The Prague Interims, 1969 and 2014

With almost a half-century of Interim under our belts at Wofford, students and faculty have been able to see and experience history and culture in many parts of the world. Sometimes travel projects give students an opportunity to witness history in the making, and other times they present an opportunity to reflect and observe how a place has changed over time. And sometimes, creative faculty can take a new generation of students to see how life has changed in a place that students visited decades ago.

In January 1969, Dr. James Bass and Dr. B. G. Stephens ’57 took a group of students to Prague, which was then in a country known as Czechoslovakia. Visiting a city and country behind the Iron Curtain would have been unusual enough during the Cold War, but the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia the previous August gave the Wofford group something of a front row seat to history in the making. The topic of the 1969 project actually was to study Czech scientific and governmental policy. However, the experience of witnessing the aftermath of the Soviet invasion probably had a greater impact on the students.

One student wrote about arriving on the flight from Frankfurt on a converted Soviet bomber and seeing Russian soldiers carrying machine guns at the bottom of the steps. The student, Don Woodward ’72, noted that the Czech people were pleasant and friendly, but he and his roommate observed the look in their eyes, which they attributed to the experience of being invaded.

While the Wofford group was in Prague, a 21-year-old Charles University student name Jan Palach set fire to himself near the St. Wenceslas monument in protest of the Soviet occupation. Noticing a crowd in the square, two students arrived just after the event, and Marion Peavey ’65 later noted that he still could see the lingering smoke when he arrived. Peavey, then director of information services and just recently retired as senior vice president for development and college relations, traveled with the group to write several newspaper articles about their experiences, and a film crew documented the trip and produced a documentary that later aired on South Carolina ETV.

Some 45 years later, in January 2014, another Wofford Interim, this time led by Dr. Mark Byrnes and Dr. Natalie Grinnell, made the trip to Prague, now the capital of the Czech Republic. They reprised some parts of the 1969 trip, even staying at the same hotel (which recently had been renovated). The group met with some of the participants in the 1969 Interim beforehand. Last fall, in advance of the trip, my colleague Shelley Sperka ’75 digitized the VHS tape of the 1969 Prague trip, converting it to DVD. This year’s group was able to watch the tape, and I’ve taken a few still images of the DVD to accompany this article.

When the class watched the video, which included footage of the students interviewing a U.S. Army officer who was the military attaché in Prague and a professor of political economy at Charles University, they became curious as to what had become of the professor. After some sleuthing, Grinnell and Byrnes found that the professor, Dr. Rita Budinova, had an interesting career after 1969 in her own right. She had become close to future Czech president Vaclav Havel, and, having spent much of her youth in the United States, had helped translate his writings into English. Havel asked her to serve as his ambassador to the United States, a post she held until 1992.

The 2014 Prague Interim didn’t forget that the 1969 group had been there when Jan Palach immolated himself, as they were in Prague on the anniversary of the event. Having spent some time considering how to commemorate the event, the group took a piece of pottery made by Grinnell and placed it at the site. They also had written “Intimatis Fulget Honoribus,” filled the bowl with water, and lit a floating candle that they placed in it.

When the 1969 group left Prague, their bus driver asked them “never to forget us and we shall never forget you.” Two trips, nearly half a century apart, would argue that Wofford did not forget.

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Uncharacteristically heavy snows meant two days of canceled classes in February. Students, like this one who made an igloo behind Main Building, tried to hold onto the fun as long as they could.
Pilley and Chaser to be featured on “60 Minutes” with Anderson Cooper

Dr. John Pilley and Chaser, the world’s smartest dog, are making headlines again. This time “60 Minutes” and Anderson Cooper came to Wofford to interview the famous duo. When students found out that Cooper was on campus, they flocked to the Richardson Physical Activities Building where “60 Minutes” was shooting the segment, blowing up Facebook and Twitter feeds with photos and posts. An air date for the show featuring Pilley and Chaser has not been announced.

Buzz Aldrin lands on campus

Former astronaut Buzz Aldrin, the lunar module pilot on Apollo 11, the first manned lunar landing in history, and the second person to walk on the moon, spoke at Wofford on March 4. The lecture now is available on the college’s YouTube channel.

Aldrin talked about his moon walk and other experiences in space as well as his vision for the exploration of Mars. The lecture was part of the endowed Hipp Lecture Series on International Affairs and National Security.

“Buzz Aldrin is a friend and someone I’ve admired for many years,” says Van D. Hipp Jr. ’82, who established the lecture series. “He is truly a national treasure and a real American hero. We are honored to have him come to Wofford, meet with students and participate in the lecture series.”

College plans inaugural celebration for President Nayef H. Samhat

Wofford College will install Dr. Nayef H. Samhat as president of the college during inauguration ceremonies at 10 a.m., Friday, April 25, 2014, on the lawn of Main Building.

The event is free and open to the public, and the college invites the community to a picnic luncheon on the grounds following the event.

“We hope many Wofford students, faculty, staff, alumni, friends of the college and delegates from other academic institutions will join us for this celebration,” says Harold Chandler ’71, chairman of the college’s board of trustees. “In the college’s 160-year history, only 11 individuals have led as president. Please join us for this special event and an opportunity to welcome Dr. Samhat.”

Wofford alumni and friends from around the country also will have an opportunity to view the inauguration online via live webcast (www.wofford.edu/inauguration). In addition, a live Twitter feed will run with congratulations and notes. Use #welcomenayef to participate.

Samhat came to Wofford in July 2013 from Kenyon College, where he served as provost and professor of political science and international studies. In his first year at Wofford, Samhat has helped the college begin a strategic planning process, restructured the college’s Office of Marketing and Communications to better serve the college’s integrated marketing needs, and shared his vision for creating global citizens through a campus-wide commitment to excellence, engagement and transformation.

Visit www.wofford.edu/inauguration for additional information and a schedule of events.
Two Wofford College students wanted to show their love on Valentine’s Day 2014 – and they counted their way to nearly 1,500 and are still counting.

The students, Kathleen Woods ’15, a biology major from Carlisle, Pa., and Kendyl Putnam ’16, a finance major from Matthews, N.C., set out to gather 1,000 knitted hats by Feb. 14 for young cancer patients at St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital.

By Valentine’s Day they had reached 1,461 hats and still were getting more.

Woods was working at her internship at St. Jude’s during Interim 2013 when she got the idea for her One Thousand Hats project. “At the entrance of the hospital there was a large bin of hats that the patients could look through and take. Picking out the hats always put big smiles in the children’s faces, and I wanted to make a project to help provide hats to St. Jude and other children’s hospitals in our area.”

When she got back to Wofford, she met Putnam, whose grandmother was diagnosed with cancer many years ago. Her grandmother often wore hats during her chemotherapy treatments.

Both students are members of Wofford’s chapter of Delta Delta Delta, a sorority that nationally works with St. Jude’s and recently accomplished a goal of raising $15 million in five years – reaching the goal in three and a half years.

Through their One Thousand Hats project, the two hoped “to also inspire others to start knitting on their own and donating to hospitals in their own communities around the country. Ultimately we want to help bring smiles to the faces of children who are in need,” Wood says.

In addition to St. Jude’s, they will donate hats to Greenville Health System’s Children’s Hospital and the Medical University of South Carolina’s Children’s Hospital.

Woods and Putnam received help from the staff of Wofford’s The Space in the Mungo Center in developing the website for One Thousand Hats. It features a video explaining their motivation behind the project, along with links to how-to videos on YouTube that demonstrate different knitting patterns.

The Space staff also taught them how to use social media to publicize their mission.

The students got in contact with a knitting group on Facebook, which participated in a month-long knit-along project during January 2014 for One Thousand Hats. They also advertised with Twitter and Instagram, and they reached out to churches.

Woods says that they chose to promote knitting hats by hand over purchasing hats because they “found that so many individuals knit as an art form, but it is a way to show the children with cancer that someone is thinking about them and cared for them enough to take the time to knit a hat just for them. Knitting is very calming, relaxing and eventually rewarding.”

People from all over the world have been donating to One Thousand Hats – The Netherlands, Scotland, Australia and Canada, for example. Most of the donations have come from the Wofford community and Woods’ and Putnam’s hometowns.

Woods also says that One Thousand Hats will be receiving help from local Delta Delta Delta chapters. “Our philanthropy chair, Shelly Strickland ’14, has embraced our project, and we have even been added to our event Smooch the Pooch (Feb. 20 at the men’s basketball game against Furman),” where they collected money and hat donations.

“The Furman Tri-Delta chapter also was collecting hats to bring to the game.

“These young people are going through very aggressive treatments where they lose their hair,” Woods says. “To be able to provide them with fun hats to wear will bring smiles and joy to these children battling their disease.”

Monetary donations are accepted and will be used to help transport the hats to St. Jude’s. If you wish to help or donate, visit www.OneThousandHats.com.
Laura Levy ’14 combined her work in a class on religion in the American South with service as a student curator for the Johnson Collection in Spartanburg in an exhibit called “Sacred Spaces and Gathering Places.”

The exhibit was on display in downtown Spartanburg from December 2013 through February 2014. It included this oil on canvas painting by Wilson Henry Irvine (1869-1936), “Townscape (Charleston, South Carolina).”

Levy, from Montgomery, Ala., explains that her exhibit explored places where men and women can find connections with deepest spiritual connections in a wide variety of settings and practices. Religious sites such as St. Philip’s Episcopal Church are obvious and abundant across the South, but renderings of natural beauty and human interaction also can communicate an artist’s sense of the divine.

Dr. Ron Robinson ’78, Perkins-Prothro chaplain and professor of religion at Wofford, taught the class on Southern religion. Dr. David Erfurd and Johnson Collection Internship Coordinator Sarah Tignor directed Levy’s work at the exhibit.

“My experience would not have been the same without their encouragement and enthusiasm,” Levy says.

Wofford sweeps Palmetto Chinese Star

Wofford students brought home six awards at the 5th Palmetto Chinese Star Contest.

• Dillan Trojan ’16 is the Palmetto Chinese Star Winner and will represent South Carolina in the regional competition this April.
• The Wofford Chinese program swept the top three places for language proficiency in the advanced level with first going to Greyson Mann ’14, second to Trojan and Simone Worthy ’16, and third to Michael Daly ’15.
• Trojan won first place in cultural proficiency in the advanced level competition.
• Helen Birdsong ’17 and Brenden Jackson ’17 won second place for language proficiency at the elementary level competition.

Palmetto Chinese Star is a statewide competition that allows Chinese language learners to demonstrate their language and culture proficiency.

All smiles after the competition, from left, Ying Sun (Fulbright Chinese language assistant), Greyson Mann ’14, Yue Ming (visiting instructor for Chinese), Michael Daly ’15, Helen Birdsong ’17, Dillan Trojan ’16, Assistant Professor in Chinese Yongfang Zhang and Brenden Jackson ’17.
Donovan Hicks... Working toward something bigger

Donovan Hicks ’16, lives for working toward something that is bigger than he is. “Every day was a different world,” he says, “but success is on the other side.”

Hicks already has enjoyed a certain amount of success, Wofford’s first and current Miller Gates Scholar, he recently was selected to attend the annual Public Policy and Leadership Conference (PPLC) at Harvard University’s John F. Kennedy School of Government in February.

With nearly 500 applicants from more than 150 colleges and universities, Hicks, a government and finance double-major from Boiling Springs, S.C., was one of 45 students to attend the 14th annual conference.

As an PPLC is open to only first and second year undergraduate students. Those selected to attend usually are prime candidates for Harvard Graduate School admittance. Traditionally led by current Harvard graduate students, the PPLC serves to inform students about possible careers in the public sector, including federal, state and local governments, the non-profit sector and international agencies.

It also serves to reach students from under-represented groups in public policy and international affairs, aiming to increase diversity both in those receiving degrees in the field and working in public policy.

Hicks and the other conference attendees were selected based on strong academic standing and their demonstrated commitment to public service.

Since his first year at Wofford, Hicks has completed at least 10 to 15 hours of service each week as a Bonner Scholar. He commits most of his time to South Carolina Legal Services (SCLS) in the Spartanburg office.

“I often find myself doing more because I just love it,” he says. SCLS provides legal assistance to those considered to live in poverty. All of the services are free and mostly are geared toward civil disputes.

“I assist the attorneys with everything from drafting durable power of attorney documents to child support pleadings, and perform outreach through Safe Homes and SC Help,” Hicks says.

Hicks also participates in the High Impact Fellows (HIF) program at Wofford, funded by the Arthritis Foundation. The program brings faculty from area high schools together with college faculty and students to collaborate in developing classroom-ready materials that reflect current research in academic disciplines.

“Specifically, I work with Jimmy Rogers, a teacher at Chesnee High School,” Hicks says. “We are working with his human geography classes to ease the transition in the South Carolina Core Curriculum educational standards.”

He describes that goal, Hicks and Wofford’s Dr. William DeMars, chair of the Department of Government, created several progressive assignments for Rogers’ students concerning the human geography standards. “This would lead the students to a more liberal integrative understanding of the subject.”

Hicks credits much of his success to his guiding parents, describing them as extremely supportive, encouraging him to stay both humble and focused.

“They have never ever hampered my dreams, and have always encouraged me that the sky is not the limit, but rather there are no limits,” he says.

Hicks hopes the PPLC program will help him attain his long-term goals of becoming an attorney, eventually running his own non-governmental organization specializing in public policy and leadership.

Also, he adds, “I hope to pave an even better Wofford for future students.”

by Tyrell Jemison ’14

Katherine Buchanan ’16 has gotten back to the heart this semester following her second open heart surgery last fall. Her first was when she was an infant.

Buchanan, a French major from Greenville, S.C., and the daughter of the Rev. Furman Buchanan ’88, has been fighting her recent journey with congenital heart disease (CHD) during the January Interim through a self-published blog, Heart of the Rev. Furman Buchanan ‘88, Greenville, S.C., and the daughter first was when she was an infant.

As an infant, Buchanan exhibited extreme exhaustion and weakness, major symptoms of CHD. The defects were causing blood to leak into her atrium, and slowly into her lungs.

“My heart needed to work two to three times as hard as normal to get my blood to where it needed to be within the body,” she says. That first surgery patched the defected area and repaired the valve.

Then, at the beginning of the fall semester of 2013, Buchanan again began experiencing the same symptoms she had during early childhood, and again, she was diagnosed with a cleft mitral valve – the earlier repair had undone itself. Doctors said she would need a second open heart surgery, which was done in December 2013. This meant she had to juggle school, extracurricular commitments, extreme fatigue and the thought of open heart surgery at the end of the semester.

“I had to focus on balance,” Buchanan says of managing her time properly before her surgery, living on campus with a heart condition. “Nothing really changed. My school work still came first and I still participated in other activities, as well. I just made sure I was taking care of myself to prevent further complications.”

Buchanan craved more information from others going through the same thing, but initially, she had difficulty finding a community of young people with congenital heart conditions. Her cardiologist in Atlanta put her in contact with the Adult Congenital Heart Association (ACHA) and its website, www.achaheart.org.

“I created this blog in order to offer support for others with congenital heart disease preparing for open heart surgery,” Buchanan says in one of her blog posts. “My goal is to spread the word and make more of an impact.”

She used ACHA’s resources to eventually find the blog of a 30-year-old woman who had the same condition.

“She blog helped me a lot when I first found it,” she says. “I knew other people would benefit from a community of shared experiences.”

Shortly after she began blogging herself, a young woman about the same age as Buchanan contacted her after reading a few of her posts. Buchanan writes about the importance of sharing knowledge and experiences with CHD, sharing the stories of other CHD patients and the uniqueness and difficulties of their situations.

“I share this not to scare or depress, but to explain the unfair truth of this disease,” she writes. “Each CHD-er’s story is different, but it is important that the larger story of CHD is shared. I have benefited and will continue to benefit from my surgeries.”

Her blog, among other things, seeks to be a bridge between the isolated person with congenital heart disease and the community of support and information for those with CHD,” she writes. “As I develop it I learn more and more about this community and am able to share bits of that knowledge here.

Buchanan says her friends at Wofford were very understanding and provided a sense of normalcy, she says. “I was amazed and thankful at how many people reached out to me.”

Faced with the possibility of missing Interim because of her surgery, Buchanan talked with Wofford music professor Christi Sellars, who suggested she “use the experience to develop an independent Interim project.”

Buchanan decided to continue her blog through January as an independent Interim project, with Sellars’ guidance. “She has certainly been able to use her great organizational and communication skills,” Sellars says. “She has embraced the opportunity to help others. Her strength and compassion are evident in her handling of this difficult situation.”

Buchanan has dedicated more time to her blog and to informing and inspiring others. “I wanted to share the positives of my story,” she says. “While so many strides have been made in research and CHD care, there is still a long way to go, which is why advocacy and research are so important.”

by Tyrell Jemison ’14
Athletics

Quick Hits

Maggie Bosley awarded NCAA postgraduate scholarship, recovering after serious illness

Wofford women's soccer player Maggie Bosley's scholarships are awarded at the Southern Conference Basketball Tournament) has been awarded an NCAA postgraduate scholarship. Bosley, a native of Aiken, S.C., started all 15 games this season for the Terriers and was a huge part of a defense that ranked in the top 25 nationally. She scored a goal and a team-high five assists for a total of seven points on the season. The team posted an 8-5-6 overall record and advanced to the Southern Conference Tournament semifinals.

As a double major in chemistry and biology, Bosley has excelled in the classroom, posting an overall grade point average of 3.89. This year she was a CoSIDA/Capital One Academic All-District honoree. She has earned Southern Conference Fall All-Academic Team honors three times. She is also a three-time member of the SoCon Academic Honor Roll and served this past year as co-president of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC).

Bosley missed her final semester of college because she became seriously ill while studying abroad in Argentina. She spent a week in an Argentine hospital and an additional three weeks at a hospital in Miami, Fla., where a team of about 20 doctors worked around the clock to save her life. Now back on campus, Bosley has gotten phenomenal support from the college community.

She is finishing her degree and has been accepted into the Medical University of South Carolina, where she begins medical school in the fall. She says that her ordeal is recovering after serious illness.

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To be eligible for Academic All-America® consideration, a student-athlete must be a varsity starter or key reserve, maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.30 on a scale of 4.00, have reached sophomore athletic and academic standings and be nominated by the school's sports information director.

Southern Conference names Young Coach of the Year

Head Coach Mike Young (above right with Director of Athletics Richard Johnson) was named the Southern Conference Coach of the Year by his peers from the second time since 2010. He guided the Terriers to an 11-5 mark in league play, which was tied for third place. Wofford was picked to finish sixth in the standings during the preseason.

Now in his 12th season as head coach at Wofford, Young has posted a winning record in SoCon play in five of the past six seasons and has taken his team to the NCAA tournament three times in five years.

Young says he shares this year’s honor with his basketball coaching staff: Dustin Kerr, associate head coach; Tim Johnson ‘71, assistant coach; Darris Nichols, assistant coach; and Kevin Giltnier ‘12, basketball operations.

by Brent Williamson, assistant athletics director for sports information

Four Wofford players in College All-Star Bowl

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The history and new look of the Southern Conference

Organized in 1921, the Southern Conference is the nation’s fifth-oldest NCAA Division I collegiate athletic association. Wofford has been a member since the 1997-98 academic year. Dr. Danny Morrison ‘75 (a current member of the Wofford Board of Trustees) was the conference’s commissioner from 2001-2005 and orchestrated the league headquarters’ move from Asheville, N.C., to Spartanburg.

In men's basketball, the SoCon established the first conference basketball tournament (1921) and was the first conference to install the 3-point goal (1988). Wofford has won the men’s basketball championship and a place in the NCAA tournament in three of the past five years.

Membership, 2014-2015 (*2014 Men's Basketball Post-Season Tournament Teams)

The Citadel
Chattanooga*
East Tennessee State*
Samford
Florida
Virginia Military Institute (VMI)*
Mercer*
Western Carolina
North Carolina-Greensboro (UNCG)*
Wofford*

Abbeys pay it forward by buying NCAA Tournament tickets for two current students

In 2010, Wofford played their first NCAA Tournament game in Jacksonville, Fla. Several Wofford students drove down to watch the game and while outside waiting in line for tickets bumped into Joe Taylor ’80.

“We chatted for a bit, and he was so excited to see students making the trip that he pulled out his wallet and paid for our tickets,” says Matt Abee ’10, who was Wofford’s Campus Union president at the time and is now an attorney with Nelson Mullins in Columbia, S.C. “I was flabbergasted at his generosity — he thought nothing of it. It was like a natural reflex... he saw students and immediately went into giving mode.”

So as Matt and Kinli Bare Abee ’08 watched the Southern Conference championship game, they decided to pay it forward by buying tickets to the tournament for two deserving current Wofford students.

According to Abee, the first thing that motivated their decision was a request from Katie Ibell Pogue ’08 that her Wofford friends celebrate her birthday by performing a random act of kindness rather than giving gifts.

“Katie, a nurse, spent the majority of her birthday doing her own random acts of kindness. She went to the hospital where she worked to visit those working the overnight shift. She brought them energy bars and Cokes for a pick-me-up, and then she went around visiting some of the patients. She stuck lottery tickets on her co-workers’ windshield, and left spare change at the drink machines for any stranger at the hospital who needed a snack.”

What solidified the Abee’s decision, however, was Aerris Smith’s post-game interview.

“When we think about our kids, we can’t help but pay it forward. To tell you the truth, that’s really easy to do for a place as amazing as Wofford.”

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Tom Slaughter ’49 introduced Mike James ’73 to Wofford when James was a student in his high school chemistry class. James went on to a successful career in investment management, service to the college on the board of trustees and a history of leadership giving, including the establishment of an endowed scholarship.

“Tom Slaughter epitomized what you would hope for in any teacher,” says James. “He demanded excellence in the classroom. He knew his body of knowledge, and he made you want to learn it. He fell into that category of coaches and teachers who influence people. He was a lightning rod… making you want to do your best.”

In the years that Slaughter taught at West Mecklenburg High School in Charlotte, N.C., he encouraged hundreds of students to make college their next step. “Tom was able to help several of his students get college scholarships,” says Ken Cherry, a calculus teacher who taught with Slaughter. “He took no foolishness. Everything was business, but he loved his students.”

Slaughter, who died Sept. 27, 2013, made sure he would continue to help deserving students earn an education by naming Wofford; Winthrop University, his mother’s alma mater; and Converse College, his wife’s alma mater, as beneficiaries of his estate.

According to Smith Patterson ’67, Wofford’s director of gift planning, Slaughter’s $742,000 life insurance gift to Wofford was split three ways:

• $100,000 to the Mike and Katie James Endowed Scholarship Fund for students who are, or intend to be, majors in accounting, economics or finance
• $321,000 to the Tom and Mary Slaughter Athletic Endowed Scholarship Fund for student-athletes on the college’s football team
• $321,000 to the Tom and Mary Slaughter Endowed Scholarship Fund for students who major in chemistry, with preference given to students planning to teach

All three of the scholarship funds support students with demonstrated financial need. “Tom knew that the college’s greatest need is additional endowed scholarships so that Wofford can compete for the best and brightest students — students similar to the ones Tom sent our way through the years,” says Patterson. “His final act of generosity is evidence of the priority he placed on education.”

According to Slaughter’s niece, Dr. Judy Bazemore, Slaughter came from a family of teachers and preachers. After serving in WWII, Slaughter attended Wofford and then worked with Veteran’s Affairs before teaching school. He left the classroom to attend pharmacy school from 1953-1956 at the Medical University of South Carolina. He then worked as a pharmacist in the Charlotte area from 1956-1965. Slaughter returned to the classroom in 1965, but continued to work weekends and holidays as a pharmacist. In 1968 he earned an M.S. degree in chemistry from the College of William and Mary.

“Tom always said that nothing compared to the personal gratification he received when a student’s face would brighten with that I’ve-got-it look. He chose to leave a more lucrative career as a full-time pharmacist in order to pursue what became his life’s passion,” says Patterson. “Tom would also say with a twinkle in his eye, ‘and how special it was for me to be able to work in the same school with my Mary.’ She was the love of his life.”

According to Patterson, even after Mary’s death from cancer in 1974, Slaughter continued to teach high school chemistry until his retirement in 1981. He also worked part-time as a pharmacist and became a master bridge player in retirement, competing in dozens of tournaments and winning his share of championships. “One time I asked Tom, this was after Mary passed away, if he ever wanted to take a trip, to Hawaii or somewhere like that,” says Cherry. “He said, ‘I saw that during WWII, and that was enough.’ He wasn’t an extravagant person. He lived within his means, and he always invested his money, even when he just had a teacher’s salary.”

Slaughter lived a low-key but productive life says Bazemore. “Tom was a brilliant man, a generous man… tender-hearted. He loved his students and was very accessible to them.”

The endowed scholarships Slaughter established at Wofford will stand as part of his legacy; and so will the many individuals who Slaughter taught and encouraged toward higher education.

“It was my privilege to know him.”

For more information about making a planned gift to the college or about establishing a named endowed scholarship, contact Patterson at 864-597-4196 or pattersonds@wofford.edu.
March 2014

Dear alumni, parents and other friends of Wofford College,

It is my pleasure to bring greetings and express to you profound gratitude on behalf of the 1,600 students and 358 employees of Wofford College for your financial support in 2013! Prema and I also wish to add our deepest thanks for the tremendous hospitality you have shown us in the first months of my presidency. While we were aware of Wofford and its great tradition as one of the best colleges in the country, we have been deeply touched by the remarkable family-like ethos you have nurtured at this special place for many generations. Thank you for making the Sam-hat family part of your family!

Nationwide, the enterprise of the liberal arts college education is challenged on many fronts. I am pleased to report that the state of your college is strong. We enjoy excellent reviews from virtually all of the “best buy” publications. Demand from prospective students and their families for the comprehensive educational and residential experience Wofford provides remains substantial. Through global experiences for our students, meaningful interaction with a teaching faculty and successful preparation for a world after Wofford through The Space in the Mungo Center, we hope to remain true to our 160-year tradition while also keeping up with a rapidly changing world of teaching and learning. In talking with and listening to you and other members of our community, I am convinced that we must emphasize three key ingredients to maintain and enhance the Wofford experience: excellence in everything we attempt, engagement of our students and faculty with the broader world as part of our campus experience and the transformation of those we serve.

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Gratefully,
Nayef H. Samhat

Kiplinger’s Personal Finance ranking released; Wofford fifth among top 10 “best value” liberal arts colleges in region

Wofford is fifth among the top 10 “best value” liberal arts colleges in the Southeast/Mid-South region, according to Kiplinger’s Personal Finance magazine, which released its list of “30 Best College Values” in the region in March. Wofford is the only South Carolina institution among the 30 named. The ranking is part of Kiplinger’s new “College Finder” tool, which complements the magazine’s annual “Best Values in Public Colleges” and “Best Values in Private Colleges” lists, and also reveals the best college values in each region, best values among different-sized campuses, and best values under $50,000 a year, the magazine writes. The 30 “best college values” are ranked in three groups of 10 for public colleges, private universities and liberal arts colleges. Wofford is fifth among the liberal arts institutions.

Recently, Kiplinger’s ranked Wofford eighth among the top 10 “best values in private colleges under $20,000,” based on net price after need- and merit-based aid to students. Among the diverse group of institutions on the top 10 list were Harvard University, Yale University, Amherst College and Brigham Young University. In the top spot is Berea College in Kentucky, which provides each admitted student a full four-year tuition scholarship.

Wofford named ‘Up-and-Comer,’ best value by U.S. News; continues to be ranked among top national liberal arts institutions

Wofford is a “best value” and one of the “2014 Up-and-Comers” among national liberal arts colleges, nominated by peer institutions for U.S. News & World Report’s 2014 edition of “America’s Best Colleges.” The college is 27th among the 41 national liberal arts colleges on the “best value” list, “Great Schools at Great Prices.” The list is determined by a formula that includes the college’s academic quality and the net cost of attendance for a student who receives the average level of need-based financial aid. Other institutions on the list include Amherst College, Barnard College, Washington and Lee University, the University of Richmond and Centre College.

Wofford is tied for sixth among the 10 national liberal arts colleges listed as “up-and-comers” noted for their “promising and innovative changes in the areas of academics, faculty, student life, campus or facilities.” Colleges on the list are cited most often by college presidents, provosts and admissions deans who were asked by the publication to identify up to 10 up-and-coming schools in their U.S. News ranking category. For Wofford, that category is national liberal arts colleges. The institutions are ranked in descending order based on the number of nominations they receive.

Wofford continues to be included in national commercial college guidebooks. Earlier this year, the college was listed among the country’s best institutions in The Princeton Review’s 2014 edition of its annual college guide “The Best 378 Colleges,” which also recognized it as 19th for “Best Science Lab Facilities.” Wofford was among the top 120 colleges and universities in the country – and the highest-ranked South Carolina institution – in Forbes’ “America’s Top Colleges” list. The 2014 Fiske Guide to Colleges released recently also includes Wofford, which also is included in the guide’s “Small Colleges and Universities Strong in Business” listing targeted for pre-professionals. Wofford also is again included in The Insider’s Guide to the Colleges 2014 edition.

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Each semester, dozens of talented and dedicated students contact alumni, parents and friends to request donations to the college, update contact information and foster connections. Here’s what our student callers have to say about why they call for Wofford.

I call because it helps Wofford. Each year Annual Fund gifts offset my family’s tuition expenses by more than $2,000.

I love hearing the stories that some of our alumni tell... It makes me feel more connected to the college.

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The Annual Giving Office makes it fun for us. We play games while we’re calling and can win prizes. I’m learning, having a good time, meeting interesting Wofford grads and helping the college that I love. What more could I ask for?

It’s a great part-time job, and I love that Wofford hires students to do this instead of professional fundraisers. I feel like I’m helping Wofford by verifying and updating info on alumni. It’s a win-win situation!
HOW DOES THE TERRIER CLUB HELP WOFFORD COLLEGE BUILD CHAMPIONS?

Annual gifts to the Terrier Club
(memberships start at $50)

Endowed Scholarships
(awarded from earnings on investment)

Annually Funded Scholarships
(awarded directly from a yearly gift)

Fundraising Events
(the Terrier Ball, golf tournaments, etc.)

Join our championship-building team!
The Terrier Club has announced the launching of the "TOGETHER" campaign for the 2014 giving year. The "TOGETHER" campaign is aimed at rallying alumni, donors, ticket holders, fans, staff and community members in support of the more than 340 Wofford student-athletes as they become champions on the field, on the court, in the classroom and in life.

Consider making an early gift or pledge to the Terrier Club for 2014. Membership starts at $50 with 11 different giving levels and various associated benefits. Special plans also are available for young Wofford alumni.

2014 spring dates and events have been announced for the Terrier Club. The calendar is filled with gatherings — golf tournaments, Football 101, athletic team reunions and more! All event information and registration links are available at www.wofford.edu/terrierclub.

For more information, contact the Wofford College Department of Athletics at 864-597-4090 or email Terri Lewitt (lewitttl@wofford.edu) or Al Clark '01 (clarkao@wofford.edu).

Here’s how:
• Commit to making annual gifts to the Terrier Club. Visit www.wofford.edu/terrierclub to join.
• Attend Terrier Club events, such as:
  - Coaches Classic Golf Tournament in memory of Richard B. Lowry ’71, April 24, Country Club of Spartanburg
  - Coach Mike Ayers Football 101 Ladies Clinic, April 25, 4 p.m.
  - Midlands Invitational Golf Tournament, May 1, Spring Valley Country Club, Columbia, S.C.
• Join us on game days to cheer on the student-athletes and coaches... and bring friends to share in the excitement.
• Remember Wofford athletics in your estate planning.
• Ask your employer about gift matching.
ANNUAL FUND HIGHLIGHTS

456 Graduates of the past decade gave $29,376 during a 5-day Mungo GOLD Challenge in May

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2013 RESULTS:
THE $3 MILLION BOTTOM LINE

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$710,552 raised through DIRECT MAIL which represents a 7.4 percent increase over 2012

64 EMAIL SOLICITATIONS sent with an open rate of 29 percent and a click through rate of 9 percent

$624,401 from 2,816 donors was raised through WOFFORD ON CALL

14.6% increase in CREDIT CARD gifts (2,458 in 2013) and a 69 percent increase in dollars given ($1,504,725)

12,682 visits to the gift WEB PAGES (a 12 percent increase); 1,160 of those resulted in online gifts totaling $334,615 with an average gift of $303

9.8% increase in UNRESTRICTED GIVING

THE GREAT OAKS SOCIETY
(recognizing donors of $2,500+ to the Unrestricted Annual Fund)
added 24 new members and renewed 10 lapsed members

100% giving by the members of the Board of Trustees, Parents Advisory Council and Alumni Executive Council

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Reeves, Richardson team up to encourage endowment support

Challenge could mean an additional $6 million in scholarships for Wofford students

Reeves Scholar Dana Nobles ’15 would not be at Wofford without her scholarship. Neither would Richardson Scholar Drake Michaelson ’16, nor would most of the 91 percent of Wofford students who receive some type of financial assistance.

“Without question that endowed scholarships are critical to Wofford’s future. That’s why Ed Reeves and Jerry Richardson ’59 have made another generous commitment to building the college’s scholarship endowment,” says President Nayef H. Samhat.

The Reeves-Richardson Challenge, issued in October 2013, promises $1 million endowment gifts each from Reeves and Richardson if the college raises $4 million in endowed scholarship support by Dec. 31, 2014. Any gift made toward an existing endowed scholarship counts toward the total. Newly established scholarships of $100,000 or more also count. Meeting the challenge will mean an additional $6 million in endowed scholarships.

“To date we’ve raised $1.9 million toward our goal,” says Calhoun Kennedy ’89, director of development. “The support has come largely from estate gifts. A $375,000 gift from the estate of Elizabeth Cleveland Cobb Welch that will go to the John C. Cobb Endowed Scholarship Fund and $742,000 for three different scholarships from the estate of Tom Slaughter lead the challenge.” According to Kennedy, all gifts to the Goal Line Club also meet the criteria because those funds go toward an endowed scholarship that supports a student-athlete on the college’s football team.

Michaelson, a safety from Eden Prairie, Minn., received offers from several Division I colleges and universities before choosing Wofford.

“There was something special about what Wofford had to offer that influenced my decision to come here,” says Michaelson. “I honestly would have to say I wouldn’t be at Wofford if it were not for the scholarship.”

Nobles, an English and sociology major from Belmont, N.C., was in love with Wofford after visiting the campus, but knew that Wofford was financially out of reach without a major scholarship. She received notice of her scholarship on her birthday.

“There’s no way to put into words the feeling of realizing that I was going to be able to attend the college of my dreams. Beyond that it meant knowing that for the rest of my life, I would be a part of the Wofford community. Needless to say, that was the best and most unforgettable birthday dinner of my life.”

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington ’99

Fast Facts: THE REEVES-RICHARDSON CHALLENGE

• Began October 2013; Ends Dec. 31, 2014
• $4 million in new scholarship endowment to the college triggers $1 million from Ed Reeves and $1 million from Jerry Richardson
• Pledges count; Goal Line Club contributions count
• Gifts to established funds and new endowed scholarships count
• As of March 15, 2014, the college is almost half way to its $4 million goal
• To make a gift, call the Office of Development at Wofford College at 864-597-4200 and ask to speak to a gift officer, who will be happy to help.

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS @ WOFFORD

Scholarship support is critical to the success of any outstanding college or university and Wofford is no exception. The challenge is to help Wofford continue to be one of the finest liberal arts colleges in the country while making it financially accessible for all qualified students. More than 90 percent of Wofford students receive financial aid, so every dollar given for scholarships makes a difference in whether students will have the opportunity to share in the Wofford experience.

Scholarships can be established in several ways. Annually funded scholarships are awarded directly from the gift, while endowed scholarships are awarded from earnings on an invested gift. Wofford offers two opportunities to establish endowed scholarships:

1. A commitment of $25,000 payable over five years establishes a named, permanently endowed scholarship.
2. A minimum of $50,000, payable over five years, combined with a documented estate or insurance plan for an additional $100,000, establishes a named, permanently endowed scholarship.

For a complete listing of all scholarship funds and their descriptions, please visit www.wofford.edu/gifts, then click on the endowment link, followed by the scholarship link. To establish a scholarship, please contact the Office of Development at 864-597-4200 and ask to speak to a gift officer, who will help you with any questions.
The Legacy Society was created by the Wofford College Board of Trustees to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the signing of Benjamin Wofford’s will and the subsequent founding of the college. It recognizes those individuals who have made the ultimate expression of their faith in the college by leaving Wofford in their wills.

There were several changes to the college’s gift club levels during 2013. The list below reflects those updated levels.

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### Sample wording for naming Wofford as a beneficiary of a will

**Bequest for a specific amount**

I hereby give, devise, and bequeath to Wofford College, an educational institution situated at 429 North Church Street, Spartanburg, South Carolina 29303, or its successor, the sum of $________________ to be applied to _______________________________.

**Bequest of percentage**

I hereby give, devise, and bequeath to Wofford College, an educational institution situated at 429 North Church Street, Spartanburg, South Carolina 29303, or its successor, all the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, both real and personal, of whatever kind and wherever located, including without limitation all property acquired by me after execution of this Will and all lapsed legacies and bequests, to be applied to _______________________________.

**Bequest of remainder**

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**For more information, contact Smith Patterson, director of gift planning, at 864-597-4196 or pattersons@wofford.edu**
Scenes from the Wofford men’s basketball team’s Southern Conference Tournament Championship and Selection Sunday event, where crowds of Wofford alumni and friends turned out to meet the team and find out who Wofford was paired with in the NCAA Tournament. Above, the team’s lone senior, Aerris Smith ’14, made national headlines following the tournament with his moving post-game interview. Listen to the interview and read about the Terriers’ remarkable season at wofford.edu/athletics. Join the social media community following the Terriers on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. #ConquerandPrevail
Perret named Presidential International Scholar

Wofford President Nayef H. Samhat has named Lindsey Grace Perret ’15, a Spanish major from Charleston, S.C., as the 2014-2015 Presidential International Scholar. Perret is the 31st scholar in the college’s innovative program that allows one student to travel internationally to research an independent project. The scholar is selected each year by Wofford’s president as “the singular student best fitted to benefit humankind.”

“Lindsey Perret is the kind of student we seek for the Presidential International Scholar – an individual who has a passion for service learning combined with an intellectual curiosity about the world around her and how she can make it a better place,” Samhat says. “Her work as a Bonner Scholar, as a tutor for English as a second language students, and as a participant in the Global Leadership Program in Panama this past summer, as well as her many other activities at Wofford illustrate her energy and engagement.”

Perret, who is studying abroad for the spring semester in Argentina, will be studying women as agents of change in Latin America. “Just as in the United States, patriarchal legacies in Latin America foster the repetition of limiting gender roles, but change can happen, and it often does,” she says. “I want to listen to women who use the repetition of limiting gender roles, but change can happen, and it often does,” she says. “I want to listen to women who use the repetition of limiting gender roles, but change can happen, and it often does,” she says.

Joyce recognized by state college personnel association

In October 2013, Brian Joyce, director of student activities and Greek life, chaired a joint conference of the North Carolina and South Carolina chapters of the American College Personnel Association (ACPA). More than 600 representatives of different college and university staffs in the two states attended the conference. To recognize this achievement and for outstanding service to the South Carolina association, Joyce was selected to receive this year’s annual Charles Witten Service Award. He was recognized at the annual ACPA awards reception in Indianapolis on March 30.

Wofford, Converse receive Mellon grant to study libraries

Wofford College and Converse College are poised to collaborate in a critical academic area that impacts all disciplines and students – the library. The colleges jointly have received a $75,000 grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of their library services in the digital information age.

The 18-month study of the libraries grew out of a collaborative process between the two colleges to address higher education issues. The study will explore the possibility of an integrated library management system, including sharing library personnel, interlibrary technology, including the possibility of a shared research portal for students and faculty, reviewing the strengths and weaknesses of the collections in each library; conducting a usage analysis of each collection; and exploring the possibility of sharing library personnel beyond an integrated management structure.

Wofford receives Brining Theory to Practice grant

Two teams of Wofford faculty have combined forces to receive a $15,000 grant from the Brining Theory to Practice Project, which recently awarded more than $700,000 in support for 28 campuses nationwide.

“Wofford’s project is called “Civic Engagement as Whole-Student Development: Identity Formation as a Prelude to Flourishing. It will build on the groundwork laid by several college groups over the past several years related to civic engagement at whole-student development, especially two on-going projects.”

Dr. Trina Jones, associate professor of religion; Dr. Ron Robinson ’78, Wofford’s Perkins-Prothro Chaplain; and professor of religion; and Dr. Denise Wiuman, director of the Center for Innovation and Learning, will focus on “how we can create and enhance the conditions on campus that lead to students’ engaging and considering, in a deep and nuanced manner, both their own identity formation and the diverse religious, spiritual and secular worldviews of others in an increasingly globalized world,” Jones, Robinson, Wiuman and Dr. Ellen S. Goldenly, the William R. Krann Jr. professor and chair of the Department of Biology, have been collaborating on a Teagle Foundation-funded grant over the past few years. This grant, shared with Elon University, focused on “the conjunction of study, learning, flourishing and religious pluralism, and on how to make an institution-wide commitment to religious pluralism, interfaith literacy and intercultural competency a sustainable part of Wofford’s identity – part of its institutional DNA,” Jones says.

The Brining Theory to Practice Grant will help continue their three-year engagement with the Interfaith Youth Core (IFYC) that was started as part of the Mellon Grant.

Dr. Anne Rodrick, associate professor of history and coordinator of the humanities, and Dr. Christine Sorrell Dinkins, associate professor of philosophy, will share in the Brining Theory to Practice Grant to focus on empowering sophomores, and those advising them, by uncovering and providing more access to high-impact practices already available on Wofford’s campus.

Publishing fellowship named for Wofford’s Curtis

Converse College’s MFA program and Hub City Press announced a new collaboration in the form of Michael Curtis Publishing Fellowship. The fellowship is named in honor of C. Michael Curtis, who has been the fiction editor at The Atlantic for more than 40 years. Curtis, professor of English at Wofford, serves on the Hub City Board. Curtis has worked with Converse MFA students as a visiting faculty member. He also has mentored Converse faculty.

The fellowship provides opportunities for MFA students to work directly with Hub City Press in all areas of publishing.
EXPERIENCING INTERIM 2014

INTERIM 2014, ON CAMPUS AND AROUND THE WORLD...
- Acoustic Guitar
- Life in Namibia and Cape Town

Spain and Morocco Cultural Connections
- Scuba Dive Bonaire, the Fish Capital of the Caribbean

Functional Beauty: The Art and Craft of Pottery
- Pulp Theatre Presents “Hair”
- Medical Botany
“One constant in my life for 40-plus years has been Wofford College. It’s a very powerful relationship. It’s central to my personal narrative”  

John Lane ’77 is a professor of English and environmental studies and the director of the Goodall Environmental Studies Center at Wofford.

As a poet, essayist and author he has been teaching students English and creative writing since 1988. He is also the co-founder and a board member of The Hub City Writers Project in Spartanburg. He has won numerous awards in recent years, and on April 26 at 6 p.m., he will be inducted into the prestigious South Carolina Academy of Authors in a ceremony at Furman University.

Wofford Today: Anyone who knew you in your undergraduate days figured you might become a professional writer, but when did you know that you wanted to be a college faculty member?

John Lane: I left Wofford thinking I might become a poet. I never thought I would be a full-time teacher. Then, the late George Martin ’39 came to Wofford as head of the department of English. Deno Trakas needed some time away to work on a book project, and George got permission to hire three alumni (Scott Gould ’81 and Dean Thompson ’81 were the others) to teach temporarily. That was about the same time that I became a serious writer with a goal of publication. Dr. Martin hired me to teach creative writing on a year-to-year basis. I never left.

Wofford Today: In 2010, Mercer University Press published “Abandoned Quarry,” which included many poems you wrote during this era. What was it like to go back and revisit your earlier work?

John Lane: I’m tender with my former work. I don’t critique it from a vantage point of time and experience. In my mid-50s, when I selected those poems, I enjoyed going back and looking seriously at poetry I had written 20 or 30 years earlier.

Wofford Today: Didn’t the book win a prize?

John Lane: Yes, “Abandoned Quarry” brought my poetry onto center stage for a moment. I was pleased that it won the SIBA award (Southern Independent Booksellers Alliance) for best poetry book of the year, and there were some very good reviews. Although I’ve written in other genres, I’ve never lost touch with poetry. I write 15 to 20 poems a year. Maybe six or seven of those would be publishable.

Wofford Today: In mid-career, there was something of a transition in your work. There are more essays, more attention to what Dr. Lewis Jones ’38 called “a Southern sense of place.”

John Lane: I always regretted that I never had a class with Dr. Jones, but he and I became close friends after he retired. Of course, there were other great teachers when I was a student — my personal trilogy would be John Harrington, Walt Hudgins and Vincent Miller.

One constant in my life for 40-plus years has been Wofford College. It’s a very powerful relationship. It’s central to my personal narrative.

For example, my favorite among my books, “My Paddle to the Sea,” has as its theme exploring the state and its sense of place through the image of water and rivers. I wrote about people, times and places, such as a Duane Stober-led Interim canoe expedition in the late 1960s. Excursions like this one are at the heart of many great books and films. “They help a writer ‘find the narrative.’”

Sense of place is also at the heart of the Hub City Writers Project. It started when my wife, Betsy Teter, Gary Henderson and I asked ourselves the question “how can Spartanburg’s literary community help build a sense of place and history for a place that is facing many changes and challenges?” Betsy is passionate about this and very good at it. She’s a genius at shepherdling books — 60 titles now and going strong.

Wofford Today: You’re now one of Wofford’s senior faculty members. What’s life like for you today?

John Lane: Today I was up at 4:30 a.m., writing a piece about the coyotes that have migrated recently into the South Carolina Upstate for my next book project. Then I did a poetry exercise. And of course, I spend many afternoons with students from Wofford and the local schools at the Goodall Environmental Studies Center. As we get older, it’s essential to make a point of being physically and mentally active.

This spring I will also be the visiting writer at the annual Sowell Conference at Texas Tech, where most of my literary papers are housed. The undergraduate students in the Nature and Culture program have been writing essays in response to some of my poems, and I’ll be commenting on their observations. I’m apprehensive about this — they find things I didn’t know were there!

This spring Hub City will release a new book on two rivers in Greenville County by four photographers, and I wrote the text.

by Doyle Boggs '70

The South Carolina Wildlife Federation presented awards to two Wofford graduates during its annual meeting in February.

John Lane ’77 (right) received the Water Conservationist of the Year Award. The citation listed Lane’s body of work as a nature writer, curriculum development of “The Nature and Culture of Water” learning community and the “Thinking Like a River” initiative to encourage sustainability along local waterways, as well as his volunteer work as co-founder and board member of Upstate Forever.

John Burbage ’70 (left) received the Lifetime Achievement Award. Burbage, a lifelong newspaper reporter, columnist, editor and publisher, wrote editorials that helped prove the case for legislation protecting the Edisto River’s water quality, which led to the establishment of the ACE Basin program. He is currently working to develop energy-saving programs at Evening Post Ventures LLC. Burbage has researched thoroughly carbon credits programs and registered 18,000 acres of EPPC woodlands.

Dr. George Tyson ’72 (center) was at the event as a supporter of both the Wildlife Federation and his fellow Wofford graduates. (Lisa Burbage photo)
Pittman honored with Graduate of Distinction Award by Florida State University; presents colloquium lecture on his scientific career

Dr. David W. Pittman ’94, associate professor of psychology at Wofford, has received the Graduate of Distinction Award for the Program in Neuroscience at Florida State University, where he received his Ph.D. in 1997.

The award, presented to Pittman on Jan. 15, 2014, is given to a former student who has excelled in his or her career since receiving a doctoral degree in neuroscience from FSU. Immediately after graduating from FSU in 2001, Pittman began his academic career at Wofford.

Pittman spent three days on the FSU campus while receiving the award, meeting with current faculty, postdoctoral fellows and graduate students in the program of neuroscience. His visit culminated with a colloquium lecture on his scientific career investigating the influence of anti-anxiety benzodiazepine drugs on taste palatability and weight gain. The title of his colloquial address was “Enhancing Taste Palatability: GABA in the Parabrachial Nucleus.”

Pittman is the first of the award’s recipients to be recognized for his career at an undergraduate liberal arts institution. He received the award in recognition of both his productive research career and his mentoring and training of future scientists. Since 2001, Pittman has published eight research papers in high profile journals with 17 Wofford students as co-authors. He has mentored 76 Wofford students majoring in psychology, biology, chemistry, philosophy and history.

“Most importantly, 70 percent of Dr. Pittman’s students have continued their education in graduate or professional school,” notes Dr. Robert Contreras, associate dean of the College of Arts and Science and the James C. Smith Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience at FSU.

“It is humbling to be honored for a career that I hope is not half over yet,” Pittman says. “Wofford College has provided an incredible environment in which we train the scientists of tomorrow, and I owe much of the success of my scientific career to the hard work of the students who have spent time in my laboratory.”

To learn more about Pittman’s research, visit sites.wofford.edu/pittmandw/research/.

by Laura H. Corbin

Wofford psychology in nation’s top 10 percent

In November all Wofford senior psychology majors took an important assessment — the Major Field Test (MFT), which is used to gauge progress in the department and to compare psychology departments across the nation. The scores are in, and for the ninth year straight, Wofford’s Department of Psychology is in the top 10 percent of all colleges and universities in the nation.

This year is special, however, because this year’s senior class has achieved Wofford’s highest ever total average score — a 176 out of 200. The average score across the country is 154. This places the department in the 97th percentile nationally from a sample of 325 schools; a notable few among them are Kenyon College, Centre College and Furman University.
Four Wofford graduates who have given their lives to bringing out the best in young scholars and athletes have won special recognition this spring, bringing honor to themselves and to their alma mater.

Wally Dean ’50

With the help of Wally Dean’s widow and sons Glen, Don and Bob, Spartanburg High School has created a display in its gymnasium lobby honoring the late basketball coach and principal. Dean coached the boys’ basketball team, then known as the Red Devils, from 1955-1965 before becoming assistant principal. During those coaching years, his always-competitive teams won two state championships.

Dean was an All-State collegiate basketball player at Wofford. After graduation, he ranked as one of the Terriers’ biggest fans, filming football games home and away for 42 years.

Billy Hicks ’74

Many Wofford graduates over the past two years have enjoyed reading “Outside Shot: Big Dreams, Hard Times, and One Country’s Quest for Basketball Greatness” by Keith O’Brien. For a season, the former sportswriter for the Boston Globe followed basketball at Scott County High School in Georgetown, Ky., telling the story of the team and Coach Billy Hicks. The book seems certain to become a classic in its genre.

Hicks started his career as a high school head coach in 1978-79. This winter, as the Cardinals moved toward the post-season playoffs, Hicks attained first place on the Kentucky all-time high school coaching list with his 857th career win, moving past the late William Kean of Louisville Central High. Hicks has coached at four schools in Kentucky (Evarts, Harlan, Corbin and Scott County), claiming two state championships and winning 30 games in six different seasons.

Doug Lowe ’75

Spartanburg High School honored Doug Lowe during its home basketball game on Feb. 7 by naming the main basketball court in Dobson Gymnasium in his honor. Lowe coached 34 years, 31 as a head coach, at Spartanburg.

Lowe never had a losing season with the Vikings, winning 17 region titles and one state championship. When he retired in 2010, his lifetime record was 626-212.

Tim Wallace ’83

Now in his 33rd season as head baseball coach at Spartanburg Methodist College, Tim Wallace is set to pass an incredible milestone with his 1000th victory. His winning percentage of .765 is among the best for active coaches in all divisions of the National Junior College Athletics Association. He will be inducted into the NJCAA Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame on May 23.

As a Terrier player, Wallace enjoyed a hall-of-fame career and then was a professional baseball standout for seven seasons.

by Doyle Boggs ’70

## Legendary coaches receive recent recognitions

1947 Our condolences go to R. Howard Bryant whose wife, Annie, died in September 2013. The couple had been married for more than 66 years. Bryant, a retired educator, is a member of the Central United Methodist Church, where he teaches Sunday school.

1949 Congratulations to Archie Lewis and his wife, Frances, who celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on Dec. 11, 2013. They live in McCormick, S.C.

1950 Best wishes to Harold Syfrett who celebrated his 90th birthday on Nov. 2, 2013, at Tall Pines Baptist Church in Ladson, S.C. Syfrett is active today serving as chaplain for the Yorktown Association. He also enjoys gardening, knitting, ceramics and cooking.

1953 Retired physician Dr. Robert E. Holman was a guest lecturer on Nov. 20, 2013, at an event presented by the Elloree Heritage Museum & Cultural Center. Holman’s sports memorabilia.”

1954 Wally Dean ’50

1956 Dr. Thomas A. Summers has contributed his extensive sports history collection of approximately 1,000 items to the special collections unit of the Randall Library at the University of North Carolina-Wilmington. He began collecting materials at the age of 9. The materials feature photographs, game-day programs and media guides from mainly South Carolina colleges and high schools. Also housed among the archives are mid-1950s articles related to Wofford’s intercollegiate swimming team and the college’s Sigma Delta Psi athletics fraternity. The online database for his collection can be accessed at www.uncw.edu, followed by a search for “tom summers sports memorabilia.”

1957 Retired surgeon Dr. Laurie Ervin and his wife, Jennie, live in Greenville, S.C.

1959 Retired Cmde. Martin L. Banks III lives with his wife, Patsy, in Ellijay, S.C.

1961 Russell Hughes and his wife, Patricia, live in Saluda, S.C.

1963 The Rev. Wayne Wood, who is retired, lives with his wife, Elaine, in Hendersonville, N.C.

1969 Class Chair, Richard L. Myers

1971 Class Chair, Kenneth E. Smith

1972 Class Chair, Allen S. Guiguard

1974 Class Chair, Jerry L. Calvert

1975 Class Chair, John O. Moore

1976 Class Chair, Walter E. Ballard

1979 Class Chair, Wade E. Ballard

1981 Class Chair, G. Patrick Watson

Steve Mungo was honored in January 2014 as one of the 50 Most Influential People by Business Monthly Columbia. Business Monthly considers the contribution of each
person to have made the most impact on Columbia, S.C., during the year in business, government, education and nonprofit categories. Mangas is chief executive officer of Mungo Homes.

1983
Class Chair, W. Scott Gaunt
Rock Amick is owner and founder of Big Rock Wealth Management. He and his wife, Kathy, live in Charleston, S.C. The couple will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary on April 14, 2014.

1984
Class Chair, Kenneth M. Kirkpatrick
Former assistant U.S. Attorney Mark Moore has joined Nielsen Pruett Columbia, S.C., office as a member of the firm’s white-collar criminal defense team. Moore is a former federal prosecutor and spent more than 24 years as an assistant U.S. attorney.

1986
Class Chair, Brand R. Stille
The Times-News of Hendersonville, N.C. reported that John Ross has been appointed to a four-year term on the North Carolina Board of Landscape Architects by Gov. Pat McCrory. Ross is president and CEO of John Ross Inc., a landscape company. He will represent the interest of the public at large as the board approves exam candidates and issues permits and licenses to landscape architects.

1993
Class Chair, Sarah C. Sawicki
Todd Avant was honored in January 2014 as one of the 50 Most Influential People by Business Monthly Columbia. Business Monthly considers the contributions of each

Wofford recognizes Peter Moore’s generosity of time and talents with student strings award

When the college awards the first Peter Allen Moore Award for Strings during Honors Convocation in May, the Wofford community will applaud for the student recipient, but they’ll also be cheering for one of the college’s most loyal Terriers — Dr. Peter Moore ’69.

“Peter is a cherished member of the Spartanburg and Wofford community for his kindness and tireless work on behalf of everyone in need,” says Dr. Eun-Sun Lee, professor of music. “We honor ourselves by honoring our dear friend for his contributions, to not only the strings program, but all Terriers.”

Moore, who mentored and advised the college’s strings ensemble for years, continues to play the violin for college performances and with small groups of Wofford students in the community.

“I love working with Wofford students because they’re so alive with energy,” says Moore. “They’re compassionate, civil young people who look for good in the world and want to change it and make it better. They’re smart and an inspiration to be around.”

Moore learned to play the violin through the Spartanburg public schools strings program. He stopped and even sold his violin after college, but picked it back up when he was 30. Soon after that he began playing with the Spartanburg orchestra and in small groups for local events. That’s also when he reconnected with Wofford. As adviser for the Wofford strings ensemble, Moore would invite students to social gatherings at his home.

“We’d have a cookout or pizza, and to get to know each other, we’d go around the room and tell stories,” says Moore.

Once Moore challenged the students to share their most embarrassing experiences as musicians. Most of the answers included forgotten instruments or disastrous recitals. Moore’s story was different.

“I’m left handed, and when I was a child and first started playing, my teacher had to string a violin backwards so I could go through the correct movements,” says Moore, who had two different violins, both a left handed and a right handed version, for a year. “At the recital, I played the piece and my teacher surprised me by asking me to come back and play the same piece again, but in reverse. Word got around, and I became a kind of trick pony — the boy who could play the violin backwards and forwards.”

Moore ended up on the The Tonight Show with Jack Paar. Now, it’s a funny story, but at the time, Moore, who was only 12, was embarrassed by the attention. The experience, however, helped him develop sensitivity to his students and the stress of performance.

Moore still keeps in touch with his graduated strings students and recounts with pleasure their professional successes and philanthropic contributions. But most of them, Moore has never worked as a full-time musician, choosing instead to share his gifts as a psychologist and community volunteer.

“Amazed that this wonderful college, that doesn’t have a music major, has the quality that we do in vocal and instrumental performance,” says Moore. “A lot of the students we get at Wofford could get a degree from a top music school, but they also excel in biology or history. Wofford allows them to do both.”

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington ’89
“They said yes?” “They said yes!”

The world celebrates Rion Holcombe’s college acceptance.

Rion Holcombe’s 15 minutes of fame started simply enough as a 90-second video captured on a cell phone to record him reading his college acceptance letter.

“I wanted my mother and sisters to see his reaction so I asked Susan to have her phone ready,” says Danny Holcombe ’86, Rion’s father.

A few days later Susan Holcombe, Rion’s mother, put the video on YouTube so family could share it with some of their friends.

“The Spartanburg Herald-Journal interviewed Rion, the story made the wire, and the rest is history,” says Danny.

Rion’s video and the story have made the Today Show, Hollywood Post, Hollywood Gossip, Buzz Feed, Mirror UK, and dozens of other media outlets.

“Overnight we had 9,000 views,” says Molly, Rion’s 17-year-old sister, “then 300,000 by the next day. The numbers just kept going up like crazy.”

Rion’s heart-warming video now has more than a million hits and no telling how many reposts — one of those being from Pittsburgh Steelers strong safety Troy Polamalu. He commented on the post and forwarded it to friends.

“We just wanted to capture that special moment,” says Susan. “Now we have messages from people all over the world — people in Thailand, Russia, France, Spain, China and Pakistan, some of whom say they wish they had programs like this in their countries. We even heard from a battalion of soldiers serving in Afghanistan.”

College acceptance is a big deal under any circumstances, but especially so for Rion.

“This isn’t something that we even considered when Rion was born 20 years ago,” says Danny. “Until a few years ago, people with Down syndrome didn’t have this option.”

In the fall Rion will begin attending the ClemsonLIFE program at Clemson University. The program “is designed for students with intellectual disabilities who desire a postsecondary experience on a college campus.” At Clemson, Rion will explore careers and prepare for a life of independence.

“Rion is a very capable young man who makes good decisions,” says Danny. “With a little help, he can do this.”

According to Susan, some of Rion’s goals include living on his own, paying his own bills and shopping for his own groceries. He already holds a job at Paul’s Wood Fired Burgers in Roebuck, S.C., and is looking forward to the job he has secured for the fall at Firehouse Subs in Clemson.

“I want to work at Firehouse Subs, help out the football team and meet girls,” says Rion, about his extracurricular plans during college.

Rion already has gotten to spend some quality time with the team. When the Orange Bowl Committee learned of the video, they invited Rion and his family to be their guests at the BCS Championships in Miami, Fla. Rion enjoyed hanging out on the field with the players before the game and met quarterback Taj Boyd, coach Dabo Swinney and President James Clements. He ruffled, signed autographs and shook hands with half-time performers Dierks Bentley and Danielle Bradberry.

“I like the attention,” says Rion, who is a member of the Special Olympics swim team and plays Miracle League baseball.

“We’ve never told him no, you can’t do something,” says Susan. “He’s wanted to go to college since he heard friends in the neighborhood talking about it. Now he will.”

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington ’89

Wood plays key role in “My Brother’s Keeper” initiative.

“My Brother’s Keeper” is a new public/private initiative to build ladders of opportunity for boys and young men of color across America. President Barak Obama announced the announcement on Thursday, Feb. 27, at the White House.

There, seated on the front row of a very distinguished audience in the East Room, was Dr. Douglas Wood ’50, representing the Ford Foundation and its president, Darren Walker.

Since 2011, Wood has been a Ford Foundation program officer, working in New York City. His grant-making focus is on helping students transition from high school to college and improving the college completion rates of underserved students.

In addition to a doctoral degree from Harvard, Wood took to his Ford Foundation position broad experience as a teacher and administrator for students in grades PK-12, as well as higher education policy and administration. He says there’s also a lifelong commitment to serving others that was inspired by Dr. Talmage Skinner ’56 and other members of the Wofford family: “Take what you have learned out into your community and make it a better place.”

Over the next five years of the “My Brother’s Keeper” initiative, the Ford Foundation and nine other global foundations will invest $250 million on top of the $100 million already invested in research and proven programs around the country that help young men of color at critical moments in their development. Corporations also will be involved.

Wood hopes to continue to be a player in this effort. “The Ford Foundation’s staff and board are made up of thoughtful, dedicated people who want to make the world better,” Wood says. “Our way of doing that is through strategic investment, such as helping promising young college graduates lighten their college load debt. We believe in supporting people to take responsibility for themselves, their families and their communities.”

For Wood, the White House event was especially memorable for an opportunity to have a few personal words with Obama during a meeting of senior foundation executives and corporate leaders in the Roosevelt Room. “Not bad for a kid from Chesnee, S.C.,” Wood says. “Of course, none of this would be possible without my Wofford education.”

Harry Williams jumps out of a plane to celebrate his 93rd birthday.

Harry Williams ’42 (above center) made headlines when he celebrated his 93rd birthday by skydiving with his son, Steve Williams ’80 (left), and grandson, Will Joyner.

The trio set out skydiving at SkyDive Carolina when the temperature on the ground was 35 degrees and -10 in the air at the time of the jump. They jumped from 14,000 feet and fell at 120 mph.

In an interview with local media Williams said the best part of skydiving was “getting down.”

Hackney to lead Yale Divinity development efforts.

Jim Hackney ’77 has accepted a new position at Yale University Divinity School as the senior director of development.

“I am truly honored and humbled by this opportunity,” says Hackney. “After consulting for more than 18 years with Alexander Haas I thought that I would spend the rest of my life with the firm. But learning from Dean Gregory Sterling his vision of how Yale can prepare the next generation of leadership for church and work, it became clear that this was my next move.”

Hackney moves to New Haven, Conn., and begins his new job in early April.

Johnson appointed to the Florence County Economic Development Partnership Board.

Will Johnson ’02, an attorney with Harwortsch Sudderky Boyd, was appointed to the Florence County Economic Development Partnership board by Florence County Partnership Board of 100.


Dobler Consulting, a provider of database consulting services, announced that William Fields ’89, its chief financial officer, has been nominated as a 2014 CFO finalist of the year by the Tampa Bay Business Journal. Fields was nominated in the small business category.

According to Pam Huff, of the Journal: “An independent panel of judges has named 40 finalists from a pool of nominees for the 2014 CFO of the Year awards.”

Fields joined Dobler Consulting in October 2013.

Hartley recognized with lifetime achievement award.

Dr. Dean S. Hartley III ’68 (above) is the recipient of the Military Application Society (MAS) Jacinto Steinhardt Prize for 2013. Sponsored by the CNA Corp., the prize is awarded for outstanding lifetime contributions to military operations research.

Hartley is the author of “Predicting Combat Effects,” several book chapters and numerous articles in the field of operations research, making significant impacts in four areas of military operations research: combat modeling, Human Social Cultural Behavior (HSCB) modeling, ontologies and Verification, Validation and Accreditation (VV&A).

He also has served as president of MAS, as a vice-president of the Institute for Operations Research and Management Science (INFORMS) and as a director of the Military Operations Research Society (MORS).

After four years of active duty in the Army, Hartley joined Milliken & Company and worked in industrial operations research for nine years. In 1986, he joined the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, performing governmental operations research for 15 years, before retiring in 2001 and founding Hartley Consulting, where he continues to be active in military operations research.

Hartley and his wife, Eileen, live in Oak Ridge, Tenn.

by Jo Ann Mitchell Brasington ’89
Wofford and Project HOPE families combine to provide services for children and families affected by autism

After Stephanie Martin's son Bo was diagnosed with autism at the age of 2, she couldn't talk about it. She couldn't even use the word autism. Then she found “HOPE,” and with it an even larger Wofford family.

Robert ’97 and Stephanie Hyman ’97 Martin started dating during their first year at Wofford. They were both student-athletes: Robert on the college’s men’s tennis team, Stephanie on the volleyball team. At their wedding they were surrounded by scores of friends and family, most of them Terriers. Bo, now 10, was born a few years later.

“The first year was completely typical,” says Stephanie Martin. “Bo was meeting his milestones. Then he plateaued and started losing skills. We felt like he was slipping through our fingers.”

Stephanie called BabyNet for help. Then came the diagnosis.

“What was so hard was that this wasn’t even on our radar,” she says. “For a while my full-time job was getting him the services he needed.”

At about the same time, Lisa Lane, a founder of Project HOPE in Greenville, S.C., and her board of directors and staff were adding HOPE Reach to their list of services for children and families affected by autism.

HOPE Reach is an intense Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy provider that serves each child in the program with 25 to 40 hours per week of therapy to help them develop language, behavioral, social and cognitive skills.

Bo and the Martins have been a part of the HOPE family since 2008. First through HOPE Reach and the foundation, and now through HOPE Academy, an inclusion-based school where students with autism learn side-by-side with neurotypical peers. Bo is in a specialized class called “Bridging the Gap” with six students, all with autism.

His teachers are certified ABA therapists that follow a HOPE-developed curriculum based on core academic subjects.

“There’s literally nothing else like it,” says Martin. “Big wigs in the autism education and treatment world visit HOPE Academy to benchmark its programs, and some of them can’t distinguish which children in the room are the ones with autism.”

Through Project HOPE, the Martins reconnected with HOPE Reach Clinical Director Mark Knight ’98, who was a sophomore in Dr. James Seegars child psychology class when an opportunity to work with a child with autism in the Woodruff area opened up. That was Colby Lane, Project HOPE founder Lisa Lane’s son, and Knight and Colby learned together.

According to Knight, in the 1990s doctors diagnosed one in 2,500 children with autism. Today one in 88 receive the diagnosis.

“When a child with autism starts HOPE Reach before the age of 5, 86 percent eventually can go into a mainstream environment without support. After 5, the number drops to just over 50 percent,” says Martin.

After Bo’s diagnosis Martin says their family went into survival mode. Now many of their friends are part of the HOPE community, and the Martins are active volunteers for Project HOPE Foundation, serving on the board of directors and volunteering at nearly every event. Working side-by-side with them are Wofford graduates David Archley ’88, a member of the Project HOPE Foundation board and chairman of the fund raising committee; Andy Sevic ’98, treasurer of the board; and the Rev. Michael Turner ’97, who now serves as pastor at Advent United Methodist Church in Simpsonville, S.C., the site that has hosted HOPE Academy since it was founded.

Through Project HOPE, the Martins also met Josh Hyman ’15 and members of the Wofford baseball and cross country teams.

“Robert needed another member for his HOPE Relay team, so Lisa Lane recruited her nephew Josh. The next year he brought the baseball team, and this past year the Wofford Student-Athlete Advisory Council sent 12 teams of four to run the 14 mile relay,” says Stephanie. “They were all wearing their Wofford shirts. It made me proud to be a Terrier!”

For the Martins, raising awareness for autism and support for Project HOPE is now a way of life.

“The progress Bo has made because of HOPE is remarkable,” says Stephanie. “The fact that he is safe, celebrated, challenged and nurtured means so much. Robert and I will do just about anything for Project HOPE.”

According to Martin, the cost of providing care and therapy for a child with autism runs between $80,000 and $100,000 per year, and insurance coverage is complicated at best. Because it’s a non-profit organization, the cost of services through Project HOPE is about $50,000 per year, but that lower price tag requires lots of grant writing and fundraising to supplement the cost. That’s one reason that Martin and Archley met with John Bauknight ’89 and RJ Rockers Brewing Co. recently to request help. Bauknight said yes, and RJ Rockers will be the beverage sponsor for both the Evening of HOPE Gala on April 27 and the HOPE Invitational Golf Tournament on April 28.

“John’s another Wofford graduate who is supporting Project HOPE Foundation and children with autism. I think it sets a great example to the current Wofford students and recent graduates to see how they can give back to their community in need,” says Martin. “We look forward to further strengthening the ties between Project HOPE Foundation and Wofford – through our fundraising events, awareness campaigns, and with volunteer and giving opportunities throughout the year.”

Visit www.projecthopesc.org to learn more about Project HOPE Foundation and all of its services.

by Jo Ann M. Brasington ’99

Mark and Cecilia Hibbard Knight ’98, who also started working with children with autism during college and who still works in the profession, along with their children, Jackson (10), O’Melia Grace (8) and Duncan (5), were adding HOPE Reach to their list of services for children and families affected by autism.

Above, the Wofford baseball and cross country teams represented the college while running to support Project HOPE. “Head coach Todd Interdonato strives to provide us with opportunities to get out in the community,” said Bauknight. “When I came to him with the idea of doing the HOPE Relay, he was completely on board,” says Hyman. “During the post-race ceremony, all of our teams were recognized by the race director and the amount of gratitude we received was far greater than I could have ever imagined.”

Below, Mark Knight (center) works with a child and therapist during an ABA session.

Below right, the Martin family, Louise, Stephanie, Bo, Durham and Robert. Below left, Bo and his sister, Louise, in their HOPE Academy class shirts. Martin says that HOPE has helped Louise become a compassionate and caring friend to fellow classmates, regardless of ability.
Dr. Erica Savage-Jeter was presented the degree of fellow by the American Academy of Family Physicians in December 2013. She also was recognized by the Diabetes Recognition Program of the National Committee of Quality Assurance. Savage-Jeter practices at Family Medical Center in Spartanburg. She lives with her family in Jonesville, S.C.

Maj. Tanner Spry and his wife, Dr. Karen Hembre Spry ’03, live in Colorado Springs, Colo. The couple has two children, Wyatt and Caroline.

Dr. Richard Webb is a general surgeon in the United States Army, currently deployed to Afghanistan. Webb was promoted to Major in June 2013 after completing a general surgery residency at Walter Reed Military Medical Center. Webb and his wife, Elizabeth, live in Columbia, S.C. They have one daughter, Anne Caroline.

2004 Class Chair, Fred Byers II Capt. Jonathan Cheek lives with his wife, Capt. Judith Kasner, in Waialua, Hawaii. Cheek, a strategic plans officer, interpreters and translates national security strategy and theater campaign strategy into operational action across the Asia-Pacific region.

Jessica Miles Gibson is a learning specialist at the University of South Carolina Academic Enrichment Center. She lives with her husband, the Rev. Seth Gibson, in Columbia, S.C.

Hayes Stanton has joined the law firm of Bellamy, Rutenberg, Copeland, Epps, Gavely & Bowers PA. In addition to practicing law, he also is certified to act as a guardian ad litem in contested custody disputes in South Carolina and is certified as a South Carolina family court mediator. Stanton lives with his family in Murrells Inlet, S.C.

Dr. Jennifer Hardin Thompson is the pharmacy operations supervisor at AnMed Health Medical Center. She also is on the board of directors for the United Way of Anderson County. Thompson and her husband, David, live in Anderson, S.C.

Charles H. Williams III is an attorney in the law firm of Williams & Williams. He was selected for the National Trial Lawyers Top 40 Under 40 in 2012 and 2013. He also is a board member of the Orangeburg Rotary Club and is vice chair of the South Carolina Alzheimer’s Association. Williams lives with his wife, Lauren, in Orangeburg.

2005 Class Chair, Ryan M. Walker Jaclynn Bower Goings has joined the Charleston office of the law firm of Turner Padgett Graham & Laney PA. Her area of practice focuses on commercial real estate, banking and corporate matters. Goings and her husband, Travis, live in Mount Pleasant, S.C. The couple has one daughter, Abigail.

Adam Regenthal is vice president of sales for Colle International Ltd. He lives in Columbia, S.C.

2006 Class Chair Hadley Green Inabinett Michael Bennett and his wife, Rachel, live in Columbia, S.C. Bennett is associated with the technology firm Elawnet Networks.

Hallie Moore Sessions is assistant director of communications for Palmetto Health Foundation.

Whether your preference is milk or dark chocolate, marry either to fresh, handmade, buttery toffee made with pure cane sugar, almonds and a pinch of sea salt, and you’ve got a savory piece of heaven—thanks to Spartanburg’s Nick Belmont ’92.

Belmont makes 50 pounds of that delectable treat every day—and more than 100 pounds a day during the Christmas holidays—as he keeps up the tradition his grandmother Dot Smith started in her Spartanburg kitchen back in 1976. Now, Belmont is in charge of the signature candy—Dottie’s Toffee—sold around the world, and still made by hand.

“My mother (Cindy Smith Holland ’76) and I decided to start Dottie’s Toffee in the spring of 2006, and we launched that summer,” Belmont says. “We knew it could be a good seller—after all, he had sold a few batches from his dorm room while he was at Wofford, even selling some to a local grocer.

Now, Dottie’s Toffee is available in retail gift and gourmet shops in 42 cities in 17 states, and can be ordered online at www.dottiestoffee.com. ‘We’re in probably 100 stores, including Dean & Deluca’s, Whole Foods and Fresh Market,’ Belmont notes.

“While we started the business after several Spartanburg friends convinced us that we had a great product,” says Belmont, who majored in economics. “We started out selling locally, and it has grown tremendously.”

Dottie’s Toffee Shop, where all the goodness happens, is located in downtown on Spring Street, where Belmont, his mother, and two other workers continue to make the toffee by blending Belgian chocolate, sweet cream butter, pure cane sugar, “only the best” whole and crushed almonds, and a pinch of sea salt. During the busy season, the work force doubles, sometimes adding his sister, Kesler Belmont Bridgforth ’04.

“It’s amazing that it all happens in a 20x20 kitchen that features a large industrial stove, a large stainless steel table and an 88x refrigerator. All the cooking and packaging goes on in that spot. The toffee comes in a variety of sizes, ranging from four-ounce cans for $7.50 up to two-pound tins for $39.

Belmont says while he wasn’t sure when he majored in economics exactly what he would do with the degree, it has come in quite handy now that he’s an entrepreneur. Previously, he had worked in real estate and as a landscape designer in Charleston, S.C.

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Who think they prefer milk chocolate really love the dark chocolate once they give it a try. “We’re starting to sell more dark chocolate,” he says. “People are finding that it’s not a very strong dark, so it’s better than they thought.”

He notes that Grandmother Dot (who was known as Dot rather than Dottie) always used milk chocolate. The toffee is made pretty much how Dot made hers—except that she used margarine instead of butter. “I was using margarine, too, but at some point the manufacturer changed the formula or something, and it just wasn’t coming out right, so I decided to try real butter instead.”

Belmont says it “works and people really like the buttery taste.”

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Marty Bauer inspires new method of travel with RidePost

Marty Bauer ’07 has the solution to a problem running rampant across colleges and universities.

According to Bauer universities are enrolling more students to increase revenue. As undergraduates climb in number, universities demolish parking lots to build facilities, decreasing the amount of space for cars on campus. Meanwhile, students and parents want to cut down on vehicular costs, especially when owning a car can cost up to $9,000 a year. This phenomenon has led to college admissions’ second most asked question: do students need cars on campus?

Without cars, however, students still need safe and affordable transportation. To combat this issue, Bauer, a finance major as a student at Wofford, started RidePost.

“It’s a private transportation network for college students, faculty and staff,” says Bauer, “The goal is to make it easier for people to not bring a car to campus.”

RidePost is a ride-sharing company that connects people who need rides with people who have cars. Though there is a public element to RidePost, it specifically targets universities, creating private networks exclusive to those who attend a certain school. It also offers an airport shuttle service to big universities whose students need to travel during busy times of the year, such as around Thanksgiving or Christmas.

RidePost already has been implemented at Clemson University, Duke University, Western Carolina University and Dickinson College.

“The vision always has been to create the fourth element of transportation,” says Bauer, “Ten to 15 years ago, people didn’t have cell phones on campus. Now a cell phone is probably one of our most prized possessions. There’s a lot of technology that’s come through, and traditional transportation is like that. As owning a car gets more and more expensive, and more technology is out there to enable us to not own a car, people are looking for alternative transportation.”

RidePost is an alternative to planes, trains and buses, which can involve high expenses and close contact with strangers. RidePost attempts to breach barriers by connecting people. A person seeking a ride has access to a potential travel partner’s background, including mutual friends and interests. Bauer knows the benefit of this option through personal experience.

As a graduate student at the University of South Carolina, Bauer was required to live and work overseas for one year. During his stay in Europe, he spent every weekend traveling to a new city or country. European transportation relies heavily on trains, and the high cost of tickets started to weigh on Bauer’s finances. He turned to ride-sharing, and what he found was a cheaper, more rewarding way to travel.

“I ended up being in a car with three other people who were super interesting. They were excited to talk to us, and we were excited to learn from them. I had a great experience and saved a whole lot of money,” says Bauer.

“Then the light bulb went off. I could spend the next six to eight months that I was living over there traveling this way. I started doing that every weekend. I was hooked.”

Bauer adds, “I changed a 120 euro ticket into a 15 euro car ride. When he returned to the United States, he wondered why such convenient ride-sharing options didn’t exist and decided to start his own.

“We think that A) it’s a good business, but B) we’re solving a really big problem,” Bauer says.

Colleges and universities pay Bauer for an annual license to the private network, which ensures access only to verified students and faculty members.

“You’re either a vitamin or a painkiller,” says Bauer. “It’s much better to be a painkiller. People pay for painkillers. When there’s a problem, we want to be able to fix it.”

Ridepost is headquartered in Greenville, S.C. Bauer is also the managing director at the Iron Yard, a mentorship-driven accelerator program based in Spartanburg. Bauer used the resources of the Iron Yard to start RidePost. Now, he helps other companies gain momentum.

Bauer hopes to implement RidePost at Wofford next year. Students could access a network of other verified Wofford students and faculty. Bauer believes that using RidePost to make these types of connections fosters community.

“I think community is important in every realm. What we do is really built upon trust. We make sure that everything we do is as transparent as possible,” says Bauer.

“On starting a business, Bauer says, “It’s definitely extremely challenging. It’s one of the most challenging things you’ll do, but it’s also one of the most rewarding things that you can do in life.”
Geoffrey Thomas — scholar, teacher, mentor, coach

The sunrise was still pink in the eastern sky on Saturday, Jan. 18, but already the suburban Spartanburg campus of Paul M. Dorman High School buzzed with activity. It was the day of the annual Cavalier Challenge Quizbowl Tournament, and more than 80 teams from all over the South and beyond were arriving.

Orchestrating all this activity and welcoming the guests was Geoffrey Thomas ’04. Having played with Dorman’s varsity scholars during his high school days, he now serves as the team’s coach.

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“My Wofford professors and mentors (Dr. G. R. Davis and Dr. George Shiflett) told me, you seem to be a teacher.” It took me a while to get past the fact that high school teaching sometimes carries a bit of a stigma among the brightest college students.

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Wofford legal eagles team up to give students a taste of careers in law

D r. David Alvis, assistant professor of government, and Dr. John Fort ’74, associate professor of economics, looked no further than the college’s alumni database to find help teaching a pre-law Interim class they call a sort of litmus test for students interested in law school.

“The idea is to give students an idea of whether or not this is a field they want to go into,” says Alvis.

According to Alvis, Wofford has had success in preparing students for admission to law school and for successful careers after. Between 25 and 35 Wofford seniors are admitted to law school every year, and the local legal system reflects those numbers. Five Spartanburg Magistrate Court judges are Wofford graduates: Roberto Inclan ’73, James Paslay ’68, Donny Willingham ’80, Charles Jones ’73 and John Moore ’84. Paslay describes magistrate court as the “offensive line of the court system.” Jones notes that the magistrate court has the most contact with citizens and that the magistrate judges sometimes have to do the work of the attorney and the judge since attorneys are often absent from the magistrate court process. This way, Wofford alumni are having a significant impact in the lives of everyday citizens.

Paslay and Inclan affirm that Wofford helped prepare them well for their legal careers.

“A Wofford education helped me develop the thinking and reasoning process that is essential for a good lawyer,” says Paslay, who was a general practice lawyer before taking his position in the magistrate court.

“Wofford taught me to organize, analyze and make decisions in complex matters. In other words, it taught me to think and decide in an organized and structured manner,” says Inclan, who formerly supervised complex liability cases.

Fort and Alvis are grateful for the generosity of alumni, such as the magistrate judges, for others who also helped to make the Interim so successful, including Joel Collins of the Collins and Lacy law firm; the Hon. Dennis Shedd ’75, U.S. Court of Appeals; Michelle Rahman, associate dean of admissions at the University of Richmond; John Bentfield ’78, dean of admission at Charleston School of Law; and John B. White Jr. ’72, Harrison White Smith & Coggins.

During Interim, the students received an introduction to the state and federal judiciary before spending two and a half weeks shadowing attorneys in local law firms. The coursework included a trip to the South Carolina Supreme Court made possible by the Hon. Costa Pleicones ’65, a justice on the court. The class also made admissions visits to the law schools at the University of South Carolina, University of Richmond and Charleston School of Law.

For those students who are settled on law school, the tours can give a sense for the planning that is necessary for admission.

“They really have a sense of what it means to be a competitive candidate for law schools,” says Fort.

Students in the class praised its preparatory nature.

“It was a great experience. There was a lot of opportunity to get a feel for what being a lawyer entails. I would recommend it for anyone considering law school because either way you’ll know by the end of the Interim if it’s what you want to do,” says Isaac Halverson ’15.

If the past is any indication of the future, Alvis says that South Carolina will continue to feel Wofford’s influence in local and state legal practice.

“Our students have both discipline and critical thinking skills, and it’s a great testament to the faculty at Wofford,” says Alvis. “Law schools always emphasize that the best kind of student is one with a rigorous liberal arts education. In fact, when we visit Columbia they have a nickname for Wofford’s influence in the legal field: the Wofford Mafia.”

by Peter Elbaum ’14

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 1 ..................Raleigh Area Alumni Event
April 5 ....................Cooper River Bridge Run
April 13 ..................Easter EggStravaganza
April 15 ..................Spartanburg Alumni Event
April 17 ..................Charlotte Young Alumni Event
May 2 .....................Spartanburg Regional Bike Race
May 3 .....................Family Fun Day at Carewinds
May 30 ....................Family Movie Night
June 7 .....................Family Day at Riverbanks Zoo
June 14 ..................Atlanta Braves Event
July 5 ....................Boston Red Sox Pregame / Game

July 19 ..............New York Yankees Pregame / Game
August 9 ..........Baltimore Orioles Pregame / Game
August 14 ..........Atlanta Young Alumni Event
August 15 ..........Family Movie Night
August 21 ..........Pickin’ Crackin’ and Shuckin’
September 4 ..........Charleston Young Alumni Event
September 11 ..........Columbia Young Alumni Event
October 3-5 ..........Family Weekend
October 24-26 ..........Homecoming

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Three members of the Class of 1971 and their wives represented Wofford while visiting Whistler Mountain in Canada during October 2013. From left, Joanne and Henry Medlock, Mary Jane and Donnie Shuler and Jane and Sterling Allen.
However, I often warn that none of these activities, such as the imposition of force. More recently, a resurgent Soviet Union, has had free and fair elections. Typical international response to such events, such as the imposition of economic sanctions, is often ineffective. In the academic community, political scientists seek to understand and interpret what is going on in the world, which is interesting for students," says Vanderhill. "However, I often warn that none of us are able to predict the future when an event like the Arab Spring or the invasion of Crimea begins to unfold. There are simply too many variables."

Tom Mack (editor), "The South Carolina Encyclopedia Guide to South Carolina Writers" foreword by George Singleton. University of South Carolina Press, 2014. "The South Carolina Encyclopedia" was published in 2006 to be "a people's encyclopedia," a comprehensive and revealing look in the culture of the Palmetto State. Thanks to the South Carolina Humanities Council, the work of the contributors to the original project is being carried forward in a new series of books that focus on specific topics, published by the University of South Carolina Press. Members of the Wofford family will especially enjoy the new guide to South Carolina Writers, edited by Tom Mack. It contains brief biographies of many important literary figures, past and present, such as Mary Boykin Chesnut (1823-1886), Benjamin E. Mays (1894-1984), James Dickey (1923-1997), James Kilgo '63 (1941-2002), John Lane '77 (1954-1997), and Nikki Finney (1955-). A particularly valuable feature of the book is the two-page introduction by George Singleton, current occupant of the John C. Cobb Chair in the Humanities at Wofford. Few authors have captured the state's culture so perfectly, with wit and grace.

Christine Dinkins and Jeanne Martin Sorrell (editors), "Our Dissertations, Ourselves: Shared Stories of Women's Dissertations." Palgrave McMillan, 2014. "Our Dissertations, Ourselves" engages readers in intimate stories from 20 women who wrote doctoral dissertations across nine disciplines: biology, English literature, modern languages, history, mathematics, music, nursing, philosophy and social work. Through dialogue with these women, the authors found that much of the dissertation journey is shaped by the challenges and transformations in the writer's own identity and relationships. Designed to invite readers into shared experiences, this important book provides support and guidance for women writing dissertations, their advisors, and all those on the journey with them.

Elizabeth Cox, "Night Talk: A Novel." Graywolf Press, 1997. From 2006-2013, Elizabeth Cox jointly held the John C. Cobb Endowed Chair in the Humanities at Wofford. She received the Robert Penn Warren Award for her body of work, which includes novels, short stories, poetry and essays, and she has been honored numerous times as one of the leading contemporary Southern literary figures. This fall, Cox will return to Wofford as the author featured in The Novel Experience. First-year students will read and discuss "Night Talk." In this story, two young women, one black and one white, explore similar feelings from different perspectives. Ultimately, the novel is about love in all shapes and shades and forms.

John Thomas Fowler, "Trotting Sally: The Roots and Legacy of a Folk Hero." Kennedy Free Press, Spartanburg County Public Libraries, 2104. John Thomas Fowler weaves together two tales in this book: the legend of "Trotting Sally," who in the difficult days of Reconstruction and Jim Crow was a familiar legend of "Trotting Sally," who in the difficult days of Reconstruction and Jim Crow was a familiar figure in Upstate South Carolina, and the true-life biography of the real man few people outside his family knew. George Mullins. Fowler is an accomplished fiddler who has done much to preserve the culture of Upstate South Carolina.

DEATHS

1940

The Rev. Dr. William Tracy Medlin Jr., Dec. 24, 2013, Winston-Salem, N.C. Dr. Medlin graduated from the Duke Divinity School and received an honorary doctoral degree from Pfeiffer University. He served many churches in the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church and was conference secretary for seven years. At the time of this death, he was almost 98 years old and ranked as the oldest ordained elder in the conference.

1942

William Hugh Reeves, June 6, 2013, Alavista, Va. Mr. Reeves was a World War II veteran, serving with the 31st Fighter Group in Africa, Sicily and Italy. He was personal director of Alavista Weaving/Burlington Glaston Fabrics for 30 years. For 69 years, he was a member of Lane Memorial United Methodist Church, where he was chairman of the board of trustees and served in numerous other capacities. He was active in the Lions Club and other civic organizations.

1944

Robert E. Griner Sr., Oct. 21, 1921, State College, Pa. Mr. Griner was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, serving on the China coast with underwater demolition teams, precursors to today’s SEALs. For 30 years, Mr. Griner was an agent with Prudential Insurance Company in Pennsylvania, retiring in 1983. An avid hunter and sportsman, he was a member of the Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church.

1946

James Carl Phillips, Feb. 10, 2014, Campobello, S.C. After a number of years in public school teaching, Mr. Phillips was associated with Springs Industries. He was a member of the Campobello First Baptist Church, where he was the organist for 50 years as well as a deacon and Sunday school teacher. He was a charter member of the Campobello Civic Club.

Dr. Charles David Williams Jr., Jan. 9, 2014, Matthews, N.C. Dr. Williams graduated from the Duke University School of Medicine and dedicated his life to the private practice of internal medicine and pulmonary disease. He served two years in the U.S. Air Force Medical Corps and was a member of a number of medical boards and professional organizations. Particularly noteworthy in his career were discoveries that he and his colleagues made in controlling the highly infectious Amdroide Disease. A talented musician, Dr. Williams loved various types of music and was accomplished on piano, clarinet and saxophone. He was an active member and elder at the Sadie Presbyterian Church.
1947  
John Wesley Hamby Sr., Dec. 5, 2013, Irmo, S.C. Mr. Hamby served as the Wofford student body, graduating and earning his law degree at the University of South Carolina. He retired as president of the James C. Greene Co. after 18 years. After retiring as president of the National Association of Independent Insurance Adjusters, he was a member of the First Baptist Church of Irmo. Mr. Hamby was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

1948  
The Rev. Charles Blackmon, Jun. 27, 2014, Rock Hill, S.C. Mr. Blackmon was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, serving as an administrative staff sergeant in the European Theater. He graduated from Garrett Theological Seminary at Northwestern University in 1952 and served as a minister in four Methodist churches in the Indiana Conference before returning to South Carolina in 1966. In addition to being named pastor emeritus of Bethel United Methodist Church, he held a number of positions with the S.C. Employment Security Commission. Over the years, he was active in many religious and civic organizations including the Rotary Club of Columbia (33 years).

1950  
Riley O’Neill Casey, Jun. 11, 2014, Spartanburg, S.C. Mr. Casey was a longtime resident of Enoree, S.C. A U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and the Korean War, he worked for Abney Mills and Reeves Brothers, where he was a well-known participant in Textile Baseball. He was a longtime member of Cedar Shoals Baptist Church in Enoree.

Charles Cleveland Dempsey, Jun. 20, 2014, Spartanburg, S.C. Mr. Dempsey was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and lived in Campobello before his final illness.

Marion Wendell Hodge, Nov. 4, 2013, Tullahomma, Tenn. Mr. Hodge served on the U.S.S. Enterprise during World War II. He was also a Navy veteran of the Korean conflict. After a 40-year career as a metallurgist, Mr. Hodge retired from the U.S. Air Force Arnold Engineering Development Center (A.E.D.C.). He was active in community life in Tullahomma, especially the First Presbyterian Church and Meals on Wheels.

Peter William Postal Sr., Jan. 8, 2014, Spartanburg, S.C. Mr. Postal enlisted in the Army in June 1944. After his military service, he completed his bachelor’s degree and graduated from the Augusta Law School. He retired from State Farm Insurance Co. after 53 years of service. He was a member of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church of Spartanburg.

1952  
Vernon Harrison Bright Sr. Nov. 22, 2013, Charlotte, N.C. After he retired from Eastern Airlines, Mr. Bright worked in sales and transportation with car dealerships in the Charlotte area. He was a World War II veteran, a Mason, and a past president of the Charlotte Shrine Club.

Guillermo Cortez “Gilly” Simmons, Dec. 20, 2013, Anderson, S.C. Mr. Simmons was a retired public school teacher and coach. He was a professional Dalia Groover who won many awards. Before he retired, he coached state championship basketball teams at T.L. Hanna High in 1966 and 1967 and directed a popular basketball summer camp at the Anderson YMCA. He was a member and deacon at the First Baptist Church of Anderson.

1954  

William E. Owenby, Nov. 9, 2013, Union, S.C. Mr. Owenby was first associated with Eckler Mills and later was a registered insurance agent for Nationwide. A U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, he had been a member of the First Baptist Church of Union since 1949.

1955  
Marshall Brock Roper Sr., Dec. 27, 2013, Inman, S.C. Mr. Roper served in the U.S. Army and was the owner/operator of Crumor’s Abattoir for 57 years. He was a member of the United Methodist Church of the Covenant.

Ll. Col. Asa Warner Tidwall Jr., Dec. 5, 2013, Atlanta, Ga. Mr. Tidwall was a retired officer in the U.S. Army who also served as assistant commissioner with the Georgia Department of Veterans Affairs. He earned a master’s degree at George Washington University and also graduated from the Army Command and General Staff College.

1958  
Thomas Richard Furse Sr., Jun. 6, 2014, Columbia, S.C. After his graduation from Wofford, Mr. Furse began a distinguished career in the early years of data processing. He retired in 1991, after managing the exploration and petroleum engineering center for ARAMCO in Dahan, Saudi Arabia. Returning to South Carolina he was active in a number of charitable and religious organizations.

Archie Ingram Barron Jr., Jun. 20, 2014, Seneca, S.C. Mr. Barron was retired from the Phillips Fibers/Ammoco Fabrics and Fibers, where he worked from 1961 through 1999. A prominent civic leader, he served for 19 years on the board at the Oconee Medical Center, where he was chairman for 11 years. At the time of his death, he was a member of the Oconee County Council. He was a deacon, elder and trustee of Seneca Presbyterian Church.

John Newton Bennett, Jan. 5, 2014, Richburg, S.C. Mr. Bennett retired from Bowater Corp. as a purchasing manager after 28 years of service. He was a member of the Union ARP Church, where he served as an elder and Sunday school teacher.

1963  
Julian Wilcher Oshon, Jan. 23, 2014, Augusta, Ga. Often called, “An Augusta Original,” Mr. Oshon was a creative business and civic leader in that city on the Savannah River. He began his business career as the president of the family business, Oshon Auto Supply Co., but he soon expanded the enterprise with the development of Oshon Medical Systems Ltd., and later Oshon and Associates. One of his noteworthy innovations was a pioneering vacuum therapy system for the treatment of erectile dysfunction. He was active in a number of civic activities and boards related to the historic preservation of downtown Augusta. He received the Spirit of Georgia Award for his contribution to economic development. Mr. Oshon served on the Board of Trustees of Wofford College from 2000 to 2011. His generosity to his alma mater was reflected in support for a series of critical capital projects, such as the Roger Moore Science and Technology Center, as well as efforts to secure funding for endowed scholarships and professors.

1964  
Gray Elessor Moore Jr., Nov. 6, 2013, Greenwood, S.C. Mr. Moore was president of the G.E. Moore Co., division of MB Kahn, one of South Carolina linking construction companies. It has been responsible for many landmark buildings such as the Josephine Abney Lander Cultural Center. Mr. Moore was also a well-known outdoorsman, immensely enjoying deep-sea fishing and deer hunting.

1965  
Calvin Dean Hughes, Nov. 7, 2013, Pawleys Island, S.C. Charles Morgan Stuart Jr., Dec. 3, 2013, Greenville, S.C. Known as “Chic” at Wofford, Mr. Stuart played on the Terrier baseball team and was a fraternity chaplain and student body officer. He served in the U.S. Army and graduated from the University of South Carolina School of Law before starting his own law firm in Greenville, practicing trust and estate law until his retirement. He was a member of the Taylor First Baptist Church.

1966  
Charles Frederick Abernethy, July 13, 1943, Charlotte, N.C. Marvin Clifton Moore Jr., Nov. 24, 2013, Columbia, S.C. Mr. Moore died after a battle against metastatic melanoma. Mr. Moore served in the U.S. Army from 1966 through 1968. He then worked in bridge design for the South Carolina Department of Transportation and was a consultant for Tpetel-King and Associates. He was the church treasurer at Shandon United Methodist Church and a Boy Scout leader, serving as a volunteer with Harvest Hope Food Bank and as a chapter of the American Diabetes Association.

1970  
Tony Duke Littlejohn, Nov. 14, 2013, B ultrasound. N.C. Mr. Littlejohn was a retired junior high school teacher who also coached football and basketball.

1972  
James Fleming Bomar, Sept. 9, 1949, Mount Pleasant, S.C. Mr. Bomar died after a long illness related to myocardial-biosis. Before relocating to the Charleston area, he lived in Spartanburg for many years, working as a contractor.

1973  
Robert Leroy “Roy” McMillan III, Jan. 4, 2014, Raleigh, N.C. Mr. McMillan was an independent residential contractor for many years, later joining Williams Reality and Building Co. as a superintendent. He was known for a calm, thoughtful approach to his work, and his problem-solving skills. An Eagle Scout in his younger days, he was a noted conservationist, and an environmentalist, and he loved summer activities in and around the Riverton community in Scotland County.

1979  
Edwin Kelley Lathan Jr., Nov. 16, 2013, Greenville, S.C. Mr. Lathan was a real estate certified commercial investment member (CCIM). He was associated with Colliers International and president of the LATCO Development Company. He founded Entre Computer Center in Sumter, S.C. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Sumter, the Anderson YMCA and the Downtown Rotary Club.

1980  
Jefferson Davis Johnson, Feb. 10, 2014, Columbia, S.C. Mr. Johnson was employed with Computer Sciences Corp. for 30 years.

Friends  
Phyllis F. Bemelmans, Jan. 5, 2014, Spartanburg, S.C. Mrs. Bemelmans was retired from the business office at Wofford College.
You are invited

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INAUGURATION OF THE COLLEGE’S ELEVENTH PRESIDENT

DR. NAYEF H. SAMHAT

Friday, April 25, 2014 • 10:00 a.m. • Lawn of Main Building

A picnic luncheon for the community will follow the installation ceremony.

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