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March 30, 2008
The E.G. Purcell, Jr., Bible Conference
Featured Speaker: Dr. Rod Werline, associate professor and Marie and Leman Barnhill Endowed Chair of Religious Studies at Barton College
3 p.m., Registration, Hardy Alumni Hall
(no charge)

March 31 – April 1, 2008
The Thedford G. and Woodrow W. Sprinkle Lectures
Featured Speaker: Dr. Susan Bond who has served on the faculties of Lexington Theological Seminary, Vanderbilt Divinity School at Vanderbilt University, and Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University
7:30 p.m., Lecture I, Hardy Alumni Hall
(Monday evening)
11 a.m., Lecture II, Hardy Alumni Hall
(Tuesday morning)
(no charge)

April 5 - May 9, 2008
Barton Art Galleries presents
The 2008 Senior Art Exhibition
7-9 p.m., Reception on April 5
Virginia Thompson Graves and Lula E. Rackley Galleries, Case Art Building
(no charge)

April 8, 2008
Friends of Hackney Library presents
John Hart, author of "The King of Lies" and "Down River"
6 p.m. book signing and wine reception, 7 p.m. dinner and remarks, Hardy Alumni Hall (reservations required)

April 11, 2008
Open House for High School Juniors and Seniors

April 17-20, 2008
Theatre at Barton presents ‘Crimes of the Heart’ by Beth Henley
8 p.m., Thursday – Saturday, 3 p.m., Sunday, Howard Chapel, (tickets at the door)

April 22
The Barton Heritage Lecture Series
Featured Speaker – Jeff Crow, Director of the N.C. Department of History and Archives
7 p.m., Hardy Alumni Hall
(no charge)

April 24, 2008
Open House for College Transfer Students

April 26, 2008
Open House for Weekend College Students

April 29, 2008
Barton College Celebrates its Church Relationship
Featured Speaker: Dr. Fred Craddock
7 p.m., Hardy Alumni Hall
(no charge)

May 4, 2008
Barton College/Wilson Symphony Orchestra presents A Spring Concert featuring oboist Robert Burkett
3 p.m., Howard Chapel, (tickets at door)

May 6, 2008
Barton College Choir presents
A Spring Concert
7 p.m., Howard Chapel, (no charge)
I am writing this introduction to "Scope" from the Presidents Institute sponsored by the Council of Independent Colleges, a consortium of over 500 independent colleges and universities. Susan and I participate in these forums and others to increase the visibility of Barton College regionally and nationally. For example, Susan serves on the Presidential Spouses Task Force for which she makes presentations to spouses of new presidents and provides mentoring services. Many institutions across the country are becoming acquainted with Barton College through Susan’s work in this role.

My own national service work has recently been focused on the NCAA Division II strategic marketing efforts. For the last 18 months, NCAA DII has been conducting extensive research into the advantages of DII membership to student-athletes and to institutions. What we have had proven to us is that DII athletics provides the best of athletic competition in a personalized environment, an environment that nurtures personal growth and academic accomplishment.

Not only do student-athletes have the opportunity to participate in high-level athletic competition at DII institutions, they are able to pursue degree programs, like biology and athletic training, that would be inaccessible to them in other more restrictive athletic environments. We are focused on the overall development of the student-athlete, as we are for all of our students. As a result, many highly qualified student-athletes are now choosing to attend DII schools like Barton College. In fact, the brand platform for DII is “I chose DII.”

I am participating in the efforts to bring these facts to those in the media who need to know that DII is not a second choice but is, increasingly, a first choice for some of our best and brightest student-athletes. This effort is national in scope and one that will become increasingly visible in the coming months. Most recently, we met with executives and staff at “The Charlotte Observer,” the “Sports Business Journal,” and ESPN-U, to help them understand the reality of DII competition, regionally and nationally.

After this past year, we at Barton College certainly understand the reality of high level athletic competition. The national championship of our men’s basketball team continues to reverberate through our student recruiting efforts, our branding initiative, and our marketing plans. Last year, we completed our successful season with the chant of “we believe” echoing in our ears.

That chant, “we believe,” has become a maxim for the College. It has become a fundamental principle, a rule of conduct that “we believe” in what we do. I have some specifics. “We believe” that a new teaching theatre is an important next step and, as a result, the fundraising success has been remarkable – groundbreaking is scheduled for this spring. “We believe” that education focused on communication skills and critical thinking is essential to improving the opportunities for our graduates and, as a result, the faculty engaged in the arduous work of redefining the curriculum – a new curriculum was approved and will be instituted in the coming year. Space limitations prevent me from listing all the other accomplishments that come immediately to mind.

We believe in our students. We believe in our alumni. And, we believe in all those who work with us to make our belief in our students become a reality.

Norval Kneten
President
Ask a student why she likes a teacher, and she'll probably say, “Because the teacher doesn't give too much homework.” Ask her again in 20 years, and chances are good that she'll respond, “Because the teacher gave more than homework. That teacher inspired confidence, encouraged dreams, and believed in me.”

Teaching is one of the most difficult and, yet, one of the most beloved professions in the world. Few careers offer as much reward for the tremendous amount of energy, enthusiasm, and effort needed to accomplish the work. There is a defining moment, that aha!, when a teacher sees the light in a child's eye, when that connection is made, and it changes his or her life forever.

Meet three educators who were inspired by their experiences at Barton College, and how they now inspire their own students' success. A first-year middle school teacher, a 24-year K-12 deaf education teacher, and a teacher-turned-high school principal all passionately embrace their roles as educators. They each are driven by that passion to inspire students. But to get to this point, they first had to be inspired to reach their own potential, and each one found that encouragement at Barton College.

Steve Ellis, '91 — Believe In Your Students

After a tumultuous first year at East Carolina University, Steve Ellis, came home from college not knowing what he would do the next year. A proposed art major, his smallest class was 42 students, and his largest was 183 taught by a graduate student. It proved a disappointing year.
Barton trustee Bobby White, then vice president for enrollment services at the College, had heard that Ellis was not returning to ECU. He encouraged the frustrated freshman to consider summer school at Barton, and that made all the difference in Ellis’ future.

“I ended up taking about 12 hours in summer school, and I loved it,” said Ellis. “And, that is the one thing that shocked me – that I would love Barton so much. I changed my major to political science, and I met Dr. Amrut Nakhre and just thoroughly enjoyed him. I also had some religion classes with Dr. Allan Sharp and Dr. Coleman Markham. It just felt special there, and when I look back, I think it’s because these professors helped me to develop an interest in things that I never really knew I cared about.

“At Barton, I had small classes, and the students I met as a freshman were still there when I was a senior,” continued Ellis. “And, my professors called me; if I wasn’t doing well, they let me know. I’ll be honest with you — at that time in my life, a little push is exactly what I needed. I knew Dr. Markham very well and worked with him during the summers, and I always told Dr. Nakhre that he wouldn’t let me fail. They were instrumental in helping me select a major, and I actually ended up double majoring in political science and religion/philosophy. At the time, I couldn’t see the potential they saw, but they really believed in me.

“In fact, Dr. Nakhre came and saw me about two years ago at Forest Hills,” said Ellis, smiling as he reminisced. “We had just hired a teacher from India to serve on the Forest Hills faculty, and he happened to know Dr. Nakhre. When this new teacher told Dr. Nakhre that he worked with Dr. Ellis, he responded, ‘Dr. Ellis?’ When the connection was made, Dr. Nakhre took time to come by my school and tracked me down in the cafeteria — just to tell me how proud he was of me. That is what I remember about all those guys.”

After Ellis graduated from Barton, he went on to get his master’s and doctoral degrees. “Of all of my educational experiences, Barton still ranks at the top,” he said. “With the exception of writing my dissertation, Barton was still the toughest school I attended. Pursuing my master’s degree wasn’t nearly as difficult as some of my classes at Barton. That really surprised me at first, but then I realized what an amazing education I had received at Barton. I enjoyed every bit of my experience. I always tell my students that they will be surprised at what a school like Barton has to offer.”

Prior to his appointment as assistant principal at James B. Hunt High School in Wilson, Ellis taught social studies, science, and health, and coached four sports – basketball, baseball, football, and girls and boys basketball at Elm City Middle School.

“I really enjoyed the classroom,” he continued. What turned out to be a four-year appointment at Hunt followed, where Ellis worked under Bill Williamson, whom Ellis described as “an excellent principal and mentor.” Ellis then received his first assignment as principal; he was assigned to Forest Hills Middle School. This was like coming home again because he had completed his student teaching at Forest Hills 15 years earlier. He served in that leadership role approximately four and a half years prior to his current assignment as principal of Ralph L. Fike Senior High School.

What did he enjoy most about teaching? Ellis said, emphatically, “Being with the kids; that’s what I miss the most now that I’m in administration.” As a principal, his role of interaction with students has changed; he deals with more disciplinary and personnel issues now.

“I really miss some of those great one-on-one conversations with students,” he reiterated. “So, when the bell rings, I make sure that I’m out in the hall to see my students. I’ve always said, ‘When I retire, I’m going back to the classroom because that is what I really miss – the teaching and coaching.’”

Ellis confirmed that the biggest challenge in teaching, and even now as an administrator, is trying to reach the kids who sometimes just can’t be reached. “You keep trying though, and there are rewards everyday to keep you excited about this work,” he said as he reached for a photo on his desk. “For example, I just had a kid come by to bring me some photos he wanted to share. This is a kid who doesn’t have a dad at home, and we have developed a good relationship. Students don’t always thank you everyday, but eventually, they will see you in a restaurant or somewhere else, and they will come over to talk to you. You will always reach more than you lose. I just tell people that this is a neat business because you see so many good things happening.”

When asked what lessons he’s learned as an educator that he now shares with new teachers, Ellis said, “The biggest thing is to love kids; I don’t know how in the world you can be in this business and not care about kids.”
work. It is so important to be here for the right reasons. As long as a kid believes that you’re going the distance with them, you’ll be fine.

“When kids come to my office, I tell them they just don’t realize what they are capable of accomplishing,” Ellis concluded. “I tell them they have to really try. And, I don’t mind telling them that I dropped out of school because I did drop out of East Carolina. I want these students to know that sometimes it just doesn’t work until you find that right fit. Barton was the right fit for me. I also remind my students that others will support you, but in the end, it really is up to you.”

Krystal Lane, ’07 — Encourage Their Desire to Learn

First-year teacher Krystal Lane felt right at home when she visited Barton as a high school senior. “I felt like they really wanted me on this campus,” she shared. “At Barton, we had a chance to explore options,” she continued. Since I was interested in education, I had a chance to visit local classrooms my freshman year. And, once I had that practicum experience, I knew teaching was what I wanted to pursue.”

She shared that her classes were small and, as a result, she and her classmates had opportunities to practice teach, and they were able to ask lots of questions. “Dr. Kathy James’ classes were the most challenging, and she really inspired me,” shared Lane. “That’s where I really learned to study and do research. In Dr. Rebecca Godwin’s class, I remember that she had us explore teaching techniques and taught us how to make lesson plans. By the time I did my student teaching at Hunt High School, I felt so prepared.”

Barton also helped to build Lane’s confidence through a number of leadership roles. “I was president of Alpha Phi Omega, a service fraternity on campus, and I served on the Student Government Association. I was a tutor in the Ragan Writing Center, and a member of the Gospel Choir, the English Club, and the Admissions Ambassadors. I really had a great experience on campus. Now, as a teacher at Darden Middle School, I have a chance to give back and share what I’ve learned.

“I want to inspire confidence and success in my own students, so we talk about goals; we talk about colleges,” continued Lane. “That’s one of the reasons I have a College Wall in my classroom — to inspire them to think beyond the moment and to realize that they are making decisions now that will affect their future later. Now is when they should begin thinking about college; they just can’t wait until their senior year.”

Lane’s eighth grade classroom showcases student success with a Wall of Fame that displays A-grades that each student makes in class, and she encourages creative writing with examples posted on another wall of her classroom.

This first-year teacher maintains that her biggest challenge in the classroom is encouraging her students’ desire to learn. “Some students think it’s not cool to get good grades,” she said. “And, I want them to understand that it is cool to make good grades — I tell them that to be a true individual and a leader, sometimes you have to set the example for other students.” She reminds students that staying focused is an everyday task. “Many of these students have to take care of themselves at home, and so, when they come to school, that attitude of independence sometimes can get them into trouble because they’re not used to structure,” Lane continued. “I’m helping them to learn that discipline is important in their lives; it provides structure. And, staying focused on their studies will help them create healthy goals. One day, they will look back and appreciate these life lessons.”

When asked what advice she would share with young educators, Lane shared, “This is my first year teaching, but I would encourage other new teachers to get a good grasp of classroom management skills, especially during the student teaching period. Students will try to run the classroom if you don’t take charge immediately, and you need to have a plan about how you will handle a variety of scenarios. You need to react quickly, but you also want to make the right decisions and not overreact. You always want to address the actions of students appropriately.”

Lane said that by the end of this first year, she hopes her students will understand the importance of discipline and focus in their studies, and will really enjoy learning. “If they can grasp the significance of these concepts, then they will be more successful in all of their educational endeavors, and I will have done my job,” she said.

Lane, though small in stature, is a huge advocate for the rewards of teaching. “For those who aren’t sure about becoming an educator because of salaries, I tell them, ‘Don’t think about that aspect of it,’” she said. “Rather, think about how it will be on a daily basis to really affect young people’s lives; that’s what this career is really all about. In teaching, each day is
something new and exciting, and that's what makes it so fun and rewarding. Everyday, you have a chance to inspire a child's life — and that's a life-changing experience.”

Carla Massengill, '84 — The Key is Communication

As a high school student, Carla Hollowell Massengill went with her church youth group to Carter-Findley Stadium in Raleigh to a Billy Graham Crusade. “I felt God's call on my heart to work with people who were deaf and hard of hearing,” she shared. “So, I knew that was my goal as I planned for college. That's one of the biggest reasons I chose Barton (then Atlantic Christian). I really liked the campus, and coming from a small high school, this seemed to be a great fit for me. It also helped that Sally Simpson, my high school chemistry teacher and an AC graduate, encouraged me to consider this school.

“When I arrived, I was so nervous those first few weeks, but I found the professors very supportive and nurturing,” she continued. “They really invested in our lives and, by my senior year, I felt so prepared when I finally entered the classroom as a student teacher. I remember, as an elementary-secondary hearing impaired major, I had Neil Lowell for a number of classes, and he would always sign to us, ‘think for yourself.’ Sometimes, it was really hard when he did that; I would get so frustrated, but I ended up learning so much from him. I’m thankful for that lesson because it prepared me well for student teaching; it’s one lesson that I’ve continued to pass on to my students.”

During her student teaching, Massengill had the opportunity to meet Mildred Blackburn from the State Department of Instruction in Raleigh. Massengill happened to be at the right place at the right time. Ms. Blackburn told her about an opportunity to teach in the Wayne County Schools System. Soon after, Massengill was hired as the county's first itinerant teacher, and she helped begin the mainstreaming program for deaf and hard of hearing students in Wayne County. Beginning with one student in 1984, now Massengill serves on one of several teams in Wayne County that work with deaf and hard of hearing children each year. Throughout the 33-school system in Wayne County, there are four teachers certified to teach the deaf and hard of hearing, and all four are Barton graduates. Massengill is proud to be a part of that team that includes fellow alumni: Karen Bowen, Melissa Cole, and Stephon High.

As an itinerant teacher, Massengill's base is Eastern Wayne Elementary School, but she also teaches at Rosewood Elementary School, Eastern Wayne Middle School, and Tommy's Road Elementary School this year. While her base always remains at Eastern Wayne Elementary, her other schools vary from year to year, depending upon assignments. Massengill has worked in 30 of the 33 Wayne County Schools at some point during her 24-year teaching career.

Certified to teach kindergarten through 12th grade, Massengill said she has to be prepared for a wide variety of lessons each year. A typical day might include teaching elementary level reading in the morning and then eighth grade math in the afternoon. This year, she is teaching grades kindergarten through eighth grade. “I currently have eight preparations for each day's classes this year, and I usually reserve Sunday afternoons and evenings during the week for my own homework,” she said, laughing. This is a huge commitment for Massengill, but one that she obviously relishes. Even after 24 years in teaching, her energy and enthusiasm keep her excited about each new day in the classroom.

Another aspect of education that Massengill loves is working with student teachers. “Since 1987, I have mentored a Barton student teacher every year — 23 to date,” she shared with a grin. “I really appreciate this opportunity to have student teachers in my classroom. Barton always does a wonderful job preparing these student teachers; they are confident, prepared, and knowledgeable. And, I learn as much from them as I hope they do from me. Of course, they may not think so at the time, but it's true. These young teachers are constantly bringing in new ideas, new technology, and new strategies to share. And, hopefully, they're benefiting from my years of classroom experience, the teaching techniques I've developed, and the materials I always share to get them started in their own classrooms.”

When asked about her biggest teaching challenge over the years, Massengill answered, “It's serving deaf and hard of hearing children who are trilingual — Spanish speaking, English speaking, and signing. When I go to the state conference for teaching exceptional children, I hear from others the same concern; this is a challenge...
to comprehend and, in the field of education, we learn to work together to find solutions for these unique challenges. We want all of our students to be successful, and so often, the key is communication.”

When asked about the rewards of teaching, Massengill shared that she has the chance to see her students go all the way through their K-12 program. “It’s so exciting for me to be able to observe the progress they make along the way, to celebrate their achievements, and to see their classmates’ admiration. I’m so proud of my students and how hard they work each day.”

Massengill succinctly summed up her dedication and commitment to education when she concluded, “The reason I love this job is because this isn’t just a job.”

…These are only three stories; there are countless others by alumni-educators who have been inspired by their experience at Atlantic Christian and Barton. These educators take their rightful place with others who inspire confidence, encourage dreams, and believe in their students — every single day.

Inspiring a future may occur in very ordinary circumstances, but never without extraordinary results.

There are moments of inspiration on the Barton College campus everyday — incredible stories of determination and dedication from students and alumni whose successful futures began at Atlantic Christian and Barton College.

In a new marketing initiative launched this past fall, Barton proudly showcases the success stories of both students and alumni as they share how their Barton experience inspired their future and, in turn, how they are inspiring the future of others.

Our alumni and friends’ responses to Barton’s marketing campaign have been phenomenal. Students, alumni, and friends alike are reporting their pride in hearing Barton’s radio announcements, seeing Barton’s television commercials and “Inspiring Futures” billboards on major N.C. highways and in the Raleigh-Durham International Airport, and reading “Barton College: Inspiring Futures” ads in “Our State” magazine, and “NC” magazine. The College’s new web site has enjoyed equal success with increased visits each day. Be sure to check out the new video links with students sharing moments from their Barton experience!

How did your Atlantic Christian or Barton experience inspire your future? Take a minute to email us your story of how ACC or Barton inspired your future and your success. Send your stories to inspiringfutures@barton.edu. Several stories may be chosen to share on Barton’s web site or in a future issue of “Scope.”
Setting the Stage

Think Theatre. Think Barton.

by Kathy Daughety
Think Theatre! Think Barton!

That’s right. The dream of a black box theatre at Barton College is becoming a reality. In early October, the steering committee for this campus project, led by trustee Eric W. Sellers, announced extraordinary success in the silent phase of the “Think Theatre! Think Barton!” campaign as the College began its transition into the public phase of fundraising.

Campagne and Construction

“By 2003, gifts in excess of $900,000 were obtained toward building a new theatre space,” said Dr. Norval C. Kneten, president of Barton College. “Since that time, research on the needs of the campus and of the community have shown that a teaching theatre in the form of the classic “black box” would best serve those needs.”

The project’s leading donor, K.D. Kennedy, Jr., a past member and chair of the Barton College Board of Trustees, created an incredible surge of support for the much needed theatre. His matching pledge challenge of $600,000 helped to generate gifts in excess of $2.5 million, enough to plan a late spring ground breaking for the newest building on the Barton campus. The scheduled completion date is summer 2009.

Now, the public phase of the campaign focuses on funding the theatre facility’s accoutrements. “A million dollar goal is the target for purchasing the lighting and sound system, the moveable chairs and risers, the drapes and set materials, the scene shop tools and equipment, and all the other equipment necessary for a first-class drama facility,” said Dr. Kneten. “Landscaping, utility access, and parking lots complete the necessities to make the black box theatre a unique and significant asset to Barton College and the greater community of Wilson.”

At the announcement ceremony on center campus in October, Kennedy cited a number of reasons that prompted his support of this project, not the least of which was the value of philanthropy his father instilled in him at an early age. He shared with the audience the importance of giving to programs and projects that enriched the lives of young people. Theatre has always been a passion for Kennedy, Jr., his wife, Sara Lynn, and their children. This project just seemed to be a natural fit.

The theatre will be named in honor of Kennedy’s daughter, Lauren Kennedy, and her husband, Alan Campbell, of New York. Kennedy and Campbell, both recognized immediately for their extensive work on the Broadway stage, were in attendance to help celebrate the success of the campaign project’s silent phase and to raise interest for the project.

Honored to be a part of this project, Kennedy and Campbell have committed their time to support the theatre’s educational program through campus visits each year to possibly teach master classes, to conduct seminars, and to coach theatre majors. They also plan to enlist the help of fellow actors and theatre professionals to lend their talent and expertise to Barton’s theatre program.

The Black Box Theatre and Its Impact

What is a black box theatre? A fairly recent innovation in performance spaces, the black box theatre is extremely versatile in design. A large square room with black walls and a flat floor provides a blank canvas for the director that allows staging and seating to be changed to accommodate a particular production. Seating configurations can change from proscenium style seating (full front or one-sided) to corner staging (two-sided) to thrust staging (three-sided) to theatre-in-the-round staging where the audience is seated on all sides of the stage. The ability to change the design of the room allows for a very intimate style of performance, with the audience more fully engaged in the entire production.

As a teaching facility, the black box theatre will be a tremendous recruitment tool attracting serious theatre students to pursue their educational goals at Barton College. Non-theatre majors, who also enjoy the excitement of the stage, will benefit from the experience of working in a black box theatre.

“I must admit that I am energized and excited about the teaching opportunities afforded by this type of theatre,” said Bob Wagner, director of Theatre at Barton. “In addition to providing excellent teaching space for the theatre classes, the new black box theatre will allow for an expansion of offerings within the theatre program. All of the acting and directing classes will be held in the theatre, and because of the proximity of the scene and costume shops to the stage area, we also will be able to offer stage craft, scenic, and costume design classes. Technical theatre instruction also will be enhanced, thereby strengthening the academic level of the program.”
This new teaching space will have a tremendous impact on campus life. “It will be exciting to have a special place for students to learn and perform, and rewarding to return Howard Chapel to its original purpose,” said Carolyn H. Brown, vice president for institutional advancement. “Designed to be a premier teaching theatre, this new facility will not only touch the lives of theatre majors, but also, the lives of students across campus, faculty, staff, and the community. This space will be flexible and functional — easily adaptable for additional usage like dance, symphony concerts, opera, lectures, and meeting space.”

Members of the Campaign Steering Committee include chair Eric W. Sellers, K.D. Kennedy, Jr., Betty Ray McCain, Nancy Hammock, Susan Hudson, Stuart Walston, Karen W. Wells (consultant), Dr. Norval C. Kneten, Susan Kneten, Carolyn Brown, and Bob Wagner.

While naming opportunities for the building, the front lobby, and the performance space have already been secured, there remain a number of naming options for those interested, including the naming of theatre seats at $2,500 each. For information regarding these and other naming opportunities, please contact Carolyn H. Brown, vice president for institutional advancement, at 252-399-6357 or email chbrown@barton.edu.

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Marie and Leman Barnhill Endowed Chair in Religious Studies

Dr. Rodney A. Werline

by Kathy Daughety

The Office of Academic Affairs at Barton College is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Rodney A. Werline as the inaugural Marie and Leman Barnhill Endowed Chair in Religious Studies.

“We are very fortunate to have Dr. Rodney Werline join our faculty,” said Dr. Terrence L. Grimes, vice president for academic affairs. “He brings to us a wealth of experience from his Disciples of Christ ministry and from his higher education teaching. The addition of his impressive credentials in scholarship and publications make him an exemplar of the ideal faculty combination of scholarship, teaching, and service. We look forward to enjoying the many contributions that Rod will make to our Barton community.”

As the Marie and Leman Barnhill Endowed Chair in Religious Studies, Dr. Werline has specific responsibilities assigned in addition to his teaching responsibilities in the classroom. Among those responsibilities will be representing the Department of Religion and Philosophy and Barton College on local, regional, and national levels. He will engage in scholarship, presenting those results of scholarship within the community of scholars and in public venues. Dr. Werline also will foster productive church relationship building with the campus community. Finally, he will engage in professional development and, where appropriate, share his experiences for the benefit of colleagues.

“I am very excited to be a part of a college that is so dedicated to achieving excellence,” shared Dr. Werline. “Also, I am deeply grateful to Mrs. Barnhill and her family for their generosity and commitment to Barton’s mission, the value of scholarship, and the college’s historic relationship to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).”

Dr. Werline completed a Bachelor of Arts degree at Kentucky Christian College in Grayson, Ky., in 1983. He continued his studies at the graduate level earning a Master of Divinity degree at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., in 1986 and earning a Ph.D. in Religion at The University of Iowa in Iowa City, Iowa, in 1995. His area of study was focused on Judaism and Christianity in the Greco-Roman World.

He most recently served as senior minister of the First Christian Church (DOC) in Greensboro, while also teaching as an adjunct professor in religion at Greensboro College. Previous faculty positions have included appointments at UNC-Charlotte, Emmanuel School of Religion in Johnson City, Tenn., Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa, the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls, Iowa,
Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa and The University of Iowa in Iowa City, Iowa.

Other professional positions include co-founder and co-chair of the Religious Experience in Early Judaism and Early Christianity Consultation for The Society of Biblical Literature, and founding member and steering committee member of Penitential Prayer: Origin, Development, and Impact Consultation for The Society of Biblical Literature.

Dr. Werline is proficient in six additional languages including: Hebrew, Aramaic, Greek, Ethiopic, French, and German. He also has a working knowledge of Syriac and Latin.

While serving appointments in both the classroom and the parish ministry, Dr. Werline has maintained a strong focus on research and publishing. Widely respected for his work, he has numerous books, projects, articles, and book reviews in print. Among his most recently published is the book, “Pray Like This,” which was introduced spring 2007. Dr. Werline shared that this book was written for a lay readership and offers a unique format, “which attempts to bring spiritual reflection and autobiography into conversation with biblical scholarship.”

He also served as co-editor of “Seeking the Favor of God, Volume 2: The Development of Penitential Prayer in Second Temple Judaism” with Mark Boda (lead editor) and Daniel Falk that was released in November 2007. This follows on the heels of their first volume of the same title, printed in 2006. An anticipated third volume is in preparation for publication release later this year. Dr. Werline also has delivered a number of conference presentations across the U.S., and has been involved in a wide variety of denomination and community work-related projects and programs.

Dr. Werline is the son of Wanda Werline of Lexington, Ky., and the late Delbert Werline. His wife, Kathy, teaches at Speight Middle School in Wilson County. They have two daughters, Madison, a music major at Appalachian State University, and Baylee, a junior at Hunt High School.

Sidebar

Marie and Leman Barnhill

Marie S. Barnhill of Williamston and her husband, the late H. Leman Barnhill, were ardent supporters of Barton College during his lifetime. Mrs. Barnhill has continued the tradition by establishing the Marie and Leman Barnhill Endowed Chair in Religious Studies in memory of her beloved husband. Dr. Barnhill was a 1927 graduate of Barton College (then Atlantic Christian College) and a longtime member of the College's Board of Trustees, serving on the Board from 1958 to 1992. In 1983, the College awarded Leman Barnhill an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree. He was a revered civic, business, and church leader, and his wife, Marie, equally respected for her service to church and community, has remained a loyal and faithful friend of the College since his passing. Prior to his death, the couple established the H. Leman and Marie S. Barnhill Endowed Scholarships in 1986. The earnings from this endowment are divided equally among four students: one each from the freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior classes at Barton College. First preference for these scholarships is a student from the First Christian Church of Williamston. Second preference is a resident of Martin County, N.C.

The newly established Marie and Leman Barnhill Endowed Chair in Religious Studies is a testament to Mrs. Barnhill’s continued dedication and commitment to church and college, and it provides an extraordinary legacy for her husband who provided astute leadership and service to the College for over 35 years.

Dr. Rodney Werline's longstanding relationship with the Christian Church (DOC), his expertise in the field of religious studies, and his commitment to excellence in the classroom personifies the Barnhills' commitment to discipleship and their passion for higher education.
As early as I can remember, my mother has always instilled in me and my siblings the importance of an education. Although she didn’t obtain a college education, she supported my efforts to do so. It was through her employment at Barton College that I was able to attend the college tuition free. I will always be indebted to her. She could have considered other employment options, but she stayed because she viewed my education as an investment so that I could have a brighter future. Not only did she sacrifice for me, but also for my other two siblings who graduated from Barton College. Her selflessness, caring spirit, and determination to be the best parent have been a catalyst and an inspiration in my life for high achievement. She surmounted many obstacles and endured a lot to provide for six children.

My most poignant memories at Barton College were in the classes I took with Drs. Jo Ann Woodard, Coleman Markham, and Joe Jones. These professors stimulated me to think analytically and cogently about socio-historical issues that were provocative and captivating. It was their confidence in my academic abilities and potential that I most remember. Indeed, these professors played an important role in stimulating my interest to go to graduate school and consider the professoriate. I always knew that I wanted to teach, but I wasn’t sure if it would be at the collegiate level. I specifically remember a conversation I had with Dr. Woodard about graduate school because I wasn’t sure if I would go. She urged me to go and suggested Temple University’s African American Studies Program. She knew my love for black history. However, I didn’t end up at Temple University, but I did get into the African American Studies Program at Clark Atlanta University. I later switched to the history department and graduated with a M.A. in African American history. I must say that Drs. Woodard, Markham, and Jones were the best professors I had at Barton College!

Not only did these professors influence my academic decisions, but also my involvement in campus organizations. While serving as president of the Black Student Awareness Association (BSAA), I developed a deep appreciation for black history and wanted to learn more about it. The stimulating conversations that emanated from the meetings and the regular group discussions with members of the BSAA further piqued my interest to study black history. At the time, I was a part of that cadre of students calling for more black history classes and black professors on campus. I was told by President James Hemby that it was difficult to recruit and/or find black professors because most took jobs at the major universities and few had terminal degrees. My conversation with Dr. Hemby was a defining moment in my
life and also influenced me to get a Ph.D. and consider the professoriate.

I must say Barton College served as an incubator for my nascent thoughts about academics, social change, and the broader world. I was challenged and pushed to think critically about my studies and about how I was connected to a larger world—a global society. Indeed, Barton College provided me with the academic wherewithal to be competitive and transition successfully into graduate school. Although there were some downsides (such as the lack of black professors and classes that didn’t focus on the black experience) at Barton, and certainly I could have done better academically, I was never told mediocrity was acceptable! I constantly tell my students about the rigors of my undergraduate education and that I will not accept mediocrity as good enough.

When I get frustrated with my students and get discouraged about teaching, I remember my days as a student and how my professors believed in me. Certainly, the many prayers and the words of encouragement from my mother sustained me at my lowest points as I climbed the ladder of higher education and secured a Ph.D. from Georgia State University and a tenure-track assistant professor appointment at Middle Tennessee State University.

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**The Wilson-Barton Partnership**

Celebrating Commitment, Philanthropy, and Community

by Caroline Hart

When longtime Wilsonians think about those who have tremendously impacted this community over the past 50 years, three names continuously rise to the top. S.M. Cozart, Vance T. Forbes, Sr., and Russell L. Stephenson, Sr., were giants in their day, not in stature, but in vigor.

On the evening of Thursday, Sept. 13, 2007, Barton College and the Wilson community gathered at the Barton-Graves House to celebrate the contributions that Zeke, “T,” and Russell made to this community—contributions that will influence those in this city for years to come. With more than 325 family and friends present, Cozart, Forbes, and Stephenson were posthumously awarded the third annual Wilson-Barton Partnership Business Leadership Award.

The award was based on their long-standing contributions to the business community, their strong leadership qualities, entrepreneurial spirit, and their loyal dedication to Barton College. With a list of credentials between the three that would rival anyone, the choice to salute the three was obvious.

Wilson native and Barton trustee Russell Rawlings, along with Dr. Norval Kneten, presented the award to Thomas A. Cozart, Vance T. Forbes, Jr., and Russell L. Stephenson, Jr., sons of the three men being honored. Each award, in the form of a small wooden box, was handcrafted from a fallen walnut tree at the Barton-Graves House by local craftsman Stan Corbett.

Other highlights included the presentation of two annual business scholarships funded by gifts made to the College in honor of Cozart, Forbes, and Stephenson. Congratulations to the recipients, Kimberly Morgan and Kristia Cedeno!

The legacy of S.M. Cozart, Vance T. Forbes, Sr., and Russell L. Stephenson, Sr., continues today through a strong family network. Cozart Farms, Forbes Trucking, and Stephenson Millwork are all testaments to the power of family tradition.

The Wilson-Barton Partnership was created in 2004 to celebrate the relationship between Barton and the Wilson community and to promote understanding of our mutual dependence.
Dale Bone and Gilbert Ferrell were recognized as recipients of Bulldog Club Awards for 2006-07. These recognitions were announced at the Bulldog Club and Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Banquet held in Hardy Alumni Hall on Friday, October 26, 2007, as part of Homecoming Weekend. Bone has been an avid supporter of Bulldog teams, and he and his wife, Genia, are regulars at home basketball games. Bone has generously provided financial resources to support a number of projects to aid our teams. Ferrell is a member of the Barton College Athletic Hall of Fame and has continued to help his alma mater in a number of ways. He was a tireless worker at regional basketball tournament games hosted by Barton and donated his stipends back to the athletic program. He has just completed an extended period of service on the Athletic Hall of Fame Selection Committee.

The Barton College women’s soccer team has produced the Conference Carolinas (formerly Carolinas-Virginia Athletic Conference) Player of the Year for the second consecutive season this past fall. Junior Allie Wilkerson, who led the league in scoring, won the award for this past season. Senior Tara Davis, whose season was cut short as a result of injury, won the award for the 2006 season when she led the conference in scoring. Wilkerson and Davis helped lead this team, under the direction of first-year head coach Michael Michalakis, to an 8-5-5 overall record and a third-place standing in Conference Carolinas regular season play with a 7-2-2 mark. This team was defeated at home only once in 2007.

As we entered the 2007-08 year, the rosters for our athletic teams totaled an all-time high of 203 participants. As the College’s name has become better known, our coaches and admissions personnel have synergized their efforts to grow the number of Bulldogs representing us in uniform. Look for continued growth as more and more prospective student-athletes learn that Barton College offers a great combination of academic and athletic opportunities.

Baseball FanFest was a huge success at Nixon Field on October 20, 2007. A great day of fun was had by several hundred as Head Coach Todd Wilkinson and his team put together an extensive program of clinics, skill competitions, children’s activities, and alumni and supporter activities. In addition to being a successful fundraiser, FanFest was a great example of expanding efforts by the athletics program to initiate events, which the NCAA Division II is now emphasizing as part of its community engagement platform.

Head Men’s Basketball Coach Ron Lievens was inducted into the Northwestern College Athletic Hall of Recognition on October 5, 2007. Lievens played at Northwestern (St. Paul, Minn.,) in 1978-79 and 1979-80, earning All-American
honors and leading his team to the national championship of the National Christian College Athletic Association in his senior season. Lievense played his first two years at Normandale (Minn.) Community College where he was coached by his father, an alumnus student-athlete at Northwestern who is also a member of that institution’s Athletic Hall of Recognition.

Former Head Men’s Soccer Coach Gary W. Hall was inducted into the North Carolina Soccer Hall of Fame on January 26, 2007. Hall co-captained the Bulldogs to their first-ever conference and NAIA district championships in 1978 and 1979, respectively, earning honors as All-Conference, All-District, team Most Valuable Player, and Atlantic Christian College Kiwanis Male Athlete of the Year. He served as an assistant coach at Wake Forest University and head coach at Lenoir-Rhyne College and Campbell University before returning to his alma mater in 1989 to coach and serve as Director of Athletics. He led the Bulldogs to three league titles and 11 winning seasons before retiring from college soccer coaching in April 2007. He was inducted along with soccer legend Mia Hamm and long-time referee Paul James, bringing the number to 32 who have been enshrined in the North Carolina Soccer Hall of Fame.

Special events marked the beginning of the 2007-08 seasons for the Bulldog basketball teams. Bulldog Madness, which included a tailgate evening meal, was held in October as fans got a preview of Barton’s men’s and women’s basketball teams in Blue-White scrimmage games. Expectations were high as our league’s preseason poll voted our men #1 and our women #2. Our men went on to play pre-season exhibition games against N.C. State at the RBC Center in Raleigh on Nov. 1, and against Duke at Cameron Indoor Stadium in Durham on Nov. 3. On Nov. 20 at our regular season home openers, Barton celebrated the 2007 men’s national championship by raising a banner to the rafters to denote this achievement, and treating a spirited Dog House crowd to two wins over St. Andrews.

Barton’s Atkinson Signs With Globetrotters

by John Hackney

Anthony Atkinson, All-American point guard for the 2007 NCAA Division II National Champion Barton College Bulldogs, signed in September to continue his basketball career with the legendary Harlem Globetrotters. Atkinson was the team’s No. 1 pick in July in the first-ever player draft in Globetrotters’ history.

“I’m very excited that the world-renowned Harlem Globetrotters have considered giving me the opportunity to represent them as a basketball ambassador to the world,” said Atkinson. “I have so many people to thank, starting with my mother and father and including all the people at Barton College who gave me so much in the way of great coaching and spiritual guidance. I’m excited about the possibility of traveling the world and touching lives through my basketball.”

“Anthony Atkinson possesses the skills and the personal qualities that long ago identified him as a special person,” said Dr. Norval C. Kneten, president of Barton College. “We are proud that one of our own Bulldogs has the honor of becoming a member of the Harlem Globetrotters, through which he can serve as an inspiration to people throughout the world, as he has throughout the Barton community. We wish Anthony and the Globetrotters the best of luck.”

Atkinson will long be remembered for leading one of the greatest comebacks in the history of college basketball, scoring 10 straight points in the last 39 seconds of Barton College’s 77-75 win over top-ranked Winona State in the 2007 NCAA Division II National Championship game. The team’s come-from-behind finish (Barton was trailing by seven points when Atkinson’s scoring barrage rallied Barton to the title) won the Bulldogs an ESPY award nomination for 2007 in the “Best Finish” category. Atkinson and Barton head coach Ron Lievense, along with their families, traveled to Los Angeles for the ESPY Awards in July 2007.

The extremely fast playmaker, known for his strong faith, energy, and positive attitude, averaged a team-high 20.8 points, 3.4 rebounds, six assists, 2.6 turnovers and 1.9 steals per game on his way to CVAC Player of the Year, East Region 1st Team, All-North Carolina 1st Team and First-Team All-America honors. The 5-foot-10, 155-pound Atkinson, nicknamed “Ant,” also canned 67 of 180 3-point attempts for 37.2-percent accuracy and shot 81.5 percent from the foul line. A native of Wilson, Atkinson was on the league All-Freshman Team at Division I Campbell University, where he played his first two collegiate seasons. He starred at Wilson’s Greenfield School as a prep athlete and led the Knights to two state titles.

Atkinson, the 2007 Elite Eight MVP, and seven other newcomers joined the veteran Globetrotters at their training camp in New York from Oct. 1-10, 2007 and will be on the road nearly non-stop through April 2008. Since their inception in 1926, the Harlem Globetrotters have traveled to 118 nations on six continents and have played before more than 125 million fans.
Alumna of the Year
Nan Mattox Cheek

In a packed Hardy Alumni Hall (standing room only), Barton College alumni, faculty, staff, and friends came together during the 2007 Homecoming Awards Brunch to honor Nan Mattox Cheek as the 2007 Alumna of the Year. Cheek was recognized for extraordinary service to church, community, and college that has remained steadfast over the past 50 years.

“I’d like to thank the Barton community, the faculty and staff, and alumni for honoring me today,” said Cheek. “I’m profoundly touched, humbled, and honored by this award. As many of you know, there is a long tradition and affiliation between Barton/Atlantic Christian and my family. I was flipping through the history book recently and realized that we have had 15 presidents of the College. Of those 15, I have known 11 personally!

“Last year we heard the phrase, ‘We believe’ throughout campus; did I mention that Barton is a national champion?” she continued, with a huge grin. “These same words have echoed through the halls of this campus for many years. At the beginning with our founders, during the Depression years, and during many other times when we have had to face challenges, there always has been a group of people who believed it could happen. And, we have survived for more than 100 years. That’s longer than East Carolina! Barton/Atlantic Christian may not be the biggest college but, for a girl from Wendell, it was the best place to be.”

A native of Wendell, Cheek graduated cum laude in 1954 from Atlantic Christian College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Science and Physical Education. While at AC, she was named to Who’s Who, served as president of the Women’s Athletic Association, was named an Outstanding Woman Athlete, and was a member of Phi Sigma Tau Sorority. Cheek continued her studies at Texas Christian University, earning a Master of Religious Education degree. She became a certified bacteriologist in 1962 and an ordained minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in 1978. Her many professional roles included physical education instructor at TCU, bacteriologist for the Animal Disease Diagnostic Lab for the N.C. Dept. of Agriculture, minister of Christian Education and later associate minister at First Christian Church in Greenville, assistant dean of women at ACC, and assistant to the minister at Hooker Memorial Christian Church in Greenville. She also served as center director in Greenville and later state project director in Raleigh for the Career Development Center for Displaced Homemakers for the N.C. Council on the Status of Women through the N.C. Dept. of Administration; and finally, she was an emergency management planner for the Division of Emergency Management in North Carolina.

Cheek’s exemplary work in emergency management was recognized with life membership in the N.C. Emergency Management Association, and she was honored with the 1997 Garland H. Jones Employee of the Year award for her dedicated leadership in the field. Throughout her professional career, Cheek always served the public; she always reached out to those in need.

As an alumna of Atlantic Christian, now Barton College, she served as president of the Greenville alumni chapter, and as president of the College’s Alumni Association. She was honored in 1991 with the Barton College Alumni Achievement Award, and in 2006, she was recognized with the Nan Mattox Cheek Endowment named in her honor. This endowment was established by friends to honor Cheek’s many gifts of service and support for church, community, and alma mater. The principal purpose of the endowment is to promote awareness of the historical relationship between the College and the Christian Church (DOC), and the fund will protect, preserve, exhibit, promote, and maintain the Discipliana Collection at Barton College. Through her various roles in the Christian Church (DOC), Cheek has proven to be a good and faithful servant, offering leadership when asked, and providing support and guidance always.

Nan Mattox Cheek sets the example for servant leadership; she is a role model for all alumni of Barton College. And, she is most deserving of our alma mater’s most prestigious alumni award.

Cheek ended her remarks during the awards program, saying, “I never, in my wildest imagination, thought this would happen today. And, I’m sure Sarah Bain would agree. It’s been a wild ride, and I’ve enjoyed every minute of it.”

Young Alumna of the Year
Kimberly Denton Almkuist

Kimberly Denton Almkuist was honored at the 2007 Awards Brunch with the Young Alumna Award. A 2002 Barton College cum laude graduate, she earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree and was inducted into Sigma Theta Tau, the international honor society for nursing. Almkuist continued her studies at the graduate level and earned her Master of Science in Nursing degree through the Duke University School of Nursing Healthcare Leadership program in December 2007. She is described as one who instinctively demonstrates the art of caring, communicating and connecting with her patients and their families in an exceptional way.

“It is an honor to be the recipient of the Young Alumna of the Year award and, more importantly, to be a 2002 graduate from Barton College’s excellent nursing program,” shared
Kimberly Denton Almkuist. “My time spent here at Barton shaped me into the person I am today and helped me to become a strong clinical nurse, realizing the value of a strong education. After completion of my Master of Science in Nursing degree in December 2007, I hope to return to Barton to teach in the School of Nursing... to give back to the College what I was given, to touch the lives of students so that they can go forth and touch so many more lives through their superb nursing care.”

Almkuist and her husband, Ralph ’03, make their home in Zebulon. She currently is employed with the Wilson Medical Center where she has worked for the past five years as a staff nurse in OB/GYN, Pediatrics, Medical Surgical overflow, and most recently, in the Same Day Surgery unit. During this time, her leadership skills, integrity, and high level of competence were recognized and helped moved her career forward as she assumed various leadership positions.

Also serving as an adjunct clinical faculty member for the Barton College School of Nursing, colleagues describe Almkuist as a natural teacher who challenges her students to think critically and strive for excellence. She embodies all of the qualities of a professional nurse, giving Barton students an amazing role model to emulate. Kim Almkuist represents the nursing profession and Barton College in a way that brings honor to both, and she is most deserving of this year’s Young Alumna Award.

Covington scored 1,038 points and pulled 456 rebounds during his career for averages of 10 points and four rebounds on teams full of Hall of Famers. As a senior, he scored 13.6 points and notched six rebounds per game. He also was an excellent student, exemplified by his selection to the Carolinas Conference All-Academic team all four years.

“We averaged 100-plus points a game my junior year,” Covington said. “We just gave up too many. I will never forget that time of my life. We reminisce about it all the time.

“Going to Barton was one of the most important decisions of my life because of the people I met and the way the total experience there prepared me for life. It gave me a strong foundation to fulfill my potential. It was the best four years of my life, and I would do it all over again. Some of the guys I went to school with are still my best friends today... 40 years later.”

Covington now lives in Myrtle Beach, S.C., where he is president of Covington International Inc., a marketing company that focuses on e-commerce.

Swanker, from Lansdale, Pa., graduated from AC in 1970 as the program’s all-time leading scorer (398 points) and was the school’s two-time track MVP. Swanker, whose point total was later surpassed by Hall of Famer John Liles (’72), routinely competed in four or five events per meet and participated in eight events during the 1968 season.

He won three Carolinas Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (CIAC) pole vault titles, breaking the school record in that event several times before finishing with a best of 13 feet, nine inches. He also set school records in the javelin (160-6½) and the triple jump (43-6).

Swanker retired after teaching for 34 years in the North Penn School District and coaching for 24 years (1982-2005) at North Penn High School, where he directed the Knights’ track and field program to 18 straight Bux-Mont and Suburban One league championships, including the final 10 of his career. Along the way, they won one state championship and five district titles. He is heralded as...
one of Northern Pennsylvania's all-time great prep track coaches, having amassed a 176-9-1 record in dual spring meets, winning his last 77 straight from 1995-2005 and going undefeated 16 times. He also coached seven 4x800 relay Indoor State Championship teams.

Five times, he was named the Pennsylvania Track & Field Coaches Association Coach of the Year. For the last three years, he has been CEO of the Track & Field Coaches Association of Greater Philadelphia, and he was inducted into the North Penn Hall of Fame in early October 2007.

“IT (being named to the Barton Hall of Fame) is just a tremendous honor,” Swanker said. “I loved North Carolina. Going to AC was the best thing that ever happened to me.”

Sturen made it to the NAIA National Tennis Singles Semifinals in 1983 and teamed with fellow Stockholm native Thomas Linne ('84) as a formidable doubles tandem. The dynamic Swedish duo earned All-America honors twice by virtue of their play in the NAIA Championships in Kansas City, Mo., losing in the National Semifinals in 1982 and 1983.

Both men played all four years at AC and earned their degrees as excellent student-athletes. They starred for Eddie Gwaltney ('69) during the first part of their careers and finished under the tutelage of head tennis coach Tom Parham ('63), who was inducted into the Barton Hall in 1986 and is now a member of seven Hall of Fames. Linne and Sturen are now successful businessmen in the Stockholm area.

Sturen, now the Key Account Manager for Kwintet Corporate Wear, comes from tennis royalty back home, where his father, Hans-Ake, co-founded the Stockholm Open.

Sturen won conference singles championships his freshman, sophomore and senior seasons while playing in the 1-2-3 spots. He never lost a doubles match in conference tournament play. Playing with Linne, they won district doubles titles his final two seasons in 1982 and '83. Sturen was also a district singles finalist those same two seasons, losing to Linne in the finals his junior year and to teammate Johan Samuelsson his senior season. Sturen was named team MVP his freshman and sophomore seasons at AC.

“It was very important that I went to AC,” he said. “It changed my view of America to a great extent. We thought America was like what we saw on ‘Kojak’ and ‘Dallas’ on TV, but the people here were so much different – and nicer.”

Pittman was one of six seniors (dubbed the “Six Pack”) who powered the Lady Bulldogs basketball team to a 22-5 record her final season, when Atlantic Christian advanced all the way to the District 26 Championship game before losing in the final seconds to host Belmont Abbey. In the district semifinals, AC had ended Wingate’s 77-game home winning streak.

During her career, Pittman, who played for Wendee Saintsing, tallied 1,348 points and a school-record 245 blocks, averaging 12 points and eight rebounds. She was an Honorable Mention All-American her sophomore season and was three times named All-Carolinas Intercollegiate Athletics Conference.

Her final year, Pittman was co-team MVP, All-Tournament at Catawba's event, All-Conference, All-District, and All-District Tournament.

At Garfield High School in Dale City, Va., Pittman scored more than 1,000 points as a four-year varsity player. She was all-conference, all-region and team MVP her final three prep seasons, earning all-state honors in basketball and softball her senior year, when she was also the Potomac News Basketball Player of the Year, Northwest Regional MVP and second-team All-American.

Pittman lives in Wilson with her husband, Guy, and their six-year-old daughter, McKenna. She is a physical therapist assistant at Wilson Medical Center in Wilson.

“It definitely remember the ‘Six Pack’ and how we all became friends, which was important, because we knew what to expect from each other on and off the court,” said Pittman, who was also a softball player at AC early in her career. “I remember the long road trips, winning the conference, and beating Wingate to end their streak. The small school atmosphere was just great.

“It’s awesome being inducted into the Hall of Fame,” she continued. “All those years I put in, from age eight until I graduated from college, were worth it. Still, I never imagined this would happen.”

Alumni Achievement Awards
Arrington, Ferguson, and Rawlings Honored

Three exemplary examples of success hailing from the 1970s, Tom Arrington ’73, Eddie Ferguson ’77, and Russell Rawlings ’78, were honored by the Barton College Alumni Association for their professional achievements during the fall Homecoming Awards Brunch.

Arrington graduated from Atlantic Christian College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business. With wife Sheila by his side, Arrington decided to begin his own company, Commonwealth Floors, just over 12 years ago. Known for his strong work ethic, strategic planning skills, and dedication to client service, Arrington has developed a very successful company that oversees numerous flooring and carpet installations for regional corporate construction and renovation projects including the National Marine Corp. Museum in Triangle/Quantico, Va. Arrington and his wife are members of All Saints Episcopal Church in Richmond where he has served as a member of the Vestry and currently serves as secretary of the Endowment Board. Passionate about scholarships for young people and particularly educational opportunities at his alma mater, Arrington and his wife established the Gregory Miller Arrington Endowed Scholarship and the Mollie Strickland Arrington Annually Funded Scholarship. The Arringtons make their home in...
Richmond, Va., and have two children, daughter Paige and son Thomas.

“I want to especially thank those who worked in the Financial Aid Office some 39 years ago for finding the money through scholarships and grants, with no strings attached, to make it possible for me to come here,” shared Arrington. “Through the generosity of others unknown to me, I was given an opportunity for a college education. My heartfelt thanks today is to Atlantic Christian for the opportunity and to the Barton College Alumni Association for this recognition. Thank you.”

Ferguson graduated from Atlantic Christian College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and Political Science. Extremely successful in earlier business ventures, he currently serves as president of Hunt Investments, LLC. He and his wife, Debra, are members of Central Baptist Church in Oxford where he serves as a deacon and a member of the Pastor Search Committee. Ferguson is very active in community service, supporting a number of local and regional programs including: the Boys and Girls Club of North Central North Carolina, the Henderson Vance Academy the Henderson-Vance Economic Council, Southern Baptist Convention, Meals on Wheels, TeamVance, Women’s Equity Project, and the Rebuilding Hope Ministry. He also is a past trustee of Barton College. Ferguson and his wife established the Barker-Ferguson Endowed Scholarships (two full scholarships for students from the Vance/Granville counties), and the Barker-Ferguson Annually Funded Scholarship. The Fergusons make their home in Oxford and have two daughters, Lindsey and Sarah.

“It is a great honor to receive this Alumni Achievement Award,” said Ferguson. “I believe that the Lord puts people in your path sometimes to guide you, to nurture you, and to support and love you at different stages. And, I think that if I could be any one thing or be categorized in any one way, I would like it to be as an encourager. I think that the world does not have enough encouragers. The College has been a tremendous encourager to me at some very important times.”

Rawlings graduated from Atlantic Christian College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English. He currently serves as communications director for the N.C. Bar Association in Cary. Known for his quick wit and contagious humor, Rawlings is highly regarded for his writing skills honed in previous professional roles as an assistant sports editor and managing editor at “The Wilson Daily Times.” He also served 13 years in administrative roles in development, alumni programs, and public relations at Barton College. He is the author of “Cyclone Country,” a book devoted to Coach Henry Trevathan and the state championship football teams of Fike High School in Wilson in 1967, ’68 and ’69, which was published by “The Wilson Daily Times” in 2000. While living in Wilson, Rawlings served as president of the Wilson County United Way, president of the Greater Wilson Rotary Club, assistant governor of Rotary International District 7720 and as a board member of Wilson Elks Lodge 840. Rawlings was named to the Barton College Board of Trustees in 2004 and was recently appointed to a second three-year term. He has served as emcee of the Barton College Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony for more than 20 years and is actively involved in the College’s Bulldog Club. He is an active member of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, Gamma Lambda Chapter. Rawlings and his wife, Kim, currently reside in Holly Springs with their beloved dogs, Buddy and Shadow.

When Rawlings stepped up to receive his award, he brought the crowd to tears, first with laughter and then with his poignant message of the importance of earning respect. He spoke of the movie, “Saving Private Ryan,” and he remembered the grandfather at the grave asking his wife if he had earned the right to survive the war, and Rawlings paralleled that moment with his notification of the Alumni Achievement Award. “I’ve asked myself that everyday [if I’ve earned it] since they called and told me I was receiving this award,” said Rawlings. “And, I’m quite certain that I haven’t, but I’m not going to give it back. Instead, I’m just going to try to earn it.”

These three gentlemen have proven to be outstanding leaders in their communities and in their professions, and Barton College is pleased to recognize their worthy achievements.

Gliarmis Named Honorary Alumnus

Lee Gliarmis of Wilson was named an honorary alumnus of Barton College during the 2007 Alumni Awards Brunch, and he couldn’t have been happier.

“I have a lot of fond memories and, even though I’m a 1950 graduate of the University of North Carolina, Barton/Atlantic Christian has been in my heart all my life,” shared Gliarmis as he addressed the crowded room. “And, I’m proud of this school. You don’t know how lucky you are to have gone to a small college. I’ve been blessed to be a part of this College community for the majority of my life. Small colleges mean a lot to small communities — the economic impact, the leadership, the fellowship and, most
A Family’s Legacy

Barton is always grateful when alumni and friends of the College introduce us to new friends to be added to our extended family. Most recently, we had the pleasure of visiting with good friends, Marjorie and Jimmy Dunn of Winterville, who introduced us to Marjorie’s cousin, Loyd E. Ellis of Menlo Park, Calif. The Ellis family has deep roots in eastern North Carolina and a longtime connection to Barton College through its scholarship program.

And, because of the Ellis family’s history with the College, Barton’s “Scholarships Work” student profile in this issue highlights Jessica M. Richardson, the 2007-08 recipient of the Herbert and Mary Ellis Family Endowed Nursing Scholarship. This scholarship opportunity is the direct result of the Ellis family’s belief that scholarships are an important way to support education.

In fact, Herbert and Mary Ellis’ granddaughter Marjorie Boyd Dunn was the catalyst to combine two Ellis family scholarships to strengthen the scholarships’ endowment and to provide an increased amount of financial assistance for a worthy student each year.

Earlier endowments given by the Ellis family included the Lottie Ellis Tuition Scholarship, established through the will of Lottie Ellis to fund the tuition expenses for a nursing student, and the Laurie and Reid Ellis Endowed Nursing Scholarship, established through a gift from the estate of Laurie Ellis, in memory of Laurie Ellis and his wife, Reid, which was also earmarked for a nursing student. Laurie enrolled as a student at Atlantic Christian in the fall of 1918, but returned home in November because of family finances and his father’s poor health. He never fulfilled his dream of earning a college degree. Laurie was Herbert and Mary’s middle child and Lottie was the eldest of five. Their other three children were Loyd P., Ryan, and Bruce, who was Marjorie’s mother. Renaming these combined scholarships in memory of Herbert and Mary Ellis proved to be a perfect legacy for the family.

When Marjorie shared this opportunity with Loyd’s son, Loyd E. Ellis, he was moved to make a donation to the Ellis family’s endowment to support Barton and to perpetuate that legacy begun by other family members. Please read on to learn more about Loyd Ellis and his family, and how those eastern North Carolina roots for the Ellis family and the Barton community have become intertwined.

Loyd E. Ellis was born in Winterville, and though he has called various states in the West “home” for many years, it is in that Pitt County soil that his roots remain firmly planted. Ellis still makes regular treks across country for family visits as often as his schedule allows. Eastern North Carolina remains an important part of his life with family connections that transcend time and geography.

He recently shared memories of the old home place built in 1840 and of family members whose influence helped shape his ideals. “My uncle (Laurie Ellis), who lived to be almost...
one hundred, died a few years ago,” said Ellis. “I came back to eastern North Carolina for his funeral. He is buried at the family cemetery near the home place, as are my parents.

“Uncle Laurie was the one who taught me the practical side of business,” continued Ellis. “Growing up, I witnessed how difficult it was for the family to run a farm and how important it was to be resourceful and creative with the money that was available. I really learned the value of money from my family. A portion of my youth was spent growing up on that farm; I milked cows, raised hogs and handled a number of chores before and after school. It helped me develop a strong work ethic.”

A successful businessman, Ellis was employed with IBM for 35 years. At one point in the mid-1950s, he oversaw operations for as much as one-third of the country. His largest role with IBM was director of marketing for the western third of the United States. Ellis also served as executive vice president of Carter Hawley Hale, national retailer that owned Thalhimeiers and Neiman Marcus among other holdings.

Among his passions is supporting higher education. “I think that education is important,” shared Ellis. “Without an education, I just don’t think someone has a chance for real success. I really want to help young people who want to obtain an education, but perhaps don’t have the financial resources. That’s one of the reasons why I choose to give.

“Also, I happen to currently live about a mile from Stanford,” he added. “And, I’ve been giving to UCLA and Houston for a long time, but I love to give locally. My kids went to Cal and University of California at Berkley, but I’ve never really become involved with those programs. I wanted to give where I thought it would really be appreciated. When Marjorie called and shared that she and Jimmy were assisting with some revisions on a scholarship trust fund given to Barton by my Uncle Laurie and Aunt Lottie, it got my attention. Coincidentally, I happened to have just seen Barton’s incredible win in the NCAA DII National Men’s Championship on television. As the conversation continued, Marjorie asked me if I would be interested in giving to this endowment, and I said yes.”

Barton College is pleased that the Ellis family chooses to continue their support of educational scholarships in such a fine tradition.

To learn more about establishing a Family Endowed Scholarship at Barton College, please contact Carolyn H. Brown, vice president for institutional advancement, at 252-399-6357 or email: cbrown@barton.edu.
Miscellany and Myths

by Kathy Daughety

Ever passionate about words and music, Barton College’s Elizabeth H. Jordan Endowed Chair for Southern Literature and writer-in-residence, Dr. James A. Clark, continues to find time for writing and composing — even in the midst of an often-hectic teaching and advising schedule. “Notions: A Jim Clark Miscellany,” his third book to date, hit the shelves this past summer, and his band, “The Near Myths,” released their second album, “Words to Burn,” in January.

Clark describes “Notions: A Jim Clark Miscellany” as very different from his two earlier books. “Basically, in addition to the poems, I’ve written prose all along - short stories, scholarly pieces and, even lately, some writing in more of a memoir style,” Clark shared. “Most have been published in various magazines and journals, but until recently, I’d never thought about compiling my work. The more I considered it, I just really liked the idea of a collection that showcases all that you do. This book contains non-fiction, both scholarly and personal essays, short stories, a full length play, and a selection of poems in addition to the CD single. It contains a little bit of all that I do. That’s why I call it a ‘Miscellany’ because it’s just all these different kinds of pieces. It took me a while to think about what I would include, and I did some rewriting of older pieces that I wanted to revise. I really worked on the arrangement, and I hope there is a certain amount of consistency and coherency about the whole collection.

“One of the things that interested me in the project, which I talk about in the preface, is that a lot of the subject matter is kind of autobiographical, so in the poetry, the stories, and the non-fiction, I’m treating similar or same subject matter in different genres, and that really intrigued me.”

The variety of genres found in Clark’s “Miscellany” makes it appealing to many. There is something for every taste, and readers are soon spellbound by the descriptive language and colorful images of characters with whom they can relate or would want to meet. Jeff Daniel Marion’s forward for Clark’s book ends, “There’s a gracious plenty here, like dinner on the grounds at a family reunion, a real feast for the eyes and mind and heart.”

A bonus with the book is the CD single, “One Night Late,” that serves as a companion piece to one of Clark's essays included in the compilation. “As much as I love music and also the writing of poetry, I do generally find song writing really difficult,” said Clark. “And, I don’t know why that is. I’ve written very few songs that I’m pleased with, and so this essay is kind of a meditation on the fact that I love music and I can play music and I love poetry and can write poetry, but combining the two, which should seem so natural, is hard for me.” The companion essay reflects on Clark’s process for writing this particular song. Clark, also an accomplished musician, plays guitar, mandolin and harmonica for “One Night Late,” while singing harmony with himself. Quite a feat for one man; however, he enlists the assistance of “tech wizard” and assistant professor of audio recording technology, Phil Valera, who plays bass on this track. Valera has handled the recording and mixing for most of Clark’s musical projects, including the earlier produced CD “Buried Land,” as well as two CDs for “The Near Myths” band, of which Clark is a member.
Clark and close friends Katy Adams, Matthew Adams, Ben Greene, Bernadette Greene, and Terry “Teep” Phillips make up “The Near Myths” band, widely known for their eclectic style of folk rock, acoustic and pop music. They completed their first CD, “Wilson,” in 2005. The group remains intact with the exception of one member, Andy Oglesby, who passed away from cancer shortly before the group completed the recording of “Words to Burn” in July 2006. The band honors his memory with the CD title “Words to Burn,” named after a phrase from one of Oglesby’s songs.

Both email and modern technology help the band members plan their projects. Geographically scattered, the group comes together for only brief periods of time to rehearse and record. Time is both limited and critical to their projects’ success. While they work hard those few days together, each member spends much time preparing prior to the studio visit. “Our situation is not ideal for a band that wants to do recordings,” said Clark. “We’re not able to get together and rehearse at length or to spend several weeks in the recording studio. So, we send each other recordings, and sometimes computer files, but mostly cassette tapes since we are rather ‘old school.’ With the ‘Wilson’ CD, all we intended to do was to put down three or four songs, but it just went so well that we ended up recording nine songs and, after the fact, we decided that we might as well create an album.”

With “Words to Burn,” Clark said the band was “much more intentional this time around” with regard to planning song lists, preparing for rehearsals, and recording song tracks. “The Near Myths” maximized studio time and were pleased with the end product. With 13 tracks, this second album offers a diverse mix of folk, rook and jazz, with a four-part harmony that delights the soul.

Clark quickly recognized Valera’s contributions to “Words to Burn,” including his musical talent (Valera provided accompaniment for several songs on the CD), his skill and expertise in the studio, and of course the countless hours that followed in production with a project of this magnitude.

Next on Clark’s agenda? He is planning a possible multi-media project focusing on an abandoned German prisoner of war camp that was later used as a 4-H Camp facility in the Tennessee mountains. It’s a fascinating story that you don’t want to miss. We’ll keep you posted.

Copies of Clark’s book and “The Near Myths” CDs are available through the Barton College Bookstore at 252-399-6393 or at Amazon.com.

Wilson/Barton Partnership Sets Example for NCAA DII Program

The support that the Wilson community continually offers Barton College athletics has not only gained regional but national attention.

Wilson has not only benefited from a recent NCAA DII media blitz, but the Wilson/Barton College partnership is being highlighted as a prime example of a family-friendly community supportive of high level athletic competition. And, this is an important message that DII is spending upwardly of a million dollars to share – the importance of college-community partnerships across the nation and how that raises the level of support and encouragement for educating student-athletes in a healthy and balanced environment.

The late fall meeting of the NCAA Division II Editorial Board in Charlotte emphasized Division II Athletics’ thriving sense of mission and purpose and focused on the distinguishing characteristics and attributes related to the program.

Dr. Norval Kneten, president of Barton College and vice president of Conference Carolinas, was invited to be a spokesperson at the Charlotte event, the most recent of several editorial board tours scheduled across the country.

“I was pleased with the media’s receptivity to understanding the new ways in which Division II Athletics is being defined,” said Kneten. “I am excited to represent both Barton and Wilson in these discussions, and I want to express my gratitude to the Wilson community for making it possible for us to be a part of this major NCAA initiative. I think it’s absolutely terrific that Wilson, along with us, is being recognized in national forums as a result of how this community has embraced its partnership with Barton. Wilson certainly deserves the recognition.

“I am participating in this initiative because the sports media needs to know that DII is not a second choice but is, increasingly, a first choice for some of our best and brightest student-athletes,” continued Kneten. “This effort is national in scope and one that will become increasingly visible in the coming months. During this media conference, we met with executives and staff at the ‘Charlotte Observer,’ the ‘Sports Business Journal,’ and ESPN-U, to help them understand the reality of DII competition, regionally and nationally.”

Division II athletics has changed significantly in recent years, and there are plenty of reasons for the public to take notice.

Student athletes, who are highly competitive, are changing DII Athletics, and here is the reason: in DII athletics, students have the opportunity to participate in extremely challenging athletic competition and, because of the balance they experience with their academic pursuits, they also have the opportunity to support volunteer efforts that include community service projects and mentoring programs, just to name a few.

Kneten also shared that student-athletes involved in DII programs not only have the opportunity to participate in high-level athletic competition at DII institutions, but they are able to pursue degree programs, like biology and athletic training, that would be inaccessible to them in other more restrictive athletic environments. “We are focused on the overall development of the student-athlete, as we are for all of our students,” he said. “As a result, many
highly qualified student-athletes are now choosing to attend DII schools like Barton College. In fact, the brand platform for DII is ‘I chose DII.’

Almost 75,000 student-athletes compete at Division II schools each year. They are part of a burgeoning athletics division that emphasizes six defining traits: balance, learning, passion, resourcefulness, service, and sportsmanship. The emphasis on these traits is an attempt to carry out the Division II student-athlete credo, which emphasizes a comprehensive program of learning and development in a personal setting. This approach provides growth opportunities through academic achievement, learning in high-level athletic competition and development of positive societal attitudes in service to community. Balance and integration are key components of this philosophy of preparing students for their futures.

Fiscal responsibility in DII Athletics is another reason to take notice. A 2005 study by Jonathan and Peter Orszag demonstrated that the average net cost incurred by a school moving from Division II to Division I is approximately $3.2 million each year. This study has been confirmed by subsequent financial studies, including one by researchers at Purdue University in 2006. More recent work indicates that schools moving to Division I status experience average annual net losses in their athletic programs of about $2.5M. Division II schools, in keeping with the overall Division II philosophy, maintain that the real value in higher education is provided through fiscally responsible decisions. Keeping athletics expenses manageable and ensuring that the program is fully integrated into the overall collegiate culture are key components.

The platform of Division II is not based on size. (DII schools vary in size from those with an enrollment of a few hundred to some with nearly 30,000.) Rather, Division II athletics emphasizes the student-athlete experience that provides a comprehensive program of learning and development in a personal setting — goals which Barton College proudly affirms. Additionally, because Division II is committed to regional competition, student athletes spend more time on campus and in classes. This commitment to regional competition, combined with the DII philosophy of academic achievement and community service, is likely the reason that the Division II student-athlete graduation rate is consistently 10 to 15 percentage points higher than that of the total student body.

What happened at Barton College and in the Wilson community this past year is an excellent example of what the Editorial Board is highlighting. Barton’s men’s basketball national championship brought excitement and pride to this growing community.

The Editorial Board is seeking to advance the message of the changes to Division II athletics. The Board believes that the athletic programs of Division II schools can be a boost to their communities because they provide high-level, passionate athletic competition in an intimate, affordable, family friendly environment.

Werline contributed two essays to the volume: “Prayer, Politics and Social Vision in Daniel 9” and “Reflections on Penitential Prayer: Definition and Form.” In the second essay, Werline revisits his often-cited definition of penitential prayer and reconsiders its limitations and possibilities. The other editors of the two volumes are Mark J. Boda (lead editor of the volumes, Professor at McMaster University, Canada) and Daniel K. Falk (associate professor at the University of Oregon). The third volume in the series, which will contain an essay by Werline on penitential prayer in early Christianity, is scheduled for release later this year.

Reflecting upon the production of the book, Werline said, “It was a wonderful honor to work with a group of first-rate Jewish and Christian scholars from around the world.” “Their efforts and abilities make this an important volume that not only assesses current work on penitential prayer, but also pushes the field in new directions. Several of the essays produced by scholars in this group will be viewed as those that began to change the field of prayer studies in general. It is always thrilling to work with such a talented group.”

In Werline’s earlier book, “Pray Like This,” he shared in the preface, “For some time now, scholars have been discussing the need to make scholarship accessible and attractive to folks in the church and the public at large. This book represents my attempt to make this happen.”
“Pray Like This” was written to offer a clear pathway into understanding and using biblical prayers. Far from being timeless spiritual gems, Werline shows that each prayer is tied to its own unique world of social structures, ideas about God, and assumptions about the way the world works - as are our own prayers.

Because biblical prayers are not immediately translatable to our contemporary world, Werline leads the reader into a lively discussion with these prayers that is part personal spiritual memoir and part scholarly endeavor. As he states in the introduction, “The journey through this book on prayer is also a journey through the world in which I live as both scholar and Christian. This book reveals my own struggle to bring these worlds together and hold them together, and displays how my mind and soul encounter biblical texts... On this journey and in this world, I carry on a constant lively conversation with the biblical text. This book on prayer springs from those conversations.”

On March 30, Werline will be the featured speaker at the E.G. Purell Bible Conference, an endowed conference for the laity of the church sponsored and hosted by Barton College each spring. His topic will focus on biblical prayer.

Copies of Werline’s book, “Pray Like This,” are available through the Barton College Bookstore at 252-399-6393 or at Amazon.com.

New Chaplain Joins Barton Community

The Reverend Hollie Woodruff of Rockwood, Tenn., was named chaplain at Barton College this past fall semester. The appointment was announced by Dr. Norval C. Kneten, president of the College, through the Student Affairs Division and its vice president, Jennifer Newell. Her appointment began on November 5, 2007.

An ordained minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Rev. Woodruff earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn., in 1999, and completed a Master of Divinity degree from Vanderbilt University, also in Nashville, in 2004. She continued graduate studies in ecumenism at the World Council of Churches’ Ecumenical Institute in Geneva, Switzerland, from 2004-2005.

Her responsibilities include ministry to the campus community, counseling, planning and leading worship on campus, representing the college at Christian Church (DOC) related events at the local, regional and national levels, and serving as an instructor in the Department of Religion and Philosophy.

“I am really loving my job,” said Rev. Woodruff. “I love the energy of the Barton students and being back in the academic atmosphere. This is an exciting time to be at Barton College. Barton is in the process of incredible transformation, and I am proud to be a part of it!”

Prior to joining the Barton College community, Rev. Woodruff was employed as a care coordinator for children with special health needs at Children’s Special Services in Rockwood, Tenn. Other professional appointments have included intentional interim minister for the First Christian Church (300+ members) also in Rockwood, and administrator for Disciples Divinity House at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn.

In her spare time, she enjoys playing the violin (17 years), hiking, backpacking, and cycling.

A native of Rochester, N.Y., Rev. Woodruff is the daughter of Linda and Gary Woodruff, who currently make their home in Greensboro.

New Chair Named for Barton College Board of Trustees

At the fall 2007 meeting of the Barton College Board of Trustees, Russell L. Stephenson, Jr., was elected the new chair, and Dr. Edna Earle Boykin was elected vice chair. Installed as chair at the end of the fall Board of Trustees meeting, Stephenson presided over his first Board meeting in February.

“Barton College is fortunate to have a man of Russell Stephenson’s experience and dedication taking on this demanding role,” said Dr. Norval C. Kneten, president of Barton College. “I am fortunate to have the opportunity of working with him for the future of the College.”

Stephenson is chairman and chief executive officer of Stephenson Millwork Company, Inc. Prior to this appointment, he served Wachovia Bank, N.A. for 38 years as senior vice president, regional corporate banking manager, and government relations and economic development officer.

“I look forward to leading our trustees in our efforts to support the mission of Barton College,” said Stephenson. “The accomplishments of this wonderful college are many, but so are the challenges of a changing marketplace for higher education. As we go forward, it will be increasingly important for the trustees to assist the administration and faculty in forming
the right vision and plan for Barton that prepares our graduates for a fulfilling and successful life.”

Stephenson also currently serves as a director of the North Carolina Chamber, and he is a member of the North Carolina Fellows Regional Screening Committee and the Triangle United Way’s Tocqueville Society Committee.

Former community and professional activities have included chairman of the board and campaign chairman for the United Way in Wake County and chairman of the Finance Council and a director for the North Carolina Center for Public Policy. He has served as a director for the Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce, the North Carolina Bankers Association, the Triangle Multiple Sclerosis Society, the Southeast Raleigh Improvement Commission, the Step Up Ministries, and the North Carolina Community Foundation. Stephenson has served as chairman of the North Carolina Association of Financial Institutions and has been a member of the Meredith College Business Advisory Board and the Wake Forest University Parents and Alumni Councils. He also has served as director and treasurer of the Foundation for the Raleigh Kiwanis Club, president of the American Institute of Banking in Wake County, and served on the Government Relations Council of the American Bankers Association.

For his many contributions to the community, Stephenson has been honored with the Governor’s Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service and the Wake County Outstanding Community Service Award.

Stephenson is the son of the late Tollie H. and Russell L. Stephenson of Wilson. He earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Wake Forest University and completed the Executive Program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

He lives in Raleigh with his wife, Susan. They have four children, Lee Stephenson of Wilson, Harriet Stephenson of Raleigh, Anne Huitt of Greensboro, and Emily Bing of Winston-Salem.

Dr. Edna Earle Boykin of Wilson, a member of the Barton College Board of Trustees since 1981, is serving a second term as vice chair.

“I am very happy that Russ Stephenson has taken this position,” said Dr. Boykin. “He is very qualified for this role and is a real asset to the College and the Board of Trustees.

“He brings to this leadership role a strong knowledge of finance, good common sense, and a forward-thinking philosophy. I look forward to working with him this year.”

A retired principal and former city council member, Dr. Boykin served as an adjunct member of the College faculty from 1959-1966. Other board memberships in the Wilson community have included Imagination Station, the Wilson Community Health Center, and the Arts Council of Wilson. She is a member of the First United Methodist Church of Wilson.

Dr. Boykin has received a number of awards including the inaugural Distinguished Citizen Award from the Wilson Chamber of Commerce, an honorary doctoral degree from Barton College (then Atlantic Christian College), and the Community Service Award from the Heart of Wilson Community Foundation. The Edna Boykin Cultural Center in downtown Wilson was named in her honor for her dedicated commitment to the Wilson community and her generosity in support of the arts.

Dr. Boykin is the daughter of the late Annie D. Boykin of Wilson.

The Scholastic Art Awards, Inc. conducts a visual art awards program for middle and high school students in the United States. Entries from all 50 states are submitted for competition in this nationally renowned program. The Scholastic Art Awards program is designed to encourage student achievement, to recognize and applaud our fine art teachers and to emphasize the importance of the visual arts in the school curriculum. Barton College is proud to host the largest regional district in North Carolina, representing 62 counties from the piedmont to the coast.

Two hundred pieces were selected as Gold Key Finalists for the exhibition held at Barton. These finalists will be sent to New York City for judging against other regional winners for the national exhibition held in June at the Corcoran Gallery in Washington, D.C. Also sent to New York will be the works of five American Vision Award (Best of Show) nominees.

From the Gold Key Finalist artworks, the Barton Art Department faculty chose the “Sawdust Fired Coil Pot” ceramic created by Christina Macdonald, a junior from Cardinal Gibbons High School in Raleigh, to receive the Barton College Award.

The Scholastic Art Awards Program
Hosted at Barton

As host and regional sponsor for the 30th year, Barton College recently welcomed The National Scholastic Art Awards for the Eastern/Central North Carolina Region. The featured speaker for the annual awards ceremony was Barton alumnus Rod Morton, associate creative director for Publicis Modem.
In July 2007, Dr. and Mrs. Norval C. Kneten, along with several members of the Barton College staff and student body, attended the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Fort Worth, Texas. Hundreds of visitors came by the Barton booth to catch up on the latest news about Barton, to sport a Championship T-shirt, or to just enjoy some great fellowship. Folks had their photos taken with the NCAA DII National Men’s Basketball Championship Trophy and others were glued to the computer screen watching those last 45 seconds of the Championship game over and over! Our week ended on a high note with Barton and Atlantic Christian alumni and friends attending the Barton Alumni & Friends Luncheon, where Dr. Kneten shared Barton’s vision for the future and students shared moments from their Barton experience. This whirlwind visit to the Lone Star State proved to be a wonderful opportunity for Barton to enjoy and accent its connection with alumni and the Christian Church. We look forward to seeing everyone at the next General Assembly in Indianapolis, July 29 – August 2, 2009!
“Intimate Strangers,” an extraordinary exhibit of selected portrait photography from the collection of Allen G. Thomas, Jr., of Wilson was featured in the Barton Art Galleries this past fall. It was in this “intimate” setting that the Barton College Friends of Visual Arts welcomed Taj Forer, an internationally renowned photographer/artist, as the keynote speaker for their fall dinner and lecture.

Born in Philadelphia, Forer is a rising star on the contemporary photography scene. A graduate of Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville, N.Y., he currently resides in Hillsborough with his wife, Kate. Today, he spends most of his time making photographs, running a nonprofit foundation, promoting his first book, “Threefold Sun,” and participating in community art projects. Forer’s work has been on display throughout the United States and Europe.

In 2003, he co-founded “Daylight Magazine,” an award winning magazine of contemporary documentary photography. “Daylight” is recognized as a sharp, informative publication showcasing exceptional photography. Also a nonprofit foundation, “Daylight” distributes cameras to countries including Colombia, Israel, and Iraq. Project participants document their lives and mail the cameras back to “Daylight.” The photographs are published and/or exhibited.

Forer’s first book, “Threefold Sun,” documents a journey he made in 2005 and 2006 from North Carolina to California, photographing Waldorf schools and biodynamic farms in states along the way. He grew up in a Waldorf School, where the teachings are based on the work of Austrian philosopher Rudolf Steiner.

In an interview following the event, Forer shared thoughts regarding his work, the influence of other photographers – past and present, and the pursuit of projects. Read on to learn more about Forer and the genius behind this young man’s work.

How did you first become interested in photography? I found an old Nikon 35 mm camera that belonged to my dad. He told me I could take the camera, and so, I got some film and started making pictures. I loved the process. I began some photography classes; my high school had a dark room and an amazing photography teacher. She proved to be a very challenging, kind of “tough New Yorker,” but she took me under her wing and taught me with some hard love. I photographed as much as possible during my high school years and then continued in college.
What advice would you give aspiring young artists at Barton? I guess my advice would be rooted in simply pursuing that love, that passion for art. Through the process of making photographs and tapping into both the contemporary and historical art worlds, I have come to recognize the significance of art in our world, and how art really can change this world. If you feel passionate about photography or science or whatever your interest, I would encourage you to pursue that passion — because that is art — encouraging the creative process, responding to the truth in ourselves, and applying that in the world around us — using whatever medium that we are interested in to engage in the world.

Talk about the two photographs you have in the exhibit. The first photograph is titled “Young Farmer, Fair Oaks, California.” It depicts a young man that I met at the Rudolf Steiner College in Fair Oaks, Calif., which is the primary campus for training teachers for Waldorf Schools. It’s also the center for the U.S. biodynamic training program. This guy had decided to devote his time and energy to exploring sustainable agriculture; he really believed in the practice of sustainable agriculture as a means of creating positive changes in the world. His interest in biodynamics led him to the Rudolf Steiner College where he spent some time in the biodynamics program. This seemed to be his “art form.”

The second one is titled “Tree house, Taos, New Mexico.” It was a very simple tree house that I had discovered on some land being farmed biodynamically by a family. The farm caught my attention because it was a fairly harsh climate for farming from my perspective, but they were doing a pretty good job! The space reminded me of one of the structures I had built as a child; it opened up a floodgate of memories for me. It was a beautiful little space that was so well loved and cared for; clearly, a lot of time was spent in that space by these children. It proved a magical moment when the lighting and the subject were perfect. It’s a personal favorite of mine.

There is a photograph in your book titled “Cornhusk Angel.” Was that shot in nature or in a studio? It was in nature. There was a sapling I came across during the winter, so there was no foliage. But someone had tied this handmade angel, fashioned from a cornhusk, to the branches. There was no way to photograph it except against the sky. Fortunately, there was some cloud cover; it was near dusk, and the light was nice.

How do you think the art of photography has evolved? It’s very, very exciting to see a more pervasive acceptance of photography as a legitimate form of fine art. It has been a long time coming. And, I think that it’s really interesting to see how this new perspective of photography, as a legitimate art form, is now informing work that was created prior to this acceptance. Looking back on historical photography by some of the greatest photographers who ever lived, we now recognize these people as true pioneers, true geniuses. Despite everything going on in the world during their lifetime, including a lack of support for their work as “art,” these photographers still pursued their passion. They were incredibly creative, and we can draw greatly from their work and their perseverance.

Who has influenced your work? I do study a lot of contemporary work, but I also study a great deal of historical photography. In terms of historical photographers, I’d say my greatest influence comes from Walker Evans, a great American documentarian artist. Also, Dorothea Lange is a big influence. A lot of the photographers who worked during the Depression have been very influential, not only because of their aesthetic sensibilities and the mode in which they worked, but also because they were photographing agriculture, which is something that I am personally invested in depicting. In terms of foreign influences, German photographer August Sander has been a huge influence on my work. And, in the more contemporary sphere, there are countless photographers including Joel Sternfeld, a photographer with whom I worked at Sarah Lawrence College. He is an incredible teacher and continues to be a good friend. The Japanese photographer Hiroshi Sugimoto also is a big influence. He works in a different mode, but the way in which he sees the world through his lens is beautiful and inspiring, and very different from a lot of other work I see.

What’s on the horizon for you? I have lots of irons in the fire. I am currently doing a residency with the Contemporary Art Museum in Raleigh. It is a collaborative project with the museum and guest curator Jody Servon from Appalachian State University. She has been working with the museum for a number of years and has begun a program called the “The Growth Project.” She and the museum invited me to participate as an artist-in-residence and have given me the freedom to explore my interest within the realm of public art that addresses the broad theme of growth in North Carolina. I chose to photograph in Cedar Grove. My photographs center on a community garden that was started by local residents a couple of years ago. The “Growth Project” not only allows me to continue photographing in Cedar Grove, but it also supports a series of workshops where we have distributed cameras to residents interested in photographing their own lives and creatively responding to both the community garden and the surrounding community. These Cedar Grove residents are learning about photography and, through the process, are creating a visual archive of work and life in this area and at this time. Ironically, this community has a significant photo-historic connection because Dorothea Lange photographed in Cedar Grove as a part of her own work when she traveled the United States in the 1930s. Cedar Grove has a fascinating relationship with photo and art history. And, I didn’t know any of this until I met a farmer in his eighties from Cedar Grove who had been photographed by Lange back in 1939!

I also have one or two other projects on the horizon, but I’ll save those for later.
At Barton, faculty members have always played important roles in the College community. Those who have chosen to make their careers teaching and serving at Barton have become important parts of the landscape that make up the academic and social life in this century-old institution. Our landscape changed significantly this past year with the retirement of two longtime faculty members, Dr. Coleman Markham, professor and chair of the Department of Religion and Philosophy, and Dr. Harlow Head, professor and chair of the Department of History and Social Sciences, retired in May 2007. Between them, they have shared nearly 60 years of experience, service, and accumulated wisdom with the Barton community. Recently, they offered their observations, memories, and reflections gleaned from lengthy careers as academicians, teachers, and mentors.

What brought you to Barton College (then Atlantic Christian)?

H.H. - I taught at Campbell College (as it was then known) before coming to Atlantic Christian College. In 1974, there was a drop in enrollment at Campbell and the authorities there decided that geography was expendable. One of my Geology Department colleagues, Bob Hope, had attended ACC for part of his undergraduate years and had befriended J.P. Tyndall. J.P. had told Bob about a vacancy in the geography position at ACC. It was a smooth transfer for me, and I started teaching at ACC in time for the first session of summer school.

C.M. - I came to Barton in 1981 after Professor Roger Bullard called to let me know of the vacancy. Roger was a fellow graduate student at Vanderbilt. Without Roger, I would never have known of the opening.

You’ve had a long tenure at ACC/Barton. How has the College evolved since you arrived?

H.H. - The College has changed considerably over the years since I came here nearly 34 years ago. There have been many property acquisitions, and many of the neighboring old houses have been removed. The Riley Plaza, through the center of campus, was then the open-to-traffic Lee Street. The center part of the campus also has changed with the removal of the Old Gym and Caldwell Hall. The library was housed in the building now called Hardy Center. There were two old houses on the site where the present library was constructed. The Nursing Department used one of the houses for faculty offices. Most of the College’s administration was housed in Belk Hall, which is now part of the School of Education. There have been many other physical changes all over campus.

C.M. - Since 1981 the College has changed in many ways, including the changing of the name to Barton. I have always liked the name because Barton now is the only college, affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), that is named for one of the founders of the denomination and reflects the strength of our roots. Curriculum has evolved positively. The faculty has continued to be involved with the changes. Campus beautification has been enhanced. Community involvement has expanded.

One of the more gratifying changes at Barton has been in the emphasis on exposure to international cultures. This has been evident particularly since the beginning of the January Term in 1996. Student travel courses have been offered on a regular basis during January Term. The Department of Religion and Philosophy has offered a travel course each year since 1997. I have been privileged to teach courses with travel to England, Greece, Ireland, Italy, and Spain. Dr. Joe Jones has led study in China, Israel, France, Greece, Ireland, and Egypt (2008). An endowment has been set up to provide monies to encourage student travel.

How have students changed over the years?

H.H. - The students are largely the same now as they have been all through the years. I came to the College after racial integration so there have been minority students on campus as long as I have been here. We have had a number of international students through the years. One could argue that the attire and hairstyles of the students have evolved much more than the level of academic preparation. The total number of students is somewhat smaller now than it was over 30 years ago.

C.M. - On the whole, the students are less prepared for the rigors of higher education now. Whether it is because of the lack of solid academic preparation or the distractions of the society, I am not sure.

How have you changed since your arrival on campus?

H.H. - I know that I have changed during the 33 years that I was at the College. I was able to travel a great deal during those years. I was able to use many pictures from those trips in my classes. I simply had a much greater variety of topics in which I could relate personal experiences in my later years of teaching. During the last two years of classes, I used a laptop computer and digital projector in my classes. Over the years, the insights that I had about the material I was teaching increased greatly. Often, interactions with the students added insights and perspectives to the topics that I covered in classes.

C.M. - I have adjusted my approach to teaching because of informational technology and the digital world. Learning is now linked to visual imagery approaches. I do find that students have lost some of their skills for critical and analytical thinking, relying heavily on the technological sources to supply all the information/insight they need.
What was the catalyst for remaining at Barton for such a long tenure?

H.H. - I guess that I stayed so long at the College because I found my niche there.

C.M. - I have always liked the small college atmosphere where a professor knows and has dialogue with colleagues in a variety of very different disciplines and can maintain contact with students taught as freshmen throughout their entire college career.

In recent years, the Humanities have experienced a bit of a crisis. The Association of American Universities has spent some time this past year examining some of the future challenges, including those posed by the digital revolution. Your career has been spent teaching in the Humanities, so what is your opinion of the Humanities’ place in higher education in general and at Barton in particular?

H.H. - Actually, geography is not considered a Humanities discipline. In a way it is a very “interdisciplinary” discipline because geographers use insights from many other disciplines, including those in the Humanities. I think that grounding in the Humanities gives one a better feel for a number of other disciplines in higher education. It is possible for a college graduate to have very good skills in a rather narrow technical field. I have a hard time thinking of such a person as really educated if there is no grounding in the Humanities or Social Sciences.

C.M. - I am a strong believer is the value of Humanities in higher education; otherwise, we become only a technical/professional institution. Given that technology is constantly expanding and that the world encroaches on our lives daily, one must understand cultures as never before in order to make informed decisions. Current crises clearly indicate the need for students to have a broad, informed knowledge of history, literature, religion, philosophy, and the arts against which to make insightful judgments about specific issues.

Would you recommend a career as a college professor to others?

H.H. - A college professor can have a very stimulating career. A student once asked me if I ever became bored with teaching the same courses (such as World Regional Geography) every semester. My response was that the world is constantly changing. My students know that I am a junkie for current events, and I was able to use current events as a “handle” for presenting material throughout my teaching career. At the beginning of a semester, I could not possibly predict what events would impact the topics that I would be covering in my courses. Because of the changes in the world over 33 years, my courses evolved over those years. For example, in 1974, I could not have imagined the end of the Cold War. When I went through Checkpoint Charlie to enter East Berlin in the summer of 1976, I could not have imagined then that the Berlin Wall would be dismantled and that the two Germanys would be reunited in 1990. During my final spring semester at Barton, Dr. David Dolman and I led a group of people on a college-sponsored trip to Berlin—the change in the Berlin landscape since 1976 is incredible. Over the years, I have found that no two of my classes were identical. The differences in the mix of students in each class make each class unique.

C.M. - I would recommend a career in college teaching. The stimulation of young minds and colleagues brings out the best, usually, in professors. Lasting contacts and friends are made. Intellectual inquiry is encouraged, and the variety is endless.

Will you continue to be involved in education now that you are retired?

H.H. - I don’t expect to teach any formal course again. I plan to spend only part of the year in Wilson for the next few years. I certainly will be available to make appearances with single class meetings, if called upon. When I am in town, I certainly expect to support the College by attending events on campus. I also expect to continue making annual financial contributions to the College.

C.M. - I am now teaching a course at Barton and one at East Carolina. I hope to do this as long as I am able, both intellectually and physically.

What are you enjoying most about retirement?

H.H. - Setting my own schedule is a wonderful part of retirement. I know that I won’t be bored in retirement. I enjoy traveling, reading, gardening, attending concerts, and attending College events. I plan to spend part of the year in Oregon from now on. Planning an auto trip across the country each year is very interesting. It is interesting, as a geographer, to study the landscapes of the territories that I am traveling through. I have always enjoyed looking up areas that are off the beaten path and are not particularly well known to the general public. There are many hidden jewels in the American landscape.

C.M. - I am staying busy doing what I like to do, but there is much more flexibility in my schedule. With two grandchildren, this is a delightful gift.
Alumni Office

Around the office...

Alumni, alumni and more alumni! Almost 500 attended the Raleigh event this past fall as the Bulldogs took on N.C. State in basketball. And, Homecoming had its largest turnout in five years. The enthusiasm and energy that is Barton College continues to grow. As we gear up for spring, events are planned in eastern N.C. as well as the coastal areas. And, believe it or not, planning is already underway for fall 2008. If you are interested in hosting or helping to host an event in your area, let me hear from you. We're looking at more possibilities outside N.C. for the coming year and would love to hear your ideas. Hope to see you at an event soon!

Go Bulldogs!

Summer

Summer Brock
Director of Alumni Programs

Past Events

eScope

eScope is Barton’s online quarterly newsletter. It’s an easy way to catch up with campus news, the latest on Bulldog athletics, and alumni events. The only way you can receive it is if the Alumni Office has your current email address. To receive the eScope, please send your preferred email address to sebrock@barton.edu.

Be sure to allow this address to pass your spam blocker.

Fall 2007 Alumni Events

September

Sam Turner, ’96, hosted alumni from Northampton, Halifax and Warren counties at the Chockyotte Country Club. More than 30 alumni from the area enjoyed conversation and an update from the College by President Kneten.

October

Alumni in western North Carolina gathered at Catawba Country Club for dinner as the guests of Bill Ethridge, ’62. A fun evening was had by all.

November

Almost 500 of the Bulldog faithful gathered for a pre-game fanfest at the RBC Center prior to the Barton vs. N.C. State basketball game.

December

More than 150 Wilson County alumni gathered on Dec. 2 at the Barton-Graves House for the annual Wilson County Holiday Social.

Winter 2008 Event

February

Thomas Quinn, ’67, and Harriet Stubbs Quinn, ’68, hosted alumni on February 17 at their home in Atlanta.
Upcoming Events!

An event is planned for Edgecombe/Nash counties in April. Look for more information in March.

Building on last year’s success, an event is in the planning stages for the Carteret, Craven and Pamlico area. More information will be coming in March.

We are seeking some planning assistance for an event in the Outer Banks this spring. We also would like to hold an event in the Triad Area. Please contact Summer Brock at sebrock@barton.edu or 800-422-4699 if you have ideas to share or are willing to host an event.

Homecoming 2008
October 24-26

A great time was had by all at Homecoming 2007! More than 300 alumni and friends reconnected over the weekend and made new memories. Planning has already begun for Homecoming 2008. Alpha Sigma Phi will be celebrating their 50th anniversary during the ’08 weekend, so the campus will be filled with activities. Make plans now to be at Barton October 24 – 26 for Homecoming 2008!
Notes
Alumni Class Notes

1940s

Nona Taylor Boswell ’46 retired from teaching after 36 years, but still enjoys substitute teaching in business classes. She and her husband of 59 years have three children (one of whom graduated from Barton in 1993), five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Jack Daniell ’47 is living in Lewisburg, W.Va. He’s been a minister for 60 years! His son, Dana ’83, now lives in Paradise, Calif.

1950s

JoAnn Moore Cowans ’55 lives in Fullerton, Calif., with her husband, Ken. They celebrated their 50th anniversary in May 2007 surrounded by children, grandchildren, and friends. JoAnn’s art work will be highlighted at the 78TH Annual Meeting and Expo of the Texas Alliance of Energy Producers in Midland, Texas, on April 15 and 16, and photos of her paintings will be on the covers of their monthly newsletter through April. In June, The American Oil and Gas Historical Society will show her Giclee prints at their third annual Oil History Symposium in Houston, Texas. She was also featured at the “Desks and Derricks” Client Appreciation Night in November 2007, and in events earlier in the year at The Art Gallery of Calgary in Alberta, Canada, Oklahoma City, Okla., and Long Beach, Calif., as well as the 2007 Barton Alumni Exhibit at Homecoming. (Recent feature- “Portrait of an Artist,” “Scope” Spring/Summer 2007 issue.) For her contact information, check out her web site at www.blackgoldprints.com.

1960s

Leo and Jill Matthews Jessup ’69 & ’68 have retired from their respective jobs and moved to Rocky Mount.

Ashley Hooks ’69 retired from BB&T Financial Corp. as executive vice president, operations and technology division, on Dec. 31, 2006. He and his wife, Diane, reside in Wilson and Indian Beach. Ashley serves as a member of the Barton College Board of Trustees.

1970s

Irma Bond ’71 lives in Oriental and is a part-time math instructor at Craven Community College. She enjoys competing in the Senior Games, where she broke her own N.C. record in the running long jump with 13’ 3 1/2”. She also competed in the Senior Olympics and received a silver medal in the 100-meter dash and a bronze in the long jump. She has two married sons and three granddaughters. Her oldest son lives in Chicago, and her youngest lives in Wilmington.

Gale Foss Walton ’71 is currently with Craven County Schools as a technology facilitator at James W. Smith Elementary School. Her husband is an elementary school principal in Lenoir County.

Pamela Taylor Smith ’73 retired from Rocky Mount Schools in 2005 after 33 years of employment as a classroom teacher.

Marsha Carpenter Browning ’74 retired from Durham Public Schools after 30 years of teaching elementary school. She is now employed with Carlson Wagonlit Travel in Durham.

Frank Hayes ’74 has been appointed vice president of sales for IMAGINE Radiology, a leading suite of automated optimized practice management solutions.

Judith Broyal Melton ’74 retired from Granville County Schools in September 2007 after 30 years. She was a teacher, counselor, principal, and director of student services. Her first grandchild, Lily Bailer, was born on Sept. 22, 2007, making her a very proud grandmother.

Jerry Carter ’74 has been named executive director for the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying. In addition to oversight of daily operations, he will serve as ex-officio secretary to the U.S. Council for International Engineering Practice and as president of ELSES, LLC, an affiliate of NCEES that provides exam administration and candidate qualification services to licensure boards.

Haywood Watson ’75 has been reappointed by N.C. Governor Mike Easley to the Johnston Community College Board of Trustees. Haywood is assistant principal at Johnston Middle School in Micro.

Mary Kay McKown Cyrus ’76 was able to engineer an early retirement from the Dept. of Defense and is now enjoying the warmer climate of Tampa, Fla.

Tom Chowns ’77 and his wife, Anne, live in Virginia Beach, Va. Tom is the principal of Tallwood Elementary School and is enjoying his 30th year with Virginia Beach City Schools. His son, John, teaches at Landstown High School and is working on his master’s degree in education administration.

Pat Howard Simpson ’77 is an educator with Onslow County Schools and was the 2006-2007 Teacher of the Year for her school. She is a part-time instructor for Coastal Carolina Community College. Pat has two daughters, Amy Marie and Kathryn Leigle. Amy graduated from Peace College and works in occupational therapy. Kathryn just graduated with Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts degrees in Management.

Rebekah Cornelius Tedder ’78 received her master’s degree in teaching and learning from Kaplan University, graduating summa cum laude in January 2007. Her husband, Michael, recently received his Ph.D. in business administration, and their son has completed high school and is in college. Her email address is Rebekahet@yahoo.com, and she would love to hear from friends.

Penny Ellis ’79 married Olivier Coussit of Alsace, France, on April 12, 2007. They reside in Wilmington, and Penny works at Cape Fear Community College.

Adams Places Third in August Champions Tour

by John Hackney

Mitch Adams, a 1979 Atlantic Christian (now Barton) College graduate, earned the biggest paycheck of any former Bulldog golfer in early August 2007 when he finished third in the Champions Tour’s 3M Championship in Minneapolis, Minn.

Adams, who lives in Cary, with his wife, Gail, turned pro two years ago and just became eligible for the Champions Tour when he turned 50 in 2007. He fired a 65 to share medalist
honors in the 3M Qualifier, then carded a final round 63 (9-under) on his way to $15,500. He shot 67-70-63-200, finishing two shots back of winner D.A. Weibring and one back of points leader Jay Haas.

Adams, who played for Ed Cloyd while at AC, benefited from having Tom Wargo's caddie on his bag for the event. He also received a bonus check from Titleist for his finish. The former N.C. Mid-Amateur champ went on to have a solid season on the Champions Tour and will be playing a full schedule in 2008.

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1980s

Amy Wagner '81 married Richard Whitt on Sept. 20, 2007. Amy is a teacher for exceptional children at Jordan Matthews High School. They live in Siler City. Amy's email is awwhitt@catathlink.net

Ron Horner '81 has written a book, "When Wages Cry Out," candidly revealing how employers routinely defraud their employees. A former corporate vice president, Ron is a pastor and lives with his family in Wilson.

Jo Hopkins Whitehead '81 lives in Kitty Hawk with her daughter, Katie, (12), and son John, (8). She still owns and operates Aful Arthur's Oyster Bar in Kill Devil Hills, which was started by her late husband, Jay Whitehead '78. Hello Mary!

Mark Goorley '82 recently became the director of music at First Presbyterian Church in Fayetteville. He and his wife, Judy, a dietetician at the O'Beery Center in Goldsboro, have a son, Stephen, who is a junior organ performance major at the N.C. School of the Arts. Their daughter, Mary Frances, is a freshman nursing major at ECU.

Tammy Starling-Wingate '82 and her husband, Allen, recently moved to their new home in Atlanta. Both are real estate developers whose projects include Stonebridge Golf & Country Club, a Golf Digest-ranked course in South Georgia. After Barton, Tammy received a master's degree from New York University and an MBA from the University of Georgia. She also is a freelance author. Their daughter, Brianne, is a sophomore at Cornell University, and their son, Zach, is a seventh grader.

Tony Coats '83 completed his doctorate in psychology at Southern California University. He sends a big thank you to AC/Barton for giving him the confidence to succeed in his educational pursuits.

Susan Gaudioso Kluge '83 is an educational advocate for The Arc of Lehigh & Northampton Counties, Pa. Her oldest daughter, Samantha, is attending Northampton Community College and would like to become a teacher.

William Pippen '84 would like to hear from classmates. He can be reached at 917-293-1384 or 718-250-4342. He looks forward to hearing from everyone.

Joseph Burns '88 was recently appointed as the deputy director of the Office of Security and Safety for the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. He is in his 20th year of federal government service. He and his wife, Kristin, live in Northern Virginia with their two children, Tori and Megan.

Larry McKeel '88 has been appointed as a market executive for RBC Centura in Wilson County. He manages consumer and business banking activities as well as contribution and sponsorship requests, coordinates community involvement, and leads the bank’s local advisory board.

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1990s

Gareth Hosford '91 is the Football (soccer) Strategy & Business Development Director for Nike.

Courtney Truitt Wemer '91 is the director at First United Methodist Preschool in Havelock. She and her husband, Donald, have been married 11 years. They have three children: Shelby (9), Caroline (7), and James (5).

Christie Turner '92 reports that after teaching 3rd grade for 15 years at Cleveland Elementary in Clayton, she is now serving as an assistant principal intern through the School Administration Program at N.C. State University.

Rick Dorn '93 is the athletics and activities director for the Waterford School District in Waterford, Mich. Rick's responsibilities include athletics and all extracurricular activities at Mott High School with its 1,900 students. He also is in charge of athletics for Mason and Crary Middle Schools.

1980s

Trey Piland '94 and his wife, Laura Clegg Piland '95, announce the birth of their daughter, Cameron Elizabeth. She joins older brother, Ethan (4). They live in Kitty Hawk.

Keith Beaman '94 is with Ecolab, Inc. He was recently promoted to district manager for the Las Vegas/West District. His wife, Gina, is a stay-at-home mom. Their son, Drew (8), enjoys playing ball like his dad.

Stephen Fulghum '95 has been with “The Charlotte Observer” for eight years. His wife, Andrea, is a media specialist at Rowan High School. They have one daughter, Ryleigh (2). Stephen suffered a near-fatal bout of pneumonia, but is now home. Our thoughts are with him and his family as he recovers.

1990s

Amy Spink Thornton '97 and her husband, Brandon, welcomed their first child, Isabelle, on June 6, 2007. They currently live in Florida.

Tyler Mahaney Wiggs '98 and her husband, William '95, welcomed their second child, a daughter named Camryn Elizabeth, on Nov. 26, 2007. They also have a son, Jacob Thomas, born in October 2003.

Heather Lloyd Johnson '98 and her husband, Eric, welcomed Aerielle Mae Johnson to the family on July 13, 2007. Heather earned her J.D. from Northern Illinois University College of Law in 2001 and is currently working as a judicial clerk for the Illinois Appellate Court in Moline. Eric is an attorney with a general practice firm in Moline. The family lives in Davenport, Iowa.

Courtney Duerkson Gray '98 received her master's degree in curriculum and instruction in August 2007. She and her husband, George, and their son, Sam, welcomed their daughter and sister Holly to the family on August 28, 2007.
Epic Verse

“Amongst Immortals Raging: Gettysburg Third Day Begins,” written by Barton College alumnus Marshall Conyers, ’69, (published by Pelican Publishing Company, Inc., 2007) is a poignant reflection of that historic and tragic day of Civil War battle on July 3, 1863. With forty-five poems completing the book, that infamous day unfolds in prose with a host of first person voices, “placing the reader in the midst of battle — among the strategies of the leaders, the doubts of the soldiers, the fear and frustrations of all those who experienced that tragic day.”

“Truly one has to wonder, where did men of such monumental bravery come from?” said Conyers about his work of historical fiction. “My story seeks to provide the answer: they come from a time of profound Christian faith, from a world where men did not pay mere lip service to their beliefs, but lived them in the very core of their beings.”

A review by John Sledge of the Press-Register in Mobile, Ala., reads, “In its ambition, scope and yes, even in its achievement, “Amongst Immortals Raging” is an important book that deserves recognition and respect. That someone could come so completely out of the blue and do something like this so well is cause for celebration and renewed faith in American letters.”

Conyers continues to write and has recently completed another epic work that tells the story of the Native American from 1492 to 2008. He enjoys cycling, kayaking, and collecting Native American artifacts, but is at his happiest when wandering through the quiet solitude of an old-growth forest with his two dogs, Pal and Spot.

A native Wilsonian, Conyers is the son of the late Mary and Bruce Conyers, also graduates of Barton College.

Kelly Williams Hughes ’99 and her husband, Michael, and their daughter, Mckalyn, welcomed the arrival of Aubrey Graham Hughes on June 1, 2007.

2000s


Jessica Lucas Bailey ’00 and her husband, Todd ’05, welcomed their second child, Abigail Monroe Bailey, born on April 22, 2007. She joins her big sister Lexi (4).

Christine Miller Wolf ’00 and her husband, Brian, announce the birth of their son, Eric Charles, on July 17, 2007.

Melissa Filipowich ’01 married Christopher Lipani on Feb. 17, 2007 in Lake Ronkonkoma, N.Y. Melissa is a teacher of the deaf for Eastern Suffolk BOCES. She and Christopher make their home in Coram, N.Y.

Claren Warenda Howell ’01 and her husband, Barry, welcomed James Robert Howell to the family on Nov. 29, 2007. He joins big brother Matthew (2).

Sherry Slagle Moyer ’01 and her husband are the proud parents of Gracie Lyn Moyer, born on Sept. 8, 2007. Gracie’s big brother, Ryan (2), loves having a baby sister.


Sharon Lynch ’01 received her Master of Science in Nursing degree from East Carolina University in July 2007 and passed her certification exam to practice as a Family Nurse Practitioner.

Anne Bowerman Smith ’02 and her husband, Jason, are the proud parents of Bailey Jane Smith, born on Aug. 1, 2007.

John Slaughter ’02 received his master’s degree in criminal justice in May 2007. He also has received his Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate.

Amy Calhoun Webb ’02 and her husband, Chris, are the proud parents of Logan Christopher Webb, born on Aug. 26, 2007. They reside in Pinetops. Amy is a neonatal ICU nurse at Pitt County Memorial Hospital.

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Isaiah Ruhl '02 is completing his master's degree in analytical chemistry at The Ohio State University. His wife is in her third year of graduate school studying musicology and vocal performance.

Trent McEwen '02 works for Blackflow Prevention Devices Inc. in Phoenix, Ariz. He installs systems, completes testing, and handles sales contracts.

Stefanie Parks '05 married Michael Horgan on July 14, 2007 at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Raleigh. They honeymooned in Bar Harbor, Maine. Stefanie is a third grade teacher at The Franciscan School, and Michael is working for Verizon Business. They are expecting their first child in May 2008.

Tim Carraway '05 married Courtney Barham '05 on June 30, 2007. Dr. Coleman Markham officiated at their wedding, held in Howard Chapel on the Barton campus. Tim is an evening student at N.C. Central University School of Law. He expresses his appreciation to Barton for preparing him well for law school.

Katie Fritz '05 recently released her CD, “Remnant.” The CD features 12 songs, one of which was performed at Barton in the 2006 production of Midsummer Night's Dream. You can hear clips from her songs at http://cdbaby.com/cd/katiefritz

Cambron Brewer '05 married Will Farris on May 19, 2007 at St. Therese Catholic Church in Wilson. Cambron is a magistrate for Wilson County. Will is an attorney with Farris & Farris, P.A.

Amanda Bullock '06 married Chaise Kanipe on April 14, 2007. She is currently working at Pitt County Memorial Hospital in the Pediatrics Unit.

Bridget Logan '06 has moved to Concord where she is the children's and youth ministry director at All Saints Episcopal Church.

Paula Oliver '06 married Christopher Shearan on May 5, 2007 in Wilson. Paula is attending law school at Campbell University. They are living in Wilson.

Panlette Johnson-Hedgepeth '06 celebrated her one-year anniversary with the Halifax County Health Dept. as a social worker in the Child Service Coordination Unit in Sept. 2007. She and her husband welcomed their first grandchild on Aug. 25, 2007 and celebrated their youngest daughter entering college.

Jennifer Bradbury '06 married Chad Dixon on June 14, 2007 at the Pinetops Baptist Church in Pinetops. They are living in Wilson.

Kathryn Holcomb '06 married Matthew Bedford on April 21, 2007 in Princeton. The couple resides in Goldsboro.

Katie Lewis '07 married Billy Groseclose on Dec. 8, 2007. Following a honeymoon cruise to the Caribbean, the couple has made their home in Kernersville.

In Memoriam

Alumni
John Daniel Wilson '34
Milton G. Coyle, Jr. ’36
Lillian Tomlinson Smith ’36
Edward N. Farnell ’37
Rebekah Carter Lucas ’38
David Lloyd Bryan ’39
Mary Elizabeth Hilley High ’39
Eunice Edwards Bass ’40
Esther Thomas Fowler Bayer ’41
Wortley Harrell Herring ’42
Charles Willis Latta ’45
George Tillman Bailey ’46
Ruth Harrell Beddingfield ’46
Marvin L. Woodard ’47
Cherrie Webster Cockman ’48
James Dewitt Daniell ’49
Sedalia Smith Green ’51
Fred M. Grady ’52
L. Thomas Thrarrington ’52
Marie Britt Eakin ’53
William Calvin Slavin ’53
Peggy Connor Bedgood ’54
Margaret Rebekah Robbins ’56
Richard Godfrey ’59
Edith Crockett Roberts ’59
Martha McFarland Russell ’59
Kathryn Bell Martin ’60
Jerry Martin Narron ’60
Elizabeth “Betsy” Hunter Forbes ’61
Elizabeth Rogers Morgan ’61
Ray Lewis Bryant ’65
Fred P. “Pat” Corbett ’65
Nanette “Nan” Mizu Rogers ’67
Donald Hubert Rose ’67
Hardwick S. Hatcher ’68
Donnie Pittman ’68
Glenia Daniel-Nyreen ’69
Michael Moy ’70
Thomas Lewis Williams ’72
Mary Ruth Kelly Knott ’79
Katharine Etheridge ’84

Gary Lee Arnold ’88
Willard Anthony Lamm ’93
Lora Ladon Tart ’96

Attended
Marguerite Drake Martin ’39
Vivian Viola Douglas ’40
Archie K. Ellis ’42
Robert C. Rice ’42
Gurland Howard Phillips ’48
Peggy High Helmer ’49
Charles Robert Clark ’54
Isabel Hunt Glover ’57
Marvin “Ray” Boyette ’58
Eliethe “Chicky” James Port Ellis ’65
Jerome Frank “Jerry” Morris ’67
Joyce Williamson Boone Wiggins ’71
James L. “Jimmy” Crawford III ’73
Dwight Allen Forrest ’75
Luther “Bernie” Gray ’75
Carol Russell Bowers ’76
Willbur “Butch” Thompson Priddgen ’77
Frances B. Swope ’79
Nemeth Fitzhugh Lee Sanders ’83

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Doris Frasier Capps
Ronald “Ron” Hyatt
William Marcus McGill
Warren R. Tait

Friends
Camile Clarke
Irene Tyndall Gray
Moses Williams Moye
Florence Pittman

Trustee Emeritus
Kenneth Durwood “K.D.” Kennedy, Sr.
Celebrating the Life and Service of
Kenneth Durwood “K.D.” Kennedy, Sr.
September 24, 1913 – September 8, 2007

Mr. Kenneth Durwood “K.D.” Kennedy, Sr., a revered member of the Barton College Board of Trustees from 1967 through 1988, was named a trustee emeritus in 1990. He was only the third College trustee to receive this honor at the time and the fifth trustee to date according to College records. On September 8, 2007, Barton College said good-bye to this good and faithful servant.

Born on September 24, 1913 in LaGrange, North Carolina, to Alonza Walter Kennedy, Jr., and Hannah Hodges Kennedy, K.D. Kennedy, Sr., learned the value of hard work and perseverance early in life while growing up on the family farm. He graduated from La Grange High School and completed one year of college at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill during The Great Depression. During World War II, K.D. Kennedy, Sr., worked at Fairchild Aircraft Company in Burlington where he built the Corsair airplanes that aided in winning the war in the Pacific.

He founded Electric Supply Company in 1946. This fledgling company of two employees grew exponentially to become one of the Southeast’s largest suppliers of electrical equipment serving electrical contractors, industrial companies, institutions, and wholesale buyers for the past 61 years. Even after K.D. Kennedy, Sr., turned the reins over to his son, K.D. Kennedy, Jr., the elder Kennedy remained active with the company until three months prior to his death.

A devoted husband and father, K.D. Kennedy, Sr., was married to the former Dorothy Zelma Barrow of Zebulon for over 67 years. Together, they raised two children. He took quiet pride in his family that included his daughter, Susan Kennedy Smith, and her husband, Jack Smith; his son, K.D. Kennedy, Jr., and his wife, Sarah Lynn Riley; five grandchildren, Dustin Smith, Ken Kennedy III, Katherine Riley Kennedy, Lauren Kennedy and her husband, Alan Campbell, and Michael Wesley Kennedy; and four great-grandchildren, Fiona Kennedy Kelly, Aidan Daniel Kelly, Gavin Joseph Kelly and Riley Rose Campbell.

During his tenure on the Barton College Board of Trustees, K.D. Kennedy, Sr.’s keen insight and savvy business acumen guided the College toward significant growth. During his 21 years of service on the Board, the College added Wenger Hall, Willis N. Hackney Library, the Nixon Nursing Building and the Barton College Athletic Complex to its growing list of facilities. Among his leadership roles were positions on the Executive Committee of the Board, the Education Committee and the Advancement Committee. He also served as a member of the College’s Steering Committee for the $5.5 million Design for Excellence capital campaign. Known for his philanthropic attitude, K.D. Kennedy, Sr., gave generously of his time and financial resources to support many worthy causes including Barton College.

Also a civic and church leader, K.D. Kennedy, Sr., served in numerous leadership roles during his lifetime including, but not limited to, the Board of Deacons at the First Baptist Church of Wilson, the Board of Directors for The Boys and Girls Club of Wilson, the Board of Directors for the BB&T Corporation and a member of the BB&T Corporate Finance Committee, chairman of the Wilson Community Chest and United Fund, a member and former president of the Kiwanis Club of Wilson, and camporee chief and a longtime layman for the East Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He was honored with the Silver Beaver and the Silver Buffalo awards from the Boy Scouts of America, presented by the National Court of Honor for distinguished service to youth, within the council and on the national level respectively.

K.D. Kennedy, Sr., will be long remembered for his dry wit, his community leadership, and his generous nature. He was a gentleman of strong character – character that was forged in the refining fires of a World War and an economic depression. It was, however, during more prosperous and peaceful times, that K.D. Kennedy, Sr.’s character shone most brightly – manifesting itself in a life of accomplishments that were often overshadowed by his generosity, selflessness, and humility.
We want to know how you are doing. If you are moving or have class news to share, please use the form below to notify our Office of Alumni Programs so records may be updated.

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My Class News:

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Kathy Sink, ’66 has forgotten more than most will ever know about history. Her love for history led her to share the gift of education for more than 30 years as a middle school teacher. What most folks also may not know is that education is more than just a profession to Kathy; it is an investment.

Kathleen Traylor Sink grew up in Winston Salem. As she reached high school, she knew her college decision was around the corner. This proved to be an easy decision. “I only applied to one school, Atlantic Christian,” Kathy shared. “My father and grandmother graduated from Atlantic Christian, and I knew that is where I wanted to go.” So, off Kathy went to make her mark on Atlantic Christian, and what a mark she left. She participated in activities too numerous to list, but among them were Phi Sigma Tau Sorority (became Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority during her senior year), Student Government Association, and the Choral Ensemble. Through the years, one of her favorite memories was traveling with the Choral Ensemble to local Christian (DOC) churches to perform and then spending the night with families from the different congregations.

After graduation, Kathy continued her education and earned her Master of Education degree in History. “I felt so prepared while furthering my own education due to the preparation I received at Atlantic Christian,” she continued. “The environment there is so empowering and nurturing.” Upon completing her education, Kathy started to teach at the very school she attended years earlier. And, there she stayed, sharing history with middle school students for 30 years.

It was while she was teaching that Kathy decided she needed to give back to this place that had given her such a valuable education. “I want to make sure other students have the same type of experience I had,” she said. “As I write checks every month, the gift I send to Barton helps reinvest in my degree. I know that it is not a large donation at one time, but it adds up.” Every month, like clockwork, Kathy sends a modest gift to the College’s Annual Fund; she has been writing these monthly checks on a regular basis for more than 15 years.

Kathy may have retired from the classroom, but she never gave up her love for history or teaching. In fact, she now shares those passions through her work as a museum educator in Old Salem. A proud teacher and a proud alumna of Barton, Kathy has touched the lives of hundreds of students through her love of history, and she continues to touch the lives of current and future students through her passion for Barton College and her monthly gifts to the Annual Fund.

If you would like to make a gift to the Barton College Annual Fund, please contact Caroline Hart, assistant vice president for institutional advancement, at (252) 399-6533 or (800) 422-4699. You can also make your gift online by going to www.barton.edu or use the enclosed envelope.
Barton College recognizes with great appreciation the alumni, friends, churches, foundations, and businesses who supported the College during fiscal year 2006-2007 (July 1 – June 30). We honor our donors for their commitment and loyalty to the College, and we celebrate the partnerships that have helped shape Barton's future.
We thought you supported us in 2005-2006 in an extraordinary way. Now, we have to exclaim that this year exceeded last as the most successful friend- and fund-raising year in the College’s history. We are grateful for this opportunity to recognize our alumni and friends in the Honor Roll of Donors. Please take a minute to look for your name…that is always fun for our donors.

Thanks to you, we had another remarkable year in fundraising. Barton Society membership continues to grow (329) and total fundraising was almost $700,000 above last year’s total. Total fundraising over the past four years has increased 86%. Just as important is the increase in the number of donors – 492 more donors. About 163 of these can be attributed to the 1902 Club and our continued efforts to reach out to our Atlantic Christian alumni.

Over the last year, the College has undergone an extensive “branding” exercise to determine how we change the lives of faculty, staff, and students at Barton. A common theme arose among all of our constituencies…that we inspire the future of our students. In reflecting on the new branding message of “Inspiring Futures,” I began to consider ways that the brand applies to friend- and fund-raising.

Why do alumni and friends support us? What inspires gifts? Many want to impact the future of the College. Others follow a driving passion about programs they believe should exist at Barton. We have many examples of inspired donors.

• On October 3, we announced the “Think Theatre! Think Barton!” public phase of the campaign to build the Lauren Kennedy and Alan Campbell Theatre on campus. We have raised the funds to build the theatre and, in this public phase, need to raise about $1 million to equip and furnish the building. The Kennedy family is passionate about the Theatre at Barton and instrumental in the results for this exciting project. We have contracted with an architectural firm and plan to break ground in late spring or early summer 2008. Stay tuned.

• Dr. Joe Russell (see Spotlight on Giving article) and his friend “Shug” came to visit me one day. “Shug” was more interested in visiting with everyone in Advancement, but Joe was intent on sharing his passion for the caregivers in our society. He feels the Caregiver Education Conference at Barton College is a fitting forum to thank caregivers and let them know how important their role is in society. He made a gift to endow the conference in memory of his mother Hester McDaniel Russell and in honor of caregivers in our society.

• Perhaps a result of the national championship, athletic fundraising has increased with more members of the Bulldog Club, more athletic sponsors and five members of the :45 Club.

You see, fundraising is easy because of people like those in the Honor Roll who believe in the mission of the College and share in a vision for its future. I hope you are now inspired. Remember, we appreciate gifts at any level. Your involvement will make us even stronger. By the way, we hope you feel a great deal of pride as you observe all the promotion of our new vision of “Inspiring Futures” in advertisements, billboards, and new website www.barton.edu. Call me at (252)399-6358 or email: chbrown@barton.edu with your ideas and comments.

And now, please take time to look over the names in the Honor Roll of Donors and their “inspired gifts.”
Torchbearer Society

The Torchbearer Society was established in 2006 as a means of expressing the College's gratitude for the generosity of those exceptional members of the Barton College family. Donors who support Barton College with cumulative gifts of $100,000 or more are recognized as members of the Torchbearer Society. Members of the esteemed Torchbearer Society exemplify abiding belief and trust in the mission of the institution.

Members indicated with a + reached the Torchbearer Society level in 2006-2007.
The Heritage Society, established by the Board of Trustees, honors individuals who have made provisions in their estate plans to benefit the College. All alumni and friends who have documented planned gifts with Barton are members of this prestigious society.

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The 1902 Club was established during fiscal year 2006-2007 to recognize those alumni who have made a first-time gift to Barton College. Special thanks to the 209 individuals and families that made Barton College a philanthropic priority.
Gilda Cauley buzzes around Wilson tirelessly supporting multiple projects. Within the last year Barton has become one of those projects, as she made her first gift to the College and became a charter member of the 1902 Club.

A music major and proud Disciple, Barton has always meant a lot to Gilda. Recently, Barton has her attention even more. “Getting to know the Knetens through their involvement in the First Christian Church and seeing how comfortable and welcome they make people feel made me take a look at my alma mater.” Gilda shared. “As I started to meet others who work at the College, I realized what makes Barton great now is the same as when I attended; it is the people.”

Gilda also came back to campus as the excitement grew around the men’s basketball team last year. “Those events showed me how Barton is reaching out to alumni and the Wilson community,” she continued. “I feel that Barton has given me so much and, if we want students to have the same positive experiences we shared, we must give back to the College community.” All of these things led Gilda to make her first gift; now, she challenges other alumni to join her.

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The joy of giving manifests itself in myriad ways, and educating patients and their families is encouraged through a host of networks in and out of the physician’s office.

Dr. Joseph D. Russell, a doctor of Internal Medicine in Wilson since 1975, chose a particularly significant opportunity to combine these two passions by endowing the annual Caregiver Education Conference held at Barton College each spring.

The endowment was made in memory of his mother, Lillian Hester McDaniel Russell. It also honors caregivers across the state. Sponsored by the Gerontology Program in the School of Behavioral Sciences at Barton in partnership with the Eastern North Carolina Chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association and the Upper Coastal Plain Area Agency on Aging, the annual Caregiver Education Conference has grown each year to be among the best in programming, counseling, and strategy for professionals and family caregivers across the region.

Hester Russell was a caregiver. She understood the tenderness and attention, the strength and courage, the fortitude and faith needed for the sometimes-tedious tasks of caring for those most loved and, at some point, most disabled. For Hester, this meant caring for her husband, Norman, after a stroke changed their life forever. Thanks to her devoted care, the couple enjoyed additional years together. They also shared difficult times as his health steadily declined. Hester shared her thoughts and experiences with her sons. Dr. Russell credits his mother as an important mentor, helping him with insights into the dilemmas facing families and caregivers.

“Even before I heard there was going to be a caregiver conference at Barton, I would be in conversations at the hospital concerning the need for a venue where we could discuss with families the challenges of caring for loved ones before they are abruptly faced with decisions in the hospital, ER, ICU, or office,” said Dr. Russell. “I am pleased that Barton began this effort in partnership with other agencies, and I’m glad to offer my support. I feel sure this conference and its endowment will continue to grow. We used to die from illnesses, now we live with illnesses.

“Within the next 10 years, one out of every five people in the country will be 65 or older, the number over 75 will triple, those over 85 will double, and one out of three over 85 will suffer some form of dementia,” continued Dr. Russell. “It’s more important than ever to counsel families that the requirements of some caregiving situations will be absolutely beyond their control; the family members’ capabilities will not always be enough to meet the needs of loved ones.”

While honoring his mother’s memory, Dr. Russell’s endowment provides an avenue for those in the healthcare industry, vendors, and family members to come together to discuss best practices for providing care, to learn of the resources available, and to understand that everyone is not capable of or suited to providing all the care possibly needed. There are limitations for us all — be it physical, gender, financial, educational, geographic, social, psychological, or emotional.

“I love the description-caregiver,” Dr. Russell added. “I often hear people referred to as caretakers, but these people are truly caregivers.”

Dr. Russell and his wife, Sarah, make their home in Wilson. They have two daughters, Stephanie Russell Bacon and Meredith Russell Exum. Stephanie and her husband, John, have a daughter, Blythe (3½). Meredith and her husband, Manning, have a son, Russell (4½) and a daughter, Ruth (11mos).
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- Constructing the Lauren Kennedy and Alan Campbell Theatre
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- Renovating Hackney Library
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Farris & Farris
First Wilson Properties
Dr. Gene Glover
J.C. Harris Pontiac Inc.
J.W. Hunter Construction, Inc.
Our Town Properties/Mike Eatmon
Parker’s BBQ
The Planning Group
Southern Piping
Stephenson Millwork
Thomas & Farris
Tucker Furniture
Wilson Breakfast Optimist Club
Wilson Immediate Care, PA.

Mr. Jack R. Wilson
George S. Willoughby
Mr. and Mrs. Todd Wilkinson

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The College and City received national exposure as the result of a unique 45-second stretch in the 2007 NCAA D-II national championship men’s basketball game. In an effort to ensure that the College has the tools in place to continue this success, the prestigious :45 Second Club was established. To be a member requires a commitment of $5,000/year for a minimum of three years. The funds will be directly applied to enhancing the men’s basketball program.

Dale and Genia Bone
“Chuck” Finklea/State Farm Insurance
Bill and Anne Highsmith
Lee Motor Company/John and Lynn Lee
Wilson Times Company
Thank you for participating in the Alumni Survey. Your insight is highly valued by Barton College, and we appreciate your time and effort! The feedback provided in this survey will help the College communicate more effectively with their alumni and prospective students. To show our appreciation, all completed surveys will be entered in a drawing to **win a $150 Visa gift card**. Just return your survey, postmarked by April 7, 2008, to be eligible. Thank you for your help. All identifying information will be kept strictly confidential. **Please remove survey, complete, and return in the attached envelope.**

**First Name** ___________________________  **Last Name** ___________________________

**Other Name** (Maiden Name) ___________________________  **Street Address** _______________________________________

**Home Phone** ( _______) ____________________________  **City** ____________________________

**Cell Phone** ( _______) ____________________________  **State** _____________  **Zip** ____________________________

**Email Address** ___________________________________________________________

1. **Years attended?** ____________ - ____________

2. **What was your major(s) at Barton College / ACC?**

   ____________________________________________  ____________________________________________  ____________________________________________

3. **What was your overall college grade point average (GPA) at Barton College / ACC?**

   [ ] 3.50 - 4.00  [ ] 3.00 - 3.40  [ ] 2.50 - 2.99  [ ] 2.00 - 2.49  [ ] Don’t Know

   (If you are an Alumnus who did not graduate from Barton / ACC please skip to question 10.)

4. **What year did you graduate?** _______________

5. **How many years did it take to complete your degree at Barton / ACC?** ______________

6. a. **Have you taken any courses toward an additional degree or certificate since receiving your Barton / ACC degree?**

   [ ] Yes  [ ] No

   b. **If yes, where did you attend?** _________________________________________________________

   c. **If yes, what academic program did you attend?** __________________________________________

7. **What is the highest degree you ultimately plan to earn?**  **What is the highest degree you currently hold?**

   ____ Do not intend to continue  ____ A Barton College / ACC degree

   ____ Additional baccalaureates  ____ Additional baccalaureates

   ____ Master degree  ____ Master degree

   ____ Specialist degree (Ed.S., etc.)  ____ Specialist degree (Ed.S., etc.)

   ____ Professional degree (law, medicine, etc.)  ____ Professional degree (law, medicine, etc.)

   ____ Doctoral degree (Ph.D., Ed.D., etc.)  ____ Doctoral degree (Ph.D., Ed.D., etc.)

8. **If you attended or are attending graduate or professional school, did Barton College / ACC prepare you?**

   [ ] Extremely Well  [ ] Well  [ ] Adequately  [ ] Poorly

9. **If Barton College / ACC provided a graduate program in your field, would you have attended Barton College / ACC for an additional degree?**

   [ ] Yes  [ ] No
10. What is your status at this time? (Please check only one primary option and as many secondary options as apply.)

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What type of organization do you currently work for? (If retired, please list last positions).

- Private for profit organization (corporation)
- Non-profit organizations (cultural, schools, arts)
- Government agency
- Self-employed
- Not applicable
- Other (please explain) _________________________

12. Tell us about your current employer. (If retired, please list last employer.)

Employer name ____________________________________________________________

Your job field (i.e., Medical, Law, etc.) _________________________________________

Your job title _____________________________________________________________

Zip code of employer (actual workplace, not headquarters) ________________________ Years in position ______

13. How closely related is your current job to your degree (if retired, select according to last job held)?

- Closely related
- Related
- Unrelated

14. What is your current pre-tax salary and your total household pretax income?

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15. How well did your Barton College / ACC experience prepare you for the world of work?

- Extremely Well
- Poorly
- Well
- Not at all
- Adequately

16. Overall, did your program of study meet your educational goals?

- Yes, definitely
- Somewhat
- Not at all

17. Overall, how would you rate your Barton College / ACC experience?

- Excellent
- Fair
- Good
- Poor
- Average

18. When recalling your Barton College / ACC experience, can you tell us a story on how Barton College / ACC has influenced your life? (Attach a separate sheet if needed.)

__________________________________________________________

__________________________________________________________
19. Would you recommend Barton College / ACC as an educational institution?
   ___ Definitely would recommend
   ___ Probably would recommend
   ___ Probably would NOT recommend
   ___ Definitely would NOT recommend
   ___ Maybe, (please explain) ___________________________________________________________
   ________________________________________________________________________________
   ________________________________________________________________________________

20. How connected do you feel to Barton College?
   ☐ Not connected
   ☐ Somewhat connected
   ☐ Moderately connected
   ☐ Very connected

21. a. Did you participate in an organization on campus (Greek Life, athletics, etc.)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

   b. If so, which organization(s)? ______________________________________________________

22. a. Do you feel you are receiving sufficient communication/contact from Barton College?
   ___ No, I need more updates.
   ___ Yes, communication is sufficient
   ___ I am getting too much communication

   b. Which method of communication suits you best? ☐ Regular Mail ☐ Email ☐ Both

23. If you feel you are not getting enough information, what information would you like Barton to communicate?
   ___ Faculty / Staff news
   ___ Campus updates (academic programs, student projects, etc.)
   ___ Opportunities for financial support
   ___ Alumni achievements
   ___ State of College information (priority initiatives, graduation statistics, President’s vision, etc.)

24. a. Do you currently support Barton financially? ☐ Yes ☐ No

   b. If no, would you consider financially supporting initiatives for Barton College?
      ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Maybe

   c. If yes or maybe, which support would you most likely consider?
      ___ Scholarships / Endowments
      ___ Operating expenses
      ___ Facilities / Buildings
      ___ Other (please explain) __________________________________________________________
25. In the space provided, please write any comments, questions, or suggestions you may have.

____________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

26. What is your gender?  
☐ Male  ☐ Female

27. What is your birth year? _____________

28. What is your race / ethnicity? Please check all that apply.

☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native  ☐ African American / Black  ☐ I prefer not to respond

☐ Caucasian / White  ☐ Hispanic of any race

☐ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander  ☐ Asian

☐ Other _____________________________________________

29. What is your current personal status?

☐ Married or living with a partner in a long-term domestic relationship

☐ Divorced

☐ Separated

☐ Widowed

☐ Single (no others apply)

If you know of someone who would like to receive information about attending Barton College, please write the name(s) and contact information below:

First Name ___________________________________________ Last Name ______________________________________

Street Address _______________________________________________________________________________________

City ________________________________________________________ State ________ Zip Code ___________________

Home Phone _________________________________________ Cell Phone _______________________________________

Email Address _______________________________________________________________________________________

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