Appalachian State University's Magazine

Back-to-back football national champs

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Caring for the Environment

The university’s reputation as a green leader increases because of impassioned students and faculty
Chancellor’s Column

Where do the best and brightest go?

Increasingly, the answer to this question is Appalachian State University. Our Office of Admissions reported as of February that a record 12,000 prospective students had applied for the 2,725 slots in the 2007 freshman class, and they had an average GPA of 3.9 and SAT score of 1159. This exciting news follows a well-publicized UNC Board of Governors report showing North Carolina’s best and brightest students choose to stay in state for college and that their top picks are UNC-Chapel Hill, N.C. State University and Appalachian.

While we have known for years that Appalachian offers a top-quality education unmatched among schools in its size, it is becoming clear that Appalachian has emerged as a great university within the UNC system.

This belief is supported nationally by the recent Kiplinger Personal Finance report listing Appalachian among its 100 Best Values. Appalachian moved up to 1st in terms of in-state costs, compared to 34th in 2006, making it among the most affordable, quality schools in the United States. While none of us in higher education is pleased that the costs to attend college are increasing, the people of North Carolina can be assured that students coming to Appalachian are getting a good return on their investment.

In addition to these inspiring data at the undergraduate level, I am excited about new offerings for graduate students.

In the last two years, Appalachian has launched three new graduate degree programs—master of music therapy, master of science in criminal justice and criminology, and master of social work. We have also instituted three new graduate certificates—reading education, rhetoric and composition, and women’s studies. An off-campus graduate certificate in community and regional planning in Asheville is scheduled to begin this fall, while progress continues on implementing a professional science master’s degree on campus.

A new college of education building at Appalachian remains a top priority within the UNC system budget being presented to the General Assembly this year. This capital project is critical to Appalachian’s work in preparing the best teachers for North Carolina.

Thank you to all elected officials, alumni and friends who have worked hard to help us secure necessary resources for this and other academic programs.

In these times of limited state funds, raising private support for Appalachian is more critical than ever before. Did you know the average debt accrued by a student attending a North Carolina public university is reportedly about $16,000? This concerns me greatly. Debt can restrict young people’s options in life, which is why Appalachian is developing a new scholarship program for low-income students. You will hear me speak more about this later in the year.

Toward that end, I am pleased that the search for a new vice chancellor for university advancement—the university’s top fundraiser—has come to an end as Jerry Hutchens prepares to retire. The university appreciates his dedicated service and wishes him well.

These are exciting times at Appalachian. As you will see in this issue of Appalachian Today, we are a spirited campus with eager students, energetic faculty and an unwavering desire to become the best we can be.

With Appalachian pride,

Kenneth E. Peacock
Chancellor
Distinguished Professor of Science Education
Alumnus Philip E. Russell leaves a long career at N.C. State University to focus on undergraduate teaching, while also exciting school-age children about science.

Growing Green
With a strong reputation in the fields of energy and the environment, Appalachian shapes its institutional identity as a green leader.

2 for 2
The Mountaineers are back-to-back winners after their triumph at the NCAA Division I FCS (formerly I-AA) National Football Championship. See what’s in store for 2007 as student athletes in every sport benefit from the Athletics Facilities Enhancement Campaign.

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The public gathers for a fiery unveiling of sculptor Nina Hole’s “Two Taarn” - Danish for “Two Towers” - during an autumn dusk. Hole participated in a two-week residency in which students helped her craft the 20-foot architectural piece now permanently displayed on campus. The photograph was taken from atop Wey Hall looking north.

We did it again!
Fans celebrate the 2006 Mountaineer football team’s victory over University of Massachusetts Dec. 15 in Chattanooga at the NCAA Division I FCS National Football Championship. Sporting his son’s 2005 championship ring is Victor Smith of Shelby, father of No. 38 Monte Smith ’06.
Special Courier Cunningham (far left), Junior Andrew Dao and senior Jennifer Stephens conduct an analysis experiment in their chemistry lab. To enhance student learning, the A.R. Smith network support team to address network IT enterprise projects, including just three of implementing change. saved more than $20.7 million in the first year of majoring technology projects. Star Award from Network World for outstanding achievement. Appalachian receives an Enterprise All-Star Award.

The award recognizes the work by Appalachian’s Information Technology Services network support team to address network security challenges.

New Web site helps parents

Appalachian has redesigned its Web site for parents, easing their search for information related to their child’s college experience.

Initially devoted to activities of the Appalachian Parents Association, www.parents.appstate.edu now provides information for parents’ most asked questions—such as when to pay tuition, how to get financial aid, and where to learn about housing options.

The site is helpful whether their child is a freshman, we found that parents have a lot of questions about Appalachian too and needed a similar site,” said DeAnn of Students Service Robertson, who works as a liaison with the university and the Parents Association.

In addition to enrollment details, the user-friendly site also contains links to the academic calendar, safety information, campus events and more.

The site continues to share information related to the Parents Association, an organization that involves parents in activities and programs vital to the success of the university. All parents of enrolled undergraduates are automatically members of the Parents Association. The association funds special projects, such as peer-counseling and 21st birthday cards educating students about alcohol.

Hurricane relief garners national volunteeredism award

Appalachian has been named to the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll with Distinction for Hurricane Relief Services. The honor was given to approximately 75 colleges and universities nationwide.

In late 2005, Appalachian organized a variety of volunteer activities to assist after hurricanes Katrina and Rita, both on campus and in the Gulf Coast region. More than 400 students participated in community service projects related to hurricane relief and volunteered more than 7,500 hours. The value of the volunteer services was estimated at more than $143,000.

The university also enrolled and provided scholarships to several students displaced by Hurricane Katrina.

“We are lucky that our students care so deeply for others and that they act on those feelings,” said Cindy Wallace, vice chancellor for student development.

The President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll is co-sponsored by the Corporation for National and Community Service, the U.S. Department of Education, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, USA Freedom Corps, and the President’s Council on Service and Civic Participation.

Board officers re-elected to university foundation

Thomas W. Rose of Hickory has been re-elected to a one-year term as chairman of the Appalachian State University Foundation Board of Directors.

Statewide resident L. Dent Miller was re-elected vice chairman. Re-elected to four-year terms were Darlene Romine Galliford of Brevard, N.C., and the President’s Council on Service and Civic Participation.

Fraternity raises money for new library materials

Members of the Pi Xi Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity recognized their national organization’s 100th anniversary by enhancing the collection of African-American materials in Carol Gossens Belk Library and Information Commons.

The brothers raised nearly $3,000 to buy books, DVDs and other materials honoring the organization’s legacy of education and service.

Members of the library staff helped select the materials, which are being used to replace worn copies or augment the collection. Titles include Nicki Giovanni’s “Love Poems,” “The Black Skull” by John Edwards Bruce and John Callen Greener and the DVD “Black Wheels: The History of Blacks in NASCAR and Other Motor Sports.”

“This is a good example of the contributions students make while they are here,” said Kelly Rhodes McBride, an associate professor in the library. “This is something the entire Appalachian community will enjoy for years to come.”

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.

App among ‘100 Best Values’

Kiplinger’s Personal Finance magazine once again listed Appalachian in its ‘100 Best Values in Public Colleges.’ The February 2007 listing ranks Appalachian 31st in terms of instate costs.

“This ranking provides additional confirmation that the students, faculty and staff at Appalachian are working together in the face of the escalating costs of higher education to offer top quality academic programs at a cost that is reasonable in today’s environment,” said Chancellor Kenneth E. Peacock.

According to the magazine, the Best 100 Values offer “top notch academics at affordable prices.” The magazine considered cost, quality measures or financial aid measures for instate and out-of-state students in determining its listings.

The magazine lists the instate cost to attend Appalachian as $9,946.

NASCAR goes to college

Jimmy Spencer, television into racing analyst and former NASCAR Cup driver, visited Appalachian to film a segment for NASCAR RaceDay, a national program on Speed Channel that is seen by 900,000 viewers. RaceDay, a national program on Speed Channel and former NASCAR Cup driver, visited the university's Stock Car Racing Collection curator Suzanne Wise, and attended the university's history of stock car racing class.

Deb Williams, director of public relations for Penske Racing South, teaches the class.

The class is sponsored by the Center for Appalachian Studies and complemented by resources in the university’s Stock Car Racing Collection, one of the most comprehensive collections of stock car racing materials open to the public.

Accompanying Spencer on the NASCAR Images film crew was Rusty Baldwin ’03, an associate producer.

Learn more at www.library.appstate.edu/ stockcar/index.html.

Alumnus returns to boost science education

Appalachian alumnus Philip E. Russell ’75 has returned to campus as the Department of Physics and Astronomy’s Distinguished Professor of Science Education.

Russell had been a professor of materials science and engineering and director of the Analytical Instrumentation Facility at N.C. State University for 20 years. He gave up a large research lab staffed by five employees and about 10 undergraduate, graduate and post-doctoral students to return to Appalachian.

“There is a growing need internationally, nationally and in the state of North Carolina, Appalachian State University stands as a leader in the fields of environmental science and renewable energy. Built over the past three decades upon outstanding academic programs and research programs, the university’s future growth and its identity within the UNC system will be shaped by our success in these areas,” said Stan \[right side of page\]

Russell to study LEDs and semi-conductors at the atomic level.

Russell also will work with other professors in the department to excite school-age students about science. Russell’s enthusiasm and vigor for science education and outreach is a great assistance to us,” department chairman Anthony Calamai said. “Our department has a strong emphasis in science outreach already using astronomy as a hook for broader interest in education. We want to take programs based on his work to area schools to further spur student interest in science.”

There is a growing need internationally, nationally and in the state of North Carolina for science graduates with specialized skills, Russell said.

“Russell’s return will be a big boost for Appalachian’s strong reputation on Appalachian’s strong reputation in the fields of energy and the environment to shape its institutional identity.”

By Kate Cahow

F from its setting in the High Country of northwest North Carolina, Appalachian State University stands as a leader in the fields of environmental science and renewable energy. Built over the past three decades upon outstanding academic programs and research programs, the university’s future growth and its identity within the UNC system will be shaped by our success in these areas,” said Stan

As we work to grow and enhance the overall quality and image of the university, we need to establish a focus, an identity, in which we have strong interest and strong expertise,” said Stan
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Aschleman, provost and executive vice chancellor. “Our faculty research efforts in energy and the environment provide this focus.”

Aschleman and other Appalachian administrators believe this new focus will enable Appalachian to take a stronger, more visible stance in addressing society’s growing environmental and energy concerns, while creating a niche for itself among other higher education institutions and the funding agencies that advocate their research. To this end, they plan to launch an initiative that will identify Appalachian as the “green” campus within the UNC system, and as a national and international leader in the areas of energy and the environment.

Moving forward into this new territory has required university administrators, faculty and staff to take stock of the process that brought them to this juncture. They organized a task force to assess the potential for this initiative and address how they plan to achieve this new objective.

In looking to the future, they are finding the seeds of growth rosted in the past.

Roots of sustainability

Historically, because of its remote location, Appalachian rosted itself as a pioneering, self-reliant institution. This came with the territory. The founders of Watauga Academy in 1899 understood their school’s survival was contingent upon their ability to be self-sustaining as possible. In 1915, they brought electricity to campus and the town of Boone with their own New River Light & Power company. During the first half of the 20th century they established a farm, a dairy, an apple orchard, and raised cattle to provide food for students, faculty and staff. Consequently, Appalachian’s roots are grounded in sustainable practices, and a dependence upon the land on the environment for sustenance.

The first green program to be established at the university was the earth studies program in Watauga College, which was introduced in the mid-1970s. According to Jay Wentworth of the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies, and one of the founders of the program, earth studies provided students with the knowledge and skills to live in an environmentally responsible way. Topics such as French intensive bio-dynamic gardening, wind power, solar energy, and alternative fuels were focused on in more than 70 courses.

“We used the word eco-conscious to describe the program,” Wentworth said. “Our goal was to help students become conscious of their connection to the environment, and to develop healthy relationships with other people and the natural world.”

Earth studies was disbanded around 1985. From it grew the appropriate technology and sustainable development programs (see page 11 for more information). Trained as innovative and leading in their respective fields, each of these programs has contributed much to Appalachian’s reputation as a leader in renewable energy and sustainability issues.

Professor Neal Lineback’s work on greenhouse gas emissions brought national recognition to Appalachian as a leader in energy research. In 1995, Lineback, now retired from the Department of Geography and Planning, won significant funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to establish one of the nation’s first state greenhouse gas inventories.

Lineback’s research helped set the stage for policy-making organizations to look to Appalachian for input on projects of energy and the environment. In the mid to late 1990s, faculty in technology, biology, geology, geography, economics, and continued on page 10

Appalachian students desire a “greener” campus and ultimately a “greener” world. And, they’re making it happen.

Two years after the student body overwhelmingly approved a $10 Renewable Energy Initiative Fee to initiate alternative energies on campus, the campus initiative responsible for those funds has implemented two major projects that will reduce the university’s impact on the environment:

• the use of biodiesel fuel in university service vehicles and Boone’s 13 AppalCart busses, and
• the installation of a solar thermal water heating system in Plemmons Student Union.

In addition, the Sustainable Energy Society, formed in 1995, continues to present weekly workshops on renewable energy resources and topics such as environmentally safe house-cleaning products, electric vehicles, and solar food dehydra- tion. For three years, the student group has received a Farm City Banquet Award for its contributions to the area’s clean energy future.

The Collaborative Biodiesel Project, which won a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency award last year for the sustainable design of its production facility, continues to grow. In January, students installed a 17kW photovoltaic system that converts sunlight to electricity for powering the biodiesel-making process. The photovoltaic system will be tied to New River Light & Power’s electrical grid, making it the first source of green power available to NREI customers.

“Appalachian has definitely become a leader in the energy area,” said Matt Parks ‘06, who served on the REI Committee before graduating in December.

Parks, who was drawn from his home state of Texas to Appalachian’s sustainable development concentration in the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies, explained that more people campus-side are paying attention to where their energy comes from.

“That’s why he’s excited that Appalachian buses and university service vehicles began running on a B20 mixture of biodiesel and petroleum diesel in November. This will cut emissions by 20 percent, as mandated by the N.C. State Energy Office. ‘REI’s plan is to progress to an even higher concentration of biodiesel,” said Parks.

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A 10,000-gallon fuel tank and fuel dispensing station, purchased in part by REI funds, were installed at the university’s fueling station off State Farm Road.

Mary Baker ‘96, chair of the REI committee before graduating in December, said the use of biodiesel sets a standard that she hopes other universities and towns in the United States will follow.

“There are only about 20 of these student-led university initiatives in the nation, and we are proud to be the leaders in this area,” Baker said. “We hope to lessen the university’s dependence on nonrenewable energy and decrease our environmental impact.”

In an effort to make buildings more efficient, REI hired Elm Engineering of Charlotte, which specializes in sustainable design, to conduct an energy audit of several campus buildings. Among its findings, the audit showed that Plemmons Student Union was an ideal building to be outfitted with solar thermal heating. In the rooftop system being installed this spring, water is heated by the sun as it runs through special panels. The hot water will be used in the building’s restrooms, showers and Food Services facilities, offset- ting the building’s water heating costs by 60 percent.

A kiosk located inside the student union will dis- play real-time energy savings of the system and other REI projects.

REI is also looking at the feasibility of installing a wind turbine near the Boettchell Inn and Conference Center.

Appalachian is undertaking "somewhat of a renaiss- ance in energy issues," said Greg Lotus, interim vice chancellor for business affairs, as it implements these and other initiatives. "We are taking these actions solely as a result of state or federal laws but because they are the right things to do," Lotus said. "Appalachian is committed to being a leader in sustainable practices where they are eco- nomically achievable.”

— Linda Content ’01 MA

Students Lead Green Initiatives

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GREEN THINKERS: Dr. H. Akinson is an appropriate technology and community and regional planning major who built a solar powered bike. According to The Appalachian newspaper, he hopes to one day build a commercial-grade wind farm in western North Carolina.

Previous page, Mary Baker, a community and regional planning major who chaired the REI Committee in 2006, pumps the first biodiesel into an Appalachian service vehicle.
political science partnered with local and state agencies to work on research projects. In 2002, Appalachian established the Appalachian State University Energy Center to coordinate this type of collaborative research.

Many benefits to North Carolina

Today, Appalachian’s growing status as a progressive research institution attracts young professors and students interested in the green disciplines. Currently, 60 faculty members focus their research on issues of sustainability, energy, the environment, and economic policy. During 2005-2006, these endeavors generated close to $3 million in grant and contract activities, and the training of numerous undergraduate and graduate students.

This research benefits North Carolinians on local, regional, and statewide levels. The projects are wide ranging, and—in addition to those already mentioned—focus on issues such as ground water and air quality monitoring, pollution forecasting, climate change, invasive species management, rare species and plant conservation, the development of alternative fuels, flood prediction modeling, environmental recreation management, and economic policy development (see Explanations page 8).

One of the more visible programs statewide is the Energy Center (see page 12). In 2002, the N.C. State Energy Office contracted with the center to write the North Carolina Energy Plan. The center’s work on the plan has resulted in the construction of North Carolina’s first Zero Energy Home, and the implementation of the N.C. Fuel Cell Alliance and the N.C. Energy Star Homes program.

“Of the goals of the plan is to provide North Carolinians with energy efficient and advanced energy technologies that are less expensive, more reliable and free of harmful impacts,” said Dennis Grady, director of the Energy Center and a member of the newly created task force. “The work of the Energy Center is helping to make this a reality.”

The Department of Technology, through its appropriate technology and building science programs, and the sustainable development program (see page 11-12) each have made substantial contributions to the region and the state in renewable energy and sustainable development.

“We have a long history of contributing to a sustainable future through the development and promotion of green technology, such as wind and solar energy, alternative fuels, recycling and composting programs, and energy-efficient and green building design,” said Demina Scanlin, a professor in the Department of Technology and director of the appropriate technology program. “Part of our mission is to prepare the next generation to improve the world through this type of work.”

The sustainable development (SD) program, in addition to its academic program and its efforts to develop and disseminate sustainable development and farming practices, contributes extensively to the region through its outreach component. According to Jeff Boyer, founder of SD and professor in the Department of Anthropology, thousands of acres in the region have been put into preservation programs primarily through the efforts of Tommy Walsh, SD’s sustainable communities coordinator.

“The Elk Knob State Natural Area is a huge SD Outreach success,” said Boyer. “Thanks largely to Tommy’s efforts, over 1,100 acres that would have been developed into a multi-residential ski slope are now a state park. SD Outreach has been responsible for saving over 2,000 mountain acres from development. It’s a beautiful beginning, but there are thousands left to save.

Growing the green initiative

These and other contributions to the region and state provide fertile ground for the university’s proposed initiative: the establishment of Appalachian as a national and international leader in energy and environmental research and application.

“The critical component of this initiative is the creation of an institute that focuses on interdisciplinary research in these areas,” said Aeschleman. “Devoting resources to this effort is our best opportunity for achieving an institutional identity.”

According to Edelmira Huntley, dean of research and graduate studies, and chair of the taskforce, this interdisciplinary institute will serve multiple purposes.

“Unless our students are planning to teach in a specific discipline when they leave, they need to understand that what appear to be separate disciplines within a university setting are actually intertwined in the workplace,” said Huntley. “This is why it’s crucial for our students to have opportunities to engage in interdisciplinary work while they’re here.”

An interdisciplinary research institute will provide this and more. Though high-caliber research has been engaged in on campus for quite some time, there has been no coordinated organizational structure to facilitate interdisciplinary research.

“A cross-disciplinary institute will provide the structure for researchers in a variety of disciplines to collaborate on projects here on campus, and with other campuses as well,” said Huntley.

“The institute will also facilitate faculty members’ efforts to pursue grants from federal agencies and other major funding organizations that are moving away from focusing on single investigator or institution projects and toward collaborative projects,” she said. “In general, there are more opportunities to apply for federal or private funding if the project is part of an institutional entity.”

Ultimately, Appalachian administrators hope this institute will identify Appalachian as the “green” campus within the UNC system, and to firmly establish its reputation on a national and international scale. In looking to what this new initiative could mean to Appalachian, both Huntley and Grady agree that a lot of buzz is being generated on campus.

“For this institute to succeed, we need to focus on an existing strength of our faculty, with what they’re excited about, and what their students are excited about,” Huntley said. “What we’ve discovered through the task force is that a significant number are excited by work in and at the intersections of energy, the environment, and economics.”

“It’s exciting to think about this effort in terms of growing an institute, and creating a new model for what a university can be,” said Grady. “We’re pursuing an idea that is not just research oriented and not just undergraduate oriented. The institute will bring together people who love to teach, and who are vitally engaged in issues that confront the 21st century. It’s exciting to watch this effort unfold.”

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Outreach program is renowned in the region for working with land restoration and conservation groups, the N.C. Division of Parks and Recreation, area businesses, and various governmental and nonprofit organizations to develop and implement sustainable development and land management practices. SD also operates a 15-acre teaching and research farm, and agro-ecology laboratory in Valle Crucis. The mission of both is to experiment with and develop sustainable, organic and alternative agriculture practices, and to share the results with local growers and farmers.

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Appalachian State University Energy Center, 2002

The Energy Center is a multidisciplinary research group that partners with local, regional and state leaders to explore energy issues as they relate to building science, renewable energy, public policy, and economic development. Located in the Cratis D. Williams Graduate School, the center brings together and provides research support for students, faculty and staff from departments across the university. Energy Center projects address issues such as energy consumption—particularly as it relates to the heating and cooling of homes and buildings; the development and implementation of alternative and renewable energy and fuel sources, such as micro-hydro, wind and solar-energy systems, fuel cell technology, bio-fuel production, and landfill gas-to-energy projects; and economic development, as impacted by various energy-related projects. In this way, the Energy Center strengthens North Carolina's economy by making it more competitive. The center maintains working relationships with The N.C. Fuel Cell Alliance, the Renewable Energy for Economic Development Alliance, the A&T University Center for Energy Research Technology, and the N.C. State University Solar Center.

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Building Science

This high-tech field addresses the art of designing and building healthy and energy-efficient buildings. Guided by a faculty and staff of highly experienced engineers, architects and general contractors, students explore the complex interactions between buildings and their environments. The program places emphasis on designs that incorporate comfort and health with emerging technologies in air quality, building durability and energy efficiency. Faculty and staff members are continually involved with a variety of state-of-the-art building initiatives, including the N.C. Healthy Built Homes Program, Energy Star Homes, and the instruction of a series of industry training and certificate programs.

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Western North Carolina Renewable Energy Initiative (WNCREI), 2004

Appalachian's WNCREI is a public service program that demonstrates and assesses the potential for utilizing small-scale wind turbine technology, and educates the public about this renewable energy source. Located in the Department of Technology, WNCREI faculty and staff assess the performance of small wind technology in the region, and provide interested groups—ranging from utility companies to manufacturers, and landowners to state agencies—with information about small wind technology, wind resource assessment, potential energy production, and the economics of wind energy. It has also expanded to include solar and small hydroelectric systems. Its Small Wind Research & Demonstration Site on Beech Mountain features six small wind turbine systems suitable for residential, farm or business applications, and provides hands-on training through educational workshops and seminars. The WNCREI is funded by Appalachian's Department of Technology, the N.C. State Energy Office, the Tennessee Valley Authority, and the U.S. Department of Energy.

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Southern Appalachian Environmental Research and Education Center (SAEREC)

The mission of this new center is to seek balance between conservation of regional ecosystems and economic opportunities. The center's objectives include developing a research database that includes geological, biological, and hydrological resources in Western North Carolina; defining the ecological role and economic value of biodiversity; and establishing an understanding of interactions between different patterns and practices of development and the preservation of natural resources. Initial projects include the creation of herbarium databases for environmental management, and collaboration with the Ginn Corporation and its Laurelm resort development to monitor and manage the natural resources within its watershed. The center is a collaborative initiative between the departments of biology, chemistry, geology, and geography and planning.

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Set your mind to something, and look what happens. The Mountaineers became the first team in six years to win back-to-back NCAA Division I FCS (formerly I-AA) football championships when they defeated No. 3 University of Massachusetts in December.

With a season-long “Go for 2” mantra, fans started a winning drumbeat long before the 28-17 triumph in Chattanooga. Buoyed by the energy of the 2005 national championship, they packed the stands to cheer their team to a school-record, 14-game winning streak and Southern Conference championship. The Mountaineers played before a capacity crowd 12 times, including Chattanooga’s record-setting championship crowd of 22,808.

Chancellor Kenneth E. Peacock proved to be Appalachian’s biggest cheerleader, joining the student section during each game to rally the crowd with the 2005 championship trophy held above his head.

But Coach Jerry Moore, who received the second-straight American Football Coaches’ Association (AFCA) Division IAA Coach of the Year Award, told the Winston-Salem Journal he and the team simply focused on each game rather than looking to a second championship. The 2006 trophy became the result of that concentration.

“It wasn’t about the trophy,” Moore said of the championship. “It was about beating UMass.”

However the path, dreams were realized for all. “It was a blast,” junior Meredith Burkhart said of attending the championship game with her dad, Robert Burkhart ’80 of Lexington. “I’ll never forget the face he made when we won. It was so great.”

“My kids loved it. It was like nothing we’d been to before. We’re from the Midwest where football is big, but football is much better here,” said Debbie Groteluschen, who now lives in Hickory.

Faithful alumni held 27 viewing parties across the Carolinas plus others in Florida, Tennessee, Virginia, Washington, D.C., New York City and California. A group even gathered in Japan.

The Mountaineer team was publicly recognized for their performance in January at a basketball doubleheader and stayed afterwards to sign autographs. Among the thousands of fans getting signatures was James Ward ’06 of Boone. “I’m losing it! We can ‘Go for 3,’” he said.

If they do, Appalachian will become the first-ever program in its division to win three consecutive championships.

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For more photos, go to www.alumni.appstate.edu/championship/
MSW program starts accreditation process

Appalachian’s master of social work (MSW) program has been awarded candidacy for accreditation from the Council on Social Work Education. The candidacy is the first step MSW programs must complete toward full accreditation.

Housed in the Department of Sociology and Social Work, Appalachian’s MSW program enrolled its first students in January through a part-time program in History. A full-time program will begin on campus in August.

“The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics shows that a master’s degree in social work will be among the fastest growing professions during next 10-15 years,” Program Director Leon Ginsberg said.

“That’s a result of the growing elderly population, which will require more social services, public school interest in providing services to children, and many other growing human services fields including addictions programs,” he said.

Science majors win top honors

Undergraduate research is an important component of an Appalachian education, and two science majors have won top honors for their work.

Jessica Camp of Hendersonville, a senior geology major, won the outstanding poster prize at the Appalachian Regional Regional Microscopy Society meeting. She competed against students from N.C. State University and Florida State University, among other institutions.

Camp received $500 for her poster presentation that focused on research undertaken with Assistant Professor Andy Hooker on fossil reptile teeth. They studied the microstructure of the tooth enamel of two fossil reptiles.

Amber Orlando, a junior geology major from Hendersonville, won the best oral presentation at the Southeastern Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society (SERMACS). She received a $250 computer and software award.

Orlando’s research, conducted under the guidance of Assistant Professor Justin Camp and Dan Atwood, focused on how small amounts of electronegative iron can change catalytic activity in hydrogenation reactions.

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Appalachian students’ Entrepreneurial interests on the rise

A third of business majors and one out of six non-business majors at Appalachian State University have seriously considered starting their own business at some point in their career, according to a survey conducted by Walker College faculty. Making that goal a reality is part of the mission of the college’s newly established Center for Entrepreneurship.

The center helps provide real-world entrepreneurship experiences for students, supports research, and helps expand educational opportunities and interactions with successful entrepreneurs.

From left, 2005 Most Likely to Succeed Online winner Jon West ’06, and Joost ’06, last year’s category winner Jeff Fossel and category sponsor Brian Easter ’99, CEO of neighborhood.

2006 Faculty Awards for Excellence

Awards for Excellence were presented to, from left, Civil Chen (research) Rod Baker (undergraduate teaching), Steven Hillips (teaching) and Albert Harris (service).

Ginn speaks as Boyles Distinguished CEO Lecturer

“We start by asking ourselves what we want to be, what we want to do, what our vision is. The best thing we worry about in the place of land is that we are going to build on,” said Edward R. “Bobby” Ginn, president of The Ginn Company. Speaking at the fall 2006 Marion E. Boyles Distinguished CEO Lecture, Ginn said that his company spent hundreds of hours looking for property in North Carolina for the Laurene property. The company is constructing about 1,000 homes and about 450 condominiums on the 3,000-acre property in Watauga and Wilkes counties. The 2006 awards will feature Suzanne H. Freeman, president of Carolinas Medical Center, on March 27.

Longtime Generosity

For 14 years, Walker College of Business Advisory Council member Winfield Barlow ’49, along with his family and business, has hosted the Appalachian State Scholarship Golf Classic at Tanglewood Park in Clemmons. Tournament proceeds provide the Walker College of Business with subsidies for student and faculty travel, faculty research and professorships, and scholarships for students. Presenting a check from Barlow-Wilburtrays Food Stores during the Walker College of Business Football Game Day are, from left, Jeff Barlow, Barlow and his wife Andy ’04, Jennifer and Winfield Barlow ’49, and Steven Wilbur.

Enjoying an international meal are, from left, Teaching Fellows Rachel Denning, Sarah Huff and Mallory Sweet, Yohei Tokumori of Japan and Teaching Fellow Michael McSwain.

Project sparks friendship, new K-12 lessons

Appalachian’s N.C. Teaching Fellows and international students are sharing world culture with local K-12 schools as part of a new grant called “Connecting Globally: Explore, Learn and Share.”

In addition to participating in a freshman seminar on educational leadership in a global society, the 60 freshmen Teaching Fellows met regularly with 30 international students to socialize and share aspects of their respective cultures – such as customs, food, music and storytelling. This spring, students are developing presentations and materials to take to area schools and festivals.

Made possible by a grant from the Longview Foundation, the project helps meet Gov. Mike Easley’s call to strengthen K-12 international education so North Carolina students can thrive in the global marketplace.

“We want our Teaching Fellows to know and appreciate other cultures – and even travel during college – so they can bring the world into their classrooms once they become teachers,” said Janice Koppenhaver, assistant director of Appalachian’s Teaching Fellows program.

Amanda Klenger of Hickory plans to teach middle grades social studies after graduation. “Now I have activities to bring into my classroom, such as using music to introduce that day’s cultural discussion,” she said.

The experience also deepened friendships between the Teaching Fellows and international students, who all live together in Appalachian’s Living Learning Center.

“I enjoyed it. We met students who were Mexican, American, Danish, French, Swedish, and some from Russia and Macedonia,” said Manuela Kloeckner of Germany.

“It was a good experience because I got a broader perspective of what goes on in the world,” said Iris Carbejal of Belize. She and Klenger both said having to answer people’s questions about their native countries gave them a greater understanding of their own culture.

“Connecting Globally” was one of 25 grants funded last year by the Longview Foundation, which supports activities that influence global perspectives into all disciplines.

Nominations sought for Rhododendron Society

Nominations are sought for 2007’s Rhododendron Society Inductees, who will be honored at the Black and Gold Reunion Saturday, July 28. The award recognizes the best teachers, librarians, human service professionals or administrators to graduate from Appalachian.

Download a nomination form at www.ced.appstate.edu or contact Dolly Farrell, RCOE’s director of development, at (828) 262-2804 or farrelldm@appstate.edu. Deadline is April 25.

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Students compete in chair contest

The 2007 Chair Design Competition will be held Thursday, April 26, in the Broyhill Inn and Conference Center. Berkline Bunk & Braft LLC is a sponsor. The competition is the culmination of student work throughout the academic year. The competition evaluates students’ design concepts, construction techniques, finishing techniques and feasibility of production. The designs of the chairs must be original and unique.

The competition’s first place winners receive $1,000, second place $750 and third place $500. Last year’s competition was won by technology students Russell Gale and John Hill. Gale took first place in the Traditional category with “The Meeting Place.” Hill’s wooden piece, a stool, was selected as first in the Creative category. Judges were: Todd Campbell of Bernhardt Furniture; Denise Grohs of Miter's Touch, Inc.; and Charlie Sutton from Furniture Review.

For more information, visit www.theatre.appstate.edu.

Design emphasis continues to grow

The emphasis on design continues to grow in the Department of Interior Design.

The La-Z-Boy Incorporated Foundation recently committed $50,000 over the next three years to the interior design program that will enable the student to help match a gift from the Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation, which will help the university create the Center for Interior Design, Housing & Home Furnishings on campus. The center will assist the region by providing “one-stop shopping” for industries seeking students and faculty expertise in interior design, construction management or furniture studies.

The program also is working toward Council for Interior Design Accreditation (formerly FIDE—Foundation for Interior Design Education and Research) assessment and accreditation. In addition, an Interior Design Alumni Association has started. The association held an open house at Homecoming, published a newsletter and hosted a lunch for alumni. They are planning more events and reaching out to all interior design alumni. For more information, visit www.tec.appstate.edu.

Dance studies major approved, space created

The Department of Theatre and Dance received approval to add a dance studies major beginning in Fall 2007.

As part of this stronger emphasis, space in Varsity Gym was renovated to create a large dance studio, a Pilates studio, a small studio and an office. A retractable wall will be purchased that will separate the large studio to make two smaller dance studios.

Department chair and professor Ray Miller said, “We hope to have the wall built within the next year. The students are very excited.”

For more information, visit www.theatre.appstate.edu.

Nursing classes expand to Hickory

The Department of Nursing completed its first semester of classes this fall with 16 students. The classes were held at Wake Forest University in Boone and at Western Piedmont Community College in Morganton. Classes began in Hickory this spring semester at the Hickory Metropolitian Higher Education Center. For more information, visit www.nursing.appstate.edu.

Appreciative alumni help students through scholarships

Of the 400 city and town managers in North Carolina, 125 of them are Appalachian alumni. They maintain a close relationship with both the university and each other, exchanging information and ideas, and providing assistance to new Appalachian graduates in the field.

Among their support are seven endowed scholarships to assist students interested in local government careers—a number unmatched by any other alumni group of the university.

The most recent scholarship was announced last fall in honor of Troy Mayor Roy Maness, who is known for making offers to Appalachian Alumni that they can’t refuse.

Over the last two decades, Maness has given more than 30 Appalachian graduates summer internships, allowing them the opportunity to start their careers in local government. Members of the “Troy Mafia” (the nickname for the Appalachian Alumni who got their start under Maness) and the Appalachian Local Government Alumni Association honored him for his service with a $10,000 endowed scholarship in his name.

The Roy Maness Endowed Local Government Scholarship will be awarded yearly to an undergraduate or graduate student preparing for a career in local government administration. A faculty committee will choose the recipient.

The alumni group’s deep appreciation and level of financial support is indicative of the strong relationship developed between the Appalachian program and its graduates.

“Our alumni have a great loyalty to the university because they say they wouldn’t have the careers they have now had it not been for this program,” said Marvin Hoffman, director of Appalachian’s master of public administration program.

“It’s a very supportive group,” Hoffman continued. “They are available to each other when problems arise. Out of the 125 managers, they have a lot of experience.”

During each fall meeting in Boone, the alumni host a golf tournament, which raises approximately $15,000 each year. A portion of these funds is used to pay the registration fees for 25 students for the annual meeting of the North Carolina City and County Manager Association.

“That’s money well spent for our alumni because it gets our current students involved in the association very early,” Hoffman said. “As a result, our students have a better chance to secure internships and jobs after graduation.”

New Chancellor’s Fellows raise the bar

Called the “best of the brightest,” 10 graduate students have been named Chancellor’s Fellows at Appalachian.

Chancellor’s Fellows represent the top students in the Cratis D. Williams Graduate School’s entering class. They must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.7 for each separate post secondary degree earned, and have scored in the 75th percentile or higher in each section of their graduate education entrance exam. As a fellow, each receives a $5,000 renewable scholarship.

At a recognition event, Provost Stan Aleshire praised all graduate students, saying they “enhance and enrich our campus in so many ways.” From teaching labs and facilitating faculty in their teaching and research, to serving as role models and mentors for undergraduate students.

Web Exclusive:

Appropriate technology’s Jeremy Fertil became the first student to win Appalachian’s Wachovia Award for Environmental Studies. He has been researching algae oil as a source of biodiesel fuel. Read the story at www.appalachiantoday.appstate.edu.

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The inagural Chancellor’s Fellows are, standing from left, Ian Alward, technology; Lee Biggerstaff, MBA; Kristopher Akin Davis, higher education; Jennifer Andrus, psychology; Kathryn O’Brien, communications disorders; and Michael Trenite, media literacy. Seated are Bob Bayer, MBA; Julie Ann Laney, accounting; Vito Di Bona, mathematics; and Mark Williams, English.

The Appalachian program continues to grow on this year’s event.

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Interviewed with MTV, they were impressed. Leaving the campus, "Graham said. "When I have such a real world experience without an internship in New York City with MTV's guidance of Wangler—helped her land students establishing the company—under president, said her work with 40 other working in the music industry who have skill sets.

It's a very clear focus of our program to train musicians and business people. There aren't enough people out there now to train musicians and business people. "I think we have a great start," Wangler said. "This semester will be very exciting."

Choral reunion planned for April 20-21
Professor Stephen Hopkins turns 50 this year. To celebrate, he is organizing a reunion of about 350 former University Singers and Chamber Singers. It will be held April 20-21 at Broyhill Music Center.

When I see alumni at music conventions or when they stop by campus, the thing that they say is that they miss rehearsal, that they miss singing in the choir," said Hopkins, who also celebrates his 15th year teaching at Appalachian. "I thought this would be a good time to bring those singers back to campus." The program will include "the greatest hits" from the past 14 years' performances.

Many of the groups' alumni are now choral directors and music educators in the public schools, music therapists, and singers in regional opera companies. Some work in Nashville’s music industry.

Interested singers should visit www.music.appstate.edu/choralreunion for details and online registration. However, former students beware. "I will be just as much a taskmaster for this event as when they were students," Hopkins said.

Hear a performance by the University Singers at www.appalachianlive.appstate.edu.
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JUGGLING: Members of Manic Expressions juggling team practice on Sanford Mall. Two years after this photo was taken, Manic Expressions placed first in the U.S. National Championship’s team competition. As reported by “Juggler’s World Magazine,” the team worked two to five hours a day for eight weeks to prepare their routine. The win resulted in an appearance on “Good Morning America.”

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NuPro Technologies wins Presidential Green Chemistry Challenge Award

NuPro Technologies Inc. of Winston-Salem won the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s 2006 Presidential Green Chemistry Challenge Award in the small business category for its innovative development of an environmentally safe solvent and solvent recycling system for the flexographic printing industry.

“The flexographic printing industry is growing, we saw a real need for safer chemistry, to both improve worker safety and mitigate human impact on the environment,” said David Bradford ’77, NuPro’s president and CEO. “We believe this distinction will serve as a step forward for the entire flexographic industry and help us all move towards greater environmental consciousness.”

Flexography is a method of printing, most commonly used for flexible packaging. In preparing flexographic printing plates for a print run, the plates must be immersed in a plate developing solvent to remove unpolymerized material and thus create a relief image. Traditionally, the solvent and method used to recycle them have been hazardous to both people and the environment. By eliminating petroleum consumables and the energy required to vaporize the solvent for recycling, NuPro’s technologies can reduce the energy required to vaporize the solvent for recycling by 90 percent, Bradford said.

Bradford, an honors graduate whose degree in industrial technology started NuPro 18 years ago, said the company specializes in research and development for the printing industry, and has distribution markets in the United States, Canada, Mexico, South America, Europe, China and Japan.

Bradford is married to Jan Finger Bradford ’77. Both have parents and other relatives who graduated from Appalachian, including their children Sarah Bradford Smart ’82 and Andrew Bradford ’83. His youngest son, Joseph, is a senior. David Bradford’s great-grandmother, Sarah Dougherty Perry, was an elder cousin of Appalachian’s founder. Both have parents and other relatives who graduated from Appalachian, including their children Sarah Bradford Smart ’82 and Andrew Bradford ’83. His youngest son, Joseph, is a senior. David Bradford’s great-grandmother, Sarah Dougherty Perry, was an elder cousin of Appalachian’s founder.

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Shirley Gabriel was inducted into the Lincoln County Sports Hall of Fame for participation in football (basketball) and baseball. She retired as the statehigh school flag officers in 1988.

Nancy Waters was inducted into the Teachers Hall of Fame by Lake Wales High School, Lake Wales, FL, where she taught for 24 years.

Peggy (Bajd) Rickert retired after teaching language arts for 30 years in the Iredell-Statesville school system.


Richard Cujda and Gail B. Cujda ’64, ’64 developed a reading program enabling minority students in Florida to average gains of over one year in reading for five consecutive years.


James Matt Smith was re-elected chairman of the board of trustees at McDowell Technical Community College.

Paul Duvilier married Betty Fuller Sept. 23.

Steve Gipp was inducted into the Caldwell County Sports Hall of Fame. He retired in 1997 after 33 years of teaching and coaching in Caldwell County. Norman Wilson retired after 36 years of service to Pfeiffer University, primarily within the Gustave A. Pfeiffer Library.

Carol (Matthews) Hutcheson announces the release of her first novel, “The Substitute Bride,” from Thomas Boatwright & Co. Inc. New York. Carol (McDowall) Sworcer retired from Spotsylvania County Schools in Virginia. She works part-time as a mentor with the Career Survival Program. Ray Johnson, associate professor at Georgia State University, received a Fulbright Scholar grant to lecture and conduct research at the University of Pretoria in South Africa during the 2006-07 academic year.

Bruce Shipheard is program administrator for the Department of Physician Assistant Studies at Wake Forest University School of Medicine. Winston-Salem, He retired after 35 years in the N.C. Community College System.

John Boyko, an AP Spanish teacher, retired from Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools after 34 years of service. He is an adjunct Spanish professor at Salem College and College Board consultant for AP Spanish Language and Literature.

Alan Ogus was appointed as chief strategic officer for Arizona Health Care in Phoenix, and senior clinical consultant for Saguaros Behavioral Health Management Services in Raleigh.

David Taylor is associate vice chancellor for development at Appalachian.

Jason Dunmore retired from Pine Hall Elementary after 33 years as an educator. Robert Stonestreet was promot

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**Brian Hawkin** is assistant principal at North Davie (N.C.) Overage and Thief Bureau in Charlotte. · **Rich Holbert** received a MBA from High Point University.

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- **Melissa (McCoy) Feaster** and William Feaster announce the birth of their daughter, Madeline Faith, May 29, 2006.


- **Leslie (Wright) Thomas** and Mark Thomas announce the birth of their daughter, Marla Kate, April 20, 2006.

- **Dustin (Baker) Elkins** and Cori Elkins announce the birth of their son, Dustin James, July 15, 2006.

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- **John (Selig) Catlett** and Kristy Catlett announce the birth of their son, Will Selig Catlett, June 29, 2006.

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- **Allison Redd** and Patrick Redd announce the birth of their daughter, Madeline Grace, June 28, 2006.

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- **Laura (Mills) Craft** and Chris Craft were married on May 1, 2006, in Anderson, S.C.

- **Leslie (Snedeker) Cowan** and Scott Cowan announce the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Victoria, July 27, 2006.

- **Bruce (Brown) White** and Michelle White announce the birth of their daughter, Descy Elizabeth, March 17, 2006.

- **Robert (Atkins) Above** and Sara Atkins ’01 announce the birth of their daughter, Ashleigh Adele, April 7, 2006.

- **Sarah (Measamer) Hamilton** and Jeremy Green announce the birth of their daughter, StorieLane Marie, July 9, 2006.

- **Jeffrey Dillman** and Alex Dillman announce the birth of their daughter, Abigail Virginia, Sept. 23, 2006.

- **Jim (Pittman) Johnson** and Jessica Johnson announce the birth of their daughter, Lauren Alexandria, March 3, 2006.

- **Allison (Hannah) Stamey** and Andrew Stamey announce the birth of their son, Wesley Philip, July 24, 2006.

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- **Janet (Arneson) Herring** and Thomas Herring announce the birth of their son, Thomas Benjamin, July 26, 2006.

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- **Nathan (Kilpatrick) Stockton** and Robert Stockton announce the birth of their daughter, Grace Elizabeth, Aug. 30, 2006.

- **Jason Hoyle** and Joanna Wingate Pike announce the birth of their son, James Campbell, Aug. 1, 2006.

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Michael Clifton were married on Sept. 9, 2006, in Charlotte. Brianna Johnson received a J.D. in Law from the University of Cincinnati and is an assistant district attorney serving Watagua, Avery, Yancey, Mitchell, and McDowell counties.

Susan Trela is a trade show project manager for Total-E-Tech Health & Safety in Monroe. Terry Varnavides and Casey (Hooper) Varnavides announce the birth of their daughter, Ava Elizabeth, June 5, 2006. Traci Speer announces the birth of her son, Brian Marcus, Jan. 5, 2006.

10'04 Allison Moore Tester and Bart Tester of Mooresville were married on July 29, 2006. Amy Dixon and Blake Pringle '93 were married on June 24, 2006, in Charlotte. Bobbi Daye and Seven Shrimps of Winston-Salem were married on Feb. 3, 2006. Carrie Ingram and Lincoln Lineberger of Mount Holly were married on June 24, 2006. Chang Sun and Holly (Harrison) Sun '94 of Cornelius were married on Aug. 19, 2006. Corey Haskins and Laura (Atwood) Nicholson announce the birth of their son, Jordan Ian, March 23, 2006.

10'05 Tony Payne '51 planned a career as a science teacher, but marriage and family changed that. A different career path, however, didn’t dampen his love for botany that was kindled while a student.

“The very first time I had my life to do over again, I would have gotten a doctorate in botany,” said Payne, who taught for a year in the public schools before turning his love for botany that was kindled while a student.

Instead, Payne focused his science training on a hobby in bonsai, including teaching the tree-growing art at a community college.

To recognize Payne’s passion for education and love of science, Appalachian has dedicated a botany lab in his name. The Anthony Payne Herbarium Dedicated Botany Laboratory is equipped with a state-of-the-art image capture system comprised of a stereoscopic microscope, computer systems and multimedia projector.

The equipment was made possible by a gift from Payne’s daughters, Dr. Cynthia Payne, a neuroanesthesiologist in Raleigh.

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