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Upcoming Events

January

January 25 – February 8
Barton Art Galleries presents the
*Scholastic Art Awards Exhibition for
Eastern/Central North Carolina*
Case Art Building (no charge)

February

February 14
Barton College/Wilson Symphony
Orchestra presents *Love the Symphony*
6:30 p.m., Wine Reception, 7 p.m.,
Symphony Performance, 8 p.m., Dinner
Wilson Gymnasium, (reservations required,
call 252-399-6309)

February 22 – March 20
Barton Art Galleries and Friends of Visual
Arts present Arthur Ganson's *Gestural
Mechanics* exhibition
February 22, 2 - 4 p.m., Opening Reception
Case Art Building (no charge)

February 22
Friends of Visual Arts' Spring Dinner
and Lecture with featured speaker
– Arthur Ganson
5-8 p.m., Case Art Building (reservations
required, members only, call 252-399-
6357)

February 24
Heritage Lecture Series presents Dr. Harry
Watson, Director of the Center for the
Study of the American South at UNC-
Chapel Hill
7 p.m., The Sam and Marjorie Ragan
Writing Center (no charge)

March

March 1
E.G. Purcell, Jr., Bible Conference
Featured Speaker – Dr. Warren Carter,
Professor of New Testament, Brite Divinity
School at Texas Christian University
3 p.m. Registration, Hardy Alumni Hall,
(no charge)

March 2-3
Theford G. and Woodrow W. Sprinkle
Lectures
Featured Speaker - Dr. Kay Lynn Northcutt,
Fred B. Craddock Chair in Preaching at
Phillips Theological Seminary
7:30 p.m., Lecture I, March 2; 11 a.m.,
Lecture II, March 3
Hardy Alumni Hall (no charge)

March 12-15
Theatre at Barton presents
the musical *Violet*
8 p.m., Thursday, Friday, Saturday;
3 p.m., Sunday
Howard Chapel (tickets at door)

March 16-17
Emerging Writers Series presents poets
Catherine Carter and Dan Albergotti

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3 p.m. Afternoon Session, March 16;
7:30 p.m. Poetry Reading, March 16
9:30 a.m. Morning Session, March 17
The Sam and Marjorie Ragan Writing
Center (no charge)

March 31
Friends of Hackney Library present
A Panel of Children's Book Illustrators
Featured panelists include Loren Long
and Meredith Hamilton with moderator
Susan Fecho
6 p.m., Wine Reception and Book Signing;
7 p.m., Dinner and Remarks
Hardy Alumni Hall (reservations required)

April

April 4 – May 9
Barton Art Galleries presents the
2009 Senior Art Exhibition
April 4, 7-9 p.m., Opening Reception
Case Art Building (no charge)

April 11
Walking Into April Poetry Day
Featured Poets – Marty Silverthorne and
Nancy King, and the Gilbert-Chappell
Distinguished Poet Lenard Moore
9:30 a.m., The Sam and Marjorie Ragan
Writing Center (lunch reservations
required)

April 16 - 19
Theatre at Barton presents
A Student-Directed Play (TBA)
8 p.m., Thursday, Friday and Saturday;
3 p.m., Sunday
Howard Chapel (tickets at the door)

April 21
Habitat for Humanity Benefit
6 p.m., Silent Auction / Wine Reception;
7:15 p.m., Dinner and Remarks
Hardy Alumni Hall (reservations required)

April 28
Friends of Hackney Library present
War Bonds: A World War II Cabaret
(A fund-raising event)
6:30 p.m., Wine Reception; 7 p.m., Dinner
and Performance
Hardy Alumni Hall (reservations required)

April 30
Barton College Choir presents
A Spring Concert
7 p.m., Howard Chapel (no charge)

May

May 3
Barton College/Wilson Symphony
Orchestra presents *A Spring Concert*
Featured Soloist – Phillip Valera, organist,
performing Handel's *Organ Concerto No. 4*
3 p.m., Howard Chapel (tickets at door)

May 4 - 5
Theatre at Barton presents *One-Acts*
7 p.m., Howard Chapel (no charge)

a message from the President



Homecoming was filled with events this year! The tents scattered across center campus provided a festive fall atmosphere to the campus. By the second day, the tents seemed as familiar and comfortable to us as our living room. This year, homecoming was “lived out” on the campus itself.

The excitement and intensity of our homecoming events were a reflection of all the initiatives currently being carried out on our campus. The first I’ll mention is accreditation.

I will try to make the topic of reaffirmation of accreditation of the College by SACS an exciting topic. For those who don’t know, our ability to award accredited degrees depends upon maintaining our SACS accreditation. That makes it exciting or, at least, stressful for us all. But we have good news. Barton is successfully navigating this difficult process, and we’ll receive our final report in May.

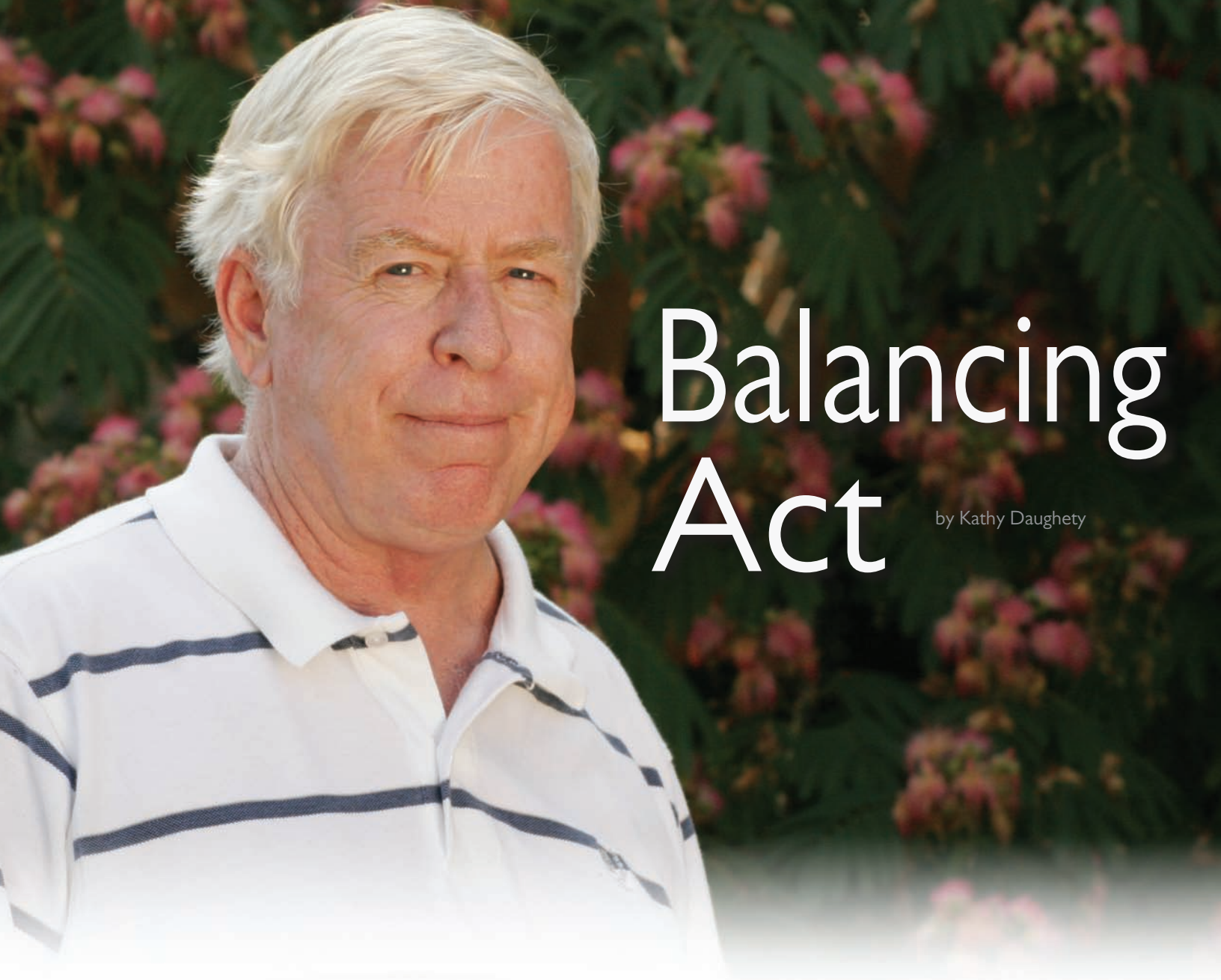
A really exciting topic is the national recognition we received for the quality of the Barton educational experience. We have participated for several years in a national study on which institutions are best at increasing the critical thinking skills of their students. The results this year? Barton ranks “excellent,” at the 94% level nationally. Since critical thinking skills provide the foundation for career advancement, we state it this way, “Barton ranks at the 94% level nationally in value-added education.” Barton was one of two colleges recognized for this achievement in a national publication by the Council of Independent Colleges.

Even more exciting is that Barton continues to receive kudos for its 2007 national championship basketball win. In the spring 2008 edition of the NCAA’s publication, “Champion,” Barton College’s national championship win was recognized as one of the top 10 dramatic finishes overall in the NCAA during the past 25 years. Pretty impressive!

I’ll close by mentioning that the alumni board has been involved in our current campus master planning initiative. This plan is a resource for our future, helping us plan what our next priorities are in facilities, programs, and other initiatives. Carolyn Brown has moved from her vice president’s position to advising me directly on developing plans for future fundraising to pursue these initiatives. More later...much more...

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Kneten'.

Norval Kneten
President



Balancing Act

by Kathy Daughety

“
I’ll never forget the last lines of that senior year play, ‘I didn’t go to the moon, I went much further — for time is the longest distance between two places’...
”

Life is a balancing act for alumnus Jimmy Ward. Quite literally. His love for theatre, coupled with a successful CPA practice, keeps him focused whether it’s on “an opening line” or “the bottom line.”

But to understand why this psychology major/philosophy minor made an abrupt u-turn for accounting and theatre, some dots must be connected as we map his journey.

A native of Kinston, Ward chose the Coast Guard instead of college after high school. But at the age of 22, he decided to trade in the high seas for some higher education. Where would he pursue a degree? That decision was easier; he followed his twin sister, Deckie, to Atlantic Christian College. He knew her experience had been positive, so he “jumped ship” and found his way back to his native N.C. Coastal Plains.

“The friendships I made at A.C.C. are ones that I cherish to this day,” said Ward. “My friendships with Bill Thomas, Brian Crist, Rich Wingfield, Carroll Aldridge, Mike Rhoades, Bernie Voliva, Arch Hodges, and Mike Walker are some of the strongest I have known in my life, in addition to my sister and brother. And, to this day, we stay in touch. I talk to some of these folks every week.”

Ward settled into college life and eventually chose psychology as his major, later adding religion/philosophy as a minor. He remembers with great admiration his professors, including: Doris Capps, Walter Parker, Gene Purcell, and Walter Anderson. As a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, Ward also has great memories of campus Greek life, including intramural football games where he played halfback for his fraternity's team. However, it was during the spring of his junior year when an unexpected turn of events indirectly changed his "course" in college.

A friend convinced Ward to attend the spring theatre production on campus with her. When they left Howard Chapel, she asked what he thought, and he casually replied, "It was OK; I could do it." Only two days later, this same friend encouraged Ward to audition for the end-of-the-semester One Acts. "I really didn't want to do it," remembered Ward. "I told her I had been kidding about auditioning, but she held her ground and made me keep the promise I'd made. So, I ended up being cast in a one-act, titled 'The Freezer,' that Candace Bergen had written when she was 21 years old. I didn't even comprehend what the script was about until shortly before the opening."

However, when the reviews came out following opening night, it was Ward who was the most surprised, of all the cast members, to find out that he was the only one who received a favorable review from all of the one-acts performed. He described the whole experience as a bit surreal.

During Ward's senior year, he was cast in the fall production of "The Lion in Winter," and he garnered the lead role the next spring in "The Glass Menagerie."

As the final days of classes waned, Honors Convocation was scheduled, and Ward's same friend, who encouraged the audition, insisted he attend the spring convocation. He was not interested and firmly declined this time. Not surprisingly, she persisted until he grudgingly agreed and, on that warm spring day, Ward sauntered into Howard Chapel in his favorite cut-offs and flip-flops. No need for fanfare; this was a favor for his friend, right? Wrong. He was surprised once again when he was awarded the highest drama award, known as the Duchess Trophy. This award, named for the late drama professor Doris Holsworth, had been presented to this fledgling theatre participant. "What was Paul Crouch thinking?" thought Ward. Evidently, Dr. Crouch, director of the theatre program, knew he had discovered some raw talent that needed nurturing, and that's exactly what transpired Ward's senior year.

"Theatre helped me graduate," said Ward. "I made A's my senior year because I was much more focused. My favorite professor was Dr. Crouch. He really did more for me than anyone else; he taught me so much. And, his lessons of the past affect everything I do in theatre today. His rules are now my rules. He taught me the importance of discipline. I learned so much about myself through my participation in theatre. Dr. Crouch was a huge influence in my life."

Ward remembered the tremendous support he also received from home. "My sister Deckie, my brother Clen, and my

parents were very supportive of my theatre work," shared Ward. "Even though I had made the remark that 'I could do that' as we were leaving the chapel after that first play, I had never realized I really could do something like the lead in 'The Glass Menagerie.' I remember my father driving to campus from Kinston every night during the play's run. He had no idea I had it in me.

"Though I've done a lot of theatre since then, I'll never forget the last lines of that senior year play, 'I didn't go to the moon, I went much further — for time is the longest distance between two places,'" Ward reminisced. "It proved to be a defining moment for me, although I wouldn't realize it until some years later."

After graduating in 1977 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology and a minor in religion/philosophy, Ward needed to find a job. And, off to Charlotte he went. While he dabbled briefly in community theatre, he eventually sought work in construction, landscaping, and even selling cemetery plots door to door. He admitted that these were not strong career moves, but his wanderlust kept him from settling anywhere for long. Three years after graduation, Ward found himself laid off from a Richmond, Va., construction project.

"I remember the date; it was December 12, 1980," said Ward. "I went home and sat down with my dog JJ and said, 'What am I going to do?' I thought for a minute and then told my dog that I didn't know what I was going to do, but it wasn't going to be this [construction] anymore. I thought about going to law school, so I literally opened up the phone book to the yellow pages and found pages and pages and pages of attorney listings. Then, I thought about being an accountant. It would take less time for me to earn an accounting degree, so I turned the yellow pages over to the CPA listings and found a much shorter list — just a couple of pages. That's when I said to JJ and to myself, 'That's what I'm going to be — a certified public accountant.'"

When Ward sets his mind upon something, there is no turning back. With the career choice made, he ventured back into the classroom — this time at the University of South Carolina in Columbia. Again, his twin sister, Deckie, was an influence. She was living in Columbia, and she was a great source of moral support as Ward ventured in this new direction. "It wasn't easy; it was really hard," shared Ward. "I was paying my way through school at A.C., and I did pretty well. But this accounting was tough. I was 30 years old now. After the first test in my intermediate accounting class, I found out I had made a 16 out of 100. I was stunned. This was the first test that really weeded out the class. By the next class meeting, I realized that a lot of folks had changed their mind about accounting. There had been 30 in that first class and, now, there were only eight of us left. I had been sitting at the back of the class. All the A students were sitting up front. I decided I needed to move. Then, the professor asked to see me after class. In all seriousness, he asked, 'What are you doing?' 'I'm going to class,' I told him. He looked me straight in the eye and asked, 'Why?' I replied promptly, 'Because I'm going to be a CPA.' He said, 'You're never going to be a CPA. If you don't get it from the get-go, you're never going to get it.' I responded right back, 'I understand that,

but I paid my money, and I'm going to class. And, if you fail me, then you fail me. I'm not going to stop now."

By the next accounting test, Ward had figured it out; he aced that second test with a perfect score. He made 100 on the third test as well. And, so it went throughout his experience at USC. He managed to sail through the program. Patience and persistence saw him through. He became licensed in the state of South Carolina in March 1987 as a certified public accountant.

His first accounting job was in the Washington, D.C. area. He served a CPA firm in nearby Alexandria, Va., for two years. Another defining moment for Ward's career occurred on the way home from an audit he was conducting across the street from the Washington National Zoo on Connecticut Avenue.

"I remember I left that Friday afternoon at 5 p.m. and drove nine miles to my townhouse in Alexandria; it took me two and a half hours," said Ward. "I walked into my house and said, 'I'm moving! This is crazy — two and a half hours to drive nine miles!' I was married at the time, and my wife of one year said, 'You've never mentioned moving before.' I rebutted, 'I've never sat in traffic for two and a half hours to go nine miles either!' She then asked, 'Where are we moving?' Literally, out of the blue, my response came, 'The Isle of Palms.' 'What?' she exclaimed. 'You've never mentioned it before!'"

Ward will tell all who ask him that his discovery of the Isle of Palms is a whole other story, but suffice it to say he loves the water and loves surfing. On an earlier Coast Guard excursion with a monkey named Jazzbo, Ward was in search of that perfect wave. Instead, what he found was the Isle of Palms, and it was love at first sight.

Well, the Wards packed up and made their way south, moving to their island home in January 1986. "I left a brand new townhouse and moved into a run-down house at the beach, but I was in heaven," Ward shared. "My wife ended up leaving the island, but I stayed, renovated the house, and it soon became home." Ward's wandering sea legs had finally found rest.

With a newfound peace regarding his career, Ward settled into his new life in the beautiful Isle of Palms, S.C., and developed a successful CPA practice that he discusses with all seriousness. Having worked in big partnerships and also on his own, he prefers to run his own office on a smaller scale. "I've had the large staff of employees, and, now, I have an office in my home," shared Ward. "I have one employee and more work than I can handle." Living in what Ward describes as a very diverse community, he discovered a great need for CPA services on the island. He was the first CPA in the Isle of Palms. Since his arrival, a few others have joined the community, but there is plenty of business for all. Ward's practice focuses on small business consulting and tax preparation. Most of his clients are good friends, but he also works with a number of medical professionals as well.

With clients from up and down the East Coast, a good portion of his clientele list was established through word of mouth. Ward will tell you the reputation of a good CPA is the best calling card one can have.

Committed to his new hometown, Ward soon found himself caught up in the local politics. He was one of nine people running for four open seats on the city council. He went door to door every night and each weekend to meet Isle of Palms residents. Ward ended up coming in first in the election and served four very volatile years in politics. He survived the



"You Ought to be in Pictures" by Neil Simon featuring The Crabpot Players, in 2001. From the left: Lauren Daughcher, Jimmy Ward, and Michelle Combs.

controversy of a referendum to build a connecting bridge to the Isle of Palms from Charleston. He survived Hurricane Hugo flooding the island and bringing four feet of water into his home. He helped change the local form of government, and he fought successfully to build a climate-controlled kennel for animal control. Later, he ran for mayor at the young age of 36, but was 46 votes shy of winning that race. Ward said he was able to accomplish some significant work while in office, but now he enjoys the more palatable service on the council's culture affairs committee and the city's accommodations tax committee.

What Ward found missing in his later life was that passion for theatre he had discovered during college, and that love returned through a most unexpected opportunity.

Ward had not been involved in theatre since his early days in Charlotte in 1979. Years later, in the Isle of Palms, his passion for theatre re-emerged during a conversation with neighbor Malcolm Burgis, owner of the Windjammer, a popular local tavern. With a huge deck that overlooks the Atlantic Ocean, the Windjammer proved the perfect locale for summer band concerts in the Isle of Palms. However, patron traffic diminished during the winter months, and Burgis was lamenting this fact one day while visiting with Ward.

"Not missing a beat, I told him he ought to have a play," shared Ward. "Burgis did an about face and said, 'What?'"

Now, you need to know that this place had a great stage and lights already in place because of the bands he [Burgis] brought in each summer. He thought I was crazy; this was a rock and roll bar, not a theatre.” But a few months later, as the summer unfolded, Burgis evidently gave Ward’s suggestion a little more thought, and he asked Ward to tell him again about this crazy idea for a play. “I told him I had the perfect show,” said Ward. “We proceeded to gather some local talent; I was scrambling to find actors and finally ended up talking some bar buddies into auditioning.” They ended up with a couple of experienced actors, but most were just local friends who had been talked into “the adventure.”

Ironically, a reporter from the Charleston newspaper, who had followed Ward’s tenure in local politics, heard about the play and wanted to write an article about it. When the reporter asked Ward about the name of his theatrical company, Ward had no name to offer. “I told her I didn’t have a name for my company; this whole idea had come about on a whim,” said Ward. “She insisted that I have a name for the group, so, after a little thought, I finally came up with Crabpot Players.”

Opening night came. The Crabpot Players spent a total of \$35 for the set. They rented some chairs, but there was no curtain. They expected a few locals to come just out of curiosity, but to their surprise, it was standing room only. The show sold out all four nights of the run and received rave reviews! “Who knew there would be that much interest,” reflected Ward. “I was shocked!”

Burgis, on the other hand, was thrilled. On a lark, he had found a way to increase his winter business. He was ready to plan another show immediately. “We ended up doing three more shows that year,” said Ward. “The locals loved it; tickets were only \$5. But, as often will happen, politics of the community became an issue, and I chose not to become involved in the fray. I did continue for a while as a director and actor with another local group nearby in Mount Pleasant.” After a while, Ward said he grew weary of the politics and the censorship, and he began to focus his energy on writing. And, Ward soon discovered that writing was his real passion in theatre.

Ward has written, directed, or acted in some 75 shows over the course of his theatrical tenure. This is all while he continues to enjoy an extremely successful accounting career. His original scripts include “Brother Bill,” “A Hunley Christmas,” “Malibu East,” “Red Right Returning,” “Auburn Bliss,” and “Mayberry by the Sea.” Sometimes irreverent and always entertaining, Ward’s original works often are inspired by local history. With artistic license in hand, he adds a twist of irony, with an occasional pun, to create his own brand of absurd humor.

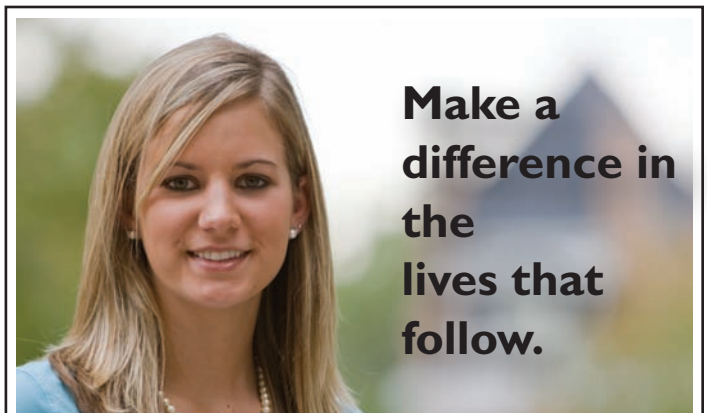
Ward’s theatrical company, The Crabpot Players, also produced one show in New York City in 2003. It was called “Specter.” “I did not write that script, but I appeared in the production, and I also directed it,” shared Ward. “It was staged at the Sanford-Meisner Theater on the lower east side of Manhattan.”

Recently, Ward has partnered with the husband and wife team of Rodney Rogers and Sharon Graci, co-founders of a five-year old contemporary theatre company named Pure Theatre. The company is well recognized as a recipient of numerous awards for producing plays from original scripts; the couple have a passion for bringing to the forefront new writers and new work. According to Graci, Ward is one of their favorite writers.

Ward has written for the Pure Holiday Show, an annual production, and has written for the one-acts competition sponsored by Pure Theatre. He currently is working on two new plays to submit to Pure for possible production next year, and he also is discussing a possible spring show for the city of Isle of Palms. “I enjoy writing for the theatre; for me, the challenge is always in the writing,” said Ward. “Acting can be fun, but the real thrill for me is when I see my script come to life on stage.”

Ward has spent a lifetime in pursuit of his passions. Though he loves the sea, his passion wasn’t in service on the ocean. He discovered his love for theatre first by a friend in college and rediscovered it later as he sought to help another friend. He searched for success in the capital of our great nation and instead found success, coupled with contentment, on his intimate, beautiful island by the sea.

He didn’t go to the moon, he went much further — for Jimmy Ward, time has also proven to be the longest distance between two places.



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An Olympic Odyssey

by Kathy Daughety

It was an adventure of Olympic proportion for two Barton alumni, Thomas Allen Gray and Bradford Roberson, now back from their summer in Beijing. Everything associated with the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing proved to be on a grand scale — from work facilities to encounters with locals to the emotional experience of this cultural immersion.

Gray, better known by classmates and friends as Tag, and Roberson, better known as Brad, had the assignments of a lifetime when their employer, ARAMARK Higher Education, sent these two young men to Beijing earlier this year as members of the food services staff for the 2008 Olympic Games. Gray served as a sous chef assigned to dessert and pastry preparation in a cold prep kitchen for one of several huge dining facilities in the Olympic Village. He supervised a student staff of 100. Roberson served as a cold manager for one of the expansive dining halls. He oversaw the cold section of the food service area, which included the salad bar, dessert, and fruit sections. And, he supervised some 60 Chinese student workers each work shift.

To understand the mammoth size of these facilities, Roberson said his dining hall seated 6,000 guests at a time and hosted some 20,000 people over the course of the day. Gray's kitchen facility had rows upon rows of ovens, wok stations, fryers, tilt skillets, steam kettles, grills, and the list goes

on. His cold prep kitchen actually consisted of several catacomb-designed coolers where workstations were strategically arranged for preparation of the food. Gray described the scale of these facilities as the size of two football fields placed side by side, and he shared that additional workstations for food preparation were located in the dining halls. He was particularly impressed with the engineering design of the dining facilities that he ironically described as portable, being “held together by pins and ready to dismantle” on a moment’s notice.

Equally expansive are the number of stories each young man could share about his experience. Here are but a few recollections in their own words.

Brad Roberson – In His Own Words

The first time I visited China was during a January Term travel abroad trip led by Barton professors Dr. Joe Jones and Dr. Zhixiong Cai. That trip was in January 2005; it was really cold, and our schedule was extremely hectic. We packed thousands of years of history into a whirlwind 14-day trip. To

really experience China, I recommend visiting China for a length of time.

Spending over two months immersed in the culture has been a totally different experience. The country was beautiful on both visits, and the local people were gracious both times, but now, I feel like I really have a sense of what life is like in China. Instead of a tourist bus, this time I used cabs, public buses, or walked to get from place to place. While I really enjoyed the first trip, the experience of working in China for the Olympic Games has been truly unforgettable.

I was surprised that Western culture is everywhere when it comes to restaurants in China. When you walk down the streets of Beijing, you see McDonalds, KFC, and Pizza Hut, but the Western food that I enjoyed the most was the locals’ interpretation of Western food. They added their own special touches that made it a unique and fun alternative.

We had our ARAMARK party to celebrate the end of the Olympic Games at “The Beach,” an up-scale restaurant/bar in Beijing. You take an elevator to the top floor (roof) of the



building and, when you step out, you literally find a beach. Cabanas are everywhere, and sand is spread across the floor. The restaurant features a full buffet of foods that are cooked to order. I even had a chance to meet the owner at the party, and I found out he was born in Los Angeles and had moved to Beijing to start his own business. He's been in China for seven years and now owns seven restaurants. Needless to say, he's doing very well, but he also was extremely gracious. He asked me about North Carolina food specialties, and I told him about our Southern-style, vinegar-based barbecue. I explained how we cooked the pig and, before long, he was asking me to cook a pig for him before I left to return home. He later invited me to a private party where I was his guest of honor, and I had the chance to meet some of his friends. It turned out to be a great evening where I had the opportunity to cook for my host and his guests. I prepared pork tenderloin with my special sauce, garlic Parmesan mashed potatoes and steamed peppered broccoli. They enjoyed the Western food, and I made 30 new friends that evening.

Another great experience "revisited" was my trip to the Great Wall of China. Several friends and I visited the section of the Wall named Mutianyu, which was less traveled by tourists. I also had the chance to revisit the Summer Palace and its surrounding grounds. It was beautiful during the summer months. During my last visit in January 2005, only part of it was on view because of the ice. And, of course, the Silk Market is one place everyone should experience while visiting Beijing.

One of the coolest moments during my work shifts was one evening about 9:45 p.m. I was checking in my employees when I heard, over the radio, that all managers needed to report to the front entrance to help monitor the U.S. Basketball Team. I didn't believe it at first, but I went to the front of the dining hall and sure enough there they were, trying to eat while being swarmed by fans and employees. I started pulling our employees out of the crowd and told them to go back to work. I finally had to take some cameras away from the employees just to get them back to their workstations. Once the

employees were back in place, we were assigned to help guard the team. One of the security guards thanked me for helping, and I responded, "It's an honor, sir." When the team prepared to leave, we were moved to different spots, and I was asked to move to the corner of the team's table. When I turned and looked up, there was Kobe Bryant standing right beside me. I said, "Hey!" "He responded, "Thanks for helping with the crowd." That night, I had the chance to meet most of the U.S. Basketball Team. For someone who loves basketball, this was an awesome experience to be asked to help guard the best basketball players in the U.S., and, now, the world. They brought home the gold!

Another memorable experience was finding a Christian Church while in Beijing. When I found out it was an English-speaking service, I made sure to attend. There are some 400 people in the Haidian Christian Church, and it was awesome to see both Chinese and American people coming together to worship God. I wanted to buy a Bible at the small gift shop just outside the worship room, so I waited in line for about 20 minutes and, in that time, I witnessed locals buying not just one Bible but cases of Bibles. After the service, I shared that I was a youth minister in the United States, and they invited me to come back to speak with their youth leadership team. During that visit, I learned that China may be a Communist country with a population of over a billion people, but Christians are present and working hard to spread the Word. This experience strengthened my own faith and made me realize how much we take for granted that we can worship freely without fear. Their dedication and persistence, despite the obstacles, made their worship more meaningful to me. It really provided me with a spiritual boost that strengthened my

faith. I know I'm even more dedicated now in my service as a youth minister to my church and congregation.

Thomas Allen Gray – In His Own Words

When I got to China, I had no idea of what to expect. After I met my roommates for the summer, we decided that we wanted to see the "real China" and what it had to offer. When we had time, we would just walk and watch the people — what they did, where they went. We sought out local eateries that the local working class seemed to frequent. Sometimes, we took a cab and asked to be dropped off where we could just walk into neighborhoods to get a view of local life. After I became comfortable with my surroundings, I began to take public transportation



Gray with new friends.

back and forth to work, either by subway or the bus line. I observed people who were living with the bare minimum, never wasting anything, and seemingly not concerned about who had more than the other. They appeared to be happy and living for the moment. I really learned a lot about humility and frugality during my stay.

A sea of faces, a sea of flags. That pretty much sums up my first impression as I saw the Olympic athletes entering the dining hall that first time. With my station set up and ready during the wee hours of the morning, they started to trickle in. I didn't know them, but the



colors they wore identified who they represented. It was amazing to see nations, races, and cultures all come together to experience the Olympic Summer Games, all aspiring to capture their dreams during those few weeks the world sets aside every four years.

During my stay in China, one thing that really surprised me was my weight loss; I didn't plan on it, but I lost 36 pounds. I did a lot of walking in Beijing, but I also had made up my mind that I wanted to try to fit in and experience the Chinese culture as much as possible, so I only ate with chopsticks.

I also carried a Chinese to English dictionary with me everywhere. I gained a lot of "face" for doing so. The locals were appreciative that I, an American in a foreign country, was really trying to learn their language, their customs, and their way of life. Every night, we had to clean our station and have it sanitized for an hour. I learned to take advantage of that wait time to talk to my non-English-speaking students. We learned from each other, and it was an experience I will always remember.

We worked with BOCOG, the Beijing Organizing Committee of the Olympic Games, that included master chefs from the restaurants in Beijing and from the surrounding areas. They were a reclusive group, especially to Western chefs representing ARAMARK. But because of my extra effort to learn the language and to communicate with my student staff, I was accepted into the BOCOG realm of chefs. That was an incredible honor to be welcomed into their social network in the Olympic Village.

Words just can't describe what it's like to view the Great Wall, Tiananmen Square, or the Forbidden City. We've all read about these places in history

books, seen them on the news, and probably even seen photographs of these historic sites on the walls of Chinese restaurants here in the States, but to be able to experience these places firsthand was just incredible. There is a sense of humanity that overwhelms you on these visits. I admit that it was emotional because I realized that most people will never have a chance to view or experience China as I have. When I walked the length of The Square, images from previous television newscasts kept coming to mind, and goose bumps revealed the emotion I was feeling as I imagined those terrifying historic moments captured on film. It definitely was a day of personal reflection.

And, finally, there was the food, food, food — and too many places from which to choose! I have never seen so many restaurants in my life! Restaurants were everywhere — Chinese, Korean, Japanese, Russian, Thai, Indian, French, Italian, and American. All the major mainstream cuisines were covered. My roommate and I chose to stick with places that we knew we would never have the opportunity to try again, at least anytime soon. We went to the noodle stands that were really shacks, and there even were bicycles, yes... bicycles, where noodles were sold right out of a basket on the bike or a rack from the back of the stand. We also tried market food, like that of the Wang Fu Jing Night Market. And, yes, I did eat some unusual items that you would never find back home. Anyone who knows me will appreciate the fact that I'm usually willing to try any food at least once.

I have come to realize that, for many, food is a very sensitive subject — just like religion and politics. We all eat foods that may offend those of other cultures. After taking courses in

Chinese Hygiene and Health, and after being tested for TB, STDs, lung disease, [all part of the process for working in food facilities in the Olympic Village], and the steps that we had to go through before we were allowed to open a box of product, it's my opinion that there is little chance of anyone getting sick from food in China. I was amazed at the hoops that restaurant employees and street vendors have to jump through just to be able to work in a food establishment in China.

I've always understood that food brings people together. Just look at our own holidays... Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, and even the 4th of July. It is no different in China. The meal is a time for everyone to step away from the stress of the day. So...

Sit. Relax. Eat. Share. Whether a simple bowl of rice with vegetables and a protein, or an elaborate seven-course meal, food serves as the catalyst for sharing the experience.



India

by Dr. David Dolman



On a cold day last February, an email appeared in my in-box inviting me to apply for a two-week teacher education administrators seminar in India, sponsored by the United States-India Educational Foundation, which administers the Fulbright Scholars Program in India.

Although I didn't feel I had much chance of getting accepted — after all, they were only taking 10 applicants from across the United States — I decided I didn't have much to lose by sending in an application. I had been intrigued by India for a long time. In graduate school, my roommate had been from Bangalore. A good friend, the former superintendent of the Eastern North Carolina School for the Deaf, hailed from northern India, and, of course, I had a long association with three faculty members at Barton who were Indian — Anand Jaggi, Amrut Nakhre, and Murali Ranganathan. Since a family vacation to India wasn't in the cards, I figured this would be my opportunity, but I wasn't counting on it.

To my surprise and delight, I was accepted. Full disclosure: my emotional state was about 90% delight, with 10% something that can be roughly translated as what-am-I-getting-into-and-why-am-I-doing-this? This was mainly due to the large number of health precautions I was advised to take — precautionary shots, avoidance of fresh fruits and vegetables, ice, or any form of tap water — and a few anecdotes from friends who had spent most of their time in India sick in hotel rooms. Choosing to concentrate on the 90% delight and push the 10% anxiety to the background, I left home in Wilson on August 8 and arrived in Delhi late in the evening of August 9, although the 9.5 hour time difference made this the shortest day of my life. In the airport, waiting for the 15-hour flight to Delhi, I met several fellow participants on the trip.

All of us were teacher administrators in some form, ranging from the dean of the university producing the largest number of teachers in the United States to directors of teacher education at small private colleges. What united us was an interest in teacher education and the specific challenges and lessons to be learned from teacher education in India.

Leaving the airport around 10 p.m., we were immediately struck by the heat and humidity of Delhi, in a whole different league from an eastern North Carolina summer evening. The crowds on the street, the smells in the air, the animals on the road — everything was so different from what I had left behind a short time before. After a few hours sleep at the hotel, we began our day's activities and didn't really stop until we got back on the plane two weeks later.

The purpose of the visit was to provide us with firsthand knowledge of a cross-section of Indian institutions of higher education focused on teacher education. Toward that end, we visited school programs in Delhi, Chennai (formerly known as Madras), and Kolkata (formerly called Calcutta). We visited children attending government schools, which are publicly-funded institutions with large class sizes and, in many cases, poorly trained teachers. We also visited an elite private school, a convent school, and a school in Kolkata supported by the Missionaries of Charity, the order founded by Mother Teresa. We saw inspiring examples of teaching and examples that reflected a more rote style of learning. We met with educational leaders in government and in university teacher education programs and had many fruitful conversations. We left each encounter impressed by our Indian colleagues' depth and breadth of knowledge of educational issues and their eagerness to establish partnerships with us.

Beyond these formal visits, I experienced things that will stay with me for the rest of my life — seeing clay statues lowered into the Hooghly River (the Ganges) in Kolkata as part of a Hindu ritual; riding in an auto-rickshaw through the streets of Chennai with a driver who had no idea where he was going; watching a pick-up cricket match between teenage boys near the beach at the Bay of Bengal; observing monkeys climbing on the tops of the walls as I entered through the gates of the Taj Mahal; seeing volunteers from all over the world working one-on-one with disabled children at a Missionaries of Charity school; eating spicy foods I've never eaten previously and experiencing acid indigestion for two weeks straight. Above all, though, I will remember the Indian people I met and the relationships that began and ended too quickly.



Dr. David Dolman (center) is surrounded by fellow participants of the Fulbright Scholars Program as well as teachers and administrators at the local school in Chennai, India.

When can I go back?



Behind the Wheel

by Kathy Daughety

In every potter's life, a little dust must fall. Yet, from that dust, able hands create practical and beautiful works of art. Much like the potter transforms his raw clay, so is the artist transformed by relationships, education, and experiences that have shaped his life.

Artist and potter David Scott Cole of Oak Ridge, North Carolina, found his passion for ceramics while enrolled at Atlantic Christian College, now Barton. His childhood love of art led him to pursue a graphic design degree in college, but what Cole discovered was his deeper passion for pottery. And, in later years, when a tragic accident resulted in a brain injury, it was Cole's perseverance that kept that passion alive.

It's very possible that Cole's passion for art can be linked to the famous Cole potters' ancestry. His dad continues a genealogy search to discover a family branch but, for now, Cole's story begins in Greensboro, where he was born. When he was only nine, Cole's family was grieving the loss of his younger brother when they decided to move from the

Tarheel state to Pennsylvania for a brief period. But during Cole's teenage years, they returned to the Piedmont area of North Carolina and made their home in Kernersville.

It was while Cole was attending Forsythe High School that one of his best friends, Lee Wittmann, soon enrolled at Atlantic Christian College. Cole visited Wittmann and his Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity brothers from time to time and soon realized that he liked the small school atmosphere and the low student/professor ratio. When the time came for Cole to choose a college, A.C. won him over. And, while his high school sweetheart, Lori Chatman, had been accepted at East Carolina University to study music, she soon decided Atlantic Christian was her choice as well.

After high school, they left behind the rich, red clay of the Piedmont, and made their way east to the loamy, black soil of the Coastal Plains. They both became involved in their studies and in Greek activities. Chatman became a Tri-Sigma, and Cole followed in his best friend's footsteps, becoming a Sig Ep.

As the first male on his dad's side of the family to attend college, Cole was determined to benefit from his college experience. His love for art had begun as a child but, when he entered college, he chose graphic design for his focus, and Tom Marshall became his advisor. In addition to Marshall, art department faculty members John Hancock, Ed Brown, and Chris Wilson each became strong influences in Cole's life, as well as Coleman Markham in the Religion and Philosophy Department. Their straightforward advice served Cole well as he continued to struggle with his decision of major.

During his sophomore year, Cole began leaning toward an art education major, and he observed art classes in the public schools as part of his education requirements. It didn't last long; it just wasn't the right fit, and his search continued. When he finally decided to try his hand in a ceramics class, it proved a pivotal moment for Cole.

"We watched this tall, lanky, bearded professor [Ed Brown] stroll into class, give us a cursory glance, and then turn to the blackboard," remembered Cole. "With fingernails and chalk scraping the board simultaneously, Brown scribed ever so slowly, 'Clay is your friend.' We weren't sure what to make of this whacky guy; he was hilarious and, from day one, he just made us feel comfortable as he turned us loose to work with the clay. It was an incredible experience. Ed Brown was so laid back and, yet, he commanded that room. That was when I fell in love with clay."

Brown told the class to experiment with the clay and encouraged them to visit Seagrove and seek opportunities to apprentice with an artist. "I've always had a great relationship with my dad, but Ed was really like a second father to me," shared Cole. "He was just that way. We might be working in the studio, and he would say, 'Hey Dave, I'm going out to get a bite to eat, do you want to go?' And, that was so great. How often do you get to do that?"

"I remember traveling with Ed to the Penland School of Crafts near Asheville when he needed to pack up an art show," continued Cole. "He was driving this old 1960s van, with a hole in the muffler; it would only go about 35 mph. Every car on the road passed us. When we finally arrived, Ed introduced me to a nationally renowned potter, Cynthia Bringle, as well as Jon Ellenbogen and Rebecca Plummer of Barking Spider Pottery. Later on, he also made sure I went and spent some time at Seagrove. It was great; when I visited J. B. Cole's Pottery, I had the chance to meet some of his ancestors, Nell Cole Graves and Dorothy Cole Auman. Ed Brown really ushered me into that professional environment. I was intimidated by this next level of learning, but he really helped me to move beyond that fear so that I could build on the foundation I'd begun in his classes."

Cole also shared that art professor Chris Wilson gave him tremendous insight regarding an artist's integrity and responsibility for his work. "I once told him [Wilson], just a few years ago during a visit, that I used to get so mad because I would ask him how to do something in class and his answer would be, 'I don't know David. How do you think you ought to do it?' What I didn't understand then, but realize now, is that he was teaching me to think for myself. I wanted a quick

answer so I could move on to something else, but he made me dig deeper. And, in the end, I discovered not only more about my project but also more about myself. At the time, it just seemed like he was setting up all these roadblocks, but he was really helping us to learn.

"I would be remiss if I didn't mention Coleman Markham, another special person in our lives," added Cole. "He performed the wedding ceremony for Lori and me. I remember that he was one of those professors you could always go to if you had a problem or a question. He was a lot like Ed Brown in that regard.

"With that said, I changed my major my junior year," shared Cole, smiling. "From that point forward, it was just an adventure. All the freshman and sophomore year stuff was behind me, and I felt I could really pursue my passion."

And then, Brown introduced Cole to art patrons Lisa and Dudley Anderson of Wilson. "I had met Lisa and Dudley when I first became involved in ceramics," said Cole. "They had invited some of the students to their home to view their art collection. For some reason, I had missed class that day. Only a day or two later I got a phone call from Lisa saying, 'David, I heard you missed the visit. Come on over.' After a private tour of their home and an amazing discussion about their art collection, she told me that I needed to go to Penland as a student." Anderson encouraged Cole to find someone whose work he admired and who was successful. So, he took her advice.

It wasn't long before he found himself back at Penland beginning a summer study program under Michael Sherrill. That study experience, coupled with exposure to professional artists in their work environment, proved invigorating for Cole, and he returned to college his senior year energized. He began to work on larger projects and advanced his work significantly.

Cole also began to make jewelry. "I remember Diane Chambers would let me set up a table in Hamlin Student Center to sell my hand-crafted jewelry and other items," said Cole. "Diane was so much fun. I will always remember something she would tell us. I even have it written down – 'lack of planning on your part does not necessarily constitute an emergency on my part.' I remember students who would come in with some dilemma, and she would remind them, 'You didn't plan. This is not my dilemma.' She always reached out to help the students, but she also taught us some important lessons along the way."

During his senior year, Cole said he made more money selling his jewelry and pottery to faculty and students than he could have with a part-time job. He said he began to imagine great success once he graduated, but his bubble burst when he came to the realization that his sales had come from those who knew him. When he sought opportunities to sell his work to galleries, the response proved much different. The silver lining from his early disappointment was the good criticism he received that ultimately improved his work. Cole did sell jewelry to the gift shop at the North Carolina Zoo in Asheboro and the New Morning Gallery in Asheville;

he remembers fondly that those sales were highlights of his early career.

“I didn’t have much when I started out,” said Cole. “I didn’t even have a wheel. So, I would use a rolling pin to roll the clay into thin pieces to make my jewelry. With Ed Brown’s help, I had built a portable kiln. I used that until I could afford an electric kiln. Lori and I tried to create a studio for me in our small apartment, but that just didn’t work. Our plan was to turn the spare bedroom into a studio and operate the kiln out of the dryer hook-up, and just hope we didn’t get kicked out of the building!” Fortunately, for the Coles and the apartment owners, Cole’s longtime friend, Lee Wittmann, came to him with a proposal to use Wittmann’s parents’ basement as a studio. That worked fairly well for six or eight months, and they became business partners.

It was still difficult for Cole to make enough money to support his family, so he worked part time as a credit analyst for Sears and later worked as a recovery analyst for NationsBank where he often had to represent the bank in court. “That was so far from where I wanted to be,” shared Cole. “I would read my ‘Ceramics Monthly’ magazines during my lunch hour every day, and continue to search for ways to pursue my art.”

After the Coles’ first of two sons was born, his parents moved to Japan for several years. “During the interim, my parents offered their home rent-free to our growing family, and that allowed us some flexibility to save money for building our own home and a studio on property just down the road from my parents,” said Cole. “When my parents returned home, my dad told me he needed someone to help him on his farm and to help with some rental properties. He asked if I would like to work for him for the same salary I was making at the bank. I remember thinking, ‘Hmmm, tractors, overalls, and boots or neck ties and court?’ I quickly said, ‘yes!’ That time and that chance to work with my father were really great gifts. And, we were so fortunate to get this property where we now live. My dream had finally come to fruition.”

Unfortunately, his elation was short-lived. After only eight months in their dream home, Cole’s life took a dramatic turn following a tragic four-wheeler accident that left him with a severe brain injury. A piece of wood had penetrated his brain. He also had lost a portion of one ear, broken his sternum, and injured his neck and one eye.

“They actually lost me on the operating table for a few seconds,” said Cole. “I was literally prayed back to life. Consequently, something that I can never emphasize enough is my faith in God. No one was sure if I would regain my mental and physical abilities, but I was very fortunate. Though my recovery was very difficult and I struggled with a bout of depression about six months after the accident, I did manage to recover. Through lots of prayer and with the support of my family, life has become such a blessing.”

A silver lining for Cole following the accident was his learning about an organization called the Brain Injury Support Group. “They met in High Point, and I went to a meeting one night,” Cole shared. “That was a real eye-opening experience. It helped me a great deal. But it was also at that meeting that they announced an upcoming presentation the next month about ‘Our State’ magazine. That prompted me to get in touch with Amy Jo Wood from ‘Our State.’ I asked if I could bring some samples of my jewelry and Christmas ornaments for her to see. I pitched an idea; the magazine staff liked it, and they ended up commissioning me to create a Cape Hatteras Light House Christmas ornament. They wanted 500 ornaments, and every one had to be hand-painted. It took forever, but the success of that first ornament led to a commissioned historic lighthouse series. I later pitched the idea of creating a 75th anniversary ceramic piece for the magazine, and that led to the production of 125 signed dogwood apothecary jars for their celebration earlier this year. That exposure for my work was absolutely wonderful and has been a boon for my business since.”

With a successful studio and regularly scheduled kiln openings, Cole’s business is thriving. His work includes wheel thrown pottery, handmade tiles, tile murals including installations, Christmas ornaments, jewelry, drawing, and furniture making. He has developed a lengthy list of patrons and celebrates each day as a blessing. A typical day for Cole is about 15 hours, but he will tell you it isn’t all about making pots. He’ll teasingly add that he’s also the studio’s publicist, groundskeeper, and janitor. He does it all!

On his web site, www.davidcolepottery.com, Cole shares, “I want my work to be used and enjoyed as both utilitarian and decorative. My view on art versus craft is that there should be no misapprehension about one being better than the other. To me, all good work in any medium takes a certain concentration and love on behalf of the maker. A good painting or a good pot should be one that stimulates and thrills the viewer and user to pause and smile.”



Wrightenberry goes to Washington

by Ken Dozier

Real-life experiences enrich understanding and legitimize lessons learned in lectures. For Barton senior Kyle Wrightenberry, a summer internship in Washington provided personal involvement in the political process.

Working as a patient-care advocate for a home medical equipment company, Wrightenberry traveled to Washington to meet with a number of senators and representatives to discuss his concerns. “I met Congressman Walter Jones, and he really made an impression on me,” recalled Wrightenberry. “He really cared about what I had to say. He cared about people in his district.”

Wrightenberry applied for and was accepted into an internship in the office of Third District

U.S. Representative Walter B. Jones, Jr., a 1968 Atlantic Christian College graduate. Throughout the four weeks of his internship, Wrightenberry served in Jones’ office greeting visitors, answering phones, giving tours, attending hearings, and performing research.

“Walter Jones’ office was kind enough to let me go to hearings that interested me or that affected my parents’ company,” shared Wrightenberry. “Being a patient-care advocate in spring 2008, I became extremely involved in the issue of competitive bidding for small durable medical equipment companies. I was able to attend the House Small Business Subcommittee on Rural and Urban Entrepreneurship’s hearing on competitive bidding to determine the impact it had on small business.”

He also attended a round-table discussion on national health insurance with Rep. Jones. As a patient-care advocate, Wrightenberry was given the opportunity to address those present and share his concerns.

Additionally, Wrightenberry attended part of an Armed Services markup session on May 14. With the clerk reading the bill section by section, the session lasted until 1 a.m. “This really opened my eyes to the legislative process,” said the Barton senior.

Wrightenberry experienced more of the political process as he performed research regarding the stop-loss policy in the military. “Stop-loss is basically a back-door draft,” he said. According to Wrightenberry, the policy extends the service period of military personnel who have already served their contracts.

“What we’re trying to do is actually limit the president’s powers on stop-loss,” Wrightenberry explained. “Stop-loss can only be issued in a national emergency or time of war;

and we’re trying to draft a bill that limits the president’s power, that makes Congress have the final say on whether there should be a stop-loss policy implemented or not.”

In addition to hearings, Wrightenberry also attended receptions. Before his time in Washington was over, he attended the 2008 President’s Dinner. “I have never experienced something of such magnitude,” said Wrightenberry. “It was more than just a dinner; it was a two-day event with receptions, networking events, and photo shoots.



U.S. Representative Walter B. Jones, Jr., and Kyle Wrightenberry

“I was there through the NRCC (National Republican Congressional Committee), and I received the Congressional Medal of Distinction for Outstanding Meritorious Services,” Wrightenberry continued. “At the President’s Dinner, I sat with state representatives, two congressmen, and business owners. I talked with these people for over three hours about their lives and my life concerning my future political goals. I learned so much and made connections for life.”

Wrightenberry, a political science and business management double major, shared that Barton was where he really developed an interest in politics. In fact, he hopes one day to become a congressman himself. “I want to be different, and I want to bring the concerns of my district to Congress,” he said.

In the political arena where scandals and self-interests seem to abound, breaking away from the norm is a good thing, and Wrightenberry has an honorable role model in Jones. “Congressman Jones greatly inspired me to be different,” remarked Wrightenberry.

When asked how Barton prepared him for the internship and his future beyond that, Wrightenberry said, “I have to give a lot of credit to Barton College. They provided me with the education I’ve needed and great teachers.”

He also found Barton’s size to be a positive factor in his educational experience. “The thing about Barton College is you can really interact with your professors,” he added. “I think it [Barton] really gives students the opportunity to succeed because it’s a private school, and you can get more done in smaller classes.”

Clubs and organizations also have enriched Wrightenberry’s college experience. In addition to being a double major, Wrightenberry has served as president of Campus Conservatives, participated in Greek life, and worked as a student manager for campus food services. And, he has done all of this while maintaining a 3.4 GPA.

Summarizing his experience at Barton, Wrightenberry said, “I’m ready for grad school. I’ve made connections for life. It’s been an amazing experience!”



Notes from the Dog House

Barton basketball team shines on TV again!

by John Hackney

As the nation watched on television Saturday afternoon, March 1, the Barton College men's basketball team won a thriller, 84-81, over archrival Mount Olive to end the regular season. Just like so many times before, the rivals staged an epic battle that featured 11 lead changes and nine ties. Barton freshman Greg Mammel made one free throw with five seconds left to give BC an 84-81 lead, but the Trojans corralled his missed second shot and pushed the ball upcourt, where Justin Melton's 3-pointer banged off the rim as the buzzer sounded. Some of the 2,000-plus fans rushed the floor to celebrate as fans at home watched the action on CSTV and Fox Sports-South, which carried the game live as its "Game of the Week." The victory was huge for the Bulldogs, the defending NCAA D-II National Champions, since it earned them the fourth seed in the Conference Carolinas Tournament — and a home game with fifth-seeded Belmont Abbey.

The Bulldogs went on to defeat Abbey 95-70, then lost 71-79 at Mount Olive in the conference semifinals. Barton, ranked 9th in the East Region toward the end of the season, finished 19-10 overall and 14-6 (tied for fourth) in league play. The Trojans, ranked No. 14 nationally and second in the East Region, exited Wilson Gymnasium at 21-6 overall and 16-4 (first) in Conference Carolinas. The Trojans went on to win the conference tournament, then lost in the first round of NCAA East Regional. By the end of last year's season, Barton had won eight of the last 10 meetings with the Trojans and led the overall series 18-15 in head coach Ron Lievens's 12 seasons at the helm.

The Bulldogs wowed a national television audience on CBS back in March 2007, when they rallied from seven points down in the final 39 seconds to beat Winona State at the buzzer for the NCAA D-II National Championship. Barton, a decided underdog, again provided some thrilling action for television fans on March 1 of this year while knocking off the nationally ranked Trojans.

Both teams had four players score in double figures. For Barton, junior guard Bobby Buffaloe and senior 6-6 center Brian Leggett notched 18 points apiece. Junior guard Errol Frails, playing in front of his hometown crowd, set the tone early for the Bulldogs and finished with 16 points before fouling out. Sophomore 6-3 forward L.J. recorded a double-double with 15 points and 10 rebounds. For Mount Olive, sensational 6-6 senior center Brandon Streeter tallied game-highs of 24 points (10-of-12 shooting) and 14 boards.



CSTV hosts at the pregame warm-up



Both teams shot 50 percent from the floor in showcasing the excitement of D-II basketball. Barton was 28-of-56 and MOC finished 30-of-60. Barton canned 25-of-34 foul shots for 73.5 percent while Mount Olive was 16-of-29 for 55.2 percent. Barton wound up with a 37-35 rebounding edge. The Trojans controlled the tempo for much of the first half. They raced to 6-0 lead, but Barton battled back to take a 10-8 edge. The Trojans led 19-14 at 12:43, but Barton rallied to a 19-19 tie. The score was also tied at 29-all, but MOC ran the lead to its largest of the game at eight on two occasions before settling for a 43-39 halftime cushion.

Early in the second half, Leggett scored a couple of times down low — once on a rim-rattling dunk — and Bobby Buffaloe scored six straight points with a 3-point shot and a conventional 3-point play for a 54-54 deadlock at 13:49.

The lead changed hands four more times, with Barton taking the lead for good at 63-62 on a shot by Dunn at 10:24. Solid play and foul shooting down the stretch gave the Bulldogs a seven-point lead at 75-68 with 4:28 to play, but MOC battled back to a 79-79 tie at 1:46 behind Easley, Streeter and Brown. Layups by Leggett and Mammel made it 83-79 and Shaughnnon Washum's putback pulled MOC within 83-81. Mammel's foul shot gave the Bulldogs a little cushion, then Melton got a good look at the buzzer, but couldn't convert, as time expired.

Once again, the Bulldogs put on a good show on TV. Fans from both schools came to the game with faces painted, made colorful banners, and raised a great deal of money for the Make-a-Wish Foundation.

The game had theatre, color, intense action and a thrilling finish. CSTV producers said it was one of the most exciting games they had ever broadcast. Barton is definitely ready for "prime time" when it comes to men's basketball.

Large Turnout for Alumni Soccer Game Features Three Ruhl Brothers

by Gary Hall

The alumni players of the Barton College men's soccer team took on the current Bulldog men's team in a spirited match on Sunday, Aug. 24, which ended in a 2-2 tie. The match

Barton President Leads NCAA D-II Conference Carolinas

Dr. Norval C. Kneten, president of Barton College, was elected president of the NCAA D-II Conference Carolinas in May 2008. His term is for two academic years, thus it will end in the spring 2010.

"I am very pleased to lead one of the 22 conferences that make up NCAA D-II," shared Dr. Kneten. "At NCAA D-II, we emphasize balance for our student athletes — a balance of academic achievement and high-level athletic competition. During the past two years, Conference Carolinas won two national championships. Last year, Mount Olive won the national baseball championship and, as everyone knows, two years ago Barton won the national men's basketball championship in what the NCAA called one of the top ten most dramatic finishes in the last 25 years. NCAA D-II is an exciting and competitive environment for our students. Susan and I are avid fans!"

As president of Conference Carolinas, Dr. Kneten's duties include presiding over the conference meetings, consulting with and advising the conference commissioner, and overseeing the work of all conference committees.

Dr. Kneten said he was pleased to have the opportunity to serve a conference that provides many opportunities for our student athletes to compete in high-level athletic competition. "A strong and healthy conference means that Barton College can continue to provide the experiences we feel are essential for our students," he added. Dr. Kneten said he expects to contribute to building a stronger conference and a better athletic experience for our student athletes, the campus, and the community.

One of 22 NCAA D-II conferences, Conference Carolinas is comprised of 12 institutions: Anderson University, Barton College, Belmont Abbey College, Coker College, Converse College, Erskine College, Lees-McRae College, Limestone College, Mount Olive College, Pfeiffer University, Queens University of Charlotte, and St. Andrews Presbyterian College. All 12 institutions are located in either North Carolina or South Carolina.



allowed Head Coach Matt Akins to put the 2008 team on the field for a second pre-season exhibition before hosting Lincoln Memorial University, ranked second nationally in the NCAA Division II Pre-Season Poll, in its season-opener on August 30.

The large alumni turnout featured the brother trio of Isaiah Ruhl ('02), Eli Ruhl ('04), and Joby Ruhl ('06). Isaiah played two seasons as a Bulldog with Eli, and Eli played two seasons with Joby, but the three had not suited up together as Bulldogs until this edition of the alumni match. The three, originally from Angier, were each honors graduates and key players for the Barton Bulldogs during their respective careers.

Former Bulldog player and head coach Gary Hall ('80) was the senior member of the group. The additional 28 alumni in attendance all played under Hall at Barton and, in addition to the Ruhls, included: Jon Anderson, Desmon Andrade, Dustin Bienias, Whit Coolbaugh, Scott Cruikshank, Anthony D'Angelo, Aaron Day, Thomas Dewey, Harold Hernandez, Jon Kay, Matt Kennedy, Tony Laffoley, Doug Listmann, Jay Mackie, Joey Mahouchick, Randol Mendoza, Kevin Neuschaefer, Ike Onyeador, Jason Schmieg, Warren Smith, Erik Steuck, Scott Summers, Beaux Thompson, Jimmy Traylor, and Jon Traylor. Thirteen of the alumni participating were all-conference players during their time at Barton and 20 were Dean's List students.

RailHawk Recruits

by John Hackney

The old adage goes: "To be the best, you have to play with the best."



If that's true, then Barton College senior forward Allie Wilkerson (Bowie, Md.) and junior goalie Ashley Gregory (Wilson, N.C.), should be at the top of their respective games. That's because they spent their summer playing with the Carolina RailHawks in Cary, N.C., with many current and former college greats from the area. The RailHawks were a first-year team in the United Soccer League's W-League, the highest level of women's soccer in the United States.

The roster of 29 included five players from the most dominant women's program in NCAA history, UNC-Chapel Hill, eight other Atlantic Coast Conference players, Southeastern Conference Player of the Year Carrie Patterson from the University of Georgia, and two high school superstars from the Raleigh area. Only four NCAA D-II players, including Gregory and Wilkerson, made the all-star roster. No one on the RailHawks roster is paid, but the more established programs in Atlanta and Charlotte do pay some of their players.

Wilkerson played a total of 57 minutes while appearing in three matches while Gregory's only action was in exhibitions. The RailHawks can only suit up 18 players per match, so the other ladies are relegated to supporting roles on the bench.

"I opened up some doors I might have shut when I went to Barton," said the 22-year-old Wilkerson, who transferred to Barton from N.C. State after using up one playing season. "It was weird. It was like going back in time. That (playing professionally) was my dream when I was younger, so when I tried out and made the team, I said, 'Maybe I can still do this.' It was Ashley's idea to try out, and we really enjoyed ourselves.



Allie Wilkerson and Ashley Gregory

"I definitely learned from this experience," continued Wilkerson, who was two-time All-State high school player in Maryland, where she scored 96 goals in four seasons. "I learned that most goals don't have to be pretty. And, the most important thing that got reinforced is that you can always come back. It's a 90-minute game."

She also realized that she can't always out-quick the younger girls, "so I'll have to deal with them by playing smarter. I am really glad I did this. They were a crazy bunch of girls, but I love 'em."

"Allie battled some injuries," RailHawks head coach Jay Howell said after their final match. "She suffered an ankle injury chasing her dog and had an illness in her family that kept her from playing when she was supposed to start both games the last weekend. But she is great to have around. She is fun, positive and vivacious.

"Ashley has been sick," he continued. "They thought she had mono at one point, and it turned out to be her tonsils. But she has still participated in everything, and her attitude is fantastic! If those two are representative of the student-athletes at Barton College, then they have a fantastic athletic program there.

"They have competed with, and against, players from the best college teams in the country, and they have been on a team with players like Lindsey Vera (N.C. State), Mandy Moraca (UNC-Chapel Hill), Molly Baird (Tennessee) and

others,” Howell added. “I don’t know how many players from Barton or other small schools could have survived in this environment, so this must have been invaluable for them. Playing with great players rubs off on you because you learn the nuances of the game.”

The Lady Bulldogs duo also got to practice and play alongside two true veterans, Thori Bryan of N.C. State and Amanda Mueller from William & Mary. Those two ladies are 34 and 36 years old, respectively, and both are mothers. Their high level of skill and love of the game brought them to Cary to play for the RailHawks. When Mueller scored late in Carolina’s final match at WakeMed Park on July 20, Gregory and Wilkerson led the entire RailHawks bench in a joyous celebration.

Howell said Wilkerson “has a strong personality, is quick, aggressive and is always going forward. She is determined to go to goal.” By the same token, he said Wilkerson, the 2007 Conference Carolinas Women’s Soccer Player of the Year and a 2008 All-Conference first-teamer, needs to increase her stamina to further her career.

“You’ve got the skills to pay the bills,” he told her after the RailHawks closed their inaugural season with a 3-1 win over the Richmond Kickers Destiny.

Wilkerson tallied 10 goals in 18 matches for the Lady Bulldogs in 2007 and tied for first in the league with three game-winning goals. This past season, after suiting up with the RailHawks, she scored eight goals and had five assists for 21 points and was again a Player-of-the-Year candidate for the 8-7-3 Lady Bulldogs.

Gregory was a late roster addition for the RailHawks after impressing coaches — including former Barton assistant coach and player Ike Onyeador — at a winter tryout. She officially joined the team after workouts began, but loved every minute of her experience...and Howell loved having her on the team.

“She is very determined, competitive and focused,” Howell said. “She takes it serious.”

Gregory was 7-4-4 while tending goal for the Lady Bulldogs in 2007. She

finished 5th among NCAA D-II goalkeepers in save percentage at .885, stopping 77 of 87 shots on goal. She ranked 20th nationally in goals-against average, allowing 10 in 15 matches (1,341 minutes) for a .671 average. This past season, she was 7-6-2 in goal with six shutouts and a save percentage of .824 as Barton went 7-3-1 in the league.

“I have never been on a team with those kinds of skills,” Gregory, who played prep soccer at Community Christian School in Wilson, said of her RailHawks experience. “Some of these players have quite a resume. Me, I’m just a hometown girl. They have been exposed to so much more soccer (at a high level) than I have. The first day out there, I was like “Wow!” but then I got used to making saves that I have never made in my life. I had people that are All-Americans and in the National (Soccer) Pool shooting on me, and that was humbling. I realized there is a bigger world out there. This whole experience helped me grow as much as a person as a player.”

Gregory mentioned former Barton All-American and current Harlem Globetrotter Anthony Atkinson, a native of Wilson who led the Bulldogs’ basketball team to the 2007 NCAA D-II National Championship, as one of her role models. “I respect Anthony Atkinson because he did a lot of great things for this town and Barton and never let his head get big,” she said.

She also attributed her transition from forward to goalie to Onyeador, whose daily goal-keeping sessions have quickly enhanced her net-minding skills and instincts. “My dad (Wornell) is my biggest fan and best friend,” Gregory said. “I went to all the Barton soccer camps growing up, and that’s where I met Ike. I don’t think we’ve missed a day (training) since I met him my senior year. Both of them have been right there with me the whole way.”

The RailHawks finished the summer of 2008 at 7-6-1, tied for 4th in the Eastern Conference Atlantic Division.

“This made me really excited about playing for Barton,” Gregory said. “I was able to watch some players do some great things, and now, I have those things in my mind, so I want to go out and do those kinds of things for Barton.”

Burke on Golf

by John Hackney

Jonathan Burke has come a long way...not to attend college...but as a student-athlete.

Hardly recruited as a golfer out of Charles B. Aycock High School in nearby Pikeville, the Barton College senior is now one of North Carolina’s top amateurs... as well as one of the best players in the NCAA D-II ranks.

His senior year in high school, Burke averaged 76, hardly enough to raise interest from college coaches. However, his mother, Donna, was working as a media specialist at Lee Woodard Elementary School, where Eddie Hicks was then serving as principal. Hicks and Barton golf coach John Hackney share teaching duties at First Baptist Church in Wilson, so, as a favor to Mrs. Burke, Hicks asked Coach Hackney if he would take a look at Burke.

Hackney traveled to Longleaf Golf Club in Pinehurst to watch Burke play in the N.C. High School Athletic Association Championships. “What I remember is that Jonathan had a solid golf swing,” Hackney said from that meeting more than three years ago. “He didn’t necessarily play that well, but I could tell he was an instinctive player. He didn’t waste any time hitting the ball. In fact, I commented to his mom that he really needed to slow down on the greens. However, what I

also saw – and sensed – was that Jonathan was a competitor. I knew he was a good all-around athlete, so I figured when he concentrated on golf year-round that he would be an outstanding player, and I offered him a scholarship.”

This past season, Burke was named Conference Carolinas Player of the Year in golf, made the All-Atlantic Region team, tied for medalist honors in two tournaments with two Division I players, was named Barton Kiwanis Male Athlete of the Year and won the prestigious Wake County Amateur Golf Championship with scores of 66-65 — 131 (-11). He has established himself as a fine collegiate and amateur performer, and hopes to lead the Bulldogs to the 2009 NCAA Championships...something he did his freshman year.

“I always knew I could play good golf,” Burke said. “It was just a matter of getting it done. I think what really helped was

when I stopped playing football and began playing golf year-round.”

Burke, like his two older brothers, was an excellent kicker at C.B. Aycock, and received letters from numerous big-time schools and offers from many smaller colleges. However, the



credit: Paul Durham

Jonathan Burke

grandson of longtime N.C. State physical education professor and coach Nellie Cooper made up his mind that golf was what he wanted to pursue on a collegiate level. He only won a handful of local high school matches during his prep career, so he was glad Hackney gave him the opportunity to play for the Bulldogs.

“When I came to Barton my freshman year,” he recalled, “we were supposed to have this really good team, so I was just

hoping to play in some “B” team tournaments and maybe travel with the “A” team a few times.”

But that team fell apart early, forcing Burke to quickly raise his game to another level. Hackney had a D-I transfer drop out of school after three events, an Honorable Mention All-American transferred to a D-I school over the summer and his top recruit wound up staying home in New York because of a family crisis. Thus, an inexperienced lineup didn’t fare well while playing the toughest schedule Coach Hackney had ever planned.

“We really didn’t have that bad a team, but nobody played well, and we were playing in great tournaments,” Burke recalled. Still, the Bulldogs matured over the course of the year and, with a great regional showing at Rocky River Golf Club in Concord, N.C., the Bulldogs were back at the NCAA National Championships, this time in West Virginia. Burke was low man for the Bulldogs at Nationals, where he tied for 33rd at +9 for four rounds. He finished his first college campaign with a 76.3 average (second-best on team).

The last two seasons, Barton has entered the postseason No. 1 in the Atlantic Region. In 2007, the Bulldogs won the Conference Carolinas Championship behind Burke’s medalist performance at 69-70-70 — 209 (-4). However, Burke and his teammates struggled at Regionals and were eliminated in Savannah, Ga.

“We were a high-ball hitting golf team, and there was a hurricane spinning off the Georgia coastline, so, it wasn’t in the cards for us to advance that year,” Hackney said, noting Burke averaged 76.5.

“I was battling for the fifth spot all year as a sophomore,” Burke said, “but that probably helped me out (getting used to performing under pressure).”

This past season, Barton finished as Conference Carolinas runner-up. Burke, who averaged 73.89 and won conference Player of the Month three times, powered the Bulldogs’ attack. In the Super Regional at Lake Norman, N.C., Barton was three shots up to take the fifth, and final, spot to Nationals with three holes to play, but struggled down the stretch and was again left sitting at home during Nationals.

That setback left a bitter taste in Burke’s mouth, so he and his teammates are intent upon making a deep postseason run this season. Hackney believes his 2008-09 squad is the best he has assembled in his 12 years at the Barton helm, so expectations are high for the Bulldogs, who have a streak of nine consecutive NCAA Regional appearances in the balance.

Academically, Burke came to Barton as a Presidential Scholar. His grade-point average dropped slightly under the

Experience and practice makes you better at everything.

required 3.0 his sophomore season, and he lost his athletic grant. He had a hard time juggling golf practices, team trips, and his studies. But the Physical Education and Sport Studies major responded to that challenge as well, rebounding with a much better junior year in the classroom – something that didn't go unnoticed by his professors.

"I can see there's a real focus with Jonathan now," said P.E. professor Dawn McCrumb. "I can see that there's a reason he is in school. He wants to be a teacher, to get out there and do the right things in everything he does. It has been fun to watch. He is gaining more perspective as a teacher and is going to make a good teacher/coach one day. Not only is he a good golfer; he is a good athlete who can perform all the sports, which will be an asset to him." Burke said he is just maturing as a student-athlete.

"Experience and practice makes you better at everything," he said. "It (college) is just harder because you don't have many outside assignments. It's all about doing well on the tests. I like Barton because my classes are small; you get a lot of 1-on-1 time."

In golf, Burke wants to conclude his collegiate career by averaging 72 or better, and it's possible. "Based on the guys we have coming in, and those we have coming back, our team could be great, awesome," said Hackney. "We just want to make it to the last tournament (Nationals) and have a good finish."



NCAA Division II Update

by John Hackney

NCAA Division II members are once again setting the standard when it comes to change.

As the fall semester began, D-II schools like Barton found themselves aligned in eight geographic regions applicable to every sport. In other words, every athletic team at Barton now belongs to the Southeast Region, and Conference Carolinas schools will be paired with schools from the Peach Belt and South Atlantic conferences during the postseason.

This is a dramatic change for many institutions, but the NCAA Regionalization Advisory Committee, which began discussions on this issue in June 2004, concluded that regions should be more geographically aligned, and that equal access for schools to their respective NCAA Championships should be a priority, regardless of where the institution is located.

"The Division II philosophy includes a commitment to regional competition that encourages schools to schedule contests close to home, which results in less missed class time for student-athletes and lower travel costs for schools," said Terri Steeb, the NCAA's Director of Division II. "Recent changes in the alignment for regional championships bring consistency to the geographic regions for every sport instead of regions differing depending on the sport. This consistency in regions for all sports provides an opportunity for schools to share their Division II stories with a common audience."

When Barton made its remarkable run to the NCAA D-II Men's Basketball Championship in March 2007, the Bulldogs had to beat the best from the West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference to reach the Elite Eight. Those foes are now in the Atlantic Region. Barton fans need to get accustomed to the following 30 in-region rivals for the Bulldogs. Fellow Conference Carolinas foes are: Anderson, Belmont Abbey, Coker, Converse (women only), Erskine, Lees-McRae, Limestone, Mount Olive, Pfeiffer, Queens and St. Andrews Presbyterian. The Peach Belt includes 11 schools: Armstrong Atlantic, Augusta State, Clayton State, Columbus State, Francis Marion, Georgia College & State University, Lander, North Georgia, UNC-Pembroke and the University of South Carolina at Aiken. The nine Southeast Region foes from the South Atlantic Conference are: Brevard, Carson-Newman, Catawba, Lenoir-Rhyne, Lincoln Memorial, Mars Hill, Newberry, Tusculum and Wingate.

Every school in the Peach Belt is a state-supported institution while all the schools in the SAC and Conference Carolinas are private. The new Southeast Region encompasses schools from North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Tennessee.

"I feel the new regionalization plan will benefit us with respect to the fact that all our athletic teams will now compete in the same region against the same institutions," Barton Director of Athletics Gary Hall said. "There will be variations as to how strong overall each sport will be in this region. However, the recent success of Barton College and other Conference Carolinas schools in NCAA D-II regional and national postseason play will combine with the success of the Peach Belt and South Atlantic schools to make this a very formidable region."

The Regionalization Advisory Board, in coming up with the new proposal, felt it was most important to "provide equal access for all regions and conferences and to assist with financial concerns by encouraging regular-season schedules to remain within the geographic proximity for member institutions."

Hall noted that many options for regionalization had been explored in recent years. He likes this concept the best. "I support it because I feel like it will be easier for our student-athletes and supporters to follow our postseason aspirations," he said. "It will also help us to develop some very powerful rivalries with members of the two other conferences in our region."

Alumni Return for Homecoming 2008

by Ken Dozier

Bound by ties of friendship and a profound love for their alma mater, Bulldogs from near and far returned to the campus of Barton College for Homecoming Weekend 2008 on October 24-26.

Overcast skies and wet, autumn weather did not dampen the spirits of alumni and their guests as they enjoyed a weekend packed with events and activities. From class and affinity reunions to sporting events to brunches, lunches, and dinners, a bounty of activities greeted this year's participants.

Homecoming festivities began on Friday with a luncheon and tour at the Barton-Graves House. And, across town was the Bulldog Club Superball Golf Tournament at the Wilson Country Club. Comprising 21 teams, over 80 alumni and guests battled for the best team score.

Jeremy and Jerry Tucker, Steven Brame, and Craig Brame, forming The Good Ole Boys team, secured the victory with an outstanding score of 53.

As the golfers contended on the course, tennis enthusiasts enjoyed the inaugural Homecoming Doubles Tennis Tournament, also at the Wilson Country Club. Meanwhile, those not playing golf or tennis had the opportunity to take a tour of Barton's campus and view a pottery demonstration by Mark Gordon, associate professor of art.

After the golf tournament, Alumni Happy Hour welcomed those at the country club while the men of Alpha Sigma Phi kicked off their 50th anniversary celebration with a pig pickin' at the Alpha House.

Five new members joined the Barton College Hall of Fame Friday night at the Bulldog Club and Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner. The inductees were Rufus Outland '59, basketball; Alton Hill '67, basketball and track and field; Gary Farmer '70, baseball; Mark Raynor '96, baseball; and Tanisha Adams Dixon '98, basketball and volleyball.

"It was such a pleasure to have 250 people with us to help celebrate the history of our athletics program and the successes of those we recognized," said Gary Hall, director of athletics. "The personal stories shared at this banquet help us to see how Barton College has inspired the futures of its student-athletes by providing them an exceptional educational experience."

On Saturday morning, Barton's English bulldog mascot, Bully, welcomed guests to the Alumni Reunions and Awards Brunch. Following the meal, Barton College president Dr. Norval Kneten unveiled the newest addition to the campus, a 6'x4' statue of Bully. Inspiring school spirit, the large fiberglass bulldog has been placed at the entrance of Wilson Gymnasium so athletes and fans can rub its head for good luck.

The 2008 Alumni Awards were presented next: Miriam "Mickey" Moore Dunn, '47, Alumna of the Year; Morgan P. Dickerman, '79, Alumni Achievement Award; Gareth Hosford, '91, Alumni Achievement Award; and Dr. Harold Ladwig, Honorary Alumnus.

Alumni Greek games followed the brunch, as well as numerous class gatherings interspersed throughout the day. Barbecue aficionados sated their pork cravings with an Eastern North Carolina barbecue dinner catered by Wilson landmark Parker's Barbecue. Returning by popular demand, "Spare Change" played a variety of tunes from beach to boogie during the meal. The evening concluded with the annual Homecoming Dance and the crowning of Corey Winner and Susanna Benson as Homecoming king and queen.

Sunday morning, Dr. and Mrs. Kneten welcomed alumni to the Barton-Graves House for breakfast. Afterward, First Christian Church held a service of celebration honoring Atlantic Christian and Barton College alumni that was followed by a covered-dish luncheon. Homecoming festivities concluded that afternoon with the Alumni Baseball Game and a pig pickin' for their friends and families.

In spite of the rainy weather, Homecoming Weekend 2008 was a tremendous success. Ties were renewed and memories were shared. And, this year's participants know that next year's Homecoming will be just as spectacular.

Alumna of the Year

Mickey Dunn

"She arrived on campus in the fall of 1943 as Miriam Moore, a preacher's kid from Pitt County who was as smart as a whip and pretty to boot. But for as long as most of us have known and loved her, she has been Mickey Dunn, a devoted member of the Class of 1947 whom we honor today as the Barton College Alumna of the Year." Those were the opening lines by Russell Rawlings, who had the privilege of introducing the 2008 Barton College Alumna of the Year at the recent Alumni Awards Brunch.



Mickey Dunn

Rawlings went on to share that Dunn was richly deserving of this honor. "This career educator, who has remained fiercely faithful to her alma mater, has also contributed to society in a manner, as Sarah Bain [Ward] would say, is what this college is all about," he continued. He reminded the audience of her 40-year career in public school education as a teacher in Farmville, Tarboro, and Wilson.

Alumni Achievement

Morgan Dickerman and Gareth Hosford

Morgan Dickerman, '79, and Gareth Hosford, '91, were honored as recipients of the 2008 Alumni Achievement Award at the Alumni Awards Brunch during Barton's Homecoming Weekend.

Morgan Dickerman

In Russell Rawlings' introduction of Dickerman, he cited, "In addition to much that he has accomplished as the publisher of 'The Wilson Daily Times,' this 1979 graduate of the former Atlantic Christian College stands on solid ground as one of this institution's most faithful supporters. Indeed, if anything along these lines exceeds Morgan's commitment to Barton College, it would be his commitment to the city and county of Wilson in which he has always lived."

Rawlings shared that the Dickerman name and "The Wilson Daily Times" are inseparable and that the newspaper is indeed Dickerman's life's work. "It is also, true to its calling, a community institution, one which should never be taken for granted," Rawlings continued. "For while other communities saw their newspaper owners succumb to the riches of media conglomerates, Morgan Dickerman held his ground and held on to the 'Daily Times.' Consequently, one only has to venture into the newspaper racks of neighboring cities and towns to realize just how important this decision has been for Wilson and Barton College."



Morgan Dickerman

Dickerman's commitment to community is evident through his leadership and service to Habitat for Humanity, Hope Station, St. Therese Catholic Church and the Wilson Arts Council. He also has served as president of the N.C. Association of Afternoon Dailies and the N.C. Associated Press. His commitment to Barton College is equally strong through his involvement in numerous activities on campus. Among the most notable was Dickerman's support during Barton's incredible Division II national championship run of 2007.

"He is as loyal as the day is long; he is someone whom I have proudly known as a friend and boss and colleague throughout my life, and, as of today, he is also the recipient of the Barton College Alumni Achievement Award," concluded Rawlings.

Dickerman recalled for the audience many special memories of his time at Atlantic Christian College including growing up near campus and learning to ride his bike on the stretch of road now known as Belk Drive at the entrance to campus. He also fondly remembered attending college basketball games while growing up and proudly referred to the national basketball championship team of 2007. Dickerman expressed his appreciation for professors, sharing that his gratitude for one particular professor spurred him to lead an effort to honor Dr. Amrut Nakhre, retired professor of political

"She was indeed an institution at Fike High School, where she taught English, Spanish and French, served for countless years as the yearbook advisor, and supervised every graduation ceremony," shared Rawlings. "And, for all of you who know Mickey, and especially those of us who graduated from Fike during this time, the word "supervised" is hardly sufficient. She ran the show the way Mickey Dunn always runs the show, with a firm hand and a fair heart; she never endeavored to either enter or win a popularity contest. She only sought, better yet demanded, your respect and attention. Some might refer to this as tough love; I never knew it as anything but love. For me and countless other young people making their way through this world via the portals of Fike High School, it was the kind of love we needed, the kind of love we required, and the kind of love that makes us forever grateful that our paths crossed with that of Mrs. Miriam Moore 'Mickey' Dunn."

Rawlings recognized Dunn's equally deep love for her family and her loyalty to her alma mater. She has served as president of the alumni council, served numerous terms as secretary of the alumni association, been actively involved over the years with her sorority Sigma Sigma Sigma. "Her thumbprint can be found on many of this institution's most successful class reunions honoring the Classes of the 1940s and, in particular, her Class of 1947," said Rawlings.

"So much can and should be said about Mickey Dunn and her devotion to Barton College and the former Atlantic Christian College, for it has been a seamless commitment that focuses upon people and relationships, founded in her Christian Church upbringing and further enhanced through a lifetime of service to church, college, and community."

Dunn's acceptance speech began with familiar words, "Hail Atlantic Christian College (Barton). Fondly we hail thee. Thy loyal children, forever are we.' Yes, I am your child. You are the school that nurtured me to be a very successful teacher. And, I loved every minute of it. For this, I am truly humbled and grateful."

Recognizing many who have touched her life over the years, Dunn attributed lessons of "love, humility, patience, respect, and compassion" to her alma mater and her parents. She also recognized the love of her life for 60-plus years, her husband John Dunn (who taught at Barton for over 40 years), as well as her children, grandchildren, and extended family and friends. She also recognized former students and paid tribute to the alumni board for their work. Dunn encouraged alumni to be supportive of the administration, faculty, and staff of Barton and offered her appreciation to Dr. Norval Kneten for his leadership. As she closed her remarks, Dunn shared, "I shall forever cherish your choosing me for this outstanding honor. My love for the College has never wavered."

science. Dickerman's efforts helped establish a scholarship in Dr. Nakhre's name. "Dr. Amrut Nakhre got me through school as my political science professor, and we established a scholarship in Dr. Nakhre's name to thank him [for his teaching]," said Dickerman. He ended his remarks by offering his appreciation for the alumni achievement award, which was followed by a hearty "Go Dogs!"

Gareth Hosford

"When I was asked to present today's award, I was in a bit of a quandary because I know of a blemish, a mark on the permanent record of the recipient of which the College is unaware," shared Kim Watson, friend and former dean of students at Barton College, as she opened her introduction of recipient Gareth Hosford. "Our recipient had an encounter with the security personnel at his apartment last year. It seems there was too much noise coming from his home during the NCAA Division II National Basketball Championship game and officers came to investigate."

Watson went on to share that this exuberant Bulldog came to Barton from Johannesburg, South Africa, not having any idea the impact this campus and its community would have on his young life. Hosford was a solid member of the College's tennis team, served as a leader in Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, and was elected president of the Student

Government Association. Upon graduating summa cum laude, he was immediately employed by Barton, "where he honed his marketing and salesmanship skills as an admissions recruiter."

"Those skills enabled Gareth to land a full scholarship at the University of Southern California one year later where he earned his MBA, again graduating with honors," said Watson.

From there, Hosford spent four years in the United Kingdom, as a brand manager for Proctor and Gamble followed by a six-year stint in Johannesburg, South Africa, working for premier management consulting firm McKinsey and Company.

However, his love for the U.S., and his desire to work in the sports world brought Hosford back to the States to work for Nike in Global Strategic Planning in Oregon. "His success in driving a broad range of initiatives in basketball, tennis, lacrosse, and others earned Gareth a promotion to his current position, Director of Global Strategy and Business Development for Soccer," shared Watson.

"Nike's slogan – Just do it – applies perfectly to Gareth," she continued. "He just went out and did it! Gareth credits much of his success to the experiences he had as a student here at Barton, experiences that gave him the skill set and confidence to succeed in life."

"I feel extremely honored to be recognized in this way," shared Hosford as he received the award. "I do really feel

that I owe a lot of it [his success] to this institution. When I arrived, I barely knew where North Carolina was on the map. I certainly didn't know where Wilson was at that point. But what I did know was something that I think gave my parents the courage to send me halfway across the world. And, that was the promise that the College promoted through its literature. They promised personal attention; students were not just a number. There was a real commitment to the students here. And, it's that commitment to students that has endured. I recognized it the moment I stepped on this campus, and I still recognize it today. Whatever success I have had, I can attribute to that."

Honorary Alumnus

Dr. Harold Ladwig

Dr. Harold Ladwig, a retired neurosurgeon in Wilson, was named an Honorary Alumnus of Barton College at the 2008 Alumni Awards Brunch.

In addition to a remarkable medical career, Dr. Ladwig has served as a dedicated member of the Wilson community for many years. His community service in Wilson has included serving as president of the Wilson Salvation Army and the Wilson County Medical Society, assisting in the establishment of the Wilson Arts Council and serving as chair of the board for the Wilmed Foundation. He also has served as president of the Barton College/Wilson Symphony Orchestra. Dr. Ladwig and his wife, Marjorie, established an endowment for the Barton College/Wilson Symphony Orchestra, and they also established the Ladwig Collection, a part of the Barton Art Galleries' permanent collection.

Mark Peterson, director of music and conductor for the Barton College/Wilson Symphony Orchestra, introduced Dr. Ladwig at the Alumni Awards Brunch. In his remarks, Peterson shared, "Dr. Harold Ladwig is a man of great tact, acumen, compassion, understanding, and insight; he's a good friend of mine. He's one of the first people I met when I came to Wilson. His appreciation and love for art and music and theatre has resulted in a strengthening of fine arts at Barton College. Through his solid financial management, the Barton College/Wilson Symphony Orchestra has flourished, and he has been a wonderful guardian of that endowment. And, most of all, he has the tenacity of a 'Bulldog.'"

In Dr. Ladwig's remarks, he shared, "I feel very humble in receiving this title of honorary alumnus, for I know that there have been many individuals who have helped Barton achieve its high level of performance. It also gives me a great amount of pride to have this new affiliation with Barton."



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Dr. Harold Ladwig

Dr. Ladwig's strong work ethic has truly defined much of his life. As a young boy, he learned early the responsibility of work with a three-mile paper route. His diligence on that paper route helped him secure a full-tuition scholarship for two years at Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa. Competitive, both in the classroom and on the football field, Dr. Ladwig was later accepted into the Navy to attend medical school. Three years after completing his medical degree, he was called to serve in the Korean Conflict. Following his release from active duty, Dr. Ladwig returned to the University of Minnesota to complete his residency training in neurology. Afterward, he opened his practice of neurology in Omaha, Neb., where he remained for 30 years. He was the first physician to limit his practice to the field of neurology in the state of Nebraska.

"It was not a difficult decision for us to make the move to North Carolina, for we wanted to be near our son, daughter-in-law, and family who were in Rocky Mount," shared Dr. Ladwig. "We had visited various areas of the state during the 20 trips we made before we moved. My goal was to get to know at least 100 people in Wilson and to contribute to the improvement of the lives of others through my practice of neurology and my participation in civic organizations." Dr. Ladwig has certainly exceeded his goals through his participation in and commitment to Wilson's growing community.

Five More Join Barton Hall of Fame

by John Hackney

Rufus P. Outland, '59, H. Alton Hill, '67, Gary W. Farmer, '70, Mark A. Raynor, '96, and Tanisha Adams Dixon, '98, were inducted into the Barton College Athletic Hall of Fame during the Oct. 24th ceremonies held in conjunction with Homecoming 2008.

Outland, who played basketball for three seasons at Atlantic Christian and then coached the JV basketball team to a 13-3 record his senior season, has been a legendary coach in Virginia for the past 49 years. From 1961-1985, Outland, a native of Kelford, N.C., developed a legendary post-graduate basketball program at Frederick Military Academy, where he was responsible for 61 players receiving full scholarships to NCAA D-I schools. His teams won a phenomenal 260 games against D-I college freshman teams and junior college teams, along with 24 tournament titles. Some of his players included Bobby Cremins (South Carolina), Lee Dedmon (UNC) and Al Woodall (Duke).

Hill was a 6-foot-6 center who made his mark at Atlantic Christian College and beyond. He averaged 12.5 points and 6.5 rebounds over four years while playing basketball with the Bulldogs and was a track star as well. The Beaufort, N.C., native still holds the school record in the 880-yard



(l to r) Tanisha Adams Dixon, Gary W. Farmer, H. Alton Hill, Mark A. Raynor, Rufus P. Outland

run at two minutes, 2.2 seconds (Barton does not currently have a track team) and was named Kiwanis Male Athlete of the Year after his sophomore and junior seasons. Following his college graduation in 1967, Hill moved to Virginia Beach, where he began a teaching/coaching career that spanned 32 years until his retirement in 1999.

Farmer was baseball standout/ironman at Atlantic Christian for four seasons from 1966-70, and then impacted thousands of lives as a teacher, coach, and administrator in the Wilson area. The Wilson native was Dean of Students at the Central N.C. School for the Deaf in Greensboro from 1972-77, and then spent the next 20 years as a teacher/coach at the Eastern N.C. School for the Deaf in Wilson, serving as athletic director the final 11 years.

Raynor was an exceptional shortstop for Barton College from 1991-95 who went on to play professionally in the Philadelphia Phillies organization for five seasons. The Williamston, N.C., native had a sensational career batting average in the upper .300s at Barton, where he was starting shortstop for four seasons on some of the greatest baseball teams in school history. The Bulldogs won both the conference regular season and tournament championships in 1993 and 1995.

Adams Dixon was a highly decorated basketball player who also starred in volleyball for the Lady Bulldogs from 1994-98. By the time she finished her playing career, the 5-foot-9 forward from Sanford, N.C., had a place in all the basketball record books and was a two-time Kiwanis Female Athlete of the Year at Barton (junior and senior years).

She ranks third all-time in scoring with 1,695 points and is among the all-time leaders in rebounds (913) and steals (293). The consummate team player also recorded 143 assists in 102 career games. She averaged 16.7 points, nine rebounds and 2.9 assists over four years, garnering all-conference honors her final three seasons.

For photo slideshows of Homecoming 2008 and the Alumni Golf Tournament, visit <http://www.barton.edu/alumni/homecoming.htm>



The Day of Service began with a kick-off breakfast for participants at 8:30 a.m. followed by brief remarks by Dr. Norval C. Kneten, president of Barton College. The campus community then dispersed to their assigned locations for service and returned to campus later that afternoon to share work reports and refreshments.

The Reverend Hollie Woodruff, chaplain of the college, organized local service projects with Habitat for Humanity, Wesley Shelter, Youth of Wilson, American Red Cross, the city of Wilson at Gillette

Park, the Arts Council of Wilson, St. Therese Catholic Church and School, St. John AME Zion Church, ARC, Boys and Girls Club/Salvation Army, Clothes Line, First Christian Church, Imagination Station, Jackson Chapel First Missionary Baptist Church, Mental Health Association, New Hope Elementary School, United Way, Wilson Crisis Center, and Wilson Pregnancy Center. Campus-related service projects included Spanish interpretation services for the Hispanic community, as well as a number of building and grounds maintenance projects.

Day of Service

by Kathy Daughety

With bright blue shirts scattered around the city on Wednesday, Oct. 22, one might have wondered what was going on, but there was no need to guess. Those in blue were just some busy “bulldogs” from Barton College. With over 620 participants signed up, students and professors at Barton College set aside books, and campus staff members stepped away from desks for Barton’s inaugural “Day of Service” on campus and in the Wilson community.

This new campus initiative supports Barton’s vision for its graduates to be “well-prepared for life and for success in their chosen careers because they will possess a lifelong commitment to learning, service, and achievement.”

Through participation in these one-day projects, Barton provided its students with a foundation for developing a deeper appreciation for service learning and a stronger sense of civic responsibility, as well as meeting needs within the broader Wilson community.

“Developing a lifelong commitment to service is part of the ‘Barton Experience,’ and Barton College’s Strategic Planning Team initiated a ‘Day of Service’ for the Barton campus community to provide an intentional opportunity to give back to our hometown community of Wilson,” said Richard Marshall, vice president for administration and finance, and chair of the Day of Service Committee. “Service and civic engagement help provide living, breathing values for a college or university, and Barton’s ‘Day of Service’ allowed us an opportunity to put our vision into practice in very real and, hopefully, significant ways for our neighborhood and broader community.”

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 “Best in the Southeast” by The Princeton Review

Barton College is one of the best colleges and universities in the Southeast according to The Princeton Review. The New York City-based education services company selected Barton as one of 139 institutions it recommends in its “Best in the Southeast” section on its web site

feature “2009 Best Colleges: Region by Region.”

“We are very pleased to be recognized with this regional distinction,” said Dr. Norval C. Kneten, president of Barton College. “This report reflects Barton’s historic commitment to student success, and our recognition demonstrates the success of the College’s focus on a unique Barton Experience for each of its students.”

Robert Franek, The Princeton Review’s publisher and editorial director, commended the schools named this year as their “regional best” colleges, “primarily for their excellent academic programs.” “We selected [these schools] based on institutional data we collected from several hundred schools in each region, our visits to schools over the years, and the opinions of independent and high school-based college advisors whose recommendations we invite,” said Franek. “We also take into account what each school’s customers – their students – report to us about their campus experiences at their schools on our 80-question student survey. Finally, we work to have our annual roster of ‘regional best’ colleges present a range of institutions in each region that varies by size, selectivity, character, and locale.”

The 139 colleges chosen by The Princeton Review for its “Best in the Southeast” designations are located in 12 states: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky,



Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia.

The Princeton Review also designated 212 colleges in the Northeast, 120 in the West, and 159 in the Midwest as best in their locales on the company’s “2009 Best Colleges: Region by Region” section on its site. The 630 colleges named “regional best(s)” represent only about 25% (one out of four) of the nation’s 2,500 four-year colleges.

The Princeton Review survey for this project asks students to rate their own schools on several issues, from the accessibility of their professors to the quality of campus food. They also answer questions about themselves, their fellow students, and campus life.

The Princeton Review (www.PrincetonReview.com) is known for its test preparation courses, books, and college admission and other education services.

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Broadway Stars Break Ground for Theatre
 by Ken Dozier

Broadway stars Lauren Kennedy and Alan Campbell joined campus and community dignitaries on April 24, to break ground for the new Lauren Kennedy and Alan Campbell Theatre at Barton College.

Granting more than just their names to the theatre, the husband and wife team hope to use their New York connections to bring fellow Broadway stars to Barton to enrich our students’ educational experiences. Seeking to enrich the learning experience of Barton’s theatre students, Campbell said that there are “plenty of directors and people we know” who could interact with the theatre program. Kennedy remembered her early exposure to theatre professionals such as Terry Mann while she was at the North Carolina Theatre in Raleigh. She believed it helped prepare her for her professional career on stage. “I already felt like I had a leg up,” said Kennedy.

With the possibilities presented by partnerships with Broadway personalities, theatre students and supporters at Barton have much cause to celebrate.

In addition to professional relationships, the Lauren Kennedy and Alan Campbell Theatre, as a structure, offers more cause for celebration. The

new building, now under construction between Moye Science Hall and Case Art Building, will provide Barton’s students and theatre-enthusiasts with an extraordinary black-box-theatre experience.

A black box theatre accommodates a variety of staging styles, ranging from proscenium to thrust to theatre-in-the-round and more. Because of its intimate atmosphere, the black box theatre can feature one-man shows or larger productions without the need for microphones.

“It truly is the most useful kind of space,” said Campbell, describing the versatility of this type of theatre. However, the versatility extends beyond the performance space. The theatre will also house classroom space and workshops. It also benefits the campus chapel. Currently, theatre productions at Barton are performed in Howard Chapel. Having a dedicated theatre will allow the reclamation of Howard Chapel as a sacred space.

“Hot Summer Nights at the Kennedy”



Alan Campbell and Lauren Kennedy

in Raleigh plans to partner with Barton’s theatre program to provide students with great on- and back-stage theatre experience, offering Barton students the opportunity to interact with professional actors and stage engineers in Raleigh and Wilson.

“What we want to do from our end is try to also get the word out that Barton is a great place to come if you want to study,” said Campbell.

If you would like to name a seat in the theatre, or explore other naming opportunities for the new theatre,

contact Carolyn H. Brown, senior advisor to the president, at 252-399-6358 or email: chbrown@barton.edu.

Gordon Lands On Cover of National Art Publication

Highlighted on the cover of the September/October issue of "PotteryMaking Illustrated" is the work of Barton art professor Mark Gordon. Gordon's article "Pushing the Envelope," led the magazine's list of titles with a step-by-step process of joining dry clay to dry clay.

This ceramic assembly procedure, "Dry/Wet/Dry: Pushing the Handbuilding Envelope," was demonstrated in March by Gordon at the Furini Memorial Outdoor Sculpture Symposium at Meredith College. Gordon shared a two-page handout explaining this original clay process and later forwarded the notes to the editor of the national bi-monthly "PotteryMaking Illustrated." The editor liked the idea and asked Gordon to write a more in-depth article that included step-by-step photos as well. With the help of photographer Steven Stewart, Barton's circulation librarian, the process was documented, and one of the close-ups was eventually chosen as the cover photograph for the fall issue.

Gordon was originally inspired to try this technique after observing the traditional rural brick makers on the banks of the Nile near Aswan, Egypt. "I have adapted it over the years as I faced various deadlines and scheduling challenges, including the breakneck production pace when I have the chance to travel and make art in different studio spaces," shared Gordon. "Through these experiences, I have developed a body of work that uses this peculiar technique for joining bone-dry pieces so that I can produce pieces in these



situations where more traditional clay construction techniques would not work."

2008 Jefferson-Pilot Faculty Members of the Year

Earlier this year, Barton College honored Patricia N. Burrus and Dr. Kevin N. Pennington as the 2008 Jefferson-Pilot Faculty Members of the Year.

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

An assistant professor of accounting in the School of Business and a certified public accountant, Burrus earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry at Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia and completed a Master of Science degree in Inorganic Chemistry at the University of Tennessee. She earned a Master of Business Administration degree at East Carolina University where she also completed additional graduate courses in accounting. Joining the Barton College faculty in 1994, Burrus currently serves as the accounting coordinator for the School of Business and the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program coordinator, in addition to her teaching and advising responsibilities. She also recently served as chair of the Quality Enhancement Plan Leadership Team for the College's self-study in preparation for reaffirmation

of accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

When asked what keeps her excited about teaching, Burrus shared, "In my teaching area, there are continual changes to old practices and the introduction of new standards that must be assimilated into the body of accounting theory, knowledge, and practice. Gaining a clear understanding of these revisions and additions and presenting this new subject matter in a form and context easily grasped by my



Burrus and Pennington at the 2008 Commencement Exercises

students is a constant challenge, but one I accept and enjoy."

She went on to say that she definitely believes that she is inspired by her students as much or more than they by her. "Because accounting is a small-to-medium sized major program at Barton, I have the benefit of teaching individual students in a number of different classes within the major," Burrus continued. "My particular teaching areas are introductory, intermediate, and advanced financial accounting and taxation. It is a satisfying experience for a teacher to watch students mature in their chosen field, perhaps focus on a narrow area of interest, and take steps to start the process necessary to enter graduate school or find that first job. I was thrilled recently by the fact that one of our senior accounting majors, Paola Marte, interned at Deloitte & Touche (New York) this past summer and has been offered a job there following graduation. The firm is one of the largest professional services firms in the world and one of the Big Four auditors."

Pondering a number of options for her travel stipend, Burrus shared that she has never traveled outside the United States except to Vancouver and Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. “Well...and to Canadian Niagara Falls and Juarez, Mexico, each for a few hours,” she added, smiling. “I am excited at the prospect of traveling abroad and have a short list of possibilities, constantly changing: Australia for the koalas, England for the history, or Northern Italy for the food!”

“There are so many truly dedicated and able people on the faculty at Barton that I can only feel humbled by the good fortune of being chosen as one of the recipients of the faculty member of the year award for 2008,” said Burrus. “I am sincerely grateful to Jefferson-Pilot and to the College for this opportunity.”

The daughter of the late Cora Lee Jones Newman and Andrew Kemp Newborn, Burrus is married to R. Tilden Burrus, Sr. They have two children: Robert T. Burrus, Jr., and Sarah Burrus West, both of Wilmington. Burrus also has six grandchildren. The Burrus family resides in Kinston with their golden retriever, Lady, and their very-mixed and very serious defender of home, Sweetpea.

Dr. Pennington, assistant professor of biology, earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Zoology at North Carolina State University and completed his Ph.D. in Biomedical Sciences-Immunology at Mayo Graduate School. He also recently served on the Quality Enhancement Leadership Team. Other current appointments include the General Education Committee, Honors Council, and Curriculum Committee, as well as advisor for the Science Club.

Dr. Pennington is the son of Jackie Pennington of Lenoir and the late Linda Pennington. He and his wife, Malinda, have two sons: Liam and Nathaniel. The Penningtons make their home in Durham with their two cats, Father Mackenzie and Lucy in the Sky.

When asked about how he would like to spend his travel stipend, Dr. Pennington shared that he and his

wife have been contemplating a visit to England and Scotland for some time. His wife’s family is from Scotland and they have never had a chance to visit there. Like, Burrus, he has not had a chance to travel abroad yet. “My sons have suggested Italy, so now, Malinda and I are also seriously considering a visit to Venice,” added Dr. Pennington.

“I was absolutely shocked to be recognized,” said Dr. Pennington. “There are so many faculty who work tirelessly on behalf of our students and for Barton. To be singled out is so special and gratifying. When I left graduate school, I thought my future was at a lab bench or at the computer, writing grants. My wife encouraged me to try my hand at teaching because, in grad school, I always gravitated to the role of mentor to younger students and again while working as a post-doc. In a very real sense, being recognized with this award justifies my career choice and reinforces what I guess I’ve always known deep down...I’m supposed to teach.”

What keeps Dr. Pennington excited about teaching are those moments when his students really become passionate about science.

“Whenever a student applies some concept we’ve been discussing and then gets excited about the end-result, that keeps me motivated,” he shared. “In microbiology, the students write a paper about a fictitious infectious pathogen that they create. The paper addresses not only what type of microbe the pathogen is, but also how that agent is spread, the disease the agent causes, and how that disease and agent are treated. I get so excited when a student ties together all of the concepts, applying what they’ve learned. The best experience of the past year was when one of our students, Brent Clayton, was accepted into veterinary school at the University of Minnesota.

When asked what he thought inspires the futures of his students, Dr.

Pennington answered, “I’m passionate about science. I’m fascinated by signal transduction and blown away with how cells move about. Even the way that lipids interact with one another in a cell membrane fascinates me. I believe I inspire the futures of my students by sharing my excitement, showing them that they can and should be passionate about their school work and their careers.”

Parish Family Honored At Barton Founder’s Day Celebration

Beautiful weather coupled with time-honored traditions appropriately ushered in Barton College’s annual May 1 Founder’s Day celebration during spring semester. The campus was brimming with guests who joined the campus community to honor the William W. Parish family from Wendell. The Parish family includes Aileen and Bill Parish of Wendell; Patricia Parish of Raleigh (known as Tricia) and her children: Casey and Alex Ward; and



Aileen Parish, Alex Ward, Phyllis Parish Howard, Seab Howard, Bill Parish, Tricia Parish

Phyllis Parish Howard of Raleigh, her husband Seab, and their daughter Gabrielle.

Each year at Founder’s Day, Barton College honors a family who has made significant contributions to the life of the institution. Longtime supporters of Barton College and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the Parish family has provided alumni and trustee leadership for the College in addition to supporting its educational mission and providing financial support.

Among the day's activities was the dedication of the Phyllis Parish Howard Television Control Room in the Department of Communications and Performing Arts, honoring trustee Phyllis Parish Howard. This addition to the television studio on campus was made possible by a gift from the WRAL/Capitol Broadcasting Company Fund. Presented by Jim Goodmon, president and CEO of Capitol Broadcasting Company, the gift was made in honor of Parish Howard's significant contributions as director of local production for WRAL-TV and Capitol Broadcasting Company.

Following the dedication ceremony, the campus community and guests enjoyed a buffet luncheon in Hardy Alumni Hall with a brief program focusing on the contributions and commitment to the College made by the Parish family for the past 60-plus years. The program included two longtime friends, the Reverend Gilbert Davis of Forth Worth, Texas, and Juanita Andrews of Rocky Mount, who regaled the audience with delightful stories of shared experiences with alumni Aileen and Bill Parish. Dr. Norval C. Kneten, president of Barton College, spoke of the tremendous commitment of time, energy, and financial resources that this couple and their two daughters (also Barton alumnae), have made over the years in support of their beloved alma mater.

Andrews, Durham, and Mallory Welcomed on Board

Earlier this year, Barton College welcomed Robert V. Andrews of Wilson, James M. Durham of Raleigh, and the Reverend David Mallory of Raleigh, as members of the College's Board of Trustees.

Andrews, a native Wilsonian, is the son of the late Frances and Van Andrews. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Barton College and completed certification as a Chartered Life Underwriter and a Chartered Financial Consultant from The American College. He and his twin brother, William Andrews, are co-owners of The Planning Group, Inc., with insurance offices in Wilson,

Raleigh, and Charlotte. In 1992, Andrews and his brother, William, were honored with the Barton College Alumni Achievement Award. The Andrews brothers also established the Andrews Scholarship Fund for students in the School of Business. Currently serving as endowment chair for the East Carolina Council of the Boy Scouts of America, Andrews also served as president of the organization from 2000-2002. He currently serves on the Barton College Board of Trustees' Finance Committee and serves on the Board's Preparing For A



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Comprehensive Campaign Task Force. Andrews and his wife, Jan, have one son, Adam C. Andrews of Raleigh.

A native of Raleigh, Durham is the son of the late Lenora and Jack Durham. He attended Central Piedmont Community College and graduated from the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill. He also earned GRI certification from the Graduate Realtors Institute. A realtor in Raleigh, Durham sells and manages real estate. He has been a member of the Raleigh Regional Association of Realtors, the North Carolina Association of Realtors and its Property Management Division, and the National Association of Realtors for 36 years. Durham has been a member of the Raleigh Rotary Club for four years. He also is a member of Hillyer Memorial Church where he has served as an elder and a trustee, and held a number of leadership roles with various committees of the church. He currently serves on the Barton College Board of Trustees' Enrollment Committee and serves on the Board's Audit Committee Task Force. Durham and his wife, Sarah, have two sons, James M. Durham of Charlotte and Brian K. Durham of Cartersville, Ga. They also have two grandchildren,

Ashlyn N. Dixon of Carrboro and B. Keith Durham of Cartersville, Ga.

Mallory, who serves as one of three ministerial representatives to the board, is an ordained minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). He currently serves as senior minister of Hillyer Memorial Christian Church (DOC) in Raleigh. A native of Tyler, Texas, Mallory is the son of Betty and Thomas Mallory. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Stephen F. Austin State University and a Master of Divinity degree from Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University. Past board memberships have included the First Christian Church of Tyler, Texas, Smith County Habitat for Humanity and the Christian Youth Foundation. He serves on

the Barton College Board of Trustees' Student Affairs Committee and chairs the Board's Church Relationship Development Task Force. Mallory and his wife, Amy, have two children: Stacey and Robert.

Craddock Discusses Relationship of Church and Higher Education

Members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in North Carolina joined the Barton College community on Tuesday, April 29, as the College honored the institution's historical ties with its founding church during the 2008 Founder's Week celebration. The featured speaker for the luncheon program was minister, lecturer, and author Dr. Fred Craddock.

Craddock, who examined the relationship of the church and higher education, said, "We're here to reflect on the relationship of this school and other schools like it to the church. Whatever gap there is, whatever distance there is between the church and the academy is not in the nature of the case, it's simply the church in two

different postures — the church at worship and the church at study. Same people and, in the early, beginning days, under the same leadership.”

Craddock sought to remind the listeners that churches and schools once operated together. As an example, Craddock mentioned the Jewish synagogue and its role in education, “It was a school, it was a synagogue, it was a worship place, it was a school. It was a school, it was a worship place, it was all the same. ‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your mind,’ they said. Use your mind! Use your mind! Use your mind!”



Dr. Fred Craddock

Craddock said, “Eventually the school was separated, in terms of building and geography, from the church.”

According to the speaker, the idea of the church at study is not popular today. “The church at worship we can handle; the church at work, we’re doing better; but the church at study is not an image that’s comfortable anymore,” Craddock stated.

In bridging the gap between church and academy, Craddock believes that, from the church’s side, a study of Jesus as a teacher would help a student prepare for college, to prepare for the difference between a church’s “hermeneutic of assent” and the academic world’s “hermeneutic of suspicion.”

For the academy’s part in bridging the gap, Craddock feels students should be encouraged to express what they believe. “We’re in such a time of disconnect and discontinuity and pluralism and multicultural activity that it is very easy, it’s very easy for us to get away with total silence about our beliefs and call it being ecumenical,” he shared. ‘I erase myself; and, therefore, I fit in everywhere.’ The point is I’m making no contribution to anybody.”

Craddock believes, “The opportunity and the encouragement for a student to get involved in the town, in the community, in the city where the school is located” is another way the academy can help.

Finally, he advocated, “A strong chaplain service for the students, especially the students who fall victim to their own contradictions, fall victim to the depression that comes from seeing some distance between the head and the heart, for the students who make bad decisions.”

In his closing remarks, Craddock shared, “I would like to know when one of my young people comes to your college that there will be somebody there who helps them to see that, even in an academy, starting over is not only possible, but encouraged. That’s in the best of all possible worlds, and I think that’s where we are today at Barton College.”

Craddock is the Bandy Distinguished Professor of Preaching and New Testament, Emeritus, in the Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta, Ga. He joined the faculty at Emory following an appointment as chair of the Darbeth Distinguished Professor of Preaching and New Testament at the Graduate Seminary of Phillips University in Enid, Okla. Dr. Craddock joined the Phillips University Department of Religion faculty in 1961, moving to the seminary in 1965 where he taught until 1979.

He presently is serving on the Task Force on Ministry for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). An ordained minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Craddock has served pastorates in Tennessee and Oklahoma, and is the founding pastor of Cherry Log Christian Church. He also is director emeritus of The Craddock Center, a program for serving the needs of people of Southern Appalachia.

On this same day, Barton College hosted a daylong symposium on campus to discuss the historic relationship between the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and higher education. Church leaders from across the country gathered to present remarks and to participate in the panel discussion. From this discussion, a white paper was produced by members of the Barton community and submitted to a task force appointed by Dr. Sharon Watkins. The task force will develop a statement of shared mission between the church and the academy that will also address mutual accountabilities in the context of common mission.

Panel participants for the symposium included Dr. Newell Williams, moderator of the Christian Church (DOC) and president of Brite Divinity School at TCU (he served as the symposium panel moderator); Dr. Sharon Watkins, moderator and president of the Christian Church (DOC); Dr. William “Butch” Drake, president of Midway College and president of the Council of Colleges and Universities; the Reverend Dennis Landon, president of Higher Education and Leadership Ministries in the Christian Church (DOC); Dr. Duane Cummins, president emeritus of Bethany College and a visiting scholar in history at Johns Hopkins University; Dr. David Murph, Director of Church Relations at TCU; and the Reverend John Richardson, regional minister of the Christian Church (DOC) in N.C.

Allan R. Sharp Religion In Life Series Welcomes Marcus Borg

Barton College was pleased to welcome internationally renowned author Dr. Marcus Borg as the featured speaker for the 2008 Allan R. Sharp Religion in Life Series on November 17.

Because of Dr. Borg’s popularity, this fall’s Allan R. Sharp Religion in Life Series included several events for members of the campus and surrounding communities. The day’s activities began in Howard Chapel with an afternoon lecture by Dr. Borg, designed for clergy and students, titled “Telling the Story of Jesus Today.” Other events included a wine

and cheese reception and book signing for Dr. Borg in the Barton Art Galleries followed by dinner in Hardy Alumni Hall. The Allan R. Sharp Religion in Life evening lecture by Dr. Borg, titled “What Christianity Is All About: Loving God And Changing The World,” concluded the day’s events.

The Hundere Chair in Religion and Culture in the Philosophy Department at Oregon State University, Dr. Borg is internationally known in both academic and church circles as a biblical and Jesus scholar, Dr. Borg is the author of 16 books, including “Jesus: A New Vision” (1987), “Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time” (1994), “The God We Never Knew” (1997), “The Meaning of Jesus: Two Visions” (1999), “Reading the Bible Again for the First Time” (2001), and “The Heart of Christianity” (2003). His newest books include “Jesus: Uncovering the Life, Teachings and Relevance of a Religious Revolutionary” (2006), and two books co-authored with John Dominic Crossan, “The Last Week” (2006) and “The First Christmas” (2007).

In reference to Dr. Borg’s published works, celebrated author Frederick Beuchner said, “Writing with a simplicity that never becomes simplistic, Borg manages to convey the essence of Christianity in a way that does justice to those who do not share his views and will greatly enrich the understanding of those who do.”

Described by “The New York Times” as “a leading figure in his generation of Jesus scholars,” Dr. Borg has appeared on NBC’s “Today Show” and “Dateline,” PBS’s “Newshour,” ABC’s “Evening News” and “Prime Time” with Peter Jennings, NPR’s “Fresh Air” with Terry Gross, and several National Geographic programs. A Fellow of the Jesus Seminar, Dr. Borg has served as national chair of the Historical Jesus Section of the Society of Biblical Literature and co-chair of its International New Testament Program Committee, and is past president of the Anglican Association of Biblical Scholars and a regular columnist for “Beliefnet.” His work has been translated into nine languages: German, Dutch, Korean, Japanese, Chinese, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, and French. Dr. Borg earned his doctoral degree from Oxford University, and he has lectured widely overseas (England, Scotland, Austria, Germany, Belgium, Hungary, Israel, and South Africa) and in North America, including the Chautauqua and Smithsonian Institutions.

The Allan R. Sharp Religion in Life Series focuses on topics of practical Christian significance for the general public relating to contemporary issues. Established in 1991 upon



Marcus Borg

the retirement of Dr. Allan R. Sharp, a professor and chair of the Department of Religion and Philosophy, this lecture series brings distinguished performers and speakers to the Barton campus each fall semester.

For additional information about the Allan R. Sharp Religion in Life Series, please contact Dr. Rodney Werline, Marie and Leman Barnhill Endowed Chair in Religious Studies at Barton College, at 252-399-6447 or email: rawerline@barton.edu.

Barnhill Chair Represents Barton Abroad

Dr. Rodney Werline, associate professor and the Marie and Leman Barnhill Endowed Chair in Religious Studies, traveled to Lisbon, Portugal, this past summer to present a paper at the European Association for Biblical Studies. The conference, held at the University of Lisbon, August 3-6, drew scholars from across Europe, as well as a few others from the United States, Canada, and South Africa.

Dr. Werline’s paper, “Disruption and Discipline: The Experience of God’s Paideia in the Psalms of Solomon,” contributed to his collaborative work with international scholars who engage in research on religious experience in early Judaism and early Christianity. The Psalms of Solomon is a Jewish text that probably achieves its final form sometime after the beginning of the reign of Herod the Great (37 BCE), though individual psalms originate from the early days of the Roman conquest of Palestine (63 BCE). Dr. Werline focused on several of these psalms that talk about God’s paideia, the Greek word for “discipline,” in order to illuminate the way in which these Jewish authors claimed to experience God in the disruption of this turbulent period in Judaea.



The Hieronymite Monastery in Belém, Lisbon, Portugal.

Dr. Werline’s attendance at this conference was made possible by funds in the Barnhill Chair Endowment that are designated for travel related to research. At the conference, Dr. Werline listed papers that reflected the work of European scholars on various topics, conversed with colleagues who teach in schools in Canada and Europe, and made new connections with other European scholars. In

addition to getting a taste of modern Portuguese culture, he took time to visit historical sites, museums, churches, and a monastery cathedral. These experiences made the place of Portugal in the history of the West come alive, and they have already enriched his classroom teaching.

New Director of Barton Theatre Takes Center Stage

by Kathy Daughety

With a name that could have jumped off the page of a Dickens' novel, Adam Twiss, Barton College's new director of theatre, leaped into his new role on campus this fall semester. And, he has had a lot to be excited about — not only does Twiss oversee the theatre's academic program on campus; he also is an integral partner in the development of the new Lauren Kennedy and Alan Campbell Theatre, now under construction.

"My family and I are delighted to become a part of this wonderful Barton community," shared Twiss. "Visual and performing arts have been a rich and vital part of the Barton experience for many years and the addition of the Lauren Kennedy and Alan Campbell Theatre exemplifies the College's ongoing commitment to outstanding theatre education. This wonderful, state-of-the-art, theatre facility will be the home to an enhanced program of study and performance. Most important, it ensures that generations of young theatre artists will be prepared for the rigors of professional work and/or graduate study by providing the high-quality, disciplined experience necessary for this exceptionally rewarding and highly competitive field."

Twiss added that he welcomes those who love theatre and who support the arts at Barton to come and take part in the campus programming, both on-stage and off. "We all play many roles and yours may be on-stage, back-stage, or in the audience, but all of us can play the lead in our commitment to quality theatre through our support," continued Twiss. "It's not too late to have your name or that of a loved one on a seat in the new theatre. If you are interested, please contact our Office of Institutional Advancement, and they will provide you with all the details. You won't want to miss a show at Barton!"

Twiss certainly has the academic and professional credentials to take Barton Theatre to the next level. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from Brandeis University, and then shifted his focus toward the arts, completing a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree with Honors in Architectural Design at Massachusetts College of Art. Twiss later completed his Master of Fine Arts degree with Honors in Acting and Directing at Trinity Rep Conservatory, (Brown University/Trinity Rep Consortium).

Twiss' numerous stage, film and television credits add to a distinctive, professional resume. To date, Adam is the only recipient of both the "Rita and London Lloyd Award for Artistic Excellence" from Rhode Island Arts Foundation and the "Richard Kavanaugh Award for Acting" from the Trinity Repertory Company.

Prior to his appointment at Barton, Twiss served as Development Director and Artist-in-Residence at Raleigh's Theatre in the Park. In that role, Twiss oversaw marketing

and development while collaborating on main stage artistic and educational programming. During his time at Theatre In The Park, the company experienced an unprecedented 40% growth in revenue while producing some of the most successful theatre in their 60-year history. Twiss also received tremendous critical acclaim for directing last year's landmark, Triangle premiere of Tony Kushner's award-winning, two-part epic, "Angels In America," the largest and most successful, non-musical production in the theatre's history.



Adam Twiss

Twiss has taught acting and theatre at Rhode Island College and Brown University/Trinity Rep Consortium, both in Providence, R.I., as well as at the University of Washington in Seattle. He was a founding member and Producing Artistic Director for the Intimate Theatre Company in Providence, R.I., and has acted in and directed world premiere plays for theatres throughout the country.

Twiss' reviews are consistently stellar for his work as both an actor and a director. Brian McEleney, head of acting at Brown University/Trinity Rep Consortium, had this summation of Twiss' teaching style, "Adam's work is informed by a superb sense of truth and personal connection. As an instructor and director, he elicits exceptional results from his students."

When asked about the importance of an academic theatre program, Twiss shared, "I feel this professional-level theatre program is an outstanding asset to Barton College and to the entire region. Strong training and education raises the bar on artistic output and drives personal investment in the arts. As a professional artist and member of the actors' unions, AEA, SAG, and AFTRA, I am proud to commit myself to furthering the craft and to encouraging generations of emerging artists to touch the lives of others with their talents."

A native of Boston, Mass., (and a die-hard Red Sox fan), Twiss is the son of Mary Liz and George Twiss. He, his wife, Andrea (a native Tarheel), their daughter, Isabel (5), and son, Elijah (2), live in Cary.

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Life Lessons

by Kathy Daughety

Barton's vision is supported by a strong academic tradition and a campus community's passionate belief in student success. And, lessons learned as students soon become life lessons for young alumni, stepping out on their own to begin careers and to start families. What college lessons become life lessons along the journey? Here's one couple's story.

They met during Freshman Orientation while in line to sign up for classes. Sound familiar?

The tall, dark-haired freshman Art Bane, who hailed from Durham, N.C., had caught the eye of the much shorter, blonde classmate Susan Maxwell from Currituck, N.C., who was standing in line behind him. "Do you play basketball?" she cringes as she shares her not-so-creative opening line to meet a fellow classmate that fateful day. As bland as her question was his swift but brief reply, "Yea."

The next time Susan saw Art was in an English Placement Exam; both were hoping to test out of the freshman core course. While Susan was focused on acing the placement exam, Art and some of his new college buddies had discovered Wilson's nightlife the evening prior. Now, it's Art's turn to cringe as Susan shares that he fell asleep during the test. This did little to impress the smitten freshman. While Art vows he doesn't remember any of this, they both agree

that fate introduced them. And, despite the couple's early bumps in the road, it wasn't long before the two became good friends.

While fate may have had a hand in their introduction, it most definitely has been their faith sustaining and strengthening their relationship for over 20 years. And, Susan and Art believe their experiences in college helped prepare them for big life lessons ahead once they left the hallowed halls of Atlantic Christian College.

Life Lesson 1. Relationships Matter. When Art Bane first arrived at A.C., his life was focused on basketball, but by the time he crossed that commencement stage, he realized life was about far more. He'll tell you that he learned this important life lesson from caring college professors who reached out to encourage his success in class and from dedicated coaches who encouraged his performance on the court.

"I can't remember a professor who was not willing to work with you, especially those of us who were athletes," shared Art. "Our professors had equally high expectations for all of their students, but they always understood about an athlete's class absences related to out-of-town games. They were supportive of our commitment to both academics and athletics, and I always felt their support, whether I was

in class or on the court. You didn't think of them as just professors. Their sincere interest in each of us as individuals, their desire for us to be successful — those traits made them much more than just professors; they also were mentors and friends.”

Susan and Art both agree that Allan Sharp was one of those professors who really reached out to students. “If I had to choose one professor who probably had the biggest impact on me in terms of just life experiences, it would be Dr. Allan Sharp,” Art continued. “It didn't matter who you were; he always was glad to see you. He took time out for you; he supported our games. And, he always made sure students came first. I'm not sure you can find that kind of environment, that kind of attention, on all college campuses.”

Life Lesson 2. Life is in the details. Susan and Art both agree that they learned that “life is in the details” while they were at A.C. “There's so much more to college than just going to class,” said Art. “It really was so much fun! We would get up early to go to breakfast in the caf. We each lived on the same floors of our residence halls with some of the same friends for all four years. We spent so much time in the library — Susan studying, and me visiting Susan while she tried to study! Classes, basketball and tennis practice, games and matches. At the time, those things seemed mundane, but they were important. Those were the details of our life at that particular point in time.”

Likewise, Susan remembers the little details of her college experience that had a big impact. Her tennis coach, Barbara Smith, set the example for a strong work ethic; she pushed her team to excel. Susan said, “Coach Smith taught the tennis team about the importance of discipline and perseverance, but she also spent time really getting to know our team. She cooked meals for us, offered to lend an ear, and always provided advice when needed. She let us know that we could count on her if we ever needed assistance. She was like our mom away from home.

“Our schedules for school, work, sports, and meals get so hectic these days, but I think Art and I both have learned over the years that you have to take time to appreciate the small things in your everyday routine,” Susan continued. “Life happens in minute by minute interactions you have with people.”

Life Lesson 3. Bigger isn't always better. “Atlantic Christian was a perfect size for us,” shared Susan. “We really enjoyed the sense of community in Wilson as students. We always felt welcomed. I also worked at Churchwell's while in college and had the chance to really get to know the Bass family. They invited me to their home for meals and went out of their way to be supportive of my interests. That's what can happen in smaller communities.

“When Art and I moved to attend the University of Illinois, I was working on a master's degree first and then a Ph.D. and, finally, my M.D. Art was completing his Master of Arts degree in Athletic Administration as well,” she continued. “It was a great university, but it was so much different from the

tightly-knit community atmosphere of A.C. By the time I was ready for my residency, we chose to come back to Greenville, N.C. During my residency, I was working 80-100 hours per week, and Art often found himself home with a five-year-old and a nine-month-old. At that point in our lives, we realized more than ever the importance of a supportive community.

After Susan's residency, the Banes decided to stay in N.C., because of family, their son Archer's schooling, and because of new connections made in the community, both professional and personal. “I didn't get my first job until 14 years into our marriage because of school,” Susan added. “I've found that it's really hard to balance being a physician, and a wife, and a mother. I've chosen to work 40 hours a week as opposed to a physician's usual 60 hours. The bigger job and the bigger salary just weren't worth the sacrifice of family time. And, with our third child, we've found that it's more important than ever to spend time as a family.”

Life Lesson 4. Faith is our family's foundation. “You know, the expensive things are nice to have, but we've found out these things aren't necessary to make us happy,” shared Art. “Family time together, that's when we truly are our happiest. It's important to spend time together; that's when the communication happens. In a marriage and in a family, it's important to find time to share with each other. Our priorities are different now. We're learning to put God first. Attending a small, church-related school like A.C. was a reminder that values and beliefs are important in one's life.”

“Our faith really is an important part of our lives, and it's an even more important legacy for our children,” said Susan. “Art is Baptist and I'm Catholic; we've chosen to attend both First Baptist Church and St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church. We recognize it is the same Jesus with some man-made differences. And, we choose to build bridges between denominations. We've learned so much from each other's faiths, and we really want our children to embrace Christianity, whether Protestantism or Catholicism.”

Life Lesson 5. Celebrate each other's individuality. “My basketball coach, Gary Edwards, taught some great lessons on and off the court,” said Art. “I learned to accept the fact that I wasn't going to be the leading scorer on the court, but I still had something important to contribute to the team and to each game. Being a member of that team was a really important part of my college experience, and even though I had opportunities to transfer, I always chose to stay at A.C. I'm really glad I did.”

As a chemistry major, Susan took lots of courses that also required labs. Because she was a tennis athlete, Susan constantly had conflicts with tennis practice/matches and her afternoon chemistry labs. If not for chemistry professor Bill Kilgore's willingness to work with Susan one-on-one to complete her labs, she would not have been able to participate on the tennis team. Dr. Kilgore agreed to provide lab time for Susan outside the set class schedule. His flexibility enabled her to remain on the tennis team, and it proved to Susan that life isn't always an either/or decision. Susan shared, “I learned that life is almost always about making good choices, but sometimes, it can be both/and instead of either/or.

“My perspective has changed a lot over the past 20 years,” she continued. “I have learned to appreciate and to show gratitude for all the little things that make my family so special. I love how Art makes me laugh. And, during my residency, I knew he was caring for our children and keeping our family safe and secure. That gave me such peace. Archer, our oldest, is a shepherd. He is an amazing role model for his younger sister and brother. And, I love how my daughter Riley lives life for the moment. She’s so incredibly optimistic. Our youngest, Max, has brought a new dimension to our lives since his birth. He is such a dear child, and he has taught all of us a lot about the importance of patience. Max is mischievous, and he loves to make us laugh!”

Max was diagnosed with autism when he was two years old. And, Susan and Art are working hard to help him recover from his autism. “I think I have researched the topic enough that I deserve an honorary Ph.D. in autism,” Susan said, smiling. “We are leaving no stone unturned. Autism is a disorder with an unknown cause, and we are being very aggressive about getting him help.”

Susan shared that Max has helped to teach Archer and Riley a real respect for children with special needs. And, while he cannot multitask, Susan said that she multitasks too much. Max has taught her to slow down.

Art added that he admires Susan’s tremendous love for God. “Her faith is a huge source of strength for our family,” he shared. And, he loves her calmness coupled with her fierce independence. Art will also tell you that he’s taught Susan that a cluttered house is sometimes okay. She agrees that the most important part of the home is her family.

Life Lesson 6. Find time to serve your community. A typical day for the Banes means juggling work, home, church, football, basketball, softball, and raising awareness for autism. There’s little time to rest, but they’ve learned to make time for each other and for their community.

In addition to supporting their children in their chosen sports, Susan and Art serve as volunteer coaches for football, basketball, and softball. They also started a sportsmanship program for the Pitt County girl’s softball league to help improve sportsmanship. “The program really made a positive impact on parents, players, and coaches,” shared Susan.

And, they work hard to raise awareness for autism and the special needs of children affected. Susan has written several articles on the subject. Art also mentors young men through his basketball coaching at Pitt Community College, hoping they will begin to recognize their own potential, both on and off the court.

Life Lesson 7. Carry forth. What’s the most important lesson Susan and Art learned during their college experience at A.C.? “You never stop learning; it’s a lifelong process,” Susan said. And, Art summed it up well, “College really prepared us for life; our professors and coaches taught us some important lessons and, now, it’s our turn.”



Scholarship Luncheon . . .

Hardy Alumni Hall was filled to capacity on April 10, as students and donors enjoyed lunch together at the fourth annual Scholarship Luncheon. Featured speakers included brothers Bill and Bob Andrews; Dr. Kelly Thompson, vice president for external relations; Will Cobb, Class of 2010; and Paola Marte, Class of 2009. This annual event is an opportunity for donors to meet their scholarship recipients and for students to extend a special thank you to the donors.

For more information regarding Barton’s endowed scholarship program, please contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at (252) 399-6357.



Wilson-Barton Partnership Leadership Dinner . . .

On the evening of September 18, Barton College and the Wilson community gathered on campus to celebrate the accomplishments of Wilson business leader, Robert E. Kirkland, Jr. With more than 250 family and friends present, Mr. Kirkland was awarded the fourth annual Wilson-Barton Partnership Business Leadership Award. The award was based on Mr. Kirkland’s contributions to the business community, his strong leadership qualities, his entrepreneurial spirit, and his dedication to Barton College.



Barton Society Annual Affair . . .

The Barton Society Spring Affair was held on the grounds of the Barton-Graves House on May 3. More than 100 Barton Society members and their guests came out to witness world renowned hypnotist Tom DeLuca cast his spell on the crowd. During the evening, he worked his magic on trustee Chuck Finklea; Kelly Thompson, vice president for external relations; and Susan Kneten, first lady of Barton. It was certainly a night to remember.

Plans are already underway for the Barton Society’s Fifth Anniversary event planned for May 2, 2009. For more information about the Barton Society, please contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at (252) 399-6357.

From the Desk of Kelly Thompson, Ed.D.

Vice President for External Relations



As vice president for external relations, I've had the good fortune to oversee a number of new initiatives; launching our new inspiring futures brand, implementing an integrated marketing campaign, and raising funds for scholarships are at the top of the list. Why, you might ask? Because it's given me the opportunity to better understand the amazing contributions Barton alumni make to their professions, to their communities, and to the development of our current and future students.

These are stories worth telling — in print, on the radio and T.V., and in video on our web site. The heightened awareness of Barton this past year has resulted in a 12% increase in student inquiries and over a 10% increase in freshman enrollment. Telling the Barton story widely is critical to our future success. An important feature in the story is that Barton College is affordable. Every gift that's made to the Annual Fund helps provide scholarships for our students, and every endowed scholarship makes it a little easier for students and families to choose Barton College.

So, thank you, thank you, thank you for sharing your stories and your treasure. It's a delight to be part of such a generous community!

Institutional Advancement Update

Caroline Hart, Assistant Vice President for Institutional Advancement

You do not have to look very far on the Barton campus to witness amazing faculty members inspiring students to think creatively and independently or to observe staff members passionately invested in their work to set Barton apart from the rest. Working in this wonderfully gratifying academic community is a pleasure and a privilege.



Vann Pearsall

As you might imagine, hiring just the right person to join the Barton team is sometimes a challenge. In May, the Office of Institutional Advancement welcomed Vann Pearsall as the College's new director of annual giving. The personality was perfect, the work ethic undeniably strong, the instinct right on target – Vann is a perfect fit for Barton College.

Vann spent the last eight and one-half years as a district executive for the Boy Scouts of America, most recently serving Wilson County. In his current campus role, Vann's primary duties include managing the Annual Fund, overseeing the Barton Society, and working with the Athletics Department to manage the fundraising efforts of the Bulldog Club.

In August 2006, Vann and his wife, Whitney, moved to Wilson with their two children, Ryder and Ella. However, they are no strangers to Eastern North Carolina. Vann grew up in Pender County, and graduated from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, where he met Whitney. They moved to Germantown, Md., in 1999 where he began his career with the Boy Scouts.

Please join us in welcoming Vann to the Barton family!

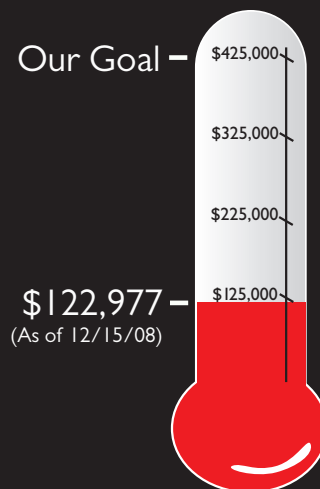
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The College's strategic long-range plan includes a focus on unrestricted gifts to the Annual Fund — increasing the Fund to \$425,000 by the end of our fiscal year June 30, 2009. Unrestricted gifts support essential needs that might not otherwise be provided for through tuition and fees, such as computer equipment and software, faculty seminars and workshop programs, research efforts, student mentoring and support programs, library acquisitions, program accreditation fees, and the like.

Unrestricted gifts to the Annual Fund also can be used to provide institutional financial aid for our students. This is over and above any other financial aid the students might receive. Very few parents can afford the full cost of a college education and, while we have generous scholarship opportunities, often it is the amount of aid offered through the College that ultimately makes it possible for many students to attend.

We Need Your Support



Alumni Office Update

They're everywhere! They're everywhere! As I walk across the campus on any given day, there is a good chance I'll encounter at least one alumnus/a. They may work for the College, but chances are just as good they are alumni who have not been to campus in a few years who just want to look around. We walk and talk and, as they share memories of their time at the College, their eyes sparkle and smiles spread across their faces. The memories are as fresh as yesterday, and I am grateful they are sharing them with me. The College would like to hear your stories, both as a part of our history and as an example of how you became who you are today because of your experiences at this place. We've added a new section to the web site called "Alumni Profiles." You will find a questionnaire there that you can fill out and submit online. If you would prefer to submit your information via regular mail, call me, and I'll send you a copy. Perhaps we'll feature you next month!



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Go Bulldogs!

Summer Brock
Director of Alumni and Parent Relations

Fall Events

Alumni and friends gathered at Gordon Street Christian Church in Kinston for their biennial event on October 2. Good fellowship was had by all as more than 50 alumni and friends from the area enjoyed an evening of memories as well as an update from the College.



Al Owens and William Elmore catch up at the Gordon Street Christian Church Gathering

In our first effort to gather alumni in the Tidewater area of Virginia, Rockafeller's Restaurant provided great food and a waterside view to alumni for a fun evening on October 15. Many turned out to enjoy the good company and hear an update on the College from Barton president, Dr. Norval C. Kneten.

Tommy Holland, '92, Bobbie Lamar Wagner, '73 and James Ratliff, '72 gather at Rockafellers Restaurant



Nancy Forbes Freemon, '61, and her husband, Joe, once again welcomed alumni and friends to their home on the Neuse River in New Bern for a Sunday afternoon gathering. This growing event attracts alumni from Craven, Carteret, and Pamlico counties.

Dr. and Mrs. Kneten welcomed Wilson County alumni to the Barton-Graves House for the fourth annual Wilson County Alumni Holiday Social in early December. This popular event draws more than 150 local alumni to celebrate the season.



Dr. Norval Kneten greets guests outside the Barton-Graves House for the Wilson County Alumni Gathering in December.

In the Spring...

Richmond, Charlotte, the Triad, and the Outer Banks, here we come! Watch for details in eScope and your mailboxes.

Alumni Awards

The Office of Alumni Programs is currently accepting nominations for the annual Alumni Awards for 2009.

Awards and Criteria:

Alumnus/a of the Year:

- ACC/Barton graduate
- Has shown support of the College over an extended period
- Recognized as a leader in his/her profession
- Leader in the affairs of his/her community, church, civic matters, etc.,
- Has received an Alumni Achievement Award, and can be present during Homecoming Weekend to receive the award.

Alumni Achievement Award:

- ACC/Barton graduate, recognized as a leader in his/her chosen field of endeavor by demonstrating a high standard of performance
- Actively involved in the affairs of his/her community, church, civic matters, etc.
- Has shown continued support of the College since graduation
- Can be present during Homecoming Weekend to receive the award.

Young Alumnus/a Award:

- Barton graduate within the last 10 years,
- Has shown support of the College since graduation
- Has begun to distinguish himself/herself as a leader in the areas of civic, religious and professional life
- Can be present during Homecoming Weekend to receive the award.

Honorary Alumnus/a Award:

- One who has not attended the College, yet has contributed significantly to the College by providing outstanding support and service
- Can be present during Homecoming Weekend to receive the award.

The deadline for nominations to be considered for 2009 is February 1, 2009. For more information, please refer to the College web site at www.barton.edu/alumni/awards or contact Summer Brock in the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations at 252-243-6717 or 800-422-4699.

New Mascot Grows Into Her Role

by Ken Dozier

Being the face, the avatar, of a people or an institution carries a great weight of responsibility. Interacting with a diverse public, making people feel special, and attending numerous important functions can take their toll on even the most patient personalities. But, for one who is barely 11 months old, Bully bears it very well.

Bully, Barton's official English bulldog mascot, made her first public appearance on campus during halftime at the February 23 basketball game against Lees-McRae, earlier this year. As "Big" Bully wheeled a baby carriage to center court and lifted Baby Bully high into the air, the campus welcomed its new mascot.

Canine icons have been part of the tradition of Atlantic Christian/Barton College since the 1920s. There was Mutt, the first mascot, followed by Cannonball, Jr., named after former College president Howard "Cannon Ball" Hilley. Later came the audaciously named Bohunk and, in 1980, female mascot Bullseye.

"We've always had Bully the mascot — the one with the costume, and we just came up with the idea [to have a live mascot]," said 2007-2008 Student Government Association President Victoria Gonzalez. Once the SGA decided to acquire a live bulldog, the student affairs staff assisted the students in the search and located a breeder.

Born on January 9 to mother Ms. Godiva and father Beau Dacious of Peoples Bulldogs in Kernersville, Bully arrived weighing 12 ounces, measuring 4.2 inches long, and bearing a brindle spot at her tail.

Anticipating Bully's upcoming move to her new family, the Student Government Association held a baby shower in the Hamlin Student Center dining hall on January 30. Baby announcement cards commemorated her birth and were available to the students as keepsakes. Campus dining services provided dogbone-shaped cookies and a cake decorated with Barton blue booties.

Accepting gifts on Bully's behalf, SGA officers Victoria Gonzalez and Princena Simpkins received items including leashes, pet shampoo, dishes, a dog bed, a cookie jar, and an assortment of treats.

Now, at a respectable 45 pounds of Barton spirit and Bulldog pride, Bully has grown exponentially since her arrival. And, she's grown equally in her role as a true blue Barton ambassador. Thoroughly enjoying her duties as mascot, Bully often assists the offices of admissions, student affairs, institutional advancement, and public relations.

This past summer, she welcomed incoming and prospective students during Orientation Week and the Dog Days Open House event. Bully greeted high school guidance counselors visiting campus, participated in photo shoots, and also represented the College at the grand opening of Wilson's new PetSmart store.

Whether she's welcoming new or returning students, meeting and greeting alumni at Homecoming, or barking on the sidelines of home athletic events, there is no doubt that Bully has found her place in the hearts of all Barton Bulldogs.



Alumni Class Notes

1930s

Daisy Locklear Cotton, '39, spent two weeks in South Africa in the spring. She helped in the building of an outdoor kitchen.

renew friendships with George Owens, William Ethridge, Joe Thain, Mary Ellen Norman Burton, and Carol Jones Taylor. She also has been in contact with Shirley and Merolin Lawrence, Dixie Gardner, Chester Best, and Barbara Harrison. Rose and Kay would love to hear from these and other A.C.C. friends. Rose can be reached at Rsrmbn@aol.com or 252-622-4148 and Kay can be reached at 252-393-2087 or 211 Channel Dr., Cape Carteret, NC 28584.

Linda Stallings Riley, '69, has retired from business administration and accounting with a large construction company in Cary. She has three grown children: Allison, Shannon, and Heather, and six grandchildren, Three boys and three girls. The most recent, Reagan Elizabeth Jesinkey, was born June 11.

Charles Freeman, '69, was presented the Carolyn W. Owens Marketing Leader of the Year Award at the Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) state convention on March 1. Charles led the Hertford County program for 30 years. The award recognizes educators, business leaders, and civic leaders, and is based on their overall contributions to Marketing Education and DECA at the local, district, and state levels.

1940s

Wilma Williams Flood, '42, has retired after 42 wonderful years of teaching high school English. Teaching literature – the great opportunity of a lifetime!

Buddy Westbrook, '62, married Elizabeth “Betsy” Murray at Hilliard Memorial Church in Raleigh on Sept. 6. The couple now makes their home in Raleigh.

Jim Trader, '62, has retired as chief chaplain at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Beckley, W.Va., after 20 years. Prior to his service with the VAMC, he served pastorates in Kentucky, North Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia. He and his wife, **Pat Hines Trader, '63**, continue to live in Beckley.

Reba Barefoot, '66, married Nelson Thornton on June 7, 2007.

Sarah Patterson Bailey, '67, of Rocky Mount and Beech Mountain looks forward to spending time in Gainesville, Fla., where her first grandchild, Jack Lewis Bailey, was born on March 18.

Betsy Nash Hine, '67, has been named associate dean of the Indiana State University Library. She also received the President's Medal, which is the highest recognition for ISU faculty, for research and service to the university. She and her husband, Will, have celebrated 40 years of marriage. He is the dean of the School of Continuing Studies at Eastern Illinois University. They have two sons, Will Jr., and Charley, who are dentists in the Indianapolis area. Will and Betsy are the grandparents of four granddaughters.

Rebecca Coburn Brown, '68, retired from the Washington County School System in 2007.

Chuck Northcutt, '68, has lived in Charlotte for 28 years and, for the past 13 years, he has been an estate planner. Chuck is president of CNA Planners, LLC, and he invites all to check out the web site at www.cnaplannersllc.com. He and his wife, Diane Johnson Northcutt, have two children and two grandchildren.

1970s

Billy Lee Retires From Coaching

by John Hackney

After more than 30 years coaching college basketball, 1971 Atlantic Christian College graduate Billy Lee retired this past summer with more than 400 career victories at the high school and collegiate levels. Lee, whose one-liners became legendary during an 18-year stint as head basketball coach at Campbell University, concluded his career with a three-year stint at St. Andrews Presbyterian College, which is a member of Conference Carolinas alongside Barton.

Lee spent two years on the East Carolina University staff and seven years as head coach at Pembroke State University (now UNC-Pembroke) prior to coaching at Campbell and St. Andrews. Ironically, Lee concluded his career with an 81-78 overtime win over defending National Champion Barton this past season in a regular-season finale. Ron Lievens, Barton's head basketball coach, was an assistant to Billy Lee at Campbell and also was the head coach at St. Andrews before leading the Bulldogs.

Gary Jones, '72, and his wife, **Yvonne Carter Jones, '73**, are retired teachers from the Lenoir County School System. They welcomed their

1950s

Richard, '56, and **Peggy Nicholls Ziglar, '55**, met on the A.C.C. campus in 1952 and married in May 1958. The two celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this spring.

Bill Palmer '59, curator emeritus of herpetology at the N.C. State Museum of Natural Sciences, was presented the Order of the Long Leaf Pine by Governor Easley in March.

1960s

John David Jenkins, '61, has retired from USF7G Insurance Company. He has been recognized with a number of awards over the years for service in his community, including Big Brother of the Year, 1996; Distinguished Alumni Service to Community, Lexington Christian Academy, 2003; Essence of Humanity Award, 2004; and the American Legion Citizenship Award in 2004, among others.

Rose Best Clark, '62, and her husband, Tom, have moved from Virginia Beach to Atlantic Beach to enjoy their retirement. Rose is excited to be near her brother and her A.C.C. roommate, **Kay Strum Provetero, '61**, and her husband, John. The four are having a great time renewing friendships and recently spent an entire week celebrating Kay and John's 35th wedding anniversary. In addition to Kay, Rose has been able to locate and

first grandchild, Katelyn Elise Jones, on January 1, 2007. Their oldest son, Jonathan, is vice president/branch manager of the Gatesville State Employees Credit Union. Their youngest son, Rylan, graduated in May from Emmanuel College in Georgia and is a licensed minister. Their daughter, Miranda, lives at home. The family resides in Kinston.

Mack Sawyer, '72, started the art department at Johnston Technical College in 1976 and remained there until 1980. He returned home to Elizabeth City and started A. Mack Sawyer Photography, which he ran until 2005. Now, he is growing grapes for a local winery and starting a tasting room at The Vineyards (Weeksville Vineyards and Cellars).

Jim Boykin, '72, retired from teaching social studies at Wilson's Fike High School in June after a 36-year career. He will continue to coach the boys' and girls' golf teams. The girls team was second in the state last fall (3A) and the boys' team won the state 3A Championship in spring 2008.

Ann Tripp, '72, has retired after 30 years as a school counselor. She is married to Ed Carraway, '69. They have a daughter and a grandson.

Stephen West, '73, has retired from Calvert County Schools in Maryland after 35 years of teaching.

Debbie Lupton Roach, '73, is in her 35th year of teaching at Pamlico Primary School. Debbie was featured in an article in the "New Bern Sun Journal."

Larry Moser, '74, has been named superintendent of Craven County Schools. He has worked in Craven County and the New Bern City School System since graduation.

Charles Blackburn, '74, received the 2008 Sam Ragan Fine Arts Award in Literature from St. Andrews Presbyterian College in Laurinburg. The awards have been presented since 1981 in honor of Ragan who graduated from Atlantic Christian College in 1936. Charles' band, When Cousins Marry, performed as part of his reading for the ceremony. The group recently released their first CD of 13 original songs called Shotgun Wedding. Visit whencousinsmarry.com for details.

Ray and Ida Mullen Griffin, '75, have moved to Henderson, where Ray has been appointed the new city manager.

Patricia Spalding Brubaker '75 retired from active duty on Nov. 1, 2007, after 20 years in the Air Force Nurse Corps. She then returned in a civilian capacity as a supervisory nurse for the family medicine clinic. She is married with four sons and three grandchildren. Three of her sons are currently serving on active duty with the U.S. Air Force and the U.S. Army.

Joseph Riddick, '75, and his partner, John Barden, moved to Augusta, Maine, in February. Joseph is an epidemiologist for the Maine Centers for Disease Control. He was recently appointed to the Augusta Historic Preservation Commission.

Darcelle Niemyer Vance, '75, retired in July 2007 from Wilson County Schools after 32 years in elementary education.

Marsha Cunningham Lovik, '77, is a family nurse practitioner in the Pediatric Department of Kinston Community Health Center. She has been a FNP for 27 years. She has two sons: Matt, a 2006 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy who serves our country as a Navy pilot; and Jason, a junior at Appalachian State University who is majoring in criminal justice. Marsha was a volunteer with the Boy Scouts of America for 17 years. She currently serves on the Greene Lamp Head Start Health Advisory Board for Lenoir and Greene counties and the School Health Advisory Committee for the Lenoir County Public Schools.

Rebekah Cornelius Tedder, '78, reports that both of her children: Lindsey, 21, and Kevin, 18, are in college. She would love to hear from friends from "Miss Daniel's" end of Harper Hall! Email her at rebekahet@yahoo.com.

Rawlings Receives National Alumni Service Award From Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity

Russell Rawlings, '78, was honored during the 2008 Homecoming festivities, as the recipient of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity's Delta Beta Xi Award. The award is presented annually for sustained alumni service to a maximum of 10 Alpha Sigma Phi alumni nationwide.

Owen McCullough, president and chief executive officer of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, Inc.,



Russell Rawlings

headquartered in Carmel, Ind., presented the award in conjunction with the silver anniversary homecoming celebration of the Gamma Lambda Chapter, established at the former Atlantic Christian College in 1958.

Rawlings serves as communications director for the North Carolina Bar Association in Cary and is a member of the Barton College Board of Trustees. He and his wife, Kim, make their home in Holly Springs.

Michele Jones Waller, '79, became a proud grandmother in March when her son-in-law and daughter, Blake, became parents of a baby girl, Jaelyn Alexis Burkett.

Mamie Spence Weatherspoon, '79, retired from Wake County Public Schools in December 2007. She taught for 30 years.

Wylene Booth McDonald, '79, was the recipient of the Master's Club Award with Merck & Co., Inc. She was inducted into the Merck Hall of Fame as a three-time recipient of this award. Wylene is a national account director with Merck Vaccines and Infectious Diseases. She and her husband, Bob, live in Wrightsville Beach.

1980s

Lin Bratcher, '80, is the music pastor and organist at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Concord. The adult choir was recently named a visiting choir at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. The choir, under Lin's direction, presented a 30-minute unaccompanied choral prelude on the crossing steps of the nave of the cathedral prior to the Office of Evensong in February. Lin's wife, **Kathy Twisdale Bratcher, '79**, works as an RN in the NICU at CMC-Northeast in Concord. She is a member of several committees and has worked as charge nurse and a preceptor. Lin and Kathy live in Kannapolis with their daughter, Helen, who is a sophomore majoring in art at Brevard College.

Susan Johnson Hines, '80, and her husband, Tony, moved to the Raleigh area in September 2007.



Joe P. Tolson

Representative Joe Tolson '63 Supports Private Higher Education

Representative Joe P. Tolson, '63, of Pinetops, has earned the reputation among his colleagues in the North Carolina House of Representatives as a strong leader, especially on issues in education, energy, and technology. Representative Tolson has worked on these issue areas to expand opportunities for North Carolina students.

He grew up on a farm near Tarboro and spent his career in education, first teaching in high school and then seeking a master's degree in education administration and becoming vice president of extension programs at Edgemore Community College. If you add those career

experiences to his college education at Barton, you can see why, as chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, he would understand the needs and importance of education issues and be such a strong advocate for strengthening education in North Carolina from kindergarten through college.

Representative Tolson leads the legislature's efforts to ensure that students in rural areas of our state have access to the same courses through technology that students have in urban areas. To accomplish this, he worked to provide funding so that all public schools can be connected to high-speed broadband for internet access for students. In addition, he worked tirelessly to make Governor Easley's EARN scholarship program of up to \$8,000 over two years available to students attending private colleges and universities in North Carolina this year. Representative Tolson noted that private colleges and universities, such as Barton, provide critical access to higher education for thousands of North Carolina students and that these students deserve the state's encouragement and support.

Tolson also introduced a bill in the House supporting the Legislative Tuition Grant for half-time students and worked to get this funding in the budget. He recognizes the importance of evening and weekend programs, including Weekends at Barton, that offer educational opportunities for adults who work full-time and have family responsibilities. Many of these half-time students are community college transfer students who are trying to finish their college degree. At the same time, Representative Tolson supports efforts to continue to strengthen the state university system and to encourage partnerships among the education sectors for the benefit of all North Carolina students.

Dr. A Hope Williams, president of North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities, the statewide organization for private higher education in North Carolina, praises Representative Tolson for his leadership for students and his understanding of the long-term impact of better educated citizens on the economy of our state. "Representative Tolson is a man of vision who is deeply committed to improving the quality of life for North Carolina citizens, said Dr. Williams. "To accomplish this, he believes that college should be accessible and affordable for students, and he works hard to make that possible. He is one of the most determined people I have ever met. I believe he is so successful because he just does not give up on what he knows is important for our state."

Representative Tolson has received numerous awards and honors for his support in these areas, including the NCEITA Leadership Award in technology, the Sustainable Energy Leadership Award from the State Energy Office. Earlier this year, he was appointed as the legislative member of Advanced Energy Corporation, an organization focusing on energy efficiency and conservation.

Susan works as a contractor for Cotton Inc. in Cary. She would love to hear from her DZ sisters – Hiness58@yahoo.com.

LeeAnne Hall McGirt, '80, was Principal of the Year in 2007-2008 for Jones County. She is serving as principal of Maysville Elementary School.

Sallyann Cratch Clark, '81, is the producer/director for WNCP-TV on the campus of UNC-Pembroke. She has two sons: Will, 25, who is a teacher and coach working on his master's degree, and Walt, 18, quarterback of his high school football team and also on the baseball team. She keeps in touch with many of her college friends. Her husband, **William Clark, '90**, or "Wild Bill" as Barton's baseball coach called him, teaches and coaches at Scotland County High School and is working on his master's degree.

Brian Barker, '81, is the facilities supervisor at Monmouth University in New Jersey. He and his wife, Deborah, have been married for 16 years and have two daughters: Brooke, 4, and Brenna, 12. He plans to retire to Wrightsville Beach in 10 more years.

Mary Forbes Cox, '82, and her husband, Vic, own and operate Fish Hooks Café in Belhaven. Mary continues to teach in the Dare County Schools. She completed her national board certification for teaching and was voted Teacher of the Year at Manteo Elementary School for 2008-2009.

Debra Winborne Taylor, '84, announces the birth of her granddaughter, Eden Victoria Evans, born on Feb. 10.

William Phippen, '84, has been with the city of New York for 21 years. He was recently promoted to Supervisor II with the home care service program. He can be reached at 718-495-2227 or 917-293-1384. He looks forward to hearing from classmates.

Cary Luper Cockrell, '84, has been named principal of the Johnston County Early College Academy. She and her husband, Doug, recently celebrated their 22nd wedding anniversary. They have two children: Matt, 19, and Amanda, 13.

Edwin Loftin, '85, is the vice president of nursing and CNO at Parrish Medical Center in Titusville, Fla., the #1 healing hospital as named by the Baptist Healing Trust.

Phillip Young, '85, has two daughters, ages 9 and 6. He teaches at Seigal High School in Murfreesboro, Tenn., and is the head cross country coach.

Mary Elliott Strickland, '86, and her husband, Michael, have been married for 22 years. They have two children: a son, Cole, and a daughter, Casey. Cole is a senior at Southern Nash and Casey is a 7th grader at Red Oak Middle School. Mary has worked at Nash Health Care Systems for 12 years.

Scott Hemby, '87, was promoted to full professor with tenure on the faculty of the Wake Forest University School of Medicine on July 1. He serves in the Department of Physiology and Pharmacology and the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine.

Karen Meyers, '87, is the marketing director at Jo-Kell Inc. She lives in Chesapeake, Va., with her daughter, Jordan, and son, Joey.

Tiana Hinnant Irvin, '88, recently joined the law firm of Henson & Feurst following 12 years of private practice in adoption law. She's now working in the area of auto negligence and social security disability. She and her husband, Vann, live in Durham with their three children: Gracie, 13, Addison, 9, and Ansel James, 3.

Kenneth Bullard, '88, and his wife, Shannon announce the birth of their second daughter, Jamie Rose, on January 7. Her older sister, Riley Grace, was born on July 9, 2006.

A.P. Baker, '89, and his wife, Lisa, have been married for 15 years. They have a 10-year-old daughter and a 7-year-old son.

1990s

Dawn-Marie Singleton, '90, announces the adoption of her daughter, Sarah-Grace Daria Singleton. The two came home from Kemerovo, Russia, on July 11.

Karen Edmonds Watson, '91, recently graduated from East Carolina University with a master's degree in technology systems.

Michael and Kristi Pendleton Brantley, '91, welcomed their third child, Lowell Asher, to the family on May 3, 2007.

He joins sister, Holly, 7, and brother, Kent, 2.

Christie Turner, '92, taught third grade at Cleveland Elementary School for 15 years. She is now the school's assistant principal.

Joe Coulter, '92, has completed six years as the head boys' basketball coach at Hermitage High School in Richmond, Va. He earned his 100th victory last season. His overall record stands at 100 wins and 50 losses. His team has won the district championship three out of six years, and he has been named Coach of the Year three times.

Billy Perry, '94, has taken a hospital liaison position with Community Home Care and Hospice covering Wake, Durham, and Orange counties.

Patti Percival Throckmorton, '94, is the director of social services for Heritage Hall Rehabilitation in Charlottesville, Va.

Lorrie Maynard Roth '95 and her husband, Karl, became parents in January with the birth of Allison Grace Roth. Lorrie decided to take a yearlong leave of absence from her nursing position, manager of radiology prep and recovery, where she manages more than 65 RNs at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago. She will be able to spend time with Allison and begin school at Northwestern University to obtain her master's degree in healthcare quality and patient safety.

Jennifer Johnson Marcus, '96, and her husband, Bob, welcomed a daughter to their family on June 30. She joins big brother, Kwame, 5.

Elisa Eckhardt Baker, '96, and her husband, Tony, welcomed their third child, Brock Anthony, on April 20. He joins big sister, Morgan, 5 ½, and brother, Seth, 4. The family has been re-stationed to Savannah, Ga., because of Tony's job with the U.S. Coast Guard.

Jennifer Bush Rice, '96, obtained her MBA specializing in health care administration in 2006. She serves as the senior HRIS coordinator in the Human Resources Dept. of Baltimore-Washington Medical Center. Her son, Lincoln Robert, was born on Jan. 5.

Dana King Zollo, '96, and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of their first child, Evan Michael Zollo, on Feb. 23.

Michelle Dowell Carter, '96, and her husband, Gregory, welcomed Dayshun Christopher to the family on Dec. 18, 2007. He joins sister, Anasya, 11. They currently live in Rocky Mount.

Brenna Spillane Magliulo, '97, and her husband, Alex, proudly announce the birth of their son, Nicholas Patrick, on May 22. The family makes their home in Morrisville. Brenna is the manager of Cosmetics and Fragrances at Nordstrom.

Kristee LeSage Marconi, '97, and her husband have three children: Brandon, Macy, and Ryan.

Jennifer Novak, '98, invites others to join the Barton networking group on LinkedIn. LinkedIn allows you to build your professional network and at the same time control how much information you want made public. More Barton alumni join each week! Go to LinkedIn.com Groups Directory and search Barton College.

Jeff Curtis, '98, and his wife, Chrissy, welcomed their third daughter into the world on July 22. Cooper Hannah joins big sisters, Courtney and Jillian. Jeff reports that everyone is doing well and looking forward to many exciting moments in the years to come.

B.P. Cox, '99, has been promoted to Import Air Breakbulk Specialist with DHL Global Forwarding. He married Christy Kurek of Raleigh on August 30 at the Officers' Club at Paradise Point, Camp Lejune Marine Corps Base in Jacksonville.

Rohit, '99, and Shannon Whitney, '02, Sirur have relocated to Missouri. Rohit has been appointed as vice president and district sales executive for National City Bank. Their children: Siddharth and Ashwini, are thoroughly enjoying their new surroundings. Go Cardinals!

Chris Conway, '99, and his wife, **Heather Jones Conway, '00**, along with big sister, Elizabeth Blair, 3, welcomed Evan John into the family on Nov. 30, 2007.

2000s

Theresa Britt-Lewis, '00, is currently deployed in Iraq as the only RN in a brigade of 4,000 soldiers. She says the experience has been life-changing, and

she would not be able to save lives on the battlefield without the help and support of the classmates and faculty she had at Barton.

Matt James, '00, married Morgan Branch on July 26. They make their home in Swansboro.

Kim Nesbitt Jones, '01, was selected 2008 Softball Coach of the Year in the Eastern Plains 2A Conference.

Matt and **Breigh Marshall Gray, '01**, welcomed their first child, a daughter, Jillian in November 2007. Matt joined Breigh, working at Metrics Inc., in Greenville in December 2007. He works in the Safety Department while Breigh is in the Microbiology Department.

Elizabeth Winstead Davis, '01, and her husband, Roy, have two children: Georgianna, 4, and Grant, 2. Elizabeth is working at Heritage Hospital in Tarboro as a RN in the Level II Nursery.

Jeannie Pino Barrow, '02, is the director of human resources for the city of Henderson.

Douglas Listmann, '02, and his wife, **Brooke Meyer, '02**, have been married for five years. They are the proud parents of Nathaniel Wyatt Listmann born July 27, 2007. Douglas works for Booz Allen Hamilton as a business economic analyst. Brooke is a PACU nurse at Baltimore Washington Medical Center. They live in Annapolis, Md., but hope to move back to N.C., one day.

Vanessa Hassell, '02, married Kevin Johnson on July 12. Vanessa is in her seventh year of teaching at Elm City Elementary School in Wilson County.

Candy Lester Jones, '03, received her master's degree in library science from East Carolina University on Aug. 1. She is an academic librarian at Louisburg College.

Stephanie Dominguez, '03, has received her master's degree in social work from East Carolina University. While in graduate school, she participated in Graduate Research and Creative Achievement Week where her group won an award for their poster presentation, "Program Evaluation of Level III Residential Facility for Children: Seven Rural Case Studies." She and a colleague recently had an abstract selected for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers for a poster presentation at their conference in October. Stephanie is a qualified professional/director of a level III residential facility for adolescent females while pursuing her LCSW.

Julie Beier, '03, received her doctorate in mathematics in May. She is an assistant professor at Mercer University in Macon, Ga.

Mary Elizabeth Burket, '04, is living in Charleston, S.C., while attending graduate school at Charleston Southern University. She has been married for four years.

Lydia Pleasants Stickel, '05, and her husband, Ryan, welcomed a new baby boy to their family. Jake Henry Stickel was born Jan. 16.

Cindy Root Hollowell, '05, has been promoted to assistant vice president in BB&T's ML Technology Department.

Oscar Jose Gonzalez and Melissa Ann Faulk, '05, were married July 21, 2007, in Omaha, Neb. Oscar is a Spanish teacher for Millard Public Schools and also coaches girls' junior varsity soccer. He also is working on his teaching degree. Melissa earned a second degree in medical technology and is employed at a local doctor's office.

Nadine Cornelius, '06, has moved to Denver, Colo., to support her husband in opening his own business.

Ashleigh Massengill Smith, '06, and her husband, Jonathan, welcomed their daughter, Carleigh Elizabeth, into the family on Feb. 8.

Christy Watson, '06, married Jeff Waggoner on Feb. 23.

Ike Onyeardor, '06, is pursuing his master's degree at Union College in Tenn.

Jenasis Rogers, '06, married Chris Barnes in July 2007. They bought a house in Wilson and welcomed their first child in May.

Nadine Cornelius Bredow, '06, had a very full month in May! She received her MBA from Fayetteville State University on May 10 and married Frank Bredow on May 11.

Elizabeth Boseman Bottoms, '06, has completed her second year of teaching fourth grade at M.B. Hubbard Elementary School in Rocky Mount and loves it. She had her fourth child in January, and now has two boys and two girls. Life is great!

Greta Fleurette Nero, '06, is heading for graduate school in vocational rehabilitation.

Jarnard Sutton, '07, is the floor director and a member of the studio crew for Fox 6 News in San Diego, Calif. The station is in the process of changing to CW network. He is also an associate underwriter with Arrowhead General Insurance.

Robert Jenner, '07, is currently living in London, England, where he works as a recruitment consultant and coaches tennis in his spare time.

Nichole Raynard, '07, reports that after being pregnant at graduation in

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May, she had a daughter, Sara Ashleigh, in September 2007.

Brent Clayton, '08, was accepted into the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Minnesota.

Dr. K.D. Kennedy, Jr., at Commencement



Dr. K.D. Kennedy, Jr.

The 106th Commencement Exercises for Barton College, held in May, included the presentation of the Doctor of Humane Letters degree, *honoris causa*, to K.D. Kennedy, Jr., of Raleigh. The citation, read by Dr. Norval C. Kneten, president of Barton College, described Kennedy as “a driving force over the last two decades, [whose] dedication and commitment to higher education have significantly enhanced the life of Barton College. [Kennedy] has distinguished himself as a leader and benefactor with vision.”

In Memoriam

Alumni

Annie Simmons Earp '30
 Frances Selia Boyette '36
 Millard P. Burt '38
 Hugh B. Cherry '38
 Selby A. Daniels, Sr. '38
 Doris Rachel Topping Edmondson '39
 Mildred Dare Blizzard '40
 Ellen Lupton Dickinson '40
 H. Kellom James '40
 Dixie Brewer Peacock '40
 Brownie Johnson Bruton '42
 S. Marion Lassiter '42
 Josephus P. Quinerly, Jr. '42
 Jewitt Davis Thompson '42
 Melba Watson Woodruff '42
 Lillian Lamm Kaplan '43
 Ambrose N. Manning '43

Sapiro D. “S.D.” O’Neal '43
 Claudia Lucas Creasy '44
 Ann Barkley Ellis '44
 Beulah Estelle Horne Holland '44
 Frances Winborne Wiggins '44
 Guy C. Dixon '45
 Wade D. Barnes '48
 Melvin F. Warren, Sr. '48
 Henry M. Mercer, Jr. '50
 Jobe Coy Metts, Jr. '51
 Eula Ferrell Bass '52
 Betsy Everette Ipock '56
 Hester Delbridge Narron '57
 James P. Moskos '58
 Lawrence T. Prevatte '58
 Priscilla Davis Balance '58 & '04
 William W. Lewis '59
 Sally House Collier '62
 Larry Russell Daniel, Sr. '62
 Dolly Barron Taylor '62
 Cora Myers Guthrie '63
 Nell Grimsley Morris '63
 Sallie Moore Davis '64
 Hazel Stephenson Creech '66
 Robert B. Hardister, Jr. '66
 Ralph Howard Lee '66
 Sandra Hardesty Halstead '67
 Sandra Kirby Ingram '68
 Nathan Edgar Mitchell, Jr. '68
 Gale Jones Creech '70
 H. Steve Martin '71
 Swannelle Cassidy Etherton '72
 Danny M. Cone '74
 Edward E. Guldenschuh '74
 Robert Y. Wooten '74
 Michael I. Edwards '84
 Julie Brown Welch '91
 Ella Wade Beer '92
 Jennifer Michelle Collie '02

Attended

Mavis Leggett Peele '40
 Edward K. Wright, Jr. '41
 Doris Toler Woodard Thompson '43
 Lee Edmundson Cohen '46
 Peggy Anderson Owens '46
 Rudy Bunn '47
 Seth Jones, Jr. '48
 Faye Corbett Herring '49
 Thomas D. Phillips '52
 Elizabeth Avera Taylor '58
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 Andrew Brian Howard '84
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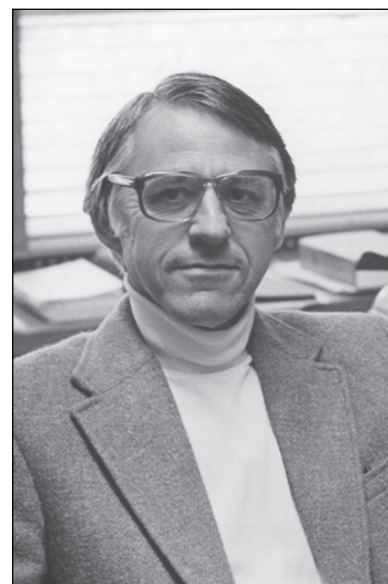
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Remembering Dr. O. Gerald Harris

An excerpt from remarks made by the Reverend Dan Hensley, Jr., a former chaplain of the college and a faculty member of the Department of Religion and Philosophy, at the memorial service celebrating the life of Dr. O. Gerald Harris.

When this young professor came to Atlantic Christian College, he was joining one of the strongest departments at the College and, arguably, the best Religion and Philosophy Department among the institutions of Higher Education in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Gerald became an integral part of that strength with his colleagues, Gene Purcell, Roger Bullard, Bill Paulsell, and Allan Sharp.



Dr. O. Gerald Harris

With varying shades of bright to brilliant in scholarship, a deep sense of responsibility to the students, and an intense commitment to the Church, each was unique in their own way with a vastly wide range of talents and interest that they contributed to the life of the College, the future of the students, and the lives of one another. We were family — cohorts, colleagues, and friends.

It was a perfect fit for Gerald — doing what he loved to do and doing what he had committed his life to doing

— teaching young people at a very critical time in their lives.

He was a gentle spirit of quiet nature and was compassionate and passionate with a keen and open mind that challenged peers and students alike.

Gerald was a social justice advocate long before it was “The in-thing to be.” Secure within himself, Gerald never needed nor sought the spotlight; he was interested in seeking and communicating the light of truth that would lead one to a full life.

Across the campus, he was known as a friend and a colleague who was respected, trusted, and valued for his insight and a concern for all. In his way, he was a solid force for all that was good for Atlantic Christian and its students.

Some forty years later, former students have come up to me inquiring about various faculty members. They fondly and respectfully ask, “Where is Dr. Harris now, and is he still teaching?” I would reply, “Oh yes, he is still teaching, for wherever he goes, people who find themselves in his presence always learn something new.”

Robert Coles, a noted Harvard University professor and author, paid tribute to his teachers by saying in one of his recent books, “My teachers of yore, now alas gone, yet still very much alive in us, remembering students.” To me, how fitting these words are as a living legacy of the teacher we knew and loved. He taught us well. We shall always remember and ever be grateful.

Remembering Doris Frasier Capps

Dr. Walter R. Parker, Jr., retired chairman of the Department of Psychology (22 years), shared some thoughts about his colleague and friend Doris Capps who passed away on September 20, 2007.

Doris and Bob Capps breathed and lived for Atlantic Christian College, now Barton College. Born and reared in Norfolk, Va., they came to A.C.C. to work — fresh out of college. Doris was a graduate of William and Mary College and completed her master’s degree and further graduate studies at George Washington University. Their family includes three children: Steve, Sharon, and Thomas.



Doris Frasier Capps

Doris taught at Atlantic Christian College / Barton College from 1956-1993 in the Department of Psychology, along with her husband, the late Robert Capps, who served as chair of the Department of History and Social Sciences. Together, the Capps were


members of the ACC family for 57 years of service.

Known for her friendly, cordial manner by all with whom she worked at the College, Doris always greeted people in the most “kindly manner” — a true humanitarian. She was a dedicated professor to her students and to her fellow faculty members and staff, alike. In all of my 22 years of having the honor and pleasure to work with Doris, my fellow educator and a true, valuable friend, I never observed her unkindly to anyone, in any way. She was always steadfast in her intellectual pursuits — a real beacon of knowledge, and a most valuable contributor to the Psychology Department and the College community. When Doris spoke on issues pertaining to the betterment of our College, individuals listened; they knew she spoke wise thoughts, ideas, views, and concern from her “bright mind and heart.”


Doris and Bob Capps were caring, sharing individuals; I shall always treasure my association with them, and I continue to miss them greatly.

Internationally renowned sculptor

Horace Farlowe



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Just prior to his death, internationally renowned sculptor Horace Farlowe, '63, released a limited edition sculpture in support of the arts at his alma mater. Limited to 100 pieces, this 11.75 x 3.75 x 3.75 solid bronze egg boat at \$1,500 offers collectors a rare piece of Farlowe's work. Each Egg Boat is signed in the mold and hand numbered. The proceeds will support an endowment established for the teaching of sculpture at Barton College. Mr. Farlowe's sculptures are on view at the North Carolina Zoological Park in Asheboro, the North Carolina Museum of Art in Raleigh, the Scottish Arts Council, Aberdeen, Scotland, and the Complex Esportiu Municipal, Barcelona, Spain, among others. Interested collectors may contact the Barton College Office of Institutional Advancement at 1-800-422-4699 or email: chbrown@barton.edu

Reading, Writing, and Returning

by Vann Pearsall

Dr. Rebecca L. Godwin, '79, has always been a lover of literature. Growing up on the family farm in Johnston County, N.C., she has early memories of sitting at her grandmother's feet reading through Childcraft books, entranced by the stories that seemed a world away from life on the farm. "Literature speaks the truth," Rebecca said. "It's not particularly fiction — just people with fictional names, representing the problems of humanity. I love the metaphor of literature."

After completing her Master of Arts degree in English at North Carolina State University, she took a position there as a lecturer, teaching literature and composition. In 1986, she accepted a position in the English Department at Atlantic Christian College and continued her professional journey by earning her Ph.D. in English with a major in Twentieth Century Literature and a minor in Southern Literature from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

While an undergraduate, Rebecca appreciated the intimate class size, especially in her literature courses, which allowed for meaningful interaction between the students and faculty. "I was probably pretty shy, but in every class, I felt my ideas were valued. In Dr. [Terry] Grimes' class, we read a three- or four-hundred page novel, and the small class size allowed conversations and discussions," she continued. "From those classes came a realization of the social implications and the depth of humanity contained in one story." As a professor of English and the director of The Sam and Marjorie Ragan Writing Center at Barton College, Rebecca has come full circle, guiding her students to their own literary revelations.

She believes strongly that everyone should have the opportunity to benefit from an education where the



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faculty engages students in the learning process. This is why she supports the Barton College Annual Fund. Her journey from a young girl in rural North Carolina to an accomplished literary scholar could not have been possible without scholarships she received as a student. "I have a high regard for academic scholarships," Rebecca shared. "Much of my time here was paid for with scholarships. Giving back to the College allows others to share that small college experience."

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