of creatures that she saw as “giant insects dipping their heads to eat.” These paintings were to be her first after a 17-year absence. She recorded the “million shades of green” of her mind’s eye before the death throes were extinguished. Her studio, her room with a view, had provided an outside portrait of the Bastanchury oil fields. A third move brought her next to the Brea oil fields, the last standing derricks in southern California. Once again her mission was clear, and Cowans was able to make the literal translation of energy onto canvas before these man-made beasts become extinct.

The pumps in the oil fields of Cowans’ former backyard no longer rise and fall, but their representational embodiments are scattered throughout the U.S., living in private and corporate collections. She recently received the 2007 Keeper of the Flame Award by the Petroleum History Institute. This honor is bestowed each year to those persons who have distinguished themselves in “commemorating the history and heritage of the oil and gas industry.” The moniker “Keeper of the Flame” seems fitting for one who has succeeded in preserving scenes of an era of the California oil fields. In doing so, Cowans has unwittingly become an artist historian, as well as one who is able to see and capture beauty in the seemingly ordinary.

This artist with a quixotic sensibility still lives with her most ardent supporter, the man who brought her to California so many years ago. She spoke of his influence on her art, and how as an inventor, his “scientific viewpoint” helped to “connect her to the real world.” With one foot planted on the solid and one in the abstract, Cowans maintains that perfect balance and is able to keep alive the vision of the young woman who found her muse along the California coastline in 1962.

Scholarships Work
Sam Pounds
Religion and Philosophy
Freshman – Bahama, North Carolina
Recipient of The Roger P.K. Sin Endowed Scholarship

"Attending Barton College is a true blessing. Without this scholarship, I would have not been able to enroll at Barton. This past year was a magical year for me. This scholarship gave me the opportunity to be a part of the national championship basketball team for Division II. This year at Barton, I have developed new relationships with friends, coaches, and teachers. I really count it a blessing being a student-athlete at Barton. The Roger P.K. Sin Endowed Scholarship helped all of my dreams come true, and I am so grateful for the opportunity to be a mighty Barton Bulldog!"

The Roger P.K. Sin Endowed Scholarship was established through the generosity of a 1968 graduate, Roger P.K. Sin. The scholarship is to be awarded to a religion major at Barton College. The student must have a minimum 2.50 GPA and demonstrate outstanding leadership abilities.
Sarah & Milton Adams Honored At Founder's Day
by Kathy Daughety

Sarah Loftin and Milton Langston Adams exemplify the best that Barton represents, and it was our privilege to be able to honor them on Founder's Day, May 1, 2007. With Atlantic Christian College and now Barton College, they each have shared their gifts and talents to help nurture this campus community to take its rightful place as a leader in North Carolina's private higher education sector.

Surrounded by family and friends, the Adams were recognized for a lifetime of service and dedication to their alma mater. Dr. Norval C. Keaten brought opening and closing remarks, and he was joined by several alumni who shared fond memories and words of appreciation for the support and friendship of Sarah and Milton Adams. Those alumni included trustee Dr. Georgia B. Campion '36, Elizabeth Brinson '60, and Kenneth R. Thornton '64.

Dr. Adams was one of 11 children, four of whom attended A.C.C. — two brothers, Ivan and Billy, and their sister, Christy, in addition to Milton. As a student, Dr. Adams understood the value of his education, working countless hours during the school year and the summer months to pay for his tuition. He graduated cum laude in 1937 with a Bachelor of Arts degree and received the Faculty Cup, now recognized as the Coggins Cup. Over the years, he has been honored with Alumni Achievement and Alumnus of the Year awards, and he is a member of the College's Athletic Hall of Fame. He also received an honorary doctoral degree from the College in 1978. Dr. Adams has served Atlantic Christian and Barton College in various and often overlapping roles — including athletic director, business manager, vice president, chief financial officer, acting president, and even after retirement, a revered financial advisor. Through the years, his wisdom with regard to fiscal management has been among the College's most valuable assets.

One of four children, Mrs. Adams graduated magna cum laude from Atlantic Christian College in 1936 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. Her brother, George Edwin, also graduated from A.C.C. in 1941, and her father, George Felix Loftin, served as a member of the College's Board of Trustees from 1937-1955. In addition to Mrs. Adams' professional service as a teacher and librarian, she has served the college and the Wilson community in countless ways as a volunteer. The College honored Mrs. Adams in 1984 with the Alumni Achievement Award.

Having raised four children, (Anne, Dale, Joan, and John), all of whom were well prepared to receive the mantle of the Adams name, Sarah and Milton Adams understood all too well the role that colleges play in building character and instilling values in the next generation. Two of their children, Anne and Joan graduated from Atlantic Christian. Dale graduated from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, and John graduated from North Carolina State University. Yet, each child received an extraordinary education that began long before they enrolled in college, and with that firm foundation of integrity, compassion, and humility to support their efforts, they excelled in their respective disciplines.

Perhaps Dr. Adams said it best, when he shared these words of wisdom upon his retirement as vice president —

"The students, in the final analysis, are the very reason this institution exists. There is no other reason for it to exist. If at any time we fail to help them to reach their potential, we have failed to do what this college is all about."

In short, Sarah and Milton Adams are among those in the Barton community whom we refer to as "pillars." Their devotion to Barton College and its students, the Christian Church, and the Wilson community is unsurpassed by anyone, anywhere, at any time. Their life of service is a testament to what a church-related college represents. Through the years, their wisdom, work ethic, and devotion have engendered the respect of all who have been privileged to know and love them.
Learning More About Barton Stone

On Monday, Feb. 19, Barton College had the distinct honor of welcoming Dr. Newell Williams, president of Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University, to campus for the presentation, "The Education of Barton W. Stone."

Dr. Williams delivered a stirring message about the College's namesake to a standing room only crowd in The Sam and Marjorie Ragan Writing Center. Those attending included Barton students, faculty, staff, trustees and alumni as well as alumni of Brite Divinity School and Texas Christian University. Also in attendance were ministers from across the region of the Christian Church in North Carolina (DOC).

Details of Stone's early educational pursuits as well as a thorough description of his leadership role in the founding of the Christian Church (DOC) were shared with the audience. Highlights included Stone's dedication and commitment to education, ministry, moral attitudes, and service.

Dr. Williams provided an enlightened portrayal of Barton W. Stone, a gentleman of great character who personified the moral values for which he stood, and preached of faith and servanthood that guided him throughout his life.

"Full Court Press"

On the heels of the Barton College NCAA DII National Basketball Championship, the Friends of Hackney Library hosted an evening of dinner and discussion about the unique world of sports journalism and its effect on teams and their fans. The event, titled "Full Court Press," was held on Tuesday, April 10, in Hardy Alumni Hall.

"Full Court Press" provided an enthusiastic behind-the-scenes look at sports journalism including the stories that get the reporters' attention, why they follow certain leads and how they focus their research. Of course, the focus was on the Barton College Bulldogs and their amazing run for the national championship title that ended with an incredible come-from-behind, final 45-second victory over Winona State University. This miraculous feat is considered by many basketball enthusiasts to be the most exciting finish in college basketball history.

Barton College alumni and trustee Russell Rawlings, director of communications for the N.C. Bar Association in Cary, moderated the lively panel discussion with sports and news journalists from television and radio, as well as local, regional and out-of-state print media. Rawlings brought breadth and depth to the podium as a former assistant sports editor and managing editor for The Wilson Daily Times. Featured personalities joining him on stage included Michael Lindsay, sports writer for The Wilson Daily Times, Mike Charboneau, news reporter for WRAL-TV, Mike Bogden, sports writer for The Republic newspaper in Springfield, Mass., Lorenzo Perez, sports writer for The News and Observer newspaper in Raleigh, and Alton Britt of Wilson, the "voice of Bulldog Basketball."

Lindsay covered much of the Bulldogs' season as they worked their way to the East Region Final, and he had the opportunity to travel with the Barton Men's Basketball Team to Springfield, Mass., for the Elite Eight Tournament. Charboneau brought the unique perspective of how this team excelled on the court to get regional media attention during the East Region Tournament. That media attention created a news focus on both the team and its fans throughout the Elite Eight Tournament. Bogden first learned about the Barton Bulldogs when they arrived in Massachusetts, and he said he would remember that Bulldog spirit and tenacity for years to come. He wrote several articles in The Republican about these incredible young men.

Perez also shared a regional perspective of the Bulldog run and the excitement created by their phenomenal finish. Of course, Alton Britt has followed Bulldog basketball for years, and he served as radio announcer for their games both in Wilson and in Springfield this year.

This event was sponsored in part by BB&T.

Emerging Writers Series

The Barton College Creative Writing Symposium presented the second annual Emerging Writers Series in April. This year's featured writers included Michael Potts, Katherine Smith, and Lynn York.

Dr. and Mrs. William M. Batchelor of Wilson have provided a four-year sponsorship for the Emerging Writers Series in the Department of English and Modern Languages that began in spring 2006. This annual gift brings new writers to campus to speak to students and members of the community and to encourage aspiring writers.

The two-day event included "That's My Story" workshop that provided an opportunity for those emerging writers to discuss their lives, inspirations, influences and craft. An evening reading, featuring the writers' work, followed the workshop. The second day included the "Nuts and Bolts" workshop where the writers shared the practical, business, and technical aspects of writing and publishing.

A native of Snyrna, Tenn., Potts is a professor of philosophy at Methodist University and teaches his home in Linden. His poems have been published in Iodine Poetry Journal, Journal of the American Medical Association, The Lyricist, The Old Red Rims, The Poetsword Review, Pinewong, and Poems & Plays. His poetry chapbook, From Field to Thicket, won the 2006 Mary Belle Campbell Poetry Book Award of the North Carolina Writers' Network. Potts' creative nonfiction essay, "Haunted," won the 2006 Rose Post Creative Nonfiction Award of the North Carolina Writers' Network. He is a member-at-large on the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Poetry Society.
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York of Carrboro is the author of two novels. The Sweet Life was published by Plume in March 2007. The Piano Teacher (2004) was named one of the year's top debuts by Rocky Mountain News. She has taught writing courses and workshops at the Duke Writers Workshop Conference, Tennessee Mountain Writers' Conference, the North Carolina Writers' Network, and Duke's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. York has been a guest speaker at the American Library Association National Conference, the Eudora Welty Writers' Symposium, the N.C. Literary Festival, and the Aspen Writers' Foundation Summer Words Conference.

This program was planned in cooperation with the Department of English and Modern Languages and The Sam and Marjorie Reagon Writing Center. For additional information about future events in this series, please contact Dr. Jim Clark, director of the Emerging Writers Series and the Creative Writing Symposium, at 252-399-6480 or email: jelark@barton.edu.

N.C. Secretary Of State Elaine Marshall At Fourth Annual Habitat For Humanity Benefit

North Carolina Secretary of State Elaine F. Marshall was the featured speaker at Barton College's fourth annual Habitat for Humanity Spring Benefit held in April. The benefit, sponsored by the Habitat for Humanity student chapter, provided an opportunity to recognize and honor the work of Habitat for Humanity in the Wilson community.

Secretary Marshall applauded the success of this national organization and its local affiliate as well as Barton's campus chapter. She encouraged them to continue this important work.

In 1996, Secretary Marshall was the first woman to be elected Secretary of State and was the first woman to be elected to a statewide North Carolina executive branch office. Prior to her role as Secretary of State, her professional career included service within her community as a teacher, business owner, and later, a private attorney. She graduated from Campbell University School of Law and holds a B.S. degree in textiles and clothing from the University of Maryland.

Secretary Marshall is a former member of the North Carolina State Senate, and represented the 15th District, which included her home county of Harnett. She has received numerous honors and awards for her service to community and state.

This annual benefit serves two purposes: to raise awareness of poverty housing in the Wilson community; and to raise money to support the Habitat for Humanity's effort to end that poverty. Both are equally important and Barton's chapter members take these goals seriously. One hundred percent of the profits from the benefit are donated to the Wilson affiliate of Habitat for Humanity.

Barton's Habitat for Humanity chapter has inspired students who are passionate about this work. They believe in doing their part to help end poverty housing across the United States and the world. One of the ways this Barton student group has chosen to help the Wilson affiliate is to sponsor an annual Habitat for Humanity spring benefit on campus, featuring distinguished guest speakers. Each year, it has grown in the number of participants, the variety of personalities featured and the amount of money raised for such a worthy cause.

Cartoonist Marcus Hamilton Returned To Barton For Exhibition Of Work

The newly established Friends of Visual Arts organization at Barton College welcomed illustrator and cartoonist Marcus Hamilton for an exhibition of his work during spring semester. This program followed on the heels of the successful inaugural event for the Friends of Visual Arts featuring the work of Mark Hewitt held earlier in the semester.

Back by popular demand, Hamilton made a second visit to Wilson and Barton College this past semester. He received a standing ovation following remarks he made to a crowd of 400 at The National Scholastic Art Awards ceremony for the Eastern /Central North Carolina Region held in January on the Barton campus. You could have heard a pin drop as Hamilton shared his stirring message with middle school and high school students from across the piedmont and eastern regions of North Carolina who were joined by their families and teachers for this prestigious event.

Hamilton returned to share his story and his work with the Wilson and Barton campus communities in March. His story begins with an early love for drawing that evolved into a career as a freelance illustrator for a number of national publications including The Saturday Evening Post, Golf Digest, U.S. News & World Report, and Changing Times magazines, among others. Becoming disenchanted with commercial art when the evolution of computer graphic arts began to replace the painstaking hand-drawn work, he realized some significant changes in his life.

Through a series of serendipitous events, Hamilton discovered that Hank Ketcham, creator of the "Dennis the Menace" comic strip, was interested in retiring, and he contacted this patriarch of the comic panel.
Impressed with the work Hamilton sent to him, Ketcham decided to offer him the opportunity to learn the intricacies of drawing his beloved "Dennis." And, after an extended apprenticeship, Ketcham handed over the daily "Dennis" comic strip to Hamilton in October 1995.

Hamilton’s career has had its highs and lows over the years, but he shared that preparedness and perseverance have carried him through the difficult periods. In 2005, Hamilton was presented the prestigious Reuben Award, often referred to as the “Oscar” of the cartooning world.

To read more about Marcus Hamilton and his work, visit the official website for Hank Ketcham’s "Dennis the Menace" at www.dennisthemenace.com/marcushamilton.html.

Friends Of Visual Arts Welcomed Artist Mark Hewitt

The newly organized Barton College Friends of Visual Arts held its inaugural exhibition earlier this semester featuring the work of internationally acclaimed potter Mark Hewitt.

Born in Stoke-on-Trent, England, Hewitt is the son and grandson of directors of Spode, the fine china manufacturers. As a student at Bristol University in the early 1970's, he read Bernard Leach's A Potter's Book, and he decided to become a studio potter rather than an industrial manager. This decision led Hewitt to a three-year apprenticeship with Michael Cardew, and later, another with Todd Piker in Connecticut, where Hewitt met his wife, Carol.

In 1983, the Hewitts moved to Pittsboro and set up their pottery. Hewitt built a very large wood kiln and began making the distinctive functional pots for which he is known, specializing in very large planters and jars, along with finely made smaller items.

Known for using local clays and blending the different North Carolina folk traditions together into a contemporary style, Hewitt has attracted a sizeable following. He actually mines and refines the local stoneware clays, and his principal glazes are the traditional Southern alkaline glaze and salt glaze. All his work is fired in a big wood burning kiln the size of a school bus, which he fires three times a year.

Hewitt's work has been featured in the Smithsonian Magazine and on the cover of America Craft magazine. He has written extensively in the ceramic press and has exhibited in London, New York, and Tokyo, as well as throughout the United States.

Hewitt is well represented in museums and private collections including the Renwick Gallery, Smithsonian Institution and the National Arboretum in Washington, D.C., the Frederick R. Weisman Art Museum in Minneapolis, Minn., the Chrysler Museum in Norfolk, Va., the Mint Museums in Charlotte, and the Auldland Museum at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

To read more about Mark Hewitt and his work, visit his website at www.markhewittpottery.com.

New Trustees On Board

The Barton College community welcomed Charles Leon Wilson III of Wilson, Nancy Forbes Freeman of New Bern and the Reverend Philip N. Jones of Cary as the newest members of its Board of Trustees this past semester.

"Barton College is fortunate to have these three community leaders join an extraordinary Board of Trustees," said Dr. Norval G. Knuten, president of Barton College. "Their leadership clearly brings an added dimension of excellence, and we welcome their experience and expertise."

A native of Robersonville, Wilson is the senior executive vice president and operations division manager for BB&T. He joined BB&T in 1977 as a management associate, and from 1979 to 1982, he served as a commercial lender and city executive in several BB&T locations. In 1982, he was named to bank operations manager and, he became operations division manager six years later when Bank Operations combined with Information Systems. He is currently responsible for corporate operations, information technology, branch operations, payment systems, project management, and electronic delivery systems. Wilson earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and also completed studies at Stonier Graduate School of Banking.

His affiliations include the steering committee for TCH Payments Company, member of the BITS Advisory Group, member representative of the Financial Services Roundtable, past board member of the North Carolina Bankers Association, past chair of the Board of Directors for Star Systems Inc., in Maitland, Fla., and past vice chair for the Board of Directors of Primary Payment Solutions in Scottsdale, Ariz.

He is the son of Charles Leon Wilson, Jr., and Doris Little Wilson. Wilson is married to the former Emma Jean.
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Freeman is one of three alumni representatives to the Board of Trustees. A native of Wilson, Freeman serves as a representative for Portraits South Inc. in Raleigh. She is also a past director of alumni programs at Barton College. Freeman earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from Barton College (then Atlantic Christian College).

Her civic memberships have included the Rotary Club of Wilson, the Friends of the Library in Kinston (president), the Children’s Theatre in Wilson, the Arts Council of Wilson, the Arts Council of Rock Hill, the Arts Council of New Bern (president), the Friends of the Library in New Bern, the Museum of History Associates, and the Literary Review in Wilson (president).

Freeman is the daughter of the late Benjamin J. Forbes and Lucille Waters Forbes. She is married to Joe Freeman, a native of Burlington, and they currently make their home in New Bern. She has two children: Nancy Tetterton Babcook of Chapel Hill and John Marshall Tetterton Jr., of Wilmington, and five step children: Carleen Meinen of Fort Worth, Texas, Kathleen Bonig of Jupiter, Fla., Mark Freeman of Auckland, New Zealand, Leslie Inazumie of Greenville, and Stuart Freeman of Pikeville.

The Freemans are members of Christ Episcopal Church in New Bern where she serves on the Altar Guild, the Wedding Committee, and the Flower Committee.

Jones, a native of Kinston, serves as one of three ministerial representatives to the Board, and is an ordained minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). This is his second three-year ministerial term on the Board. He currently serves as senior minister of St. Paul’s Christian Church (DOC) in Raleigh. Jones earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Religion and Philosophy at Barton College (then Atlantic Christian College), a Master of Divinity degree from Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University, and a Master of Arts degree from Vanderbilt University. He has published works in Encounter, Word and Witness, and Biblical Preaching Journal.

Jones is a past member of the Academy of Homiletics and the Longview Interfaith Council (president). He is a past chair of the Outreach Commission for the Christian Church (DOC) in North Carolina, and a past member of the Board for the Christian Church in the Southwest (Bluebonnet and Northeast areas).

He is the son of the late W. Nelson Jones and Leah Huffman Jones. Jones is married to the former Catherine Crall of San Angelo, Texas. They have two children: Hannah Elizabeth Jones (10) and Zachary Stratton Jones (8). The Jones reside in Cary.

Barton College Appoints Thompson As New VP For Enrollment Management

Kelly Thompson has been named vice president for enrollment management at Barton College. Thompson’s appointment was effective May 21, 2007.

“I am delighted to welcome Kelly Thompson to this important leadership role on campus,” said Dr. Norval C. Knecht, president of the College.

“Her extensive experience in directing a wide variety of admissions and marketing initiatives, her skill in participating in team-based solutions, her proficiency in developing and overseeing systems, and her proven ability to achieve results are all strengths that will benefit the College.”

As chief enrollment officer for Barton, Thompson supervises the offices of admissions, financial aid, and lifelong education and extended programs, ensuring effective student-centered operations in these areas. In this position, Thompson also provides leadership in the development of recruitment and retention policies, procedures and programs. She serves as a member of the president’s senior cabinet and the college’s marketing team.

“I am delighted to join the Barton College community,” said Thompson. “As the new vice president for enrollment management, I see a tremendous opportunity to communicate the value and outcomes of the Barton College experience. As alumni, you know that it is a rich one. With our national rankings in student-faculty interactions and in enriched educational experiences, Barton is truly an engaged learning campus. I look forward to working with the ACC and Barton alumni to spread the word about our fine college.”

A native of Chicago, Ill., Thompson completed a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Theatre at the University of Illinois in Champaign, and earned a Master of Arts degree in Communications and Theatre at the University of Illinois in Chicago. She completed a C.A.S. in Educational Leadership at National-Louis University in Chicago and is currently enrolled in the Executive Doctorate Program at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

Prior to joining the Barton administration, Thompson served as group vice president for enrollment and marketing at Davenport University in Grand Rapids, Mich. Other professional appointments have included vice president for enrollment management at National-Louis University in Chicago, and Executive Director-Wisconsin Campus in Milwaukee for National-Louis University. She also served in directorial roles at National-Louis University for Chicago and Recruitment, National College of Education Graduate Enrollment, and Budget and Administrative Services.

Professional memberships include the Carolinas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers.
2007 Jefferson-Pilot Faculty Members Of The Year

This year, Barton College honored Dr. Jeff Broadwater and Dr. Peter Green as the 2007 Jefferson-Pilot Faculty Members of the Year.

Each spring semester, the campus community celebrates teaching excellence in the classroom and faculty commitment to our students' success by recognizing two distinguished members of the faculty with this prestigious award. The annual recognition includes a cash stipend for international travel in conjunction with the College's global emphasis.

An associate professor of history in the Department of History and Social Sciences, Broadwater is also a lawyer, historian, and author. He has published three books. The most recent, George Mason, Forgotten Founder, was recognized this past year with stellar reviews and was named one of the top ten non-fiction books of the year by The Washington Post. Other books include Adlai Stevenson and American Politics: The Odyssey of a Cold War Liberal and Eisenhower and the Anti-Communist Crusade. He has completed a chapter on James Madison for The Encyclopedia of the Presidency, a multi-volume reference work to be published by Facts on File, and he is currently writing the chapter on Thomas Jefferson for the encyclopedia project. He also 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 also completed 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 shared, "The Jefferson-Pilot Award is especially meaningful when I think of the faculty members who have won it in the past."

Pondering a number of options for his travel stipend, Broadwater did admit that there was a strong contender in the line-up, "because the modern study of history began in the German universities, Germany might be a natural choice, but I haven't made any final decision."

Chair of the Department of Psychology and an associate professor of the program, Green earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology, magna cum laude, from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Continuing his studies at the University of Iowa, he also completed a Master of Arts degree and a Ph.D. in Psychology. He is a member of several professional organizations including the American Psychological Society, the Eastern Psychological Association, and the Society of Personality and Social Psychology.

Green's research has been published in a variety of professional journals and publications, and he has received several professional grants for teaching and research projects.

When asked how he might use his travel stipend, Green responded, "I've been wanting to go to New Zealand for a number of years, and this might just provide the motivation to get me there. There might also be a small side trip to see the Great Barrier Reef. I've been fortunate enough to visit several countries, and I'd like to go somewhere new with a very diverse geography. I hope to explore some of the natural wonders of that region of the world."

"It [the award] was very unexpected, but it is a special honor to be recognized by Barton College for a combination of teaching, service and professionalism," said Green. "I feel fortunate to be part of an institution that encourages me to develop as a well rounded faculty member."

Scholastic Arts In N.C.

Anna Joyce from West Stokes High School received both a Gold Key and the Barton College Award at the 2007 National Scholastic Art Awards ceremony for the Eastern/ Central North Carolina Region held in January on the Barton College campus. Barton has served as host and regional sponsor of this prestigious art awards ceremony for the past 29 years.

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Alumni Office

What a great spring to be at Barton. We held wonderful events with our alumni and friends, planned the upcoming Homecoming Weekend, and won a national championship in men’s basketball.

It was a treat for me to be in Springfield, Mass., for the championship game cheering and screaming right along with all the other Bulldog fans. What a great time we had! The return to campus was not as easy as the campus community and the city of Wilson turned out to welcome home the team. The phone in the Alumni Office was stacked with voice messages from alumni wanting t-shirts, copies of the game, or just someone to talk about the incredible experience. I’ve never seen t-shirts sell as fast as they did at the Tuesday afternoon “Bulldogs Unleashed” celebration. Six hundred shirts in 35 minutes must be some kind of record!

The Championship Class graduated in May on a beautiful warm day in Wilson. It was my first Barton Commencement, and I enjoyed every minute of the pomp and circumstance. It was a pleasure to shake the hand of each graduate and present them with an autographed copy of Tim Madigan’s book, I’m Proud of You. The books were a gift to the graduates from your Alumni Board members. Madigan spoke on campus last fall and was featured in the last issue of Scope.

In the same breath, it seems we congratulate the Class of 2007 and welcome the Class of 2011. Fall is upon us, and there are more events to plan, more alumni to meet, and Homecoming to enjoy. See you soon!

Go Bulldogs!
Summer Broock
Director of Alumni Programs

Past Events

Edgecombe/Nash Counties
Alumni from Edgecombe and Nash counties gathered at the home of Hiram ’68 and Kathryn Perkinson on March 15 for great conversation and food. A dedicated committee of 14 alumni and their spouses hosted 50 guests, including Dr. and Mrs. Norval C. Knuten. A good time was had by all!

Our thanks to the committee: Hiram ’68 and Kathryn Perkinson, Ben ’72 and Beth Brinson, William ’72 and Betsy Davis, Buddy ’69 and Nancee Hooks, Lloyd ’67 and Candis Bailey ’68 Owens, David ’71 and Todd Shirley, and I.V. ’68 and Fran Gawlik ’70 Thompson.

Washington, D.C.
More than 20 alumni and friends from the Washington, D.C. area gathered at the U.S. Capitol building for conversation and food. Dr. Knuten displayed the Championship trophy and a number of alumni just “had to have their picture made while holding it!” The event stretched well into the evening, as new friends were made among the attendees. A special thanks to Ken Thornton ’64, John Cox ’63, and Darrell Huffman ’56 for all their help with the event.

Charlotte Area
On April 22, more than 30 alumni from the Charlotte area gathered at the home of John ’82 and Linda Williamson ’84 Johnson for an afternoon of forming new friendships and receiving an update on the College from Dr. Knuten. A highlight of the event was the presence of award-winning author, Tim Madigan, author of I’m Proud of You, who first visited the Barton campus last fall. An autographed copy of the book and an autographed basketball were given as door prizes. Thanks to John and Linda, and the other members of the committee: George Bell ’82, Mercedes Girón Horton ’83 and Ethlyn Seymour Irvin ’70.

Down East
Alumni from Craven, Carteret, and Pamlico counties enjoyed a Sunday afternoon gathering at the home of Nancy Forbes Freeman ’61 and her husband, Joe, on the Neuse River. The cloudless day allowed much porch sitting and conversation as alumni greeted neighbors and made friends from among the 30 attendees. “It’s amazing to see people at this event that I never realized went to AC or Barton, yet I’ve known them for years,” said Nancy. Nancy’s committee included Ken ’59 and Elizabeth Bell ’62 Brinson, Georgia Brewer Campions ’36, and friend of the College, Donald Bryan.
Upcoming Events!

Events are currently being planned for the coming year. Areas we hope to include are: the Tidewater area of Virginia, Northampton and surrounding counties, Catawba and surrounding counties, the Triangle area, Pitt County, Wilson County, Harnett/Johnston/ Cumberland counties, New Hanover/Brunswick/Pender counties, Guilford/Forsyth and surrounding counties, the Outer Banks, Edgecombe/Nash counties, Craven/Carteret counties, and Richmond, Va. If you are interested in hosting an alumni event in your area, please contact Summer Brock in the Alumni Office at 800-422-4699 or email: sbrrock@harton.edu

Homecoming 2007

October 26-28

Homecoming will be here before we know it! Registration materials have been mailed. Please help us in our planning by registering in advance. If you have questions about Homecoming, please contact Summer Brock, director of alumni programs, at 800-422-4699 or email: sbrrock@harton.edu

A huge thank you to the Homecoming Committee for their ideas and hard work in planning the 2007 event!

Members of the Committee include: Laura Blackman '84, Rena Corbett ’76, Amanda Humphrey ’97, Tony Laffoley ’03, Mary McKellar ’56, Lynne Medlin ’94, Tracy Mitchell ’96, Sarah Poppe ’80, Brian Bennett ’85, Guilford Thuerk ’96, Gary Hall ’80, and Angela Coates, director of student activities.

Class Volunteers have worked hard, writing letters and calling classmates. They include: Ken Rocke and Bill Boswell (1957), Phillip Brooks Hylmen (1967), Susan Dubois and Gindy Overman Williams (1977), Edie Dean Jacob (1962), Amanda Humphrey (1997), and Sara Cook Dunford (2002).

The Classes from the 1940s will hold a decade reunion during Homecoming Weekend. This special 40s Hurrah! is led by Marguerite Lane Haxey ’41, Jacqueline Daniel Brooks ’41, Worth Barrell Herrin ’42, Joe Holiday ’42, Charlotte Gray Sutten ’45, J. P. Tendall ’45, Lena “Bill” Sermons Calvert ’46, Dorothy Freeman Smith ’46, Mickey Moore Dunn ’47, and Alene Reel Parish ’47.

News from your Alumni Board

Your Alumni Board of Directors has completed a year of transition as they rewrote their by-laws and learned more about the College. The Board is now comprised of 36 members, plus officers, who are dedicated to representing you. President Phillip “Butch” Warren ’71 will begin his final term this fall. New 1st vice president, Sam Turner ’96, will assist with the new senior class gift campaign while new 2nd vice president, Dawn Marie Singleton ’90 will search for the “perfect gift” for the Board to present to seniors at next year’s Commencement. Alysson Miller Moyer ’94 will begin a two-year term as secretary. The Board will welcome 12 new members in September: Bobby Boykin ’66, Ben Casey ’69, Brad Roberson ’66, Doug Royal ’67, Sheila Barker Wiggins ’75, Danny Wilkins ’76, Linda Griffin Lowe ’66, Hughes Dillard ’56, Peggy Grady Batten ’81, Shana Walker ’91, Ryan Ferrell ’02, and Tracy O’Sheilds Mitchell ’98.
Notes

1930s

Daisy Locklear Cotton '39 has led an active life. She took first place in the walking 1500 meter race in the Senior Olympics last fall and will compete in the nationals in Louisville, Ky this summer. Daisy retired from Pfeiffer University in 1986 and has stayed busy with her garden, singing in the church choir, and exercise. She would love to hear from anyone else from her era at Atlantic Christian.

Richard Ziglar '56 had the privilege of serving on the Tulsa Spirit Kieloff Committee for the Tulsa Celebration in November 2006, overseeing the event at the Tulsa Historical Society Statehood Day that honored the Centenarians in the Northeast area of Oklahoma. Oklahoma is celebrating its Centennial through November 2007. Twenty-nine centenarians were among the 250 who attended the event sponsored by the Northeast Active Timers (NEATs). Richard founded NEATs in 1995, and serves as executive director of the agency affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the Northeast area of Oklahoma. He was recently the recipient of two awards: The Navigator's Award for outstanding leadership by OASIS (the adult day care center he helped establish in 1994), and the Swan Award for being a model advocate for PFLAG (Parents & Friends for Lesbians & Gays). His wife, Peggy Nichols Ziglar '55 is actively involved with Richard in NEATs.

Joyce Ann Heath Hanson '66 retired from the Dept. of Defense Schools in Mannheim, Germany, in December. Joyce's 30 years of teaching took her from Balboa, Panama to Seoul, South Korea, to Mannheim. Joyce, and her husband, Dave, will enjoy retirement between their two homes in Franklin, Va. and Suwannee, Fl. They have two daughters and six grandchildren.

Hilda Delbridge '67 is in her 40th year of teaching in Vance County Schools.

Oliver Hedgepeth '67 has published his textbook, RFID Metrics: Decision Making Tools for Today's Supply Chains through CRC Press.

Janie McCormick Webster '67 retired three years ago from Barrasson High School in Huffman, Texas. She has two grandchildren, ages 4 and 2.

Joseph Peaceeck '68 has retired from Northampton West High School after teaching for 34 years.

Ramona Hill Lee '69 has retired after 34 years of teaching in Lenoir County Public Schools.

1940s

Clayton Weeks '41 celebrated his 87th birthday last November. He and his wife spent 47 years in mission work in Africa.

Magdaline Phillips West '44 retired after teaching more than 35 years. She's been a Baptist minister's wife for over 60 years. She has two grown sons - one is a high school principal and the other, a banker. She also has three grandchildren. Magdaline won the trophy for "Most Athletic Girl" in 1944.

Janet Grantham Pearson '44 has been retired for 21 years from her work as a school counselor. Now, she's involved in community activities.

James Edwards '48 celebrated his 80th birthday in November 2006.

Burden Howes '49 has been retired from Firestone since 1978 after working there for 26 years. He has lived in Charlotte since 1987.

1950s

Beatrice Tucker Ward '50 has wonderful memories of Atlantic Christian College and treasures her time at the school. She now lives in Plantation, Fl.

Sid Campen '61 won re-election as judge for Talbot County Circuit Court in Easton, Md.

William High '61 is retired from the N.C. Department of Commerce. He was employed there for 20 years.

David Barriger '61 has retired from teaching. He is active with the American Association of Woodturners and is a past president.

Bill Ethridge '62 retired last November from State Farm Insurance Companies as an agent after 31 years. He and his wife, Lottie, will be spending more time with the four grandchildren and many friends. There's lots of traveling and fishing to be done! Bill hopes to host an alumni event in the Hickory area in the fall and would love to have volunteers in the area who are interested in helping. Contact him at will@ethridge@gmai.com.

Joe Tolson '63 is the state representative for the 23rd District in the N.C. House.

David Tharrington '65 has retired and is enjoying it very much.

Janice Cousins '66 received her master's degree from ECU. She retired from teaching after 32 years.

Edgar Murphrey '66 is the vice president of sales for Spectrum Yarn. He is also mayor of Kings Mountain.

1970s

Jim Hollingsworth '70 has retired and relocated from Goldsboro to Grassy Creek.

Thomas Lewis '70 reports that his daughter-in-law, Jacquelynn Rogers Lewis graduated from Barton in the Class of 2007.

Kay Walston Glenn '71 has retired after teaching for 34 years at Eastern Wayne Elementary School in Goldsboro.

Ivan Hinslaw '71 has three children: two in college, Rachel and Alan. Daughter, Amy, is 16.

Irma Covington Bond '71 competes in the Senior Olympics in the 100m dash and the running long jump. She holds the Kentucky record in the running long jump at 11' 11". She is retired from Roanoke-Chowan Community College.

David and Judy Wilson Cox '71 report they are the grandparents of twin boys.

Jerry Rogerson '71 has retired from education after 30 years at Bear Grass High School in Williamson.

Delenes Oakley Bullock '72 is a literacy coach at Brasfield Road Elementary in Raleigh.
Fon Falkner Cornwall '73 lives in Hickory. Her son, Wesley, recently married Tanya Robinson at St. Stevens Lutheran Church in Hickory.

Walter Tyler '73 has been promoted to director of insurance for CSX Corporation. CSX is the largest railroad in the Eastern U.S.

Lewis Woodruff '73 has retired from the N.C. Department of Revenue after 34 years.

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

Bevan Hales '75 has moved. His new address is 5220 Newsstand Manor Lane, Raleigh, 27606.

Joseph Davenport '75 and his wife, June Whiteley Davenport '77 live in Batchelor Bay, near Edenton. They are in the farming and land development business.

Gatsy Owensaison '76 teaches elementary school mathematics at a charter school in Rocky Mount.


Donna Simms '76 has retired after 30 years in education.

Kathryn Whitfield '76 is the vice president of instruction at Yadkin Community College in Yadkin, N.C.

John Cooke '76 retired as a teacher/coach from Northampton County Schools in June 2006.

Carolyn Stevens Hoggood '76 and her husband, J.D., announce the birth of their newest grandson.

Randy Pridgen '83 has begun his 20th year as athletic trainer and associate professor at Barton this fall. His oldest son, Bryan, begins his junior year at Greensboro College (theatre major) and youngest son, Wesley, is a senior at Hunt High School.

Donna Marino Brown '78 is a special education teacher for Chesterfield County Public Schools in Virginia. She works with 1st and 2nd graders with emotional and learning disabilities. Her husband, Allen, is a professional vice president for a marketing company and a musician in the "Kings of Swing." She has a daughter, Melissa (13). They perform in the show "Glorious Christmas Nights" at their church each December.

Larry Strickland '79 has been re-elected to the Johnston County Board of Education. Larry has served since 1998.

Billie Williams Odom '79 has become a literacy coach and is no longer in the classroom.

Robert Craft '79 has three children: the oldest is a sophomore at N.C. State, the middle one is a junior in high school, and the youngest is in the 8th grade.

1980s

Laura Watson Thomas '80 is a school nurse with Johnston County Schools. She oversees three schools: Selma Elementary, Selma Middle, and Wilson's Mills.

Cathy Strickland Pittman '80 married Tommy Mallin on July 15, 2006. Cathy is with Wake County Public Schools, and Tommy is with Parts Depot in Raleigh.

Russell Wilkins '80 is celebrating his 29th year as pastor of St. John Disciples of Christ Church in Washington, N.C. He and his wife, Rosa, have two children.

Mary Butler Thorpe '81 and her husband live in Oxford where Mary is a nurse anesthetist at Granville Medical Center, and David is an attorney. Their sons, David (8) enjoys the outdoors. Mary still sees classmates Cathy Tomsett Cane, Kari Gentry Wiggins, and Jo Hopkins Whitehead. Hello to all!

Lori Ball Yeh '82 and her husband, Joseph, have four children, Sarahann (12), Maachi (11), Susanna (9), and Shanna (7). They spent a wonderful 20-day Christmas vacation in Costa Rica. Lori works with Joseph and her brother-in-law, John, in the family-owned business, Viable Communications, Inc. They develop video phone technology for deaf and hard-of-hearing to communicate with hearing and other deaf. Visit their website at www.viable.net.

Mark Leggett '82 is the chief court counselor in the 2nd district of the N.C. Department of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention.

Ernie Lee '82 and his wife, Misti, announce the birth of their third child, Carson Evan Lee, on Oct. 9, 2006. Ernie is chief assistant district attorney of the 4th Prosecutor District and lives in Jacksonville.

Terry Harper '83 has a son, Peter, who is a junior at Barton.

Deborah Steeves '83 received the Secretary of Veterans Affairs' Hero Award for her work in Louisiana immediately after Hurricane Katrina. She is working at a VA Hospital in Nashville, Tenn., in the primary care area. She and her daughter, Sarah, live in Nashville.

William Pippen '84 is working for the city of New York as a supervisor in the home care services program. He would enjoy hearing from old friends.

Marylon Jones Glover '85 and her husband, Jeff, announce the birth of their daughter, Dakota Ann, on March 26. Dakota has a big brother, Michael.

Elizabeth Martin Richardson '85 spoke on "Literacy and the Deaf Infant and Toddler, Birth to Three" at the national Gacil Speech Association Conference in 2006. In the same year, she was awarded the Tom Stengele Award for Excellence given by the Parents And Children Together (PACT) program at Kennedy Krieger Institute. The award was presented to Elizabeth for her outstanding efforts with deaf infants and toddlers and their families for the Baltimore County Schools Infant & Toddlers Program in Baltimore, Md.

Pamela Prevatt Kidd '85 and her husband, Jerry, have two children: Preston (15), and Kathryn (13). Pamela has been teaching at Grays Chapel Elementary School in Randolph County for 19 years. She is currently teaching third grade.
Barton Grad Takes Center Court
by Becky Risher

When the United States Tennis Association decided to rename their National Tennis Center after the legendary Billie Jean King, they commissioned Rod Morton, class of 1987, to design the dedication plaque. The renaming ceremony kicked off the 2006 US Open and was attended by tennis stars Chris Evert, John McEnroe, Jimmy Connors and Venus Williams. Diana Ross entertained the audience of more than 25,000 seated at stadium court.

After weeks of working on concepts and designs for the plaque, Morton was very pleased with the results. “I was honored to have this opportunity,” said Morton. “Over the past year, I’ve worked with Billie Jean on a couple of projects. I really wanted to design a special, one-of-a-kind piece because I knew how important this event would be for her.”

The ceremony and Morton’s design were featured on the USA Network and CBS Sports, broadcast to more than 180 countries around the world. The New York Times ran the design on the cover of the next day’s sports section. Now the plaque is featured prominently on the USTA’s website in a round-up of the year’s most memorable moments.

Morton studied commercial design and printmaking at Barton. He earned his master’s degree from North Carolina State University’s School of Design. Then in 1991, Morton came back to Wilson to teach design as an adjunct professor at Barton. He also taught briefly at Mount Olive College before taking on the role of creative director for a Raleigh-based company, Exide Electronics. In 1996, Morton left the corporate world and started his own marketing firm. Over the years, Morton has worked for numerous clients including CSS, the Home Depot and the PGA. One of his favorite projects brought him back to Barton.


Four years ago, Morton left North Carolina for his new home in Connecticut. He enjoys working in New York City and even claims to like the weather. Still, Morton has kept his Southern roots. He named his company H088, a nod to the Southerner living in the Northeast. He is also on a mission to find good pork barbecue.

“If Bill’s or Parker’s wants to talk franchise, I’m their man.”

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www.barton.edu/alumni

Tom Miller ’85 and his wife, Vickie, announce the graduation of their oldest daughter, Kristin, from high school. Kristin will be attending Pitt Community College in the fall seeking a degree in paralegal and plans to further her education after that. Youngest daughter, Alyssa, will be starting high school this fall. Tom is now with Domtar Paper Company, and Vickie is an assistant clerk of Superior Court in Chowan County. They still reside in Edenton.

Jeff Boykin ’86 and his wife, Kim Anderson Boykin ’88 are the parents of two children, Kellie and Allison. Jeff teaches business and is an assistant varsity baseball coach at Hunt High School in Wilson.

Cathy Muse Bunn ’87 and her husband, David, welcomed their first child, Nathan “Garrett” Bunn on Sept. 28, 2006.

James Trader ’87 became the curator of the Cane Ridge Meeting House in Paris, Ky. on Jan. 1. Cane Ridge is the birthplace of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the Churches of Christ, and the Independent Christian Churches. It was the site of the Great Revival of 1801. Barton W. Stone, for whom the College is named, was the pastor there from 1796 until 1822.

Christy Lilley Rogerson ’87 has been teaching mathematics for 18 years.

David Edwards ’89 completed his Doctor of Physical Therapy degree at Simmons College in Boston in January. He serves as vice president for clinical operations at CareWorks, Inc., a rehabilitation company based in Greenville. He would like to hear from classmates at David@careworks.org.

Karen Ryhaney O’Donnell ’89 serves as an expert nurse witness for malpractice cases.

Mike Oravecz ’89 is pleased to announce the opening of "R.J. Hedgehog," a movie-themed restaurant in El Paso, Texas. Mike is the owner/operator. He lives in Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico, where he has received numerous awards for his work in the community.

1990s
Beth Landrum Chandler ’90 married Charles Cox of Raleigh on April 29, 2006. They now reside in Raleigh and have six children. Beth is working at
Chris Bush '97 and his wife, Paula Wilson Bush, '00 welcomed their first child, a son, Caleb Christopher, on Dec. 23, 2005. He weighed 7 lbs., 7 ounces.

Marvin Faison '97 married Latosha Davis on April 14 in Wilson.

David Harrison '98 is a senior videographer/editor with Florida Hospital, the nation's largest hospital system. David shoots and edits video that is sent to local and national news outlets. He and his wife, Vivian, live in Winter Park, Fla.

Heather Cumbee Wilkerson '98 and her husband, Chris, welcomed newest addition Brett Cumbee Wilkerson to their family on Sept. 15, 2006. Heather and Chris also have a daughter, Keegan Brooke (5). Heather is a writer for The Wilson Daily Times newspaper, and Chris is a K-9 officer with the Fremont Police Dept.

Marianna Southard DeBolt '91 and '98 and her husband and four kids (NOT 4 children) live in Wyoming, Ill.

Jerry Bunn '98 married Lori Lamm June 14, 2006 in Neigril, Jamaica. Jerry is with Sanofi-Aventis. They live in Wilson.

Jennifer Lane '98 married Grant Banning at Rockwood Mansion in October 2006. Jennifer earned her master's degree in 2006 and is currently employed as the marketing director for NAI Emory Hill, a commercial real estate firm in Newark, Del.

Tammy Cornelius '98 was promoted to production manager for the Eastern region of the National Captaining Institute last June. NCI provides closed captioning for the hearing impaired, subtitling for foreign films, and video description for those who are blind or have low vision.

Stephen Frederick '98 and his wife, Camille, have twins: a girl, Dellaney Caroline, and a boy, Blinson James, born Nov. 16, 2001. They added daughter, Jo Claire, on Oct. 6, 2005. Stephen is teaching sixth grade math/science at Norwayne Middle School in Fremont. He is beginning work on his master's degree in math education at UNC-Chili.

Misty Hale '99 married Robert Foote, Jr. on April 15, 2006 in Fredericksburg, Va.

Michael Peckorn '99 married Melissa Williams on April 14 in Nags Head. They make their home in Wilson.

Jennifer Nance '00 and John Watson '99 were married on March 31. They make their home in Greenville.

Michele Watson '00 married Heath Thurman on Oct. 21, 2006. Michele is the assistant office manager for Dixon Foods Group, Inc. in Wilson.

William Livingston '00 married Emily Adams on July 29, 2006. William is a field manager with B.R. Horton Homebuilders.

Tammy Thorne Harold '00 gave birth to a son, Camden, on Dec. 5, 2006. He joins sister, Shaelyn (5).

Sharon Skeen Pridgen '00 has been promoted to banking officer with BB&T. Sharon has been with the bank since graduation.

Sherry Baker '00 married Ken McQuaid on April 14.

Ally Kindel '01 completed her M.Ed. at the University of South Carolina in May. She is now an assistant general manager with Capstone Management and works in residence life at USC-Bemfort.

Jason Dean '02 and Kelly Ashley-Dean '03 celebrate the birth of their son. Corbin Hunter Dean, on January 23.

Kelly McCarthy Cook '02 and her husband, Jason, are the proud parents of Connor Charles Cook, born on Sept. 21, 2006. The family is living in Rowey-in-the-Hills, Fla.

Sara Cook '02 and Jimmy Dunford '03 were married on March 31 in Tampa, Fla. Sara is a teacher in Wilson County, and Jimmy is the store manager of Firestone Auto Care in Rocky Mount.

Tiffany Autry '02 married Jason Horne on Oct. 7, 2006. She is currently working at Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital in Dunn in the postpartum unit.

Marcie Dean '03 and her husband, Tim Fabregas, welcomed their first child, Ava Grace, on March 13.

Dacia Moore '03 and Richard Driver '01 were married on April 28 at Christmount Assembly in Black Mountain. Dacia works with Advanced Health Resources in Raleigh. Richard is employed by Community Partnerships. They live in Clayton.
Tonique Talbot '03 received her master's degree in nursing from ECU in December 2006. She plans to work in a family practice or specialty setting.

Jennifer Leonard '04 married Bradford Lee Wingo on Oct. 21, 2006. They reside in Nashville, Jennifer is a nurse at Nash General Hospital, and Brad is assistant headmaster at Faith Christian School in Rocky Mount.

Tania Williams Mendez '08 and her husband, Tony, have added another little girl to their family. Zoe was born July 20. It is a happy and healthy baby!

Jackie Johnson '05 married Craig Stephenson on April 22, 2006 in Suffolk, Va. They currently reside in Chesapeake, Va.

Brian Allen '05 is the annual fund coordinator at Campbell University.

Lesley Allen '03 founded LadyBug Designs, a jewelry design company, in 2007.

Sonia Marquez-Temple '05 spent a week in Costa Rica last summer with a group of teachers from across North Carolina. She is currently with Johnston County Schools.

Ashley Minor '06 teaches and coaches softball at Kinston High School.

Amanda Boykin '06 married Douglas Daniel on May 5. Amanda is a nurse at Wilson Medical Center, and Douglas is a manager at Bailey Feed Mill. They live in Sims.


In Memoriam

Alumni

Minnie Higgins Parker '26
Mary Floyd "Buster" Bell '33
Alma Abernathy Barham '33
Ellis W. Williamson '40
Minnie Whitliff Dees Etheridge '41
Mary Herrin Jones '42
Rachel Glover Paschang '42
Ethel Juanita Ferguson '44
Evelyn Moore Boykin '44
Murry W. Holland '45
Caroline Cowell Godwin '47
Ethel Thorne Boswell '48
Richard Llewellyn '49
Reidmon Carroll Smith, Jr. '49
Norma氓ette Bedford '50
Gene E Lewis '50
Kelly Sherrod Rawls '51
David Graham Green '51
William F. Ambrose '52
Raymond Everett Tisott '54
Weldon Gilbert Corbett '54
Mary Bonnie Wilson Miller '55
Mack Jefferson Owens '55
Willma Lee Stewart Barbour '56
Ronald R. Perez '56
Martha Beamon Webb '59
Bryan Russell Skipper '59
Earl Shotwell '59
Lewis Roy Jones, Sr. '61
Gerald "Jerry" Fritz '63
Glenn Reese Hart, Jr. '64
Iris Davis Velverton '65
Allen K. Thompson, Jr. '65
Jarvis Donna Edwards '65
Lionel S. Edwards '67
Betty Jones Upchurch Evans '68
Thomas Michael Smith '70
Doris Price Bates '72
Jimmy Hodges '72
Everett Lewis Golden, Jr. '73
William Bruce Marshall '76
Charles Booker Cunningham IV '76
Richard Barry Fargis '81
Gregory Robbins '84
Edward Lee Nolms '95
Matthew Solomon '05
Fletcher Carnichael, Sr. '01

Attended

Charlie Dudley '42
Jean McMichael Allen '46
Robert Winborn '47
Nicholas J. Glennon '76

Faculty/Staff

Jessie Marie Pitman Sisk
Laura Battle Winstead

Friends

Mae Hardison Allgood
Joyce Wood Byrd
Joseph Glenn Land
Sara Walston Peters
Mary John Shreve
Kerr "Buddy" Watson

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Janie Davis Griffin

Celebrating the Life and Service of Janie Davis Griffin
January 30, 1909 - April 20, 2007

Mrs. Janie Davis Griffin served as a dedicated member of the Barton College Board of Trustees for over 30 years. For over five decades, she gave generously of her time and financial resources to support numerous programs and projects of the College, never seeking recognition for her efforts. It was with deep sadness that the Barton College community said goodbye to this faithful servant on April 20, 2007.

A strong advocate for education, Mrs. Griffin supported many projects across the campus that enhanced the academic life and the physical environment of Barton's students. These projects included, but were not limited to, renovation efforts for More Science Hall, the Hardy Alumni Hall Trustee Board Room, the Hamlin Student Center Dining Hall, and campus signage. She made significant contributions to the construction of several major buildings including the Kennedy Recreation and Intramural Center, the Sam and Marjorie Kagan Writing Center, and the Centennial Alumni Bell Tower. Mrs. Griffin was instrumental in establishing an endowment for international travel for Barton students, and she was a lifetime member of the Friends of Hackney Library. Because of her generosity, a beautiful Steinway piano now resides in the music room of the Barton-Graves House for many to admire and enjoy. One cannot look across campus without seeing the positive impact that Mrs. Griffin had on the life of Barton College.

Her commitment and dedication to Barton College inspired the Alumni Association to confer upon Mrs. Griffin one of its most distinguished awards. In 1993, she was recognized with the Honorary Alumna Award.

The Barton College community celebrates the life of Janie Davis Griffin - a life that was adorned with poise, character, generosity, and a southern gracefulness. Our lives, once blessed by her presence, are now enriched by her memory.
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A Testament Of Loyalty  by Jason Gipe

After graduating from Atlantic Christian College in 1964 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, Clinton native Sandling Merritt knew he had accomplished something special. He wasn't the brightest student in his graduating class nor was he the most athletic, but Merritt was committed to being successful and even more, committed to showing his appreciation for what the College had given him. And, he will admit that what he received was far more than a diploma.

Forty-three years later, Merritt continues to say “thank you” to his alma mater and has done so almost annually since 1966 when he made his first gift to the College. “Barton has done a lot for me, and I want to give back,” shared Merritt. “I hope that with my small gift I can help a student have the same special experience that I did.”

He truly understands the Annual Fund and appreciates its purpose. “The College knows best where my money is most helpful so that's why my gifts are always unrestricted,” he added. “Plus, the more alumni give, the better Barton becomes, which in turn, increases the value of my degree.” Merritt believes this is an important message to share with alumni of all ages.

Merritt will also tell you that showing appreciation for Barton also includes taking interest in Homecoming and athletic events. “It's easy to see the importance of supporting the College financially when you visit and participate in events,” said Merritt. Since the College does not receive large amounts of money from the government, he sees it as his responsibility as a graduate from a private institution to help make up that great difference. “Barton must be competitive in today's higher education market, and I know that my support – as small as it may be – is making a difference.”

When asked about making a gift for the upcoming fiscal year, Merritt said, “I've done it for 40 years; there's certainly nothing stopping me now.”

The Annual Fund

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