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Students design a biodiesel production facility that uses renewable energy and recycles its own waste
As the 1960s R&B song goes, “I feel good!”

Our university wrapped up a great summer celebrating the 22nd Appalachian Summer Festival and the 24th Rosen Outdoor Sculpture Competition and Exhibition. Now, we open the 2006-07 school year with our most academically gifted freshman class in the school’s history – plus, new funding from the N.C. General Assembly to further enhance the educational experience at Appalachian State University and a national championship football team that’s preparing to “Go for 2.”

It is great to be a Mountaineer. Let me tell you why:

A record number of young people applied for admission this year, too – a 7 percent increase over last year. Obviously, more and more people desire an Appalachian education, and we will deliver on our promise to provide the best educational opportunities possible.

The N.C. General Assembly strongly supported higher education in its new state budget. Legislators funded Appalachian’s enrollment growth, provided funding for substantial staff and faculty salary increases, earmarked repair and renovation money, approved funds to help us further develop our health care initiative, and awarded $1.8 million for planning and design of a new college of education building.

With a new college of education building, our university has the opportunity to be the visionary leader in addressing North Carolina’s needs for teacher preparation, not just now but for the future. Our commitment is to improve even better.

Our newest students – approximately 2,675 freshmen – have an average SAT score of 1130, which is a 29 point increase over 2001 and a 55 point increase over 1998. Their current grade point average is 3.7, with 29 percent having a 4.0 or higher GPA. This represents the largest, the most competitive and the most diverse applicant pool in the history of Appalachian.

Thank you for your support of Appalachian, and I look forward to what we can further accomplish together.

Sincerely,

Kenneth E. Peacock
Chancellor

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Learning Together

Biology professor Mark Venable and student Heather Martin study the toxicity of organic compounds that might be used in fuel cells as part of a three-year, $60,000 grant from the Merck Institute for Science Education and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. The grant is designed to encourage collaborative research between chemists and biologists. Venable and Martin teamed up with chemistry professor Nicole Bennett and student Glenn Harris to study the organic compounds. A total of four interdisciplinary teams at Appalachian looked at various scientific topics.

On the cover:...
Mountaineers win two Southern Conference cups
Appalachian won the Southern Conference’s 2006 Commissioners’ and Gymnastics Cups, presented annually to the league’s top all-around men’s and women’s sports programs.

Appalachian is the only school in SoCon history to win both cups in the same year, a feat it has now accomplished six times. The University last won both awards in 1991-92. Also among the SoCon’s highest honors, Richie Williams ’95 won the prestigious Bob Waters Male Athlete of the Year Award.

Planning begins for new College of Education building
Appalachian received $1.8 million from the N.C. General Assembly in July to plan the design and construction of a new Reich College of Education building.

Securing funding for a new education building has been a priority of Chancellor Kenneth E. Peacock since he was named chancellor in 2004. The Reich College of Education is currently housed in Edwin Duncan Hall, built in 1965. Duncan cannot accommodate additional faculty and staff offices needed for expanding programs, nor does it contain sufficient space for the college’s clinical training, according to Dean Charles R. Duke.

The college’s counseling program, for example, has been cited by its accrediting agency for inadequate clinical space, according to Duke. “We’d also like to see a building that is more open to our public school partners for after-school programs and grant programs, and that is more student friendly, with places for students to collaborate with each other or with faculty in group study,” Duke said.

Grants awarded to strengthen faculty’s work
The State University Foundation has awarded $50,000 to 16 professors and instructors to support their professional development. The Foundation Fellows Program, a new initiative, offered awards ranging from $500 to almost $5,000. Part-time instructors to tenured faculty will use them to enhance their teaching, scholarship or creative activity.

Jerry Hutchens, Appalachian’s interim vice chancellor for university advancement, said members of the foundation board “want to do everything possible to make our faculty as strong as possible.”

Created in 1970, the Appalachian State University Foundation is a support organization of the university that receives and invests private funds to help further the institution’s academic mission.

Wallace, others named to administrative posts
Cindy Wallace, a 20-year employee of Appalachian, has been named vice chancellor for student development following a national search. “Her understanding of and commitment to our university, coupled with the respect she has earned in our community, will enable her to provide exemplary leadership that will benefit the students, faculty and staff,” Chancellor Kenneth E. Peacock said.

Wallace came to Appalachian in 1984 as coordinator of the university’s special services program. She also directed the Learning Assistance Program for five years. She was named interim vice chancellor for enrollment services in July 2002, and associate vice chancellor for enrollment services in July 2003. Wallace had served as interim vice chancellor for student development since July 2004.

Gregory M. Lovins has been named interim vice chancellor for business affairs, replacing Jane Helm who is retiring after 12 years of service to Appalachian. Lovins previously had been associate vice chancellor for administration.

David P. Haney has been named associate vice chancellor for academic affairs. He was previously chair of the Department of English. Jesse L. Lutabingwa has been named associate vice chancellor for international programs. He comes from Florida A&M University where he was assistant vice president for international programs.

New centers will enhance community outreach
Appalachian’s Board of Trustees has approved the establishment of four new, self-sustaining centers on campus.

In the College of Fine and Applied Arts, the board approved the Thomas W. Reese Graphic Arts and Imaging Technology Center to expand opportunities for professionals in the region.

In the Walker College of Business, the Center for Entrepreneurship will merge with the department of marketing and promotion to form the Appalachian Center for Entrepreneurship.

In the College of Fine and Applied Arts, the board approved the Appalachian Center for Judaic, Holocaust and Peace Studies, which has operated as an office for several years within the College of Arts and Sciences.

In the College of Humanities and Sciences, the board approved the Appalachian Center for Research in Emerging Technologies.

“Alternative Spring Break will go down as one of the best experiences... I learned so many lessons in grace, compassion, giving and teamwork.”
– Allison Case, in The Appalachian newspaper, on helping with hurricane disaster relief in Galveston, Miss. She was one of 100 students, faculty and staff who went on the university-sponsored trip.

“Everyone will run into problems, but you need to keep your eye on the solution.”
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Peace Corps partnership
signed
Appalachian has become a partner in the Peace Corps’ Master’s International program, a domestic program that enables individuals to pursue graduate degrees while serving in the Peace Corps. As a partner, Appalachian will offer degree programs in elementary, mathematics and English education.

Students in the Master’s International program will spend a year on campus before going overseas for their 27-month Peace Corps service. After completing their service, students finish their graduate coursework or begin their careers.

The Peace Corps has established Master’s International partnerships with more than 45 universities nationwide. During the Peace Corps’ 45-year history, 167 Appalachian alumni have served in the field. As of June, there were 15 alumni currently serving.

Faculty Kudos
Doris Raczni (psychology) received an award for Excellence in Teaching from the UNC Board of Governors.

Maj. David Holdie and Master Sgt. Trevor Hittson (military science and leadership) received the Mentorship Service Medal from the U.S. Army for service performed as Appalachian ROTC Cadre.

John Craft (technology) received an award from the International Graphic Arts Education Association for serving as first vice president during 2005-06.

Steven J. Regenau (geology) received a Fulbright Scholar grant to conduct research in Croatia at the Rudjer Boskovic Institute.

Jerassie Taylor (technology) was one of six in the nation recognized as a 21st Century Leader Associate by the Council on Technology Teacher Education.

Ken Jenkies (leadership and educational studies) received a N.C. Professor of Educational Leadership Award from the North Carolina Association of School Administrators for his work as director of the UNC General Administration’s Principals’ Executive Program and for his service to the profession.

Ozada Ochotorena and Sandie Graff (philosophy and religion) have been named executive director and deputy director, respectively, of the Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion.

Ed Rosenberg (sociology and social work) received the Gordon Stinchcomb Academic Geonomist Award from the Southern Geonomist Society for his scholarship, teaching excellence and service to the profession.

Appalachian receives $6.8 million to help more students in Western North Carolina finish high school and succeed in college

By Linda Coutant ’01 MA

Editor
Growing up, Lauren Roland of West Jefferson didn’t think much about life after high school. Neither of her parents attended college, so post-secondary education was rarely discussed.

But starting in the 8th grade, she participated in a program called GEAR UP that encouraged her and her classmates to think about their futures, what careers they dreamed about, what they hoped to accomplish in life, and how to make it happen.

The program was offered in Ashe County by Appalachian State University.

“Having someone push us along was a big help,” said Roland, age 19. The Ashe High School Graduate was accepted at two out-of-state schools and enrolled at N.C. State University last fall. “They got us to do things we wouldn’t have thought of, like developing leadership skills and learning how to get scholarships.”

Based on its success with Ashe County students like Roland, Appalachian received a second grant for GEAR UP, a national initiative to accelerate student’s academic achievement so that increasing numbers will graduate from high school and enroll and succeed in college.

The statewide, $6.8 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education allowed the Appalachian GEAR UP Partnership to begin work this year with nearly 3,500 students in Alleghany County, Burke County, Avery County, and Hickory school systems.

The grant requires matching cash or in-kind contributions from Appalachian and community partners, so the value of the project totals nearly $14 million.

Through its GEAR UP partnership, Appalachian provides professional development for teachers and administrators, including graduate coursework and classroom resources; support for innovative school reform; family and parent programming, including how to secure financial aid; and after-school and summer programming for students.

Specific activities for students include tutoring and mentoring; SAT preparation, college visits, field trips and cultural activities, and scholarship application assistance.

GEAR UP also benefits Appalachian students who volunteer as mentors and tutors – many of them teacher preparation majors within the Reich College of Education.

Among the Appalachian GEAR UP Partnership’s successes, greater than 95 percent of Ashe County Middle School students scored at or above grade level in reading and math in 2004 and 2005, compared to 71 percent in 1998, the year before GEAR UP started. This earned Ashe County Middle School an “Honor School of Excellence” designation.

As GEAR UP students matriculated through high school, their SAT scores increased as well. When the first cohort of GEAR UP students took the SAT last school year, the average score jumped 55 points to 1041, up from 986 the previous year.

“There are activities associated with GEAR UP that clearly are working. The intent of GEAR UP is to go in, facilitate systemic change and have professional development and programs in place so that GEAR UP can be sustainable,” said Chuck Bowling, director of College Awareness Programs at Appalachian.

Expanding to new school districts is needed, Bowling said, because the freshman-to-senior retention rate for high schoolers in the service region about 60 percent – 10 percent below the national average.

Bowling noted that the economic distress in these areas is as well, with Alleghany and Avery counties having poverty rates above the state average.

Because about a third of adults in these areas don’t have a high school diploma and only 13.9 percent hold a bachelor’s degree, students likely won’t get much support for education from home.

“We will seek to help students stay in high school and finish their degree so they can move forward for the next step, and help them find education past high school,” Bowling said.

Roland, who received $6,000 in scholarships from local agencies toward her education, said she appreciates what she learned through GEAR UP.

“Really focus on what they have to say,” she advises the next wave of GEAR UP participants. “Take it to heart and apply it to your life – it will really help.”

A PERSONAL BEST: GEAR UP students practice teamwork and risk taking in Appalachian’s new student recreation center.

For international education and development.

Holly P. Hirst has been named as- sociate dean for graduate studies in the George D. Williams Graduate School. She had served as interim associate dean since August 2005. A professor of mathematical sciences, Hirst joined the Appalachian faculty in 1990.

Biology professor Dr. A. Henson has been named an associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. She served as assistant chair of the Department of Biology since 2000 and has taught at Ap- palachian since 1987.

Jeanne Dubino has been named chair of the Department of English. A Virginia Woolf scholar, Dubino most recently headed the English department at Southeastern Louisiana University.

Glennda Treadaway, professor of com- munication, has been named chair of the Department of Communication after serving as interim chair since June 2005.
By Jodi (Wright) Hartley

Students’ “fierce passion for sustainability” has made Appalachian State University a national leader in sustainable biodiesel production.

An interdisciplinary team of students was among six teams to win a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency P3 (People, Prosperity, and the Planet) Award, given to champions of a national student design competition who employ sustainable solutions to address challenges that advance economic growth and reduce environmental impacts.

“I feel that our team’s hard work, talent and expertise, coupled with a fierce passion for sustainability and contagious enthusiasm, won the competition,” said graduate student Jeremy Ferrell, who with others built a facility on campus to promote and demonstrate community-scale biodiesel processing.

The students showcased their project, “Closing the Biodiesel Loop,” by driving the Washington, D.C., competition in a 1971 Mercedes van fueled by biodiesel fuel made from used cooking oil donated by restaurants.

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Movers and Shakers

Linda Combs ‘68 ’78
Controller, Office of Management and Budget

Linda Combs is in charge of your money. Sworn in as controller of the Office of Management and Budget in July 2005, she serves to ensure taxpayer funds are handled under efficient federal financial policy. She’s held five different presidential-appointed, Senate-confirmed positions under three different presidents, briefing the president of the United States on the state of financial affairs in an array of federal agencies, and has her finger on policies that keep budgets balanced and new initiatives of efficiency rolling. She is, as they say, a player.

Yet she still remembers a speech class she took at Appalachian, learning to address a crowd, working on the pronunciation of “Boiling Springs,” not “Boiling Sprangs.”

Combs has always been interested in business and finance. She was president of her high school’s Future Business Leaders of America chapter, and worked summers keeping the books at an insurance company. Later, she took on the budget as assistant principal of an elementary school.

Her move to Washington, D.C., made when the White House called and asked her to serve in the U.S. Department of Education, came because she had the perfect combination of skills: experience as an elected member of the Forsyth County School Board, business experience at Wachovia managing student loans, and 11 years teaching and administering in the public schools.

Now, having mastered that and so much more, her speeches take place in the presidential conference room at the White House, before President George W. Bush. “Who would have thought I would be briefing the president?” she asks, recalling a session just months ago when she gave a synopsis of the financial state of the nation’s federal agencies to the president, who praised her for a job well done.

Her first big speech was at Appalachian. She was just 15 years old, and had won an essay contest; the prize was to read the essay to the board of trustees for the electric cooperative sponsoring the contest. The audience, some 6,000 people packed into Appalachian’s gymnasium, gave her a standing ovation.

A few years later, as an Appalachian student, Combs earned a bachelor’s degree and later returned for her master’s in elementary education. She remembers Appalachian more as a family than an institution. The school nurtures, “a culture of sticking together, a culture of closeness, of love of learning, and of accountability,” she says. “Having that knowledge of what relationships mean in life as well as in our work, is something I continue to use each and every day.”

In fact, it came up during confirmation hearings, when the ranking minority member of her confirmation committee, Sen. Tom Carper of Delaware, realized his father-in-law had been her math teacher at Appalachian. Combs remembers the teacher, Starr Stacy, as tirelessly eager to ensure everyone understood the lessons. The result: one student, Linda Combs, who would go on to set policy for the nation’s most prestigious agencies.

Karen A. Johnson ’84
Senior Vice President, Valente & Associates

Karen Johnson landed her first job in Washington, D.C., in 1985 purely because of her looks. She was hired as a receptionist for U.S. Rep. Duncan Hunter (R-CA) “because I look like I am from San Diego.”

Since then, she has put her brains and her political savvy to work in a variety of significant roles, including a stint as assistant secretary of legislation and congressional affairs in the U.S. Department of Education, chief of staff for the co-chairman of the Republican National Committee, and director of political affairs for the National Federation of Republican Women. Johnson also ran former U.S. Rep. John Kasich’s (R-Ohio) 2000 campaign for president of the United States.

Now a senior vice president with the government affairs firm Valente & Associates, Johnson says she never tires of the city’s history and beauty. “It’s an inspiring place both physically and intellectually,” she said. “I often tell people ‘If you want to make movies, go to Los Angeles; if you want to make money, move to New York; if you want to make a difference, come to Washington.’”

Johnson attributes many experiences at Appalachian with helping her prepare for a career in communications and politics in the nation’s capital. She was a communication major and spent time producing her own radio program.

Philip Neisser ’69 MA senior quality systems auditor, United States Mint

As a third-generation Neisser to work at the United States Mint, Philip Neisser loves the idea of working at a government entity that can give money back to help pay down the national debt. “I know that’s important because of my background in economics,” he said. “Because we are a manufacturing entity, we can have what you would call a ‘profit,’ which is unusual in government.”

With a master’s degree in economics and business from Appalachian, Neisser has spent 10 years at the Mint in a variety of management, training and quality control roles. One of his ancestors was the first director of the Mint and his father was a metallurgist there for 37 years, retiring before Neisser was hired in 1996.

“I love the challenge, it’s very exciting to work here,” he said. “This is very different from private industry because decisions often are made for political reasons. That keeps you on your toes.”

Neisser remembers the lessons he learned at Appalachian under the tutelage of Dr. Orus Sutton, who chaired the Department of Business Education in the College of Business. “The most important one I learned is that you should treat others as you would want to be treated, he said.” But there are many, many more things I learned at Appalachian that I use every day.”

UP-AND-COMING LEADERS

April Kappler ’05 Partnership for Public Service

When April (Stewart) Kappler began interviewing for jobs in Washington, D.C., after graduation, she was impressed with potential employers’ respect for Appalachian. “Eight out of 10 people I interviewed with had heard of Appalachian and what a great school it is. I've never heard anything but positive comments,” she said. “It’s great to work with Jay Leagers who say they think Appalachian would have been a great school to go to, because it definitely was.”

Kappler works for the Partnership for Public Service, an organization that reaches out to colleges, universities and businesses to encourage people to seek employment with the U.S. government, which expects to lose 40 percent of its workforce to retirement within the next few years. She supports senior-level staff in gift processing and office management.

“I absolutely love it,” Kappler said of life in Washington. “There’s a lot of energy in this city, and when I first got here I was overwhelmed with all the places where I could work.”

Kappler double majored in comparative politics and Chinese studies at Appalachian. She plans to go on to law school or graduate school and someday work in international development.

Dorothy Timbs ’00 Attorney, U.S. Office of Special Counsel

Attorney Dorothy Timbs ’00 helps ensure that federal employees don’t engage in improper political activity. She is a special assistant with the U.S. Office of Special Counsel, an independent investigative and prosecutorial agency within the federal government.

Timbs enforces the Hatch Act, a statute that requires certain federal employees to remain politically nonpartisan in their jobs. For example, they can’t run for partisan elected office or work on a partisan political campaign while continuing to hold their federal position. She also helps protect whistleblowers from improper retribution.

“The agency keeps things fair. We’re the watchdog,” she said.

After finishing law school at Regents University, Timbs moved to Washington and worked in lobbying, legislative drafting and media relations for National Right to Life. In May, she transitioned to the Office of Special Counsel seeking a different type of legal experience.

The nation’s capital is an “intellectually stimulating” locale, she said: “My time in D.C. has been really formative, both personally and professionally. The opportunities always present themselves to meet interesting people and talk about law.”

A psychology major who minored in criminal justice, Timbs credits her experience in Appalachian’s Student Government Association with preparing her for law school and her career.

“It was good to take a leadership role,” said the former SGA director of student affairs. “I learned the rules of debate and how to work with the administration.”

UNC SEMESTER IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

A new UNC System internship program called Semester in Washington, D.C., gives upper-level students the opportunity to work and study in Washington-based organizations such as the U.S. Congress and executive branch, as well as “think tanks” and special interest groups. The program, started in 2005, is run by an Appalachian graduate.

“We saw it as a great opportunity for students to get experience they couldn’t get on campus – to see how agencies really work. Students say it’s an opportunity of a lifetime,” said Kemal Atkins ’92 ’96, director for academic and student affairs in UNC’s General Administration in Chapel Hill.

In addition to their 32-hour work week, students participate in a three-hour seminar taught by faculty in residence from within the UNC System and take at least three hours of independent study related to their major through their home institution.

Three interns from each institution are selected for the program each spring, summer and fall. Appalachian senior Chris Eklund called his internship last spring at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum a “researcher’s dream.”

A double major in history and English, Eklund helped the museum update its “Air Transportation” exhibit by seeking archival photographs and memorabilia from the Library of Congress and various history experts. He also wrote the training manual and procedures for museum volunteers.

Kemal Atkins ’92 ’96, director for academic and student affairs in UNC’s General Administration in Chapel Hill, said he will continue to hold this position.

“Uncasville is a small town, but it has a lot to offer. I’ve enjoyed teaching and running this program,” said Atkins. “I love working with students and helping them achieve their goals.”

A psychology major who minored in criminal justice, Atkins credits her experience in Appalachian’s Student Government Association with preparing her for law school and her career.

“It was good to take a leadership role,” said the former SGA director of student affairs. “I learned the rules of debate and how to work with the administration.”

THE APPALACHIAN HOUSE

A CITY LIFE: In April, the university hosted an open house at its new Appalachian House residential facility in Washington, D.C. The renovated redbrick Victorian has 6,000 square feet of rooms and meeting space. It is located on North Carolina Avenue, just six blocks from the U.S. Capitol, National Mall, museums and other sites. Appalachian has operated a residential facility in the heart of the nation’s capital for visiting students and faculty since 1977.
Learning from Mistakes

“Students who have made a mistake often are in a good place to learn from their behavior by being accountable for their actions and accepting consequences.”

– Judy Haas, director of student conduct

By Lynn Drury

It’s 1 a.m. Sunday and a residence advisor in Lovill Residence Hall has received a complaint about excessive noise coming from one of the rooms. He goes to the room’s door and listens for a moment. The television is blaring, loud voices are talking about the game the day before and shouts of laughter burst forth. He knocks on the door and a student opens it. Looking inside, the RA sees beer cans on the floor and a half-eaten pizza. He asks to speak to the resident of the room.

“Cameron” comes to the door and is instructed by the RA to collect the university identification cards from each person in the room and then come downstairs to the RA office. There, the RA records the names as well as his observations about the alcohol. This documentation is forwarded to the Office of Student Conduct and starts a process that Director Judy Haas hopes will result in a learning opportunity for all the students involved.

Helping students learn from mistakes and providing a fair process for resolving alleged violations of Appalachian State University’s standards of academic integrity and student conduct is the role of the Office of Student Conduct, previously known as the Office of Student Judicial Affairs. It employs three full-time staff members who counsel and guide students through the process when they have been found in a situation that involves underage drinking, drug use or academic code violations.

“Students come to the university already knowing about alcohol and drugs either firsthand, or through others,” Haas said. “I want to have a conversation with them about how to deal with those situations and how to make good choices.”

All of the students involved in the above scenario would receive a letter from Student Conduct asking them to make appointments with one of the counselors in the office to discuss the allegations. During that conversation, the student would be given two options: First, to take responsibility for the allegations. During that conversation, the student would be given two options: First, to take responsibility for the allegations. If Cameron chooses to take responsibility, he would be given a series of sanctions deemed appropriate by the counselor that can include mandatory attendance at an alcohol awareness seminar, probation and possibly community service. If drugs are believed to be involved, the RA would call University Police and officers would go to the scene and submit documentation to the Office of Student Conduct. In both cases, the documentation becomes part of the student’s educational record.

If Cameron denies responsibility for the alleged alcohol violation, the office would explore the allegations further through interviews with others who might have knowledge of the situation. This information would be brought before a 15-member Student Conduct Board that listens to the evidence and determines whether his fellow student is guilty of violating Appalachian’s Code of Student Conduct.

If found culpable, Cameron would receive a series of sanctions deemed appropriate by the board. For example, a student recently was given 20 hours of community service, asked to attend an alcohol awareness seminar, and required to write a letter of apology to an RA. She also was required to write a letter to the Office of Student Conduct describing what she learned about herself during the seminar.

If the situation involves drugs, state law dictates the minimum outcomes, which include a probation period that prevents the student from serving in a campus leadership position or playing on a university sports team; attendance at a substance awareness program that includes a one-on-one follow-up; 25 hours of community service; written notification to a parent or guardian; and random drug testing for a full semester. If the student tests positive for drugs during that time, he or she is sent home on suspension.

“I am an educator,” Haas said, “and my goal is to educate. So many students have never had to experience consequences for their behavior, so it is critical that this office be part of the educational mission of the entire university.”

Haas has worked at Appalachian for 16 years, first in Housing and Residence Life and the last five years in the Office of Student Conduct. She has an undergraduate degree in accounting, and an MA in student development with an emphasis on counseling from Appalachian.

Every student has his or her own story, if you are willing to listen,” she said. “The one-on-one meetings with students are what is most rewarding to me, when I connect and when the student lets down his or her guard and tells me what is really going on. There is always a reason why they use alcohol or...
The Power of Biodiesel

Director Judy Haas and junior Beth Casey counsel a student.

When Haas is able to identify underlying issues that cause alcohol and drug use, she connects the student with campus resources that can help.

“I may refer them to the Counseling and Psychological Services Center, Academic Advising or the Learning Assistance Program if academics are the issue,” she said. “Sometimes I reach out to my campus network to find them a mentor or role model. I go through my mental Rolodex searching for people, programs or resources that I think could help.

Learn more at www.studentconduct.appstate.edu.

The UNC System discusses Clery Report

Statistics of reported crime by students or community members, both on and off campus, are compiled annually in the federally mandated Clery Report.

Originally known as the Campus Security Act, it requires colleges and universities across the United States to disclose information about alcohol and drug offenses, larceny, aggravated assault, manslaughter, murder, rape, sex offenses, burglary, motor vehicle theft, and arson.

The UNC System is examining guidelines for reporting on each of the 16 campuses as there is wide variation from campus to campus on how and what statistics are compiled and published. This makes it difficult for meaningful information to be derived from the Clery Report numbers.

“Consistency in method and process is critical to all of us who are trying to give useful and meaningful information to parents,” said Cindy Wallace, vice chancellor for student development. “Certainly the safety of our campus always has been of critical importance to us. We know through recurring surveys that the vast majority of students, faculty and staff feel safe or very safe both on our campus and in Boone.

“Appalachian, in collaboration with local authorities, continuously reviews its educational outreach programs, counseling programs, and the security and policing methods on campus to determine if any improvements can be made,” Wallace said. “This is an area we take extremely seriously.”

Learning from Mistakes

Buzz over biodiesel” on campus, Ramsdell said. They were instrumental in helping Appalachian switch university diesel vehicles to run on 20 percent biodiesel fuel. The mass transportation system in Boone uses the same fueling tank as the university, so those vehicles will use biodiesel as well.

“The project provides an important community partnership,” said Ramsdell. “The waste vegetable oil is gathered from area restaurants, local farmers can grow oil crops and use the biodiesel in tractors and farm equipment, and area non-profit organizations can use the fuel to supplement home heating oil for local low-income families.”

Several companies contributed to the project’s success, including U.S. Buildings, Appalachian Regional Initiative for Sustainable Energy, New Leaf Energy, PumpBiz, Base Essentials National Market, Lovers Foods, Harris Teeter, NC Polyurethane and Utah Biodiesel Supply.

An awards ceremony at the National Academy of the Sciences concluded the two-day National Sustainable Design Expo where the 41 student teams exhibited their projects along with numerous government, non-profit and private industry representatives showcasing commercially available sustainable products and actions they are taking to advance sustainability.


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“Friends Forever” – 10 years of international friendship

The 10th anniversary of the William R. Holland Fellows Program for Business Study in Asia was celebrated this spring on both sides of the world.

Commemorative dinners were held in Boone and in Shanghai, each attended by the current 23 Holland Fellows, trip leaders, program alumni, along with administrators, faculty and staff from each university, Chinese and American business executives and, at Fudan, a representative from the American Embassy.

In the mid-1990s, Chancellor Kenneth E. Peacock, then dean of the Walker College of Business, was encouraged by financial and business executives to find a way to develop an opportunity for business students to gain exposure to business practices in the emerging country of China.

The opportunity for a program began with a preliminary trip to China in 1995 by a delegation of Walker College and Appalachian administrators. A visit to Fudan University in Shanghai resulted in a subsequent reciprocal visit to the United States in 1996 from Xie Xide, former president of Fudan.

The signing of an agreement between the two universities began a successful, innovative educational venture that creates life-altering experiences for students from both universities. To date, 217 students (121 from Appalachian and 96 from Fudan) have participated in the highly-selective program.

An initial two-week pilot program in 1996 included 12 administrators and four Walker College students – Michelle Corn Tate ’97, Stephanie Hudson ’98, Theroye Kauflann ’96, Chip Leonard ’96 and Brad Sparks ’97 ’98. This was followed by the next summer with a carefully planned study abroad program involving nine Walker College students who were paired with nine Fudan students to work together on cases involving business in Asia.

The program increased to 12 students the following year. In 1999, 12 Chinese Holland Fellows students were also chosen to visit the Appalachian campus. This format has continued since then.

The program involves two main aspects: working with a partner via e-mail throughout the academic year on a topic involving business in Asia, then meeting in person on the next summer to study together.

The topics studied have included human resource management, the furniture industry, supply chain management, banking and, this year, “The Automobile Industry as a Key to National Economic Success.”

Six Holland Fellows alumni are currently working in China and attended the dinner at the Guang Dong Hotel in Shanghai. Preston Powell ’01 is in charge of business development for GTO Limited in Hong Kong, Toma Tsuchan 01 is the chief representative for Alpine Pro (snowboard and equipment) in Japan, City Matt Doll ’03 is the liaison between the University of North Carolina system and Fudan University. M.P. Brennan ’05 is employed at Sara Lee in Shanghai. Adam Scherer ’01 works for Ethan Allen in Guangdong, and Speight Williams ’03 is general manager for Global Resource Enterprises in Guangzhou.

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§ Appalachian’s Walker College of Business was certainly ahead of its time; — Thierry Kauflann

§ I could never believe such magic friendship could be built between people from two quite different countries until I became a Holland Fellow. — Xie Xide

§ The Holland Fellows program gave me a unique advantage in pursuing a career in international business. Since my first trip to China with Appalachian, I’ve been able to work in several Asian countries and further expand my understanding of the region’s business environment. — Brad Sparks

Rhododendron Society welcomes new members

Three new members were inducted into the Rhododendron Society in July. The award recognizes alumni with exemplary service as teachers, librarians, administrators or human service professionals.

Johnston Tommy Sparks ’76, pictured next to RCOE Dean Charles R. Duke, was a teacher for more than 50 years, having worked in Winston-Salem/Perry County Schools, North Carolina Governor’s School, and DeKalb County, Ga., school district.

Teacher and soccer coach Billy Wiley ’72, not pictured, has taught at the elementary, middle and high school level in Georgia. As assistant coach, he led The Westminster Schools boys’ soccer team to a state championship in 2006.

New facility enhances off-campus programs

The Appalachian State University Center at Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute opened its doors this summer, allowing ongoing growth of off-campus programs. Housed in the new Faye A. Broyhill Building on the center’s campus, the center provides additional classroom and administrative space for part-time evening courses that Appalachian has offered in various undergraduate and graduate education programs for many years.

The center also provides much-needed space for Appalachian’s first off-campus daytime program.

The BS in elementary education – designed for more traditional-age students who may have graduated from high school, earned appropriate transfer coursework and are ready to move into a baccalaureate program – begins January 2007.

“The Caldwell County community made a conscious decision that one way to solve the teacher shortage in the region was to create opportunities for students to stay home and earn a degree,” said Tom Fisher, Appalachian’s director of extension and distance education.

They constructed a building specifically to offer daytime opportunities from Appalachian, and potentially from other institutions. Our partnership with CCC&TI will be an avenue for students to access bachelor’s degree opportunities and in some cases master’s degree opportunities without ever having to leave the community, and at less expense than the traditional on-campus college experience,” Fisher said.

The full-time program will also serve students from Morganton, Hickory, Wilkesboro and Alexander County, according to Fisher.

The first cohort in the daytime BS program has been filled. A second cohort may start in Fall 2007 or Spring 2008.

If interested, contact Bethinda Ballew-Schrag, coordinator of off-campus recruitment and admission for the full-time Caldwell program, at (828) 729-2730.

For information on all off-campus programs offered by Appalachian, visit www.exdl.appstate.edu.

Honor your favorite teacher

The Reich College of Education has established the “Heritage Society” as a way for colleagues, family and friends to honor an Appalachian graduate who played a significant role in their life and represents excellence and commitment to teaching.

Enrollment is open to any graduate who has served at least 20 years in their chosen field. Honorary or memorial gifts also can be made in the person’s name, with funds benefiting an undergraduate scholarship.

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Radio executive commits $500,000 for future radio broadcasters

Art Kellar has a long history in the radio industry. One day while listening to the Arthur Godfrey Show on the radio, two guests were asked to read a commercial.

“The first one did a good job on it, the second one was terrible,” said Kellar. “I thought ‘I can do better than that.’”

He went to broadcasting school and started his first job in 1947 at a Roanoke, VA, station. Just eight years later, he bought his first station. Eventually Kellar owned stations across the country from Philadelphia to Seattle under his company EZ Communications. Later, he bought his first station. Eventually Kellar owned stations across the country from Philadelphia to Seattle under his company EZ Communications.

Now Kellar wants to establish a farm system for new talent in the radio industry. Through The Kellar Family Foundation, he has committed $500,000 to Appalachian’s Department of Communication to create the Kellar Radio Farm System Institute.

For many years, broadcast industry members have discussed the need for an organized farm system for radio. Now, for the first time, the broadcast industry will have this innovative concept that delivers talented, enthusiastic young adults qualified to excel in radio stations and broadcasting programs throughout America.

“There is a need to bring fresh talent into the industry at every level, to contribute to make the industry even more dynamic, and there are plenty of people in the industry who want to help young people enter the industry and be successful,” said Kellar, foundation president.

“The foundation is interested in helping young people, primarily the underprivileged, and wants to give them the opportunity to develop.”

The institute is a 10-day summer program, set to start in 2007. It’s designed to attract, train, and create opportunities for talented junior and senior students majoring or minoring in communication who have a passion for the broadcast industry and ownership.

Each graduate of the program will have the opportunity to apply for $50,000 as the form of a low-interest loan to invest in radio broadcast ownership.

“I am excited that Appalachian has embraced this innovative concept and is teaming with the industry to find, train, coach, and develop fresh young talent in every area of broadcasting. I expect other leading broadcasters will want to support this innovative radio farm system as well,” stated Dan “Vallie” Hill, executive director of the institute and general manager of WASU, Appalachian’s radio station.

For more information, visit the Department of Communication website, www.asucom.appstate.edu.

Dementia care thesis receives high honor

Katie Flythe won first place in the student paper competition at the 27th annual meeting of the Southern Gerontological Society conference held in Lexington, Ky. The SGS represents 13 states.

Flythe’s thesis was titled “A gerontopian in dementia care: An assessment of environmental design in special care units.” She also gave a presentation on her research.

Flythe looked at the physical design of long-term care facilities, and the inconsistent state and federal regulations regarding design standards for dementia special care units.

In evaluating a sample of special care units, she found that “a homelike ambiance, orientation cues and exit design were among the most important design elements that contribute to stimulate and ventilate dementia care facilities.”

Flythe received her master’s degree in May. She is now a social worker at Carolina Meadows, a continuing care retirement community in Chapel Hill, where she works with residents and their families to ensure they receive the most appropriate level of care based on their abilities and needs.

“The community recently opened a special care unit for residents with dementia,” Flythe said. “The knowledge and experience I gained while doing my thesis research introduced me to the many health, housing and emotional issues facing dementia individuals, their caregivers and their families.”

Katie Flythe won second place in the Humanity ReStore ‘Restore My Space’ winner Rebecca Gasperson, third from left, with ‘Restore My Space’ Design Team members Chris Curtin, Melissa Bauers and Gale Timney.

National award presented to community counseling program

Appalachian’s community counseling program has received the International Association of Addictions and Offender Counselors Outstanding Program Award.

The award was presented at the American Counseling Association’s conference in Montreal this spring.

Appalachian prepares counselors and other helping professionals to work in a variety of human service agencies. These include mental health centers, social service agencies, employment and rehabilitation centers, and employer assistance programs. The program is housed in the Department of Human Development and Psychological Counseling.

Professor Geri Miller, who heads the addictions counseling certificate program within the community counseling degree track, said the need for addictions counselors is growing, particularly as problems associated with methamphetamine addiction rise.

“Addictions counseling crosses into so many disciplines,” Miller said. “Children from meth families are often involved in the production and live with the ramifications of their parent’s being absorbed in these drugs. It is important for public school teachers to understand the dynamics of addiction.”

Appalachian has one of six master’s level addictions programs in North Carolina. The program was nominated for the award by peers at UNC Charlotte’s Department of Counseling.

Criminal justice master’s begins this fall

A master’s degree program in criminal justice starts this fall to meet a growing need in the state and region.

“One of the fastest growing areas in criminal justice is corrections. To be a top manager, such as an assistant warden in the state or with the Federal Bureau of Prisons, you need an advanced degree,” said Ken Mullen, associate professor and program director.

The master’s degree also is required for those seeking careers with the FBI or SBI. “We are hearing from the criminal justice field, as it becomes more and more professionalized, that a master’s degree is what many of the agencies are looking for, especially at the federal level,” he said.

The master of science in criminal justice and criminology is based in the Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice.

It is the only master’s level criminal justice and criminology degree offered in the region. Future plans call for offering the degree off campus beginning in 2007.

The degree includes courses in psychology, sociology, public administration and management.

Appalachian has offered a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice since the 1970s. More than 300 students are enrolled in the undergraduate program.
Music school extends to community

Appalachian State University Community Music School (ASU-CMS) opens this fall, offering musical instruction to the community while giving university students a chance to sharpen their teaching skills.

The school provides non-credit music instruction for children and adults in the local community. It combines university expertise with area teaching artists to provide outstanding musical training.

This year, the school is providing group and individual instruction in guitar, African drumming, Suzuki and traditional violin, viola, cello and piano.

A high school choral ensemble will also be offered, as well as piano lessons.

“Our intention this year is to start small, and then expand our offerings,” said Liz Rose, a professor in Appalachian’s Mariam Cannon Hayes School of Music and director of ASU-CMS.

The school’s teachers are Appalachian students and faculty, as well as people from the community whom the school refers to as “teaching artists.” Rose said the experience will benefit Appalachian students who hope to teach music someday.

“Of our main goals in addition to providing excellent music training is to provide field experience for our music students, so they’ll be better teachers,” she said.

Other goals include developing supportive and integrative partnerships with the local public schools and social service agencies.

Reaction to the program has been positive, Rose said.

“We feel everyone is excited that the school of music will be open to the community. I think kids will feel really good about coming here and making music. I think they’ll feel empowered,” she said.

For information, contact Rose at (828) 252-6448 or rosese@appstate.edu, or visit www.music.appstate.edu.

Chamber orchestra travels to Europe

This year is the 250th anniversary of the birth of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. For the Appalachian Chamber Orchestra, the only way to really celebrate the event was to be where Mozart lived two and a half centuries ago.

“It’s one thing to read about a composer’s life, but to go into the house where they lived, and see the manuscripts they wrote, and absorb the culture, gives a deeper understanding to the music-making process,” said James Anderson, the orchestra’s conductor and director.

From May 24 through June 3, the orchestra toured Mozart’s hometown of Salzburg, and Prague where he performed numerous times. They also visited Vienna, where he died. The 32 students and four faculty members participated in workshops at the Mozarteum and the Music University of Vienna, and performed at two music festivals.

Anderson said the trip was a great way for students to grow as musicians by hearing how other groups perform and sharing the stage with students from other countries.

Students’ increasing international reputation benefits Appalachian. “These kinds of visibility pay off. Suddenly, we start attracting even more qualified students and more financial support as the school continues to grow,” Anderson said.

Gaskin gift benefits harp program

A new endowment will support harp activities in the Mariam Cannon Hayes School of Music, including the purchase of a concert grand harp for students and faculty.

“The school has never owned an instrument of this quality,” Dean William G. Harbinson said.

“There is no question in my mind that, as a result of this marvelous gift, the school and the community will be enriched by the increased presence of harp performance in solo, chamber and ensemble performances.”

The gift from Lewis J. and Patricia B. Gaskin will support scholarships for harpists, guest artist fees, the purchase of harp literature and recordings, and student travel to off-campus performances.

Gaskin is a retired anesthesiologist from Raleigh. He and his wife own Laurel Springs Christmas Tree Farm in Alleghany County.

Lewis Gaskin with music students Kristin Babb, left, and Amy R. Sudol.

Alumni news

Remember when...
From the President’s Pen
Visit the Alumni Association website at www.alumni.appstate.edu or a function in your city or making a donation when the Appalachian buy a T-shirt when you see it off the mountain or encouraging alumni of Appalachian and when paired with our students, parents and friends must all join together to be a voice for Appalachian.

From the alumni news

- Damien Carper ’97, North Carolina High School Athletics Association, was appointed to the North Carolina State Banking Commission. He was re-elected to his second term as mayor of Concord.
- Harold Daniel Orne, MD graduated from Appalachian. He was appointed to the Center for Tourism Research and Outreach at University of Miami. Col. Donald Beaver, retired after serving for 31 years as a media specialist. She also retired after 31 years as a media specialist. She also served as the 42nd president of the Appalachian Alumni Association for Excellence in Service from Appalachian State University. He holds a degree in political science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
- Patrick Harris, Raleigh, was named vice president for excellence in service from Appalachian State University. He holds a degree in political science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
- Linda McCalister ‘91 MA and Catherine. Celebrating Women was held at Appalachian’s Turchin Center for the Visual Arts called Celebrating Women hosted a juried exhibit in the As part of Women’s History Month, Appalachian hosted a juried exhibit in the Turchin Center for the Visual Arts called Celebrating Women hosted a juried exhibit in the Turchin Center for the Visual Arts called Celebrating Women.

The Next Generation
The Appalachian Alumni Association this year awarded the Alumni Memorial Scholar- schips to qualifying incoming freshmen who are the children of alumni. Recipients include, from left, Courtney Stiles of Thamesville, daughter of Sonya Stiles ‘03, John Rayco of Lawndale, son of John Rayco ’85, and Michael Walker of Horse Shoe, son of Donald Walker ’70. Not pictured is cousin Cameron Silm of Watauga County, son of Rebecca Cameron ’77, and Laura Harris of Charlotte, daughter of Laura Harris ’87.

This includes class notes received from December 14, 2005 through June 8, 2006. Submit notes via the Alumni Association’s online community. Visit www.alumni.appstate.edu and click on Gold Book to post notes instantly and submit photos.

- Amanda (Thomas) Blank, Roanoke, son of Edward and Helen Blank, was named to the Board of Directors of the Virginia Educational Savings Association. She is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Virginia Educational Savings Association.
- Troy Moore, son of Mark and Janet Moore, was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Virginia Educational Savings Association. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Virginia Educational Savings Association.
- Kelly Carter, son of Col. Bill Harvey and Karen Carter, was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Virginia Educational Savings Association. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Virginia Educational Savings Association.
- Nancy Lassiter, daughter of Laura Harris ’87, received her master’s degree from Appalachian in 2005. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the Virginia Educational Savings Association. She is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Virginia Educational Savings Association.
- Jenny (Hollar) Kirksey, a former student of Dr. John Moore, was named to the Board of Directors of the Virginia Educational Savings Association. She is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Virginia Educational Savings Association.
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Principals in Reston, VA.

Donna (Wheeling) Sigmon, of Louisville, received a master of library science degree in 2005. Sigmon, who is employed as a branch manager for First Virginia Bank in Richmond, Virginia, received a master of library science degree from the University of South Carolina in 2005.

David Hayer ’89 ’88, Appalachian’s network systems specialist, was quoted as saying in the spring publication that he was proud of the 2005 graduates.

As a network systems specialist for the university, Hayer works in a position of responsibility that is critical to the university’s IT infrastructure.

In a multimillion-dollar upgrade, Appalachian developed the system using open-source, open application software that was wrapped around an Enterprise Secure Network infrastructure.

“We were able to register 8,000 plus students in just three days with our upgraded infrastructure, making 2005 a remarkable year,” David Hayer ’89 ’88, Appalachian’s network systems specialist, was quoted as saying in the spring publication.

Additionally, Appalachian’s overall infrastructure for its ability to support diverse users, continue protection and guard against security threats.

Writing in the fall 2005 issue of Appalachian Today, Hayer explained that his position, which was created in 2002, is an important role in the university’s network infrastructure.

Fugate was promoted to senior vice president – marketing and store support at Lowe’s. David B. Lowe, president and CEO of Lowe’s, announced the birth of their daughter, Delores Y. Fugate, Feb. 20, 2005.

Bob McMillan, Cumberland, was named to the board of directors for Hand Held Products, Inc., in 2005.

Kevin Mahaffey, and Linda Mahaffey, clown car drivers, were married in 2005.

Karen Mahaffey Watson, the author of a master of science degree in education from Central State University, was appointed to Mitchell County School Board as superintendent.

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Appalachian University Alumni Association presented three awards recently in April to, from left, Jason S. Triplet '04 of Boone, market president and vice president of Watauga Bank’s Watauga County branch, Young Alumni Award; Bronze Beaver mango tree was pruned for head varsity girls’ soccer coach at RJ Reynolds High School in Winston-Salem; Philip Elmore and Darla Elmore, Charlotte, announce the birth of their daughter, Blaire Joy Elmore, Feb. 16, 2005. Rachel (Guilford) Sneed and Clay Smoak, North Quincy, PA, announce the birth of their son, Ethan James, Oct. 1, 2005. Rachel counseled the couple’s “Our Buds, Oursewls, Ourelves,” published by the Boston Women’s Health Book Collective.


Charles Underwood, Statesville, has opened the Lake Office of University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Scott Moore, Asheville, has been promoted to vice president, global sales account manager at Solectron in Huntsville, AL.

Ken Smith, chair of the Department of Business Administration, says the college is experiencing the biggest growth in its 80-year history. It just purchased a neighboring downtown building to expand its education programs, and is preparing to build a 75,000-seat theatre for cutting-edge plays to complement the family-friendly, commercial shows on its main stage.

"My goal is to make this the best theatre I possibly can," Matthews said. "I take Mark Twain's advice: Find a career you truly enjoy and you’ll never work a day in your life."
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4. Erin (Hibbitt) Hardison and Robert Hardison announce the birth of their son, Robert Harold, Feb. 27, 2005, and thankful to the staff at ABB Hospital.
5. Daisha T. Lockett, Winston-Salem, received her certification as a clinical social worker.
6. Christopher Cunningham and Amy Pop-}

city, were married May 19.
60. Brian Monte, Hickory, was hired by the N.C. Department of Transportation.
61. Hugh Feinberg '96, a state trooper. In 2001, he testified in a federal court that the state’s “Move Over” law was unconstitutional. The stay-at-home mom and substitute teacher in Waynesville, the widow of their son, Andrew James, Feb. 2.}
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14. Alejandro (Aled) Torres-Cruz and тека (Torres-Cruz), New York, announce the birth of their son, Julian Torres-Cruz, March 25.
15. Jennifer (Taylor) Reid was named assistant professor at Western Carolina University. She announced the birth of her daughter, Marcella Delora, Mar. 22.
16. Adam S. Blank and Ashley Blank announce the birth of their daughter, Annabelle Grace, Mar. 22.
20. Jamie (Pope) Blevins and Brandon Blevins announce the birth of their daughter, Hope M. Blevins, Mar. 29.
22. Brianne Parker, Boone, accepted a position at Caldwell Community College as accounting instructor.
23. Richelle Myers, Hickory, was promoted to chief curator of collections at the North Carolina Museum of History.
24. Shiona Christensen, Asheville, and Jeremy Strater, High Point, were married Apr. 1. 25. Peter and Melissa (Peters) Shuford announce the birth of their son, James Shuford, Apr. 1.
26. Adam and Ashley (Brock) Ramser announce the birth of their son, Evan Ramser, Apr. 9.
27. Logan and Jessica (Henderson) Johnson announce the birth of their son, Harrison Johnson, Apr. 10. 28. Laura Sprinkle and Brian Sprinkle announce the birth of their daughter, Mary Sprinkle, Apr. 11.
30. Tony and Cindy (Fallon) Aronov announce the birth of their daughter, Ashley Aronov, Apr. 24.
31. Mattie (Brown) Cook and Brian Cook announce the birth of their daughter, Grace Elizabeth, Mar. 26. 32. Scott and Bethany (Swanson) Runyon announce the birth of their son, Denton Runyon, Apr. 28.
33. Jennifer G. (Cain) Branton and Matthew Branton announce the birth of their daughter, Grace Branton, Apr. 28.
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Winston-Salem. CPA, accepted a position with PricewaterhouseCoopers in Charlotte in the tax department.
47. Joshua C. Harrington and Jordan Harrington, received a position as a junior advisor at Merrill Lynch in Hendersonville.
48. Amy Hobson and Bruce Breuer. Games were mar-
Losses in the Appalachian Family

Nora Wilson, Zonella, Feb. 23.
William Hamilton, Margaret, April 3.
Ernest Best, Marion, March 20.
Hassettine Bagwell, Addie, April 16.
Crook, Albin B., March 15.
Catherine Briggs, Clarice, Oct. 6, 2005, Mary Valentine, Pohom, April 1.
George Powell, April 7.
J.AMES Best, Kinston, April 11.
McKinley Best, Kings Mountain, Jan. 31.
Margaret Moore, Cheraw, SC, March 27.
Jane Fox, Burlington, Feb. 4.
C.G. Wilkison, Matthews, Feb. 1.
Ruth (BAILY) SEXTON, Garner, Feb. 12.
Claudia Tharp, Simumsville, March 24.
Grever Pandy, Harris, Oct. 17, 2005.
Harriet Shore, Charlotte, May 11.
John Brondol, Boone, April 16.
Iva Parrish, Albemarle, Feb. 2.
James M. (Jim) PIERCE, Hendersonville, March 3.
Bobbie Edmiston, Hamerly, March 17.
Evelyn Pegram, Parker, March 14.
Roy Vansant, Asheville, April 16.

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Hilda Blackwell WISE, May 24.
Robert Case, Park Poin Village, Mar. 18, 2006.
Charles Martin, Slabtown, VA, July 30, 2005.
Kimberly KOCHE, March 15.
Col. Barry Gayler, Justin, TX, March 1.
Welden Nelson, Norwood, March 12.
Miriam Ruth West, Charlotte, March 3.
Boyce Newton, Granite Falls, Jan. 11.
Donald HANCECO, Ashville, April 30.
David Little, Glen Allan, May 7.
Michael Freeze, aldridge, April 23.
Richard Pender, Statesville, March 21.
Laura Hopkins, Charlotte, Feb. 23.
Kyle Gunter, Thomasteon, May 1.
Jonathan Davis Greene, Statesville, March 13.
Sarah Henderson, Asheville, April 16.
Seth Olson, Nov. 21, 2005.

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• Hinson Joyce and Kevin Powell, Asheville, were married April 22.
• Brooks Boling, Charlotte, will be starring in the American premiere of Jack-the Musical, The Ripper Pursued at the Bermuda Theatre in Charlotte.
• Corinna (Horvath) Cusby, Dale City, VA, announces the birth of her daughter, Gabriella Grace, March 26.
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Jason Hunter, Greenville, signed a free-agent contract with the Green Bay Packers in April following the National Football League Draft. The defensive end and produced two of the most memorable plays in Mountain history including the touchdown he scored after returning a fumble during the championship game.

Sarah Henderson, Kannapolis, accepted a position at Wachovia in Charlotte as a server system administrator.

Alumni and friends visit Florence, Italy in June. For more information on next year’s Russian River Cruise, contact the Appalachian Alumni Association at 866.756.2586 or visit www.alumni.appstate.edu

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