What a Year!

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Fund-raising Campaign Surpasses
Goal by 66 Percent
What the World Needs Now

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Specifically, TIME applauded the university’s orientation, residence life activities, academic advising, summer reading program, honors courses, freshman seminar, freshman learning communities, and others that help students adjust to the new social surroundings and academic expectations of college.

“Getting off to a good start in college can make the difference between getting a degree and giving up,” TIME editors announced in releasing their four “College of the Year” selections.

“Helping new students survive has, in our judgment, become an essential responsibility of every college,” the editors wrote. “That task takes on a new urgency this year, as the children of baby boomers swell the freshman classes of many universities to record numbers in a dorm-busting wave that won’t peak until the end of the decade.”

Other schools featured in the national news magazine were Indiana University, William Jewell College, and Seattle Central Community College.

Chancellor Francis T. Borkowski says TIME’s honor “culminates many years of dedication and hard work by our faculty and staff in support of student learning and is the latest example of the growing recognition for Appalachian and its programs.”

“TIME didn’t recognize us for anything new. TIME recognized thirty years of work on this campus,” explains Joni Petschauer, director of the university’s freshman learning communities in general studies.

Appalachian’s attention to freshmen began in the late 1960s with the General College, which provides academic advising, orientation, and a special class for freshmen. The program is still in operation today, with nearly three-fourths of the freshman class enrolled in one of Appalachian’s freshman learning communities. This past fall, nearly three-fourths of the freshman class enrolled in one of Appalachian’s freshman learning communities.

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Read TIME’s coverage online at www.time.com/time/2001/coy/master.html

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Appalachian Today
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—William H. Hooke, director of the American Meteorological Society’s Atmospheric Policy Program, on preparing for natural disasters, Morgan Lecture Series.

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see the connections between the classroom and what they see in the world.”

Like Hall, faculty across campus tied class discussions more closely to current events. They organized cross-disciplinary forums addressing world politics and the implications of war.

Some students and faculty marched for alternatives to bomb- ing Afghanistan. “Give peace a chance,” and “war is not the answer,” they urged.

Emotional wounds caused by terrorism stirred an outpouring of generosity to the American Red Cross and other charities. Student groups sponsored blood drives and collected teddy bears for the children of those killed in the tragedy. Music faculty performed a benefit concert. Art students sponsored the Open Bowl Project, raising money by selling soup in bowls they crafted by hand. “We decided that as artists we should affect change. Art is a therapeutic medium, and soup is a comforting food,” says senior Ben Carter, a studio art major from Salem, Virginia.

The campus community adopted the widow and three children of a New York firefighter killed in the attacks by sending a live Christmas tree and wreath, letters, packages of gifts, and a videotaped message. “It was the Appalachian thing to do,” says Dean of Students Barbara Daye. Support to the family will continue throughout the year.

University administrators, reminded that disasters can happen anytime anywhere, continued ongoing work to strengthen the campus crisis plan. When white powdery substances were found inside Belk Library and the campus post office, campus officials consulted with federal officials, who determined the materials to be non-threatening.

Although miles away, the terrorist attacks directly affected the Appalachian family. Two business faculty members each lost a relative in the attacks, one in the World Trade Center and one in the Pennsylvania plane crash. History instructor Jonathan Billheimer’s pre-September 11 research into the exiled Afghan royal family piqued the interest of news media.

Photographer Abby Bullock ’01 had been staying at the university’s loft on New York’s East 24th Street and heard news of the first World Trade Center attack just after it occurred. “I rushed back into my room and grabbed my camera. I felt a strong desire to get the shot,” she later writes. She narrowly escaped falling debris in the process.

Geography graduate Lori Felix Shienvold ‘97 MA of ESRI Inc. spent several days in New York after the attacks helping produce maps for police, firefighters, former Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, and media outlets.

Many within the Appalachian family had friends or relatives deployed for the subsequent military action.

Peter Michael Macaluso ‘91 of Merrill Lynch High Yield Debt Trading in New York remembers lost friends at Cantor Fitzgerald and other WTC companies, which were located across the street from his office: “I feel blessed that I knew them: alive, beautiful, genuine, generous, hard-working, humorous, enthusiastic, zestful, family-adoring people,” he writes.

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Even prior to the attacks, English graduate student Sandy Hartwiger ‘96 had been helping build a more peaceful future—one teenager at a time.

For the past five summers, Hartwiger has worked at Seeds of Peace conflict resolution camp, assisting Middle Eastern teenagers to learn to live together peacefully by discussing their political differences. The camp’s goals, he says, are to show that “everyone has human rights” and that “respect should be available to anyone.”

He plans to return to the Maine camp this summer because he believes so strongly in the camp’s mission. Hartwiger says, as do many people around the world, “Everybody’s sick and tired of violence.”

With reporting by Jane Nicholson and Frank Ruggiero
"Because I've had to rely on scholarship money to fund my education, I don't take my schooling for granted. I've really had to focus on my work, and that's made my experience here at Appalachian invaluable. I appreciate the help I've received from others to pursue my education."

Lisa Lu Vue of Morganton

Senior, computer information systems

Recipient of the Best Friends Endowed Scholarship for Business

Gifts to "Campaign for the Second Century" Exceed Goal by 66 Percent

Blessed by two major gifts in the final days of the campaign, Appalachian State University ended its comprehensive "Campaign for the Second Century" December 31, 2001, with private support for the university and its programs totaling $83.2 million. Gifts from alumni, parents, corporations and foundations, and friends of the university exceeded the original $50 million campaign goal by more than 66 percent.

"Such overwhelming support for Appalachian and in mission underscores the important role of higher education in North Carolina," said John A. Allison IV, chairman and CEO of BB&T, who headed the campaign from its inception in 1996. "It also affirms the efforts of many individuals working to take one of the top comprehensive universities in the country to an even higher level of service."

Appalachian received approximately 35,000 gifts during the campaign including 110 gifts of $100,000 or more, and twenty gifts of $1 million or more. Deferred gifts, such as bequests and annuities, represented approximately 40 percent of the campaign total.

The campaign generated more than 350 new endowments, from which investment earnings will fund student scholarships and various university programs. These endowments include distinguished professorships in mathematics education, science education, ethics, library and information studies, and computer science. Gifts to the campaign also have underwritten equipment, books and teaching materials, and other faculty resources not funded by the state.

The public phase of the campaign began in October 1999 with a goal of $50 million. When the campaign surpassed that goal more than a year early, Appalachian's Board of Trustees and the Appalachian State University Foundation Board extended the campaign by six months and raised the goal to $70 million. That target was surpassed last May with receipt of the largest private donation in the university's history, a $10 million endowment gift to the Hayes School of Music by Mariam Cannon Hayes of Concord.

$2.5 million gift from Tom Reese

In the final days of the campaign, two major gift commitments pushed the campaign total above $80 million. Hickory business leader Thomas W. Reese made an estate gift of $2.5 million, in addition to his earlier $500,000 cash commitment, to the Reese Graphic Arts and Imaging Technology Program.

The second major gift was a $1 million commitment from BB&T, headquartered in Winston-Salem, supporting the William F. Hollowell Fellows Program in the Walker College of Business. This program supports the university's ongoing international business initiative in China. Approximately one-third of Appalachian's alumni contributed $27.3 million to the campaign. Appalachian faculty and staff made gifts totaling more than $1 million.

More than 165 volunteers played a key role in the success of the "Campaign for the Second Century." Volunteer efforts were structured in six mini campaigns: Major Gifts, Corporate, National Alumni, Parents and Friends, Community, University Family, and Foundation. Key mini campaign leaders included General Campaign Chairman John A. Allison IV, George G. Beasley `58 `60, Linda M. Combs `68 `78, James E. Harrill `73, Robert L. Turchin Sr. `91 honorary degree, John M. Brubaker, Larry Nance `62, Susie B. Beasley, Bobby H. Sharp, the late James Jackson, Brent B. Kincaid, Robert E. Snead `53, Thomas H. McGuire Jr., and Thomas E. Chandler.

"Virtually every facet of the university will benefit from the overwhelming generosity and support from many individuals and businesses," said Chancellor Francis T. Borkowski.

"The value of such support from private sources is immeasurable as we strive to create the best possible learning environment for Appalachian students, and ensure access for all qualified students, especially during a period of shrinking public funding."

Compiled from staff reports

Appalachian Today
University-Wide Programs

Total Raised: $13.55 million
- Used in every area of the university, contributions support general scholarships, capital projects such as the Appalachian House and Turchin Center for the Visual Arts, new educational opportunities, faculty and staff development, and numerous activities supported by the Appalachian Fund.

Appalachian Fund
Total Raised: $5.6 million
- An annual fundraising component formerly called the Appalachian Loyalty Fund seeks gifts from Appalachian alumni, parents, and friends to support many university programs. Appalachian Fund gifts support graduation and convocation ceremonies, Alumni Affairs programs, Appalachian Today magazine, international programs, undergraduate research, Mountaineer Marching Band, Appalachian Ambassadors, faculty teaching awards, Parents Association programs, and other student, faculty, and alumni programs. www.AppalachianFund.appstate.edu

Alumni Endowment
Total Raised: $3 million
- Proceeds from the Alumni Endowment will allow the Appalachian Alumni Association to increase the number and amount of Alumni Memorial Scholarships it awards each year to children of alumni. More than thirty scholarships have been awarded since the scholarship program began in 1958. This year, more than a hundred sons and daughters of Appalachian alumni applied for five available scholarships.

The endorsement primarily supports the scholarship program, but also may be used to fund reunions, alumni chapter development, travel programs, Homecoming, and awards and recognition initiatives. The Appalachian Alumni Association serves more than 75,000 alumni across the United States and in many foreign countries.

Libraries
Total Raised: $2.3 million
- Books dating to the 1500s and other rare materials covering medieval through Victorian-age England were among contributions from Bill ‘56 ‘57 and Maureen Rhinehart of Long Island, New York. Rhinehart pictured, shows books to area high school students visiting campus.

Eight endowments were created in support of the Appalachian Studies Challenge Grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The gifts support the Center for Appalachian Studies, the W.L. Eary Appalachian Collection, and the Appalachian Cultural Museum, all of which foster education and research about the region’s history and culture.

The Robert G. Fox Sr. Family Reading Room has become students’ most popular haven for study. It also provides space for educational displays. Fox, who died in January, was the father of three Appalachian alumni. Robert G. Fox Jr., ‘71 of Mount Hill; William H. Fox ‘73 of Marietta, Georgia, and Cindy F. Cochrane ‘68 of Jefferson.

College of Arts & Sciences
Total Raised: $8.98 million
- The region’s mathematics education is being strengthened by a $1 million gift from The Gordon and Mary Cain Foundation of Houston, Texas, which funds a distinguished professorship in mathematics education and continuing education programs for area mathematics teachers. This gift was supplemented by $334,000 by the Distinguished Professorship Endowment Trust Fund of the State of North Carolina. The Cains contributed a total of $2 million during the campaign.

Continued gifts to the Alliance for Teaching Science Endowment, created in the early 1990s, have funded purchases of new equipment to modernize laboratories and classrooms.

An eighty-to one hundred-seat screening room will be constructed in Plemons Student Union for film presentations.

Planned Giving Aids Farmers Through Sustainable Development

One family’s early business philosophy of sustaining and supporting the region’s agricultural and economic development will continue through the College of Arts and Sciences’ Goodnight Family Sustainable Development Program.

A $360,000 commitment from Goodnight Brothers Produce Company and members of the Goodnight family—Jim Goodnight of Boone, Louise Goodnight of Charlotte, and Deene Goodnight and husband, Olan, of Mooresville—was made through a combination of cash, bequests, charitable trusts, and charitable annuities. A portion of this gift funds the program’s current operations while an endowment supports ongoing needs.

The Goodnights were among 208 donors making planned gifts during the “Campaign for the Second Century.” Sustainable development is the internationally recognized process of meeting the present generation’s needs, whether it is transportation, shelter, food or economics, without compromising future generations’ abilities to meet their needs.

The gift will primarily support the program’s agricultural component, help bring visiting scholars to campus, and generate scholarships. One program goal is to stem the economic downturn experienced in recent years by poultry and tobacco farmers. Possible farming alternatives include growing native species of medicinal herbs and reintroducing heirloom varieties of apples.

Students studying sustainable development find jobs in seed, agriculture, and energy companies, the Peace Corps, Foreign Service, and with non-government organizations overseas.

“To take what we have and use it in the best way possible is something that my father would have supported. That’s how all the brothers operated,” said Jim Goodnight, president of Goodnight Brothers Produce Company and grandson of James Goodnight. The company now is best known for producing country ham.

James Goodnight generated a Boone business in 1924 from the practice of truck farming, which sustained many Watauga County families during the Great Depression. County residents would sell homegrown vegetables from the back of their trucks to make ends meet. His sons, Howard, Joe, J.C., Neil and Olan Goodnight, expanded the business.

The Goodnight family’s connection to the university dates back to the 1930s. Most family members attended or earned a degree from Appalachian.

“Since coming to Appalachian, the theater department has become my home away from home. I’m always here. And, I love it. When the director in the department took the time to say ‘congratulations for receiving the scholarship,’ and ‘thanks for all the hard work you put in here,’ I knew someone had been paying attention. That recognition means so much to me.”

Andrea Gilkey of Raleigh
Junior, general theater
Recipient of the Susan S. Cole Alpha Psi Omega Endowed Scholarship
“Appalachian’s Reich College of Education has such a wonderful reputation—it was definitely my first choice for college. It’s given me a great foundation to build a teaching career upon. And, as one of four children from a farming family, funding college has been tight. I wouldn’t have been able to come to Appalachian without financial assistance.”

Redeana Davis of Lenoir
Senior, elementary education
Recipient of the Grace Greene Lilly Scholarship for Education

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It will feature both DVD and traditional 16mm formats. John McElwee of the Department of Health, Leisure and Exercise Science, the lab supports cross-disciplinary workshops with biology, psychology, nutrition, and health services. Students have examined the effect of exercise on the body’s enzymes and hearing problems. Experience through its on-campus clinic, which aids area residents with speech and language, and hearing problems. The donated wood has helped the college to initiate a program in China, and many other corporations and alumni have contributed. Significant financial support for the Holland Fellows and other Walker College international study programs has been made by BB&T, Asian businessman Jemran Jett, and combined contributions from Bud and Zanne Baker and Wachovia Corporation.

Burlington Industries has been a major contributor to the college’s initiatives in Mexico. For the past three years, students with an intermediate knowledge of Spanish have spent more than four weeks immersed in Mexican culture, language, and history.

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Michael Baaz of Reidsville
Senior, political science
Recipient of the Matt Winn Williamson Scholarship for Town, City and County Management

Kindt. The AppalPIE (Appalachian Partners in Excellence) program continues to flourish with new donors who pledge scholarship monies to the music school for AppalPIE scholars. The program nurtures a bonding relationship between the donor and the AppalPIE scholar while the student is enrolled at Appalachian.

■ A 1,000-square-foot recording studio is being furnished with the latest technological advances in the music industry thanks to gifts from Robert F. Gilley, Paul and Sally Jacobsen, and other alumni and friends.

Athletics
Total Raised: $7.46 million

■ Annual support for scholarships through the Yosef Club doubled to $700,000, with sixty new endowments created to perpetuate athletic scholarships and programs.

■ Contributions were received in support of a new cross-country track. Naming opportunities are pending for Kidd Brewer Stadium’s playing field, a new baseball stadium, and a new athletics center building.

■ An anonymous donor has made a commitment to partially fund a new natural turf soccer stadium and track-and-field throw events area. The facility will be located west of Kidd Brewer Stadium.

■ The athletics team in the “National Alumni, Parents and Friends Campaign,” part of the “Campaign for the Second Century,” generated nearly $400,000 in gifts and pledges. Bodie Bodenheimer ’51 of Franklin chaired the team.

“I was told that I received this scholarship because of the effort I make on and off the court. As co-captain of the women’s basketball team I work hard to be a leader, and to help my teammates and the coaches in any way I can. Off the court I’ve enjoyed learning about the health care field and helping people with their nutrition.”

Tiffany Cole of Asheboro
Senior, health promotions
Recipient of the Class of 1937 Golden Reunion Endowment Scholarship

“I knew before coming to Appalachian that the university had a good football team, and since I’ve been here I’ve gotten used to being part of a winning team. Because I’m from out of state, it would have been too expensive for me to come up here without scholarship money. I’m very grateful.”

Wayne Smith of Pembroke Pines, Florida
Senior, criminal justice
Recipient of the E.G. “Red” and Jane Lackey Scholarship for Athletics

Longtime Benefactor Arnold Rosen Dies

Arnold Paul Rosen, a founder of An Appalachian Summer Festival and for more than thirteen years a benefactor of several large projects at Appalachian State University’s school of music, died October 18, 2001, in Boone. He was eighty.

In 1983, Rosen and his wife, Muriel, helped begin An Appalachian Summer Festival, which brings together music, theater, dance, and art throughout each July on campus. The Bryn-Mawr Music Center’s concert hall is named in the Rosenes’ honor. They also were instrumental in beginning the AppalPIE Scholarships for students in the Marion Cameron Hayes School of Music.

“With his wife Muriel, Arnold Rosen embraced Appalachian State University as if it was his own alma mater,” said Chancellor Francis T. Birkenshaw. “Appalachian and the arts community will miss Arnold’s invaluable contributions of time, wisdom, and energy.”

Appalachian House Opens for University Functions

Appalachian House, a new multipurpose facility that incorporates an on-campus residence for the university chancellor, opened in mid-January. The 9,400-square-foot facility on Bodenheimer Drive serves as the focal point for official university functions hosted by the chancellor.

It features a great room, dining area, and commercial kitchen. About three thousand square feet on the second floor serves as the residence for Appalachian’s chancellor and family.

Appalachian House was funded through private donations, including a lead gift from the Seby Jones family of Raleigh in memory of wife and mother Christina B. Jones. Other cash and in-kind gifts were contributed to the project, which cost $2.1 million including furnishings.

In recent years, more than two thousand people have attended some forty university functions held annually at the chancellor’s former residence, including activities for students, faculty, staff, and the community.

The original chancellor’s residence at Appalachian was constructed in the early 1950s and demolished in 2000 for construction of a new student living-learning facility.

Turchin Center for the Visual Arts

Total Raised: $3.10 million

■ Appalachian’s long-held dream of establishing a regional center for the visual arts comes to fruition in November 2002, with the opening of the Turchin Center for the Visual Arts. Housed in the West King Street building formerly occupied by the Boone United Methodist Church, the Turchin Center will be the largest facility for the visual arts in Western North Carolina. It will support Appalachian’s teaching mission through a combination of exhibitions, educational programs, and strong community outreach. The center’s exhibits will focus on contemporary art, featuring both national and regional artists.

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* Brovhill Chans’er Ensemble
* Eastern Philharmonic Orchestra
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Grad Helps Emerging Latino Populations

Ernesto Echeverria ’01 was among the four students selected nationally to participate in the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI) Fellowship Program. The program offers recipients an opportunity to work at the federal level.

“Part of the fellowship is to experience how the political system works in the United States,” says Echeverria.

The anthropology major from Kriston chose to work in Washington, D.C., with the National Council of La Raza (NCLR). Established in 1969, the non-profit organization works to “reduce poverty and discrimination, and improve life opportunities for Hispanics.” Echeverria assists with an NCLP activity called Emerging Latino Communities Initiative, which focuses on southeastern Latino communities. The initiative assists community-based groups with strategic planning, board member training, and fundraising.

“Anthropology gives me a better understanding of cultural differences and how you should address them,” Echeverria says of his education. He plans to work in North Carolina when his fellowship ends in May.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Hispanics make up 12 percent of the U.S. population, and 33 percent of Hispanic Americans live in the South. – Frank Ruggiero

Walker College News Briefs

Raley Renee Hayes ’01 was one of eight undergraduate insurance students selected nationally to complete a 2001 summer internship through the National Association of Professional Surplus Lines Offices (NAPSLO), because of her outstanding performance, Hayes was selected for NAPSLO’s J.H. Blades Memorial Scholarship; she will spend three weeks in London this summer for advanced study at Lloyds of London.

L.M. “But” Bakir, chairman of Wachovia Corporation, was the fall 2001 speaker for the Harlan E. Boyles Distinguished CEO Lecture Series.

Students Manage Bowden Investment Fund

A student managed investment fund has been named to honor Elbert V. Bowden, an Appalachian State University faculty member since 1977. Bowden, pictured, serves as the Alfred T. Adams Distinguished Professor of Banking.

Students in an investment management course manage the fund as they learn about security analysis and portfolio management. They select stocks for analysis, present detailed reports to the class, and decide which securities to purchase.

Financial donations from former students, business associates, and co-workers have helped the Elbert V. Bowden Student Managed Investment Fund’s total net assets exceed $50,000.

As the fund grows, earnings will be used to enhance educational opportunities for students. For information, contact DeBelbert Keen, goffdc@appstate.edu or (928) 262-6180 or Beth Alexander, alexandrb@appstate.edu or (928) 262-6165.
The Reich College of Education has earned continuing accreditation from the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and from the N.C. State Board of Education. NCATE is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as the accrediting body for colleges and universities that prepare teachers and other professional personnel for elementary and secondary schools.

There are one thousand teacher preparation programs in the United States, and about half are accredited by NCATE. ROCO has been accredited by NCATE since 1954.

NCATE granted the college continuing accreditation for five years without any weaknesses. NCATE noted the high quality of the faculty, the alignment of programs with national standards, the assessment of candidates, the involvement of programs with the public schools, and the college's progress in addressing diversity issues in its curriculum.

The State Board requires teacher education programs to undergo on-site reviews concurrently with NCATE. As a result of these reviews, the board granted a full approval for all programs through the 2005-06 academic year with no stipulations or concerns.

“Receiving continuing accreditation without weaknesses from both NCATE and the State Board is a major vote of confidence in the Reich College of Education and Appalachian State University as a whole,” says Dean Charles R. Duke. “NCATE standards are rigorous and recognized in every state.

This benefit recognizes Appalachian graduates who might be seeking employment in other states because they are coming from a nationally accredited teacher preparation program,” he said.

Middle Grades Join in PDS Agreements

Eleven public schools are participating in a new middle grades Professional Development School (PDS) agreement with the Reich College of Education.

The agreement incorporates college-level curriculum changes and strengthens ties between schools and the university. “Our ultimate goal is to improve student learning in North Carolina—not just in test scores, but also in social learning and academic development—and a way to do that is to improve teacher preparation programs,” says Ken McEoin, coordinator of Appalachian’s middle grades teacher preparation programs.

See a list of participating schools at www.appstate.edu/www_docs/news releas esinfo/11601PDS.html

Alumnae Win National Teaching Awards

Today selected science teacher Mary Jo Pritchard ’66 ’92 as a 2001 First Noon Teacher of the Year for leading students in an ecology project at Watogu-Mounty’s Parkway School. The project includes a pond, native trail, and greenhouse built by students, who returned to campus in shares with college students on teaching and classroom management. She was joined by Ashe County High School math teacher Carmen Wilson ’81 ’92 (pictured left with Wilson), who was named 2002-03 N.C. Teacher of the Year.

Middle and upper grades are the heart of the PDS Agreement from the Reich College of Education and Appalachian State University. The agreement divides the middle grades into four clusters: Basic, Exemplary Marks, and Middle College.

Yale-Read Receives Outstanding Faculty Award

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Yale-Read received a $1,000 cash award made possible by contributions to the Appalachian State University Foundation, $500 from the college for professional travel or supplies, and a medal.

Yale-Read teaches calligraphy, graphic design, typography, art history, and introduction to art. But more broadly, she teaches students to be problem solvers.

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The Hayes School of Music’s new string quartet has begun performing around the region as part of the music school’s community outreach.

Known as the Hayes Graduate String Quartet, the students have played with the Western Piedmont Symphony and are working with the symphony to perform in the region’s public schools to help pique children’s interest in music. They also have performed at a gala celebration benefitting Marimian Cannon Hayes for her $10 million gift to the music school and at other Appalachian State University functions.

“The quartet is making a significant mark on the area’s orchestral and chamber music scene,” says Dean William G. Harbinson.

The quartet, along with other music projects, is made possible because of Hayes’ gift. The musicians received paid assistantships to help fund their education.

“A lot of people don’t know about quartet music, and we want them to enjoy it as much as we do,” first violinist John Bursey.

The quartet also includes second violinist Ethan Adelsman, the quartet’s only undergraduate student, and cellist David Latiff '01.

The quartet made its television debut this spring on Appalachian Perspective, performing Schubert’s Quartet in C Minor, Borodin’s String Quartet No. 2 in D Major, Haydn’s String Quartet in C Major, and Scott Joplin’s “The Entertainer.” Appalachian Perspective is a cable television show produced by the university and distributed statewide.

Student Receives Liberace Fellowship

Francisco Fernandez del Castillo Gomez has received a $3,000 fellowship from the Liberace Foundation for the Performing Arts and Creative Arts. The fellowships are awarded to outstanding performance majors in music schools across the country.

The award helps fund Fernandez’s graduate studies at Appalachian. He is a master’s degree candidate at the Mariam Cannon Hayes School of Music and studies with Douglas James.

Fernandez was born in 1972 in Mexico City where he began his musical career playing traditional music from Latin America. In 1991 he entered the National School of Music (ENM), part of the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM). His teacher was the great Mexican guitarist, Juan Carlos Laguna. That same year Fernandez was the top prizewinner in the XVIII Guitar Competition of Paracho, Mexico in the Juvenile category.

In 1993 Fernandez received a grant from the UNAM foundation to study at the University of Laval in Quebec, Canada. In 1993 he graduated with honors from the National School of Music in Mexico City with the thesis titled “Factors Involved in Classical Guitar Tuning.”

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Laurie Lea Lyda '98 prepared a senior thesis for her English degree with no idea it would later win an international essay contest.

The twenty-five-year-old from Lincolnville wrote her thesis on Jane Austen’s novel Pride and Prejudice. Now a graduate student at Appalachian, she entered it under her advisor’s recommendation to the Jane Austen Society of North America’s 2001 essay contest.

Lyda submitted a revised version of “To Be Fond of Dancing Was a Certain Step Towards Falling in Love.” The thesis focused on the symbolism of dance in Pride and Prejudice, which Lyda said is a metaphor for courtship and marriage.

Lyda believes dance, overall, is a metaphor for life and she finds its uses in many different books and novels.

Lyda won the graduate-level award in the contest, which included over a hundred entries. She received a $500 cash prize and admission and lodging at the Annual General Meeting of JASNA. Her essay is published on the organization’s Web site JASNA.org.

More than five hundred people attended the Annual General Meeting of JASNA, held in Seattle, Washington, last fall. It featured a concert and dances from Jane Austen’s Regency period as well as mini conferences with keynote speakers.

“It was interesting to see how alive her works are to a lot of people,” said Lyda. “It was really enlightening and gave a lot of good information.”

Lyda said her mentor for the JASNA contest, Edelma Huntley, played a key role in her success.

Huntley, an English professor and senior associate dean of the Arts & William Graduate School, informs Lyda of upcoming conferences as well as directs her independent study project. “She gives invaluable advice,” said Lyda. “She is always willing to work with you and look over papers.”

Lyda finishes her master’s degree in English in August. She says she may pursue a Ph.D in eighteenth-century British literature.
Alumni Calendar of Events

April 27
Travel Tour Orientation
Alumni Council Meeting

May 4
Black & Gold Reunion Weekend
Alumni Awards Banquet
Homecoming

June 14-18
Travel and Reunion Week

July 26-27
Alumni Awards Banquet
Taylorsville

October 25
Alumni Awards Banquet
Statesville

From the President’s Pen

Embracing Appalachian’s Rich Traditions

Dear Appalachian Alumni,

On September 11, our lives forever changed as a result of the horrific, tragic attack on America. Since that day we have all experienced an array of feelings. As we work through those feelings, we demonstrated that as Americans we are united and we believe in America and what it stands for. We rallied around our patriotic traditions—flying our flag, wearing our colors—and gave generously of our time, talents, and financial resources.

The “Fledgling of Allegiance” took on new meaning and tears were shed as we sang the “Star Spangled Banner,” “God Bless America,” and other patriotic songs. Traditions are so important in our lives whether they be those of our country, family or where we attended school. The five leaders of this great university left us with some rich traditions, too.

Embracing Appalachian’s traditions will help us to serve students. Therefore, the Alumni Council will continue to encourage and support these traditions.

• Providing excellence in education
• Providing a state-of-the-art learning environment
• Providing global educational opportunities
• Caring about the welfare of our students
• Cultivating the future involvement of students with the Alumni Association
• Supporting the university with our time, talent and financial resources
• Increasing the percentage of alumni who give to the university, as this is a major factor in maintaining and/or improving our ranking in U.S. News & World Report

Thank you for the past, present and future contributions that make Appalachian great.

Jerry Copas, President

Alumni Association News

The Alumni Association News is a newspaper published by the Appalachian Alumni Association. It is mailed to all members of the Alumni Association, including Appalachian State University graduates, current undergraduate and graduate students, and Appalachian State University staff. The Alumni Association News features news and information about Appalachian State University, alumni events, and other relevant topics.
#### Losses in the Appalachian Family

- MORGAN, Page T., 81, North Stanly, NC, member of the Board of Trustees, passed away on November 22, 2021.
- GRIFFIN, John C., 1940 Graduate, died on September 29, 2020.

#### Donor Advancement Services Office


#### New Positions

- Lisa Devlin Patten: appointed as assistant vice president, human resources specialist.
- Steve Bumgarner: appointed as manager, operations planning, R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company.
- Karen Boger Holder: appointed as director, operations planning, R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company.
- Penny Timms: appointed as dean of Allen E. Paulson College of Science and Mathematics.
- Davis Babb: appointed as manager, design specialist in trend forecasting and design, Kimberly-Clark, Beech Island, SC.
- Teresa Little Perryman: appointed as director, of sales, Lowe’s Motor Speedway, Concord.
- Lisa Farrington Cockerham: appointed as senior vice president, sales and marketing, SunTrust Equitable Funding Services, Inc., Charlotte.
- William Rogers: appointed as assistant supervisor, Morristown City Police Department.

#### Alumni News

- David Williams, faculty associate, office of the dean of colleges, Appalachian State University, is on administrative leave.
- Tom Justus, purchasing director, AT&T Tennessee, received the Meritosis Service Medal for 20 years of distinguished service.
- Ginger Wilkins, program director for management and operations planning, Dr. P. Jay Todd Tobacco Company.
- Janice Smidt, program officer, American Honda Motor Company, Torrance, CA.

#### Recognitions

- Bob Percival, Lisa Devlin Patten, Axton, VA, master’s in education, Mars Hill, doctor of education, North Georgia Technical College, Clarkesville.
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#### Pennington, Spinks and Wilson Receive Appalachian's Distinguished Alumni Award

Three graduates have received the 2001 Distinguished Alumni Award from Appalachian State University.

- William Gardo: 1970 Graduate, recipient of the President’s Alumni Award.
- Don Raye Outlaw: 1952 Graduate, recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award.
- Dr. William Gardo: 1970 Graduate, recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award.

#### Remembrance

- Thomas J. Bailey, Jr., 1951 Graduate, died on October 22, 2021.
- Margaret R. Mooney, 1954 Graduate, died on October 22, 2021.
- Carol L. Boudreaux, 1955 Graduate, died on October 22, 2021.
- Clarence F. Reaves, 1951 Graduate, died on October 22, 2021.
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#### Alumni Events

Benjamin Mikael, Jr., 62, a sales representative for Western NC National Bank and Independent real estate appraiser, was named to the local board of directors of the Western NC National Bank in Statesville, July 7.

Paul O. Lentz, 67, retired educator and coach, of Spindale, was named to the board of directors of the Asheville-based Horizon Credit Union, July 12.

Lucille R. Johnson, 57, a sales manager with Time Warner Cable, of Statesville, was named to the board of directors of the Bank of New Bern, July 3.

Leigh A. G. Reed, 52, a sales representative with Frito-Lay, Inc., was named to the board of directors of the Bank of New Bern, July 3.

Hermione Doreen Rhodes, 91, a retired educator who served as principal of B.T. Bullock Elementary School, Sanford, was named to the board of directors of the New Hanover Regional Medical Center, Wilmington, June 27.

Jeffrey C. Veselka, 62, was named to the board of directors of the Bank of New Bern, July 3.

Owen M. Hoke, Jr., 49, of Hickory, was named to the board of directors of the First Bank of the Carolinas, Kannapolis, July 12.

Roberta S. Coates, 64, a retired educator and cultural resources advisor, was named to the board of directors of the Bank of New Bern, July 3.

SUSAN WALLACE, 66, a former school teacher who served as principal of the Carolina Day School, Asheville, was named to the board of directors of the First Bank of the Carolinas, Kannapolis, July 12.

Ronnie Young, 50, of Hickory, was named to the board of directors of the First Bank of the Carolinas, Kannapolis, July 12.

Robert E. DePasquale, 62, of Charlotte, was named to the board of directors of the First Bank of the Carolinas, Kannapolis, July 12.

Gary D. Estes, 56, of Charlotte, was named to the board of directors of the First Bank of the Carolinas, Kannapolis, July 12.

Ashley L. Border, 30, of Statesville, was named to the board of directors of the First Bank of the Carolinas, Kannapolis, July 12.

The following directors were appointed to the board of directors of the Bank of New Bern: Beth W. Sumner, 56, of Statesville, a senior vice president of the Bank of New Bern; Fred W. Morgan, Jr., 62, of Statesville, a vice chairman and chief executive officer of the Bank of New Bern; and James C. Devine, 59, of Statesville, a senior vice president of the Bank of New Bern.

Robert A. Langstrom, 57, of Statesville, was named to the board of directors of the Bank of New Bern, July 3.

Larry D. Green, 50, of Statesville, was named to the board of directors of the Bank of New Bern, July 3.

The following directors were appointed to the board of directors of the Bank of New Bern: Robert D. K. Honeycutt, 53, of Statesville, a senior vice president of the Bank of New Bern; and Michael E. Linn, 52, of Statesville, a senior vice president of the Bank of New Bern.

Charles T. Miller, 61, of Statesville, was named to the board of directors of the Bank of New Bern, July 3.

Brian C. Roberson, 50, of Statesville, was named to the board of directors of the Bank of New Bern, July 3.
Losses in the Appalachian Family

Amy C. Epler, 65, May 14, Aug. 18, chair, auto sales, Community College.

Robert M. Egby, 87, Feb. 29, retired, research eon, Wake Forest University.

Donna Am Hofbauer, 68, May 17, dean and principal of Western Piedmont Community College.

Monica R. Dania, 64, June 15, vice president of student affairs, Wake Forest University.

Ronald W. Durley, 60, May 17, ret. educ., Glenwood School, N.C.

Robert T. Duvall, 89, July 10, director, information technology, Appalachian.

Nancy H. Eddings, 75, July 12, administrative assistant, Watauga County.

Amy L. Eldridge, 87, May 16, accountant, East Carolina University.

Robert W. Eldridge, 75, May 16, self-employed realtor.

Mary Alice Ellenwood, 77, May 20, ret. employee, East Carolina University.


Arlene E. M. Estes, 81, July 12, administrative assistant, Caldwell Community College.

Suzie G. Evans, 79, May 24, later life education, Appalachian.

Beverly Faith Fendley, 64, Aug. 24, registered nurse, East Carolina University.

Susan M. Fink, 70, June 5, retail manager, Western Piedmont Community College.

Maureen M. Finney, 82, May 12, home health aide, Watauga County.

Esther F. Finney, 93, June 17, administrative assistant, Caldwell Community College.

Lauren S. Finley, 25, Aug. 15, South Carolina State University.

Kimberly L. Finlay, 28, Aug. 21, senior program analyst, Wake Forest University.


Cynthia M. Flanders, 59, Aug. 24, director of government affairs, Appal.

Margaret Francie, 80, May 18, director, library services and management, Appalachian.

Julie Francisco, 44, Aug. 27, systems analyst II, CIO Information Technology.

James A. Fripp, 59, Aug. 30, research assistant professor, VSU.

Michael R. Fripp, 59, Aug. 30, research assistant professor, VSU.

Teresa J. Fripp, 49, Aug. 30, research assistant professor, VSU.

Sally A. Fripp, 52, Aug. 30, research assistant professor, VSU.

Michael M. Fripp, 59, Aug. 30, research assistant professor, VSU.

Kim R. Fripp, 52, Aug. 30, research assistant professor, VSU.

Karen A. Fripp, 52, Aug. 30, research assistant professor, VSU.

Shannon M. Fripp, 39, Aug. 30, research assistant professor, VSU.

Eugenia Fripp, 67, Aug. 30, research assistant professor, VSU.

Andriana Fripp, 35, Aug. 30, research assistant professor, VSU.

Hannah Fripp, 26, Aug. 30, research assistant professor, VSU.

Kayla Fripp, 26, Aug. 30, research assistant professor, VSU.

Julia Fripp, 26, Aug. 30, research assistant professor, VSU.

Jessica Fripp, 24, Aug. 30, research assistant professor, VSU.

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Madison Fripp, 24, Aug. 30, research assistant professor, VSU.

Catherine Fripp, 24, Aug. 30, research assistant professor, VSU.

Lara Fripp, 24, Aug. 30, research assistant professor, VSU.

Spencer A. Fripp, 30, Aug. 30, research assistant professor, VSU.

Sasha Fripp, 19, Aug. 30, research assistant professor, VSU.

Michael Fripp, 19, Aug. 30, research assistant professor, VSU.

Caitlin Fripp, 19, Aug. 30, research assistant professor, VSU.

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Sarah Fripp, 19, Aug. 30, research assistant professor, VSU.

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AHO Rugby Alumni Association Founded

Coinciding with the twentieth anniversary of the Appalachian State University Rugby Football Club, former rugby players Kent Beard ’83, Bruce Grant ’84, Bob Bemot ’81 and Jim McGaull ’74 have formed the AHO Rugby Alumni Association. The for-profit association serves as an avenue for alumni and friends of rugby players to support the highest levels of collegiate rugby. In 2001, the club won the ASU student Organization of the Year Award and obtained the services of Will Maddox as the club’s head coach. For more information, visit www.ahorugby.com/

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

AHO Rugby Alumni Association is seeking volunteers to help keep the class notes timely by reporting your news within six months after the event. To report your news, complete this form online by clicking “Information Update” at www.alumn.AppState.edu.

Would you like information on alumni programs, offers, and services?

Yes, please provide the boxes for which you would like more information.

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Weekend Excursion Becomes Full-Time Career

These musicians love their career.

“This is the best way to make a living” says political science major Danny Donovan ’06, bass player for the rock band Weekend Excursion. “Our jobs vary every day, so we’re never bored. It’s what we do to make our career.”

Weekend Excursion was an energetic, up-and-coming band with songs appearing on the hit television show MTV’s Real World and Dawson’s Creek. They have opened concerts for Matchstick Men, Ed Harcourt and Sister Hazel.

The band includes two other Appalachian State University alumnus—Chris Groh ’99 and drummer Cole Davis. Groh was a former student Jeff Foxworth on guitar and vocalist Sam Fisher. The band played together while in school, managing and creating three CD releases. Now the band tours and plays from Florida to Pennsylvania, playing up to twenty dates a month.

“We spent weekends in school playing around Boone and developing our talent,” explains Groh. “This is a great way of life. We do what we want, to make our career.”

Weekend Excursion performed the first concert ever held in the Homes Center. The August 2001 show was part of the university’s Homecoming weekend and a welcome-back event for students.

“We were so excited being the first band to play there,” Edwards said.

The band is grateful to Dickie Donovan for promoting the band. Donovan says he definitely uses his political science career. “I certainly do every morning as I read the newspaper.”

—Lindsey Coutant
Top 10 Easy Ways to Stay Connected to Appalachian!

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2. SUPPORT Appalachian's mission through your votes and actions.
3. GIVE financially to Appalachian every year.
4. MENTOR Appalachian seniors in their chosen field of study.
5. HELP student interns and Appalachian alumni.
6. VOLUNTEER assistance with events and programs.
7. RECRUIT students for Appalachian.
8. PARTICIPATE in alumni and university events.
9. TALK about your Appalachian pride.
10. VISIT campus often.