Cultivating Champions

Plus,
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“In Black & White: Louisiana’s Retreating Coast and Communities” photography exhibit, Turchin Center for the Visual Arts

April 4
Montana Repertory Theatre: “Cat on a Hot Tin Roof” Performing Arts Series, 8 p.m., Farthing Auditorium

April 19
Poet Marilyn Kallet, Visiting Writers Series, 7:30 p.m., Plemmons Student Union

April 22
Philharmonic Wind Quintet of New York, Performing Arts Series, 8 p.m., Rosen Concert Hall

April 22-23
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July 5
Reduced Shakespeare Company: “The Complete History of America - abridged!”, An Appalachian Summer Festival, 8 p.m., Farthing Auditorium

July 6
The Charlie Daniels Band, An Appalachian Summer Festival, 7:30 p.m., Holmes Convocation Center

For a complete listing of cultural events on campus and admission information, visit Appalachian’s Arts Calendar at www.thearts.appstate.edu.
Addressing UNC Tomorrow today

During the past year, a group called the UNC Tomorrow Commission – established by the UNC Board of Governors – sponsored public forums across the state to better understand how University of North Carolina institutions can become more proactive in meeting the challenges of the state’s rapidly changing economy.

This commission included business, education, government, and nonprofit leaders from across the state. Now complete, their UNC Tomorrow report outlines seven categories with accompanying recommendations that each university, including Appalachian, must address. They are: global readiness, access to higher education, improving public education, economic transformation, health and wellness, energy and the environment, and outreach and engagement.

Universities also have been asked to consider ways to reprioritize their campus resources, eliminate obsolete or duplicated programs, and look at ways institutions can collaborate on teaching, learning and research. The report is available to the public at www.nctomorrow.org.

I am pleased Appalachian State University already meets many of the report’s recommendations, and we are well poised to respond to others on a deeper level because of our ongoing evaluation and assessment of academic programs under the leadership of Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor Stan Aeschleman, who has for the past year-and-a-half led a university team to draft a new strategic plan for Appalachian. Among the plan’s proposed initiatives is a goal to reach the top 10 percent of institutions as determined through benchmarks set by the National Survey of Student Engagement. This would place us among schools such as Davidson and Elon universities.

This strategic plan’s ambitious draft and our forthcoming written response to the UNC Tomorrow report, as required by UNC System President Erskine Bowles, go hand in hand. Appalachian is already a strong, effective and efficient university – and we are committed to becoming even better. These two documents, which will be completed later this spring, are the roadmap to that goal. Complementing these endeavors is a comprehensive diversity plan that, I believe, will even further enrich our university community.

We will share details on all three documents in a future issue of Appalachian Today magazine.

We have much to celebrate at Appalachian: a record number of applicants to our 2008 freshman class (more than 14,200 in February, compared to 11,600 the same time last year); a four-point increase in our ranking by Kiplinger’s Personal Finance Magazine’s “100 Best Values in Public Colleges” listing, putting us at 27th; and a new collaboration with Wake Forest University School of Medicine to study how to attract and retain nurses in rural North Carolina.

Thanks to the cooperation of the Town of Boone, the proposed site for a new college of education building has been rezoned accordingly, and we now can proceed with construction. An upgraded teacher preparation facility is much needed for Appalachian, which is now named by regional finalists for the N.C. Teaching Fellows Program as their top-choice institution to attend.

Many of you have heard me talk about these and other points of pride at the 2008 Chancellor’s Receptions. I have visited alumni, parents and friends in five major cities (Atlanta, Chicago, Washington, Charlotte and Charleston, S.C.) with visits scheduled for Winston-Salem May 13 and in Raleigh June 10. Thank you to those who have attended these events so far. I enjoy seeing and feeling this heightened sense of pride among The Appalachian Family because of the university’s many successes. It energizes me as we take on new challenges highlighted by UNC Tomorrow.

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Kenneth E. Peacock
Chancellor
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Sprinter Ashley McKiver, a sophomore from High Point, illustrates the development from student-athlete to Appalachian graduate. She is a member of the track and field squad. During her freshman year, she was on the 100-meter relay team that placed third and received all-conference honors in the Southern Conference Outdoor Championships. (Photo illustration by Troy Tuttle, Marie Freeman and Timothy J. Davin)
Wide receiver Dexter Jackson crowd surfs as Mountaineer fans celebrate Appalachian’s third-consecutive NCAA Division I FCS national championship in Chattanooga in December 2007. Highlights of the record-setting 2007 season include: placement in the final AP poll after the Mountaineers’ victory over Michigan prompted the first-ever inclusion of non-Football Bowl Subdivision teams in the poll, sophomore Armanti Edwards setting a NCAA Division I record (FBS or FCS) for rushing yards by a quarterback, and Coach Jerry Moore being named the FCS national coach of the year by both the American Football Coaches Association and FieldTurf.
Grant program enhances teaching

More than $85,000 in grants has been awarded to Appalachian faculty during the past two years through a program called Appalachian Foundation Fellows Grants. Supported by private donations to the Appalachian State University Foundation, the grants fund projects that enhance career development in teaching, scholarship, creative activity, and/or service.

Each grant can reach as high as $5,000. A total of 20 proposals were awarded during the 2007-08 funding cycle.

“The Appalachian State University Foundation is committed to helping create the best possible learning environment for Appalachian students. Because the university’s quality academics depend on the skills and expertise of our faculty, the foundation is pleased to direct unrestricted funds from generous donors for this purpose,” said Susan H. Pettyjohn, vice chancellor for university advancement and foundation president.

Among recipients was assistant professor Andy Heckert, who took geology students to New Mexico for a two-week class at Soda Dam on the Jemez River. Students learned paleontology techniques, including how to prospect for fossils and prepare specimens for museum displays.

McCoy joins administration, two others promoted

Patrick McCoy joined Appalachian last fall as director of human resources. He oversees all aspects of Human Resource Services at Appalachian, including staff recruitment, wage, salary and benefits administration, employee relations, training and development programs, personnel policies and human resources information systems.

McCoy had been an assistant human resources managing partner with the N.C. Office of State Personnel since 1999. He holds Certified Public Manager certification as well as Certified Professional in Human Resources certification.

Sid Connor, who had chaired the Department of Technology since 2004, has been named special assistant to the provost. Connor’s new duties include working with representatives from Western Carolina University, UNC Charlotte, Central Piedmont Community College, Catawba Valley Community College and Caldwell Community College to identify and implement engineering technology programs at the N.C. Engineering Technologies Center in Hickory.

Mary Hoepfl has been named interim chair of the Department of Technology. She had served as assistant chair since 2006, and was coordinator of the technology education program from 1997 to 2005.

A Kiplinger’s ‘best value’

For the second year in a row, Appalachian has been named a “best value” by Kiplinger’s Personal Finance magazine. Up four places from last year’s ranking at No. 31, Kiplinger’s ranked Appalachian 27th on the basis of in-state costs in February’s “100 Best Values in Public Colleges.”

The list is composed of schools with “outstanding academic quality plus an affordable price tag.” Data from 500 public four-year colleges and universities were considered in the rankings.

Other UNC-system schools in the rankings were UNC Chapel Hill at top place, N.C. State University at 13th, UNC Wilmington at 36th, UNC Asheville at 40th, and UNC Greensboro at 68th.
No better place to work

Appalachian is listed in the “Top Academic Workplaces 2005-2007” report released by the Collaborative on Academic Careers in Higher Education (COACHE).

More than 7,000 tenure-track faculty members from 78 colleges and universities were surveyed by COACHE to rate satisfaction with their institution’s tenure process, work-and-family balance and collegiality.

Appalachian ranked particularly high in the “global satisfaction” and “climate-collegiality” categories.

New broadcasting complex named for entrepreneur

Future communication majors at Appalachian will be treated to a state-of-the-art education in the George G. Beasley Broadcasting Complex, scheduled to open in 2010.

A gift from broadcasting entrepreneur George Beasley ’58 ’59 will be used to renovate the complex’s future home; a building at the corner of Rivers and Depot streets that currently houses part of the Reich College of Education’s Communication Disorders Clinic. The clinic is in the process of relocating to University Hall.

Beasley, a member of Appalachian’s Board of Trustees, is founder, chairman and chief executive officer of Beasley Broadcast Group Inc., a company he started in Benson in 1961. He now owns 44 radio stations across the country.

The new complex will house the WASU-FM radio complex, two television studios and control rooms, two production suites, office space, a classroom wired for audio/video production, a computer lab, four audio labs, and six video editing suites. The building also will be home to the Kellar Radio Farm System Institute, a 10-day program for training and recruiting future radio broadcasters.

Students attend symposium for undergraduate research

A total of 20 undergraduate students made research presentations at the Third Annual State of North Carolina Undergraduate Research and Creativity Symposium in Greensboro last November. They represented the departments of chemistry, physics and astronomy, philosophy and religion, geology, and psychology.

“It is a pleasure to see the magnitude and depth of research and creative endeavors our undergraduate students are engaging in. We should be proud of their significant academic accomplishments,” said Alan Utter, director of Appalachian’s Office of Student Research.

Appalachian will host the 2008 meeting, scheduled for Nov. 22.

Quotes to Ponder

“Educators alone cannot do this important work of making sure all our students graduate. We have the obligation as graduates and as citizens to help young people develop their dreams... and give them hope.”

—JUNE ST. CLAIR ATKINSON, N.C. State Superintendent of Public Instruction, to graduates during December 2007 commencement.

“From my perspective, it was exhilarating to march for such a worthy cause, but frightening to encounter menacing police dogs and to spend time in jail... Such an experience told me that our voices – the voices of the young – were significant, and that young people could think and act responsibly, and that our actions could change the course of history and the world.”

—DR. FREEMAN HRABOWSKI III, who at age 13 participated in the Children’s March of 1963 in Birmingham, Ala., at Appalachian’s 24th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration.

Sharing Black and Gold Pride:

House Republican leader John Boehner of Ohio paid a visit to North Carolina’s Fifth District during Homecoming weekend last fall, and was presented with an Appalachian State University sweatshirt by N.C. Rep. Virginia Foxx.
Celebrating 20 Years of ACTion!

This academic year marks the 20th anniversary of ACT (Appalachian and the Community Together) linking students and the community in volunteer service.

By encouraging students’ leadership in volunteer activities, ACT raises their awareness about crucial social concerns, instills an ethic of caring and teaches civic responsibility. The program also helps faculty members integrate community service projects into their academic courses with service-learning programs and community-based research.

In just the past three years, ACT’s strong record of student commitment includes:

- 274,612 student hours spent serving the local community
- $4,954,000 of volunteer value provided to the local economy
- $116,000 in direct funds raised for local community agencies
- $105,000 in educational awards provided to Appalachian students for participation in NC-ACtS!/AmeriCorps Program
- Nearly 20,000 meals per year provided to the community via a collaboration between ACT, Food Services and the local Hunger & Health Coalition

“Many people say college students don’t care about the community, and in my experience that has not been the case,” said Jenny Koehn, ACT’s community services coordinator.

To commemorate its 20th anniversary, ACT has launched a fundraising campaign to assist students participating in international service-learning and community-based research. The new ACT Annual Student Scholarship and Program Fund for Service and Leadership honors the late Leigh Lane Edwards, a highly involved ACT student who died suddenly in her junior year before making a planned service-learning trip to Bolivia.

To support this fund, visit www.give.appstate.edu

Faculty Kudos

John Craft (technology) has been elected president of the National Association of Industrial Technology (NAIT) Graphics Division. He was installed as president elect in October during the 40th NAIT Convention in Panama City, Fla. His two-year term as president will begin fall 2009.

Susan Weinberg Vogel (English and creative writing) received the 2007 Linda Flowers Literary Prize for her creative nonfiction essay “The Pick-Up Line.” The Flowers Prize honors best original written work that captures the richness of North Carolina, its people and cultures.

Bryan Toney (Center for Entrepreneurship) received the inaugural Jerry W. Davis Award for Entrepreneurial Excellence from the Appalachian Regional Commission for outstanding accomplishments in entrepreneurial development. The $10,000 award will be used to further programs in the Center for Entrepreneurship.

Joseph Bathanti (English) won first place in the adult category of the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation’s Barbara Mandigo Kelly Peace Poetry Awards for his poem “Cletis Pratt.” The Nuclear Age Peace Foundation makes annual awards to encourage poets to explore and illuminate positive visions of peace and the human spirit.

Dan Jones (Counseling and Psychological Services Center) was selected for the Louis and Adele Osherson Fellowship at the Alonso Center for Psychodynamic Studies in Santa Barbara, Calif. He participated in a week of intensive study in January.

Jennifer Snodgrass (music) received the National Collegiate Outstanding Advisor Award from Sigma Alpha Iota (SAI) International Music Fraternity for female music majors and alumnae.

AWARD-WINNING SERVICE: Kara Brown, a senior psychology major from Charlotte, received the N.C. Campus Compact Community Impact Student Award. The award is presented each year to students who have made significant, innovative contributions to campus-based efforts to address community needs. Among her volunteer work, she was an inaugural member of NC-ACtS, contributing 300 hours of individual service at a resource center for the local Hispanic population, and co-founder of Appalachian’s Relay for Life fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. “Kara has become more and more involved in making the community a better place. Kara spans the breadth and depth of what we hope a student aspires to achieve beyond active membership in a service organization,” said Jenny Koehn, ACT’s community services coordinator.
Appalachian restricts smoking on campus

The university has implemented campus smoking restrictions in compliance with a new state law, while offering cessation courses to help smokers quit.

Under the new policy, smoking is now prohibited within 50 feet of all university facilities. The policy follows North Carolina legislation enacted last summer that states UNC system institutions may designate non-smoking zones up to 100 feet from campus buildings, and that all state government buildings must be smoke free beginning in January 2008.

The majority of buildings at Appalachian have been smoke free for several years. Residence halls became smoke free in August 2007.

The restriction applies to students, university employees, visitors and contract workers. Compliance of the policy is voluntary while recommendations on enforcement are being finalized.

In conjunction with the new policy and in support of individuals’ overall health, the university scheduled a series of cessation courses and other services through the Student Wellness Center, Student Health Services, and Health Promotion for faculty and staff.

Study of rural nurses being conducted with Wake Forest

Appalachian has signed a partnership agreement with the Northwest Area Health Education Center of Wake Forest University’s School of Medicine to study factors that impact the attraction and retention of nurses in rural North Carolina.

Northwest AHEC is providing research funds for the project, which is being led by faculty in Appalachian’s Walker College of Business.

Northwest AHEC works to ensure a quality healthcare workforce in 17 counties of North Carolina. Researchers plan to develop information that can be used by rural healthcare organizations across the state to ensure an appropriately trained nurse workforce.

North Carolina, as well as much of the United States, is experiencing a nursing shortage. Demand for nurses is increasing, yet many in the profession are nearing retirement age and fewer applicants are entering nursing school, in part because of a shortage of faculty. The nursing shortage is considered generally worse in rural areas, experts say.

Appalachian created a Department of Nursing in 2005 with a RN to BSN program. It graduated its first class in August 2007.

Frank Hall to get a ‘green’ makeover by 2009

Appalachian’s promotion of sustainable design and construction on campus is getting underway with its first major project: the renovation of Frank Hall.

“Plans are to start work on the project this summer, with renovations to be completed by July 2009,” said David Sweet, project manager in the university’s Office of Design and Construction. “The goal is for the residence hall to be the university’s first LEED-certified building.”

LEED, or Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, is an initiative of the U.S. Green Building Council. LEED standards promote environmentally sound construction by addressing human and environmental health, sustainable site development, and green materials selection.

Frank Hall’s new features will include water-use reduction techniques and a solar collector system to supplement water heating. Green standards have been incorporated into other residence hall renovation projects on campus, including installation of energy-efficient lighting, low-flow showerheads and water-conserving toilets.

During Appalachian’s Board of Trustees meeting in December, chairman Jim Deal ’71 encouraged the university to continue its efforts to construct energy-efficient and environmentally friendly buildings.

“It’s important that in all future construction we do the most we can to have these buildings meet LEED certification requirements,” he said. “This is the appropriate thing to do for the environment and the appropriate thing from an educational perspective.”

Outdoor Programs leads carbon-neutral travel

To help offset carbon emissions related to global travel, Appalachian’s Outdoor Programs has initiated the university’s first carbon-neutral international travel program.

An expedition to New Zealand in May is the first trip in this new partnership between Outdoor Programs, the Office of International Education and Development, and the recreation management and interdisciplinary studies academic programs. Students will participate in a variety of activities both prior to and during each expedition designed to assess and address the environmental impact of their travels.

“Our goal is to educate students about these impacts, to discover solutions to minimize their impact, and to implement those solutions,” said Rich Campbell, director of Outdoor Programs. “Offsetting our emissions will be challenging, but we believe the educational and environmental gains will be worth the effort.”

One solution to reduce carbon output for the May trip is to have students plant trees both in North Carolina and New Zealand. As trees mature, their photosynthesis process absorbs carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.

“We’ve also included a line item in the trip budget to purchase green energy in North Carolina. For example, 100 kilowatt hours of green energy costs $48,” Campbell said. “We hope to balance this approach with the longer-term strategy of planting trees to offset the net amount of carbon used on the trip.”
We just won our third championship, and it feels great, unbelievable – like being on top of the world. But, being a sports champion only lasts so long.

I come from a big family – 11 brothers and five sisters – and it was a dream of my parents that we all go to school, get a degree, and try to make a difference in the world. They believe that education is the key to success.
Each day Avery Hall ’93 goes to work at Wachovia, he exercises skills he learned on the Appalachian State University football field. “I call it your mental makeup,” explained the former defensive tackle, who is now a senior vice president/business banker in Greensboro. “You win some, you lose some, but you keep the confidence and aren’t afraid to take business to the next level.”

Hall works with commercial clients with annual sales of $3 million to $25 million, so his client meetings require a lot of preparation — another characteristic he learned on the field. “You finish what you start and you want to be successful. Playing football games on Saturday was fun, but to do that you had to prepare hard week in and week out. In business, it’s the same thing,” said Hall, who also volunteers in his community and is among the newest members of Appalachian’s Board of Trustees.

Appalachian gained national and international attention in late 2007 with headlines like Sports Illustrated’s “All-time Upset” and USA TODAY’s “Unfathomable Becomes a Reality,” both describing the Mountaineers’ athletics prowess against then-ranked No. 5 Michigan, and through more media attention of the football team’s third consecutive NCAA Division I FCS national championship. What is also beginning to receive national attention and is already well known at home and regionally, is the enduring success of Appalachian’s overall athletics program and the student-athletes who represent the university, and like Hall and others, the successful individuals they become after graduation.

These young men and women give their all to their sport, then turn around and give even more in the classroom. Their achievements have resulted in kudos for them, their teams, and their university in the world of collegiate sports.

In addition to football’s success, Appalachian is the only school in Southern Conference history to win both the Commissioner’s Cup and Germann Cup in the same year, a feat it has now accomplished eight times. The Commissioner’s Cup is awarded annually to the SoCon top men’s athletics program, while the Germann Cup is awarded to the top women’s athletics program. Appalachian most recently earned both...
Appalachian student-athletes consistently score high on the scholastic playing field as well. Some accolades conferred during the 2006-07 academic year include the following:

- For the second-consecutive year, the men's basketball team and women's cross country team were recognized by the NCAA as being in the top 10 percent in their sport for the Academic Progress Rate—a measure tied to a Division 1 program that rewards teams that do well academically.
- More than 30 percent of student-athletes made the Athletic Honor Roll each semester with a minimum GPA of 3.25. Of this group, 16 made a 4.0.
- 70 student-athletes received the Commissioner's Medal, established by SoCon to recognize student-athletes posting a 3.5 GPA or higher over one full academic year.
- 50 percent of the 2006 Who's Who program at Appalachian were student-athletes.
- 162 student-athletes were named to SoCon's Athletic Honor Roll.

These impressive achievements are a testament to the determination, self-discipline and strength of character these young men and women have to excel both in the classroom and in the sport they love, and to Appalachian for providing a growing environment and attentive staff to support and nurture student-athletes. The resulting training and hard work are excellent preparation for the biggest arena of all: life.

**A drive to excel**

The pressure to succeed in a university classroom is intense. Combine that with the pressure to succeed in collegiate sports and a student-athlete's effort to excel must be unrelenting.

Charlie Cobb, Appalachian's athletics director, knows from personal experience what it takes to compete both as a student and as an athlete. He played football, center position, for N.C. State's Wolfpack from 1987-90.

"As a student-athlete you're challenging yourself every day. Socially, you're an 18- to 22-year-old kid trying to figure out who you are. What athletics brings to an individual's development is, on the surface, the challenge to excel physically. But, it's so much more than that," he said.

"With two practices a day and everything else our students fit in a 24-hour period, they have to be willing to push themselves to the point of exhaustion and beyond. The result is these young people discover they are capable of accomplishing more than they ever imagined, both as athletes and as students."

According to Cobb and Jerry Moore, the Mountaineers' football coach for the past 20 years who has led his team to three consecutive national championship victories, Appalachian student-athletes must also possess the desire and drive to win, and the willingness to sacrifice personal comforts and rewards for the good of the team.

"It's all about team work," Cobb said. "You can't expect to get individual credit for your teams' victories, or for its failures. Our students learn quickly to put aside their egos. They understand the importance of working with others, of roles and the delegation of responsibility for the sake of their team," he said.

In a segment of "Appalachian Perspective," the university's cable television program hosted by Chancellor Kenneth E. Peacock, Moore talked about the qualities a player must possess to play for him. Physical ability and a strong desire to win are obvious traits every coach looks for when recruiting players, he said. But more important to him is a young man's commitment to be a part of The Appalachian Family.

"I can tell them how great Appalachian is going to be for them, but only to a certain point. If a young man can't show me that he genuinely wants to be at Appalachian, to play for this team we have worked so hard to get where it is today, and is committed to working through the thorns that come with the territory, then I will walk away," Moore said.

**Tommy Sofield '76**, president and owner of U.S. Steel Buildings in Boone, was an offensive lineman for the Mountaineers from 1971-75. He credits the kind of expectations of student-athletes and training Cobb and Moore refer to as being the motivating force that helped him...
succeed in his personal and professional life.

“I continually look back at the things my teammates and I learned, and appreciate how I am still able to apply those lessons in my life today,” said Sofield, whose company has been in business for 24 years. “The coaches instilled in us a strong work ethic. The leadership they showed led to many men’s success today, not only in work, but in becoming good fathers and husbands.”

A nurturing environment

Of the 470 student-athletes at Appalachian, only a handful plan to pursue their sport in the professional arena, according to Jean Roberts, director of academic services for athletes and assistant director of Appalachian’s Learning Assistance Program.

“The rest are serious about their sport, and give it their all, but they are, first and foremost, here to pursue their educational goals,” she said.

Through her work, Roberts meets most Appalachian student-athletes, and she knows them by name. They are from all over the country, and a few are here from South Africa, Australia, Puerto Rico, New Zealand, Tobago, Portugal and England.

“These students are

Businessman and former football player Tommy Sofield ’76 inside the indoor practice facility that bears his name.

CHAMPS: Challenging Athletes’ Minds for Personal Success

CHAMPS Life Skills is a program in Appalachian’s Athletics Department that empowers student-athletes to be engaged in all aspects of life, and to be prepared to make a difference in their community. The program develops and reinforces life skills in academics, personal life, community service, career and athletics through planned social activities, public service projects, and social and career workshops.

CLASS – Champions Love Appalachian State Spirit

Appalachian administrators and students have developed the CLASS initiative to promote first-CLASS conduct and sportsmanship at Appalachian athletic events, and to encourage all fans to recognize their responsibility in representing past, present and future Mountaineers. The CLASS reminders are:

C – Clean up after yourself
L – Let your actions represent the best of Appalachian
A – Always be positive in support of Appalachian teams, coaches and players
S – Show respect for visitors and game officials
S – Show respect for yourself and fellow Mountaineers—especially young fans.

Appalachian has 470 student-athletes participating in 20 varsity sports:

Men’s sports: Baseball Basketball Cross Country Football Golf Soccer Tennis Track & Field—in door Track & Field—outdoor Wrestling

Women’s sports: Basketball Cross Country Field Hockey Golf Soccer Softball Tennis Track & Field—in door Track & Field—outdoor Volleyball

“Coming to America was a big step, but something I needed to do. My dream is to play soccer professionally, and playing for an American college is a pathway to professionalism that doesn’t exist in New Zealand.

“I also have another dream: to help kids improve their physical abilities. I’m getting a really good degree in physical education. My experience at Appalachian is helping me realize both my dreams.”

Home: Auckland, New Zealand
Major: Physical education
Academic status: Junior
Sport: Soccer, defender
incredibly special,” she said. “The sacrifices they make to represent the university, the time and energy they expend. They’re inspiring. Sitting in a hotel room or dorm at Thanksgiving or Christmas because they’ve got a game or home is too far for a quick trip is not glamorous, it’s lonely.

“I’m always struck by the pride our student-athletes take in meeting the expectations of athletics and academics, and achieving both at a high standard,” she said. “Balancing these demands while thinking about their future, and when they can fit it in, a social life, requires several skills. Most importantly, time management.”

From the moment student-athletes arrive at Appalachian to the time they graduate, Roberts and her staff are on hand to provide a range of assistance: from academic advising to time management and tutoring.

“Our students are good time managers, and they know how to set and achieve goals,” she said. “During their first semester on campus, they are required to attend a study hall. This is where they learn time-management skills. We help them figure out how to juggle classes, homework, practice time and everything else.

“We also stress the importance of public service with different groups like The Crossnore School and the Mountaineer Summer Reading Program. So, our students certainly have their hands full. By the time they graduate, they are well-rounded, high-functioning individuals, ready to take on the world.”

Kirsten Bowden ’01 ’05, a former triple jumper on Appalachian’s track and field team, couldn’t agree more.

“Athletics prepares you for life. It may vary from sport to sport, but as student-athletes we were always on a detailed schedule between classes, practice and extracurricular activities,” she said.

Time management. Balance. Hard work. Getting along well with others. Bowden has put the skills and experiences she learned as a student-athlete to use in her career, first handling public relations for Newton-Conover Schools in Catawba County, and later working in corporate communications for Duke Energy in Charlotte. Today, she’s finishing her first year of law school at Howard University in Washington, D.C. She also finds time to serve on Appalachian’s Board of Visitors.

Whenever she feels nervous or anxious, Bowden said she recalls another core lesson from Appalachian: “Put time and preparation into your goal, and you will reap the benefits of your efforts.”

Spoken as a true champion!

Learn more about Avery Hall ’93, Tommy Sofield ’76 and Kirsten Bowden ’01 ’05 at www.appalachiantoday.appstate.edu

Athletics Facilities Enhancement Campaign
Construction begins this spring on the new athletics complex behind the west grandstand at Kidd Brewer Stadium. This state-of-the-art facility is among the major improvements being created through the fundraising effort. Learn more at www.goasu.com.

“Law student and former track and field athlete Kirsten Bowden ’01 ’05 in Washington, D.C.”

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Law student and former track and field athlete Kirsten Bowden ’01 ’05 in Washington, D.C.
Q&A with Gloria Steinem

Writer and feminist activist Gloria Steinem visited campus in February to speak on issues of equality. Her appearance was part of the newly revived Forum Lecture Series of distinguished speakers. During her visit, Steinem joined Chancellor Kenneth E. Peacock for a taped episode of the cable television program “Appalachian Perspective.” Below are interview excerpts:

KP: If we measure one’s success by the number of lives they have touched and the differences they have made, it is hard for me to declare anyone more successful than you. As you look back on your 40 years of activism and the status of women now, how do you feel?

GS: Thank you for the success part. I’m calling you when I’m feeling discouraged (laughs). It is of course a movement... I feel fortunate to be a part of it, but I don’t feel it’s an individual effort. Looking back, I guess I’m both gratified and angry and disappointed and rewarded – all of the above. If the suffragist/abolitionist era was about creating a legal identity as human beings for women of all races and men of all color, this is about creating social and legal equality. So we probably have 70 years to go, but at least so far we have changed consciousness profoundly so that now the issues are majority issues, and we’ve begun to change the structure of how money, power and decision making are distributed.

KP: Do you see that maybe the restriction of gender roles has been changed?

GS: Yes, we’ve really changed consciousness in that most of this country agrees women can do the same jobs men can do. But we haven’t made a lot of progress in the idea that men can do the same things women can do. Until men are raising babies and children as much as women are, women will be restricted to having two jobs: one inside the home and one outside the home. ...I was talking earlier today (on your campus) with a woman who teaches elementary education and she said there were only three men in her class. And of course that’s progress, because those children can grow up knowing men can be nurturing and patient and all the things one needs to be a teacher, but we can hope that one day it will be 50-50.

KP: What peace and justice issues interest you the most at this point?

GS: We need to establish reproductive freedom as a human right internationally. It has not been established. And, the most violence in the world is still against women because the culture lies to men and says men have to dominate to be masculine, and that legitimizes violence in the home, in foreign policy, all kinds of places. We need to de-normalize violence at its roots, which is in the home and is between males and females. And, we need to make it possible for men to raise children as much as women do, because what we call feminine qualities are just the qualities necessary to raise children: patience, empathy, flexibility. Men have all those things, but they’re encouraged to suppress them.

KP: What messages are you giving college students?

GS: I’m listening to them. I’m here to be an encourager, a supporter, to say “You love to do that? That’s your passion? Do it. You’re graduating in debt because this ridiculous country doesn’t provide free higher education? Look at the political reasons why that’s the case and try to change them, so the next generation won’t be indentured to jobs they don’t want to do just to pay back their debt.” I’m here to be their cheerleader and expander of ideas of what they could do.

KP: Recognizing this global society and the cultural differences we face, what should Appalachian do to make sure our students know they are respected and appreciated for the individuals they are, and yet understand there are others who aren’t like them?

GS: There’s nothing that beats talking to each other in small groups – where everyone can speak, everyone has to listen. The most transformational unit, I think, is the small group. ...I noticed that the studies of why Asian-Americans seem to be doing better scholastically than European-Americans uncovered that they were in study groups helping each other. The more we can encourage small groups, the better it is.

KP: I find it encouraging that, more than likely, one major party’s candidate for president will be a woman or an African-American. That’s a positive thing for us.

GS: It’s incredibly positive. We once tried to figure out at Ms. magazine how we’ve been choosing our leadership in the past. We eliminated all the women and then all people of color and all those who couldn’t purchase an education, and we ended up with like 6 percent of the population. We hadn’t even started on inherited wealth, yet. We’ve been choosing from a very small pool of talent. The country can only benefit from enlarging that pool, and this election stands for that.

View the full interview at www.perspective.appstate.edu. Learn more about the University Forum Lecture Series at www.universityforum.appstate.edu/
New Homes, New Hope

Professional Parenting and Adoption Plus offer a brighter future for children in foster care

By Kate Cahow

Tiffany and Jacob are as close as a sister and brother can be. And for reasons most children and their parents cannot begin to understand.

When Tiffany was 8 years old and Jacob 7, they escaped the severe chronic abuse and neglect of their biological family and were placed in Catawba County’s foster care system. There, they bounced from one home to another over the next two years.

Through the services of Professional Parenting and Adoption Plus, two outreach programs administered by Appalachian State University, Jacob and Tiffany, now ages 15 and 16, found homes with adoptive parents they love and trust.

For more than 20 years, Professional Parenting (PP) has provided stable foster care for children in North Carolina who have been removed from their biological families with no hope of reunification. Most of these children need specialized care and treatment due to backgrounds of abuse and neglect, or for physical and/or behavioral needs. Adoption Plus (A+) grew out of PP’s efforts to provide permanent adoptive placement for these children.

With offices in Winston-Salem and Asheville, the programs are part of Appalachian Family Innovations, an umbrella of child welfare and family service programs in Western North Carolina that operates out of Appalachian’s Reich College of Education. Founded in 1973, the project was known as Bringing It All Back Home until 2003.

In North Carolina, the number of children in foster care in 2006 reached about 10,000, with many waiting for a family to adopt them. PP and A+ were able to serve approximately 100 of those children who could not be served by other agencies due to their high level of needs as a result of early life trauma, and chronic abuse and neglect.

“Most of our kids have major emotional problems,” said Bonnie Judkins, director of Professional Parenting. “Probably 80 percent of them have been sexually abused. This type of abuse is very traumatic. Extensive work is required to help these kids establish relationship skills and to heal.

“The critical part of their treatment is finding a family they can trust and be a part of into adulthood. What makes our program unique is the emphasis placed on teaching skills to parents who can create a positive, structured environment for the kids geared towards social and academic success. Children learn life skills such as accepting consequences, following instructions and problem solving,” Judkins said.

Judkins and a staff of highly specialized...
support professionals work to recruit and train foster families who will provide these children with a loving, supportive and safe environment, and to ensure the match will be a good one for both child and family.

Through 40 hours of pre-service training, families learn about specific behavioral strategies, the impacts of abuse and neglect, developmental milestones, and how to work with community organizations, such as mental health services, the medical establishment, and special services in the school system, to serve the specific needs of each child.

After the child is in the home, the parents are provided with round-the-clock support and consultation to help them and the child through the transition and healing process.

“We try to keep all of our kids with one family as long as they are in foster care,” she said. “Our hope is that families become attached to the children and choose to adopt them. Stability and structure are things these kids haven’t had in their lives, and they are essential to their recovery and healthy development.

“Every day, they have to know what to expect and what is expected of them. They have to know when bedtime is and, if they act out, that they can rely on fair and consistent consequences.”

According to Judkins, to be a part of their program, foster and adoptive parents must be strong, nurturing individuals who can love these children regardless of their behavior.

“We focus on empathy with our families because children who have been traumatized early in life act out that trauma until they are treated therapeutically," she said. "The individuals who fit our profile are amazing. They understand these kids’ needs and wrap their lives around them."

Linda Swarts and Karen Hensley are two of the “amazing” individuals Judkins described. Both live in Asheville and have been involved in Professional Parenting for many years. Swarts is Jacob’s adoptive mother. Hensley and her husband, Roger, are Tiffany’s adoptive parents. Prior to their work with Professional Parenting, they were strangers. But today, the Hensleys and the Swartses are one family living under two roofs.

Swarts, a former day care director, was part of the Professional Parenting family for nine years. In that time she worked with more than 50 kids. She also pioneered PP’s therapeutic respite program, which provides respite care to weary, over-stressed foster parents, and intensive therapeutic care for the child. She met Jacob through the respite program, did foster care with him for a few months, and finally adopted him last September.

Swarts describes the help she received from PP and A+ during the transition from foster parent to adoption as “fabulous.”

“They provide so much support through in-home consultations, workshops, their library, video trainings, and both parent and child support groups,” she said.

“When Jacob was angry and acting out, they reminded me his anger was not about me. He was dealing with issues that went way back in his history. They helped us both recognize that and come up with effective strategies to help Jacob change his behavior. Through the program, Jacob has learned to respect, trust and love himself. These are skills kids coming into the program don’t have,” Swarts said.

After Jacob’s adoption was secured, Swarts said Jacob’s behavior transformed.

“I’m amazed at the calm that’s come over him, the change in his maturity,” she said. “His teachers and program mangers all have remarked on the changes. I think he just needed to know that he had a real home, a real family.

“Tiffany and Jacob are so fortunate they found their way into Professional Parenting. They got the best care available. And, through the program, we are now one family. We get the kids together quite often. They play basketball, rake the leaves together and jump in them. Karen and I are basically co-parenting these kids, and it’s been a blessing for all of us,” Swarts said.

Hensley, who was a professional parent for seven years, couldn’t agree more. The story she tells of her adopted daughter Tiffany is about a skinny 11-year-old girl with a basket full of emotions and horrible memories.

“She had night screams and tears every night for a year,” she said. “It was the memories of her life with her family, and she just couldn’t cope. She’d say, ‘Momma, it’s like a machine gun. They’re coming at my head all the time.’

“There were times I needed support 24 hours a day. Professional Parenting was a huge partner in this. A program manager would show up whenever I needed help. They would go and sit with Tiffany and process with her whatever she was going through.”

Hensley and her husband fostered Tiffany for two years before they adopted her. Today, Tiffany continues to make progress. She is a confident young lady of 16, more than capable of speaking for herself.

“When I was little, I never knew when someone was going to hurt me. I didn't know who to trust. When I first came to Karen’s, I knew this was my home. For the first time in my life, I have peace,” Tiffany said.

How You Can Help

• Spread the word about the need for foster and adoptive families
• Be a weekend respite family
• Help with financial donations
• Learn more at www.professionalparentingnc.org

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John Stone, a senior English major concentrating in creative writing, is this year’s recipient of the Truman Capote Literary Trust Scholarship in Creative Writing.

A total of $75,000 in gifts from the Truman Capote Literary Trust created the scholarship to support students in Appalachian’s creative writing program.

Already a published poet, Stone is passionate about writing. He won the Capote award based on two short stories judged in a competition by Nancy Huddleston Packer, author and professor emeritus of creative writing at Stanford University. Packer, who will be in residence as Appalachian’s Rachel Rivers-Coffey Distinguished Professor this fall, described Stone’s writing as “moving and persuasive.”

Stone also received the creative writing program’s John Foster West Scholarship in 2006.

Listen to Stone read his poetry at www.features.appstate.edu/stone.
The 2007 Board of Governors/Appalachian State University Teaching Award was presented to Steven Millsaps in economics, pictured left.

The Plemmons Medallion was awarded to Dawn Sheppard, administrative assistant to the dean and coordinator of the Holland Fellows Program, for contributions to the betterment of students’ lives outside the classroom, pictured left.

2007 Faculty Awards for Excellence pictured right, were presented to, from left, Ron Marden, accounting, for service; John Whitehead, economics, for research; Ivan Roten, finance, banking and insurance, for teaching; and Bryan Toney, Center for Entrepreneurship, as a non-tenure track faculty member.

Walker faculty and staff honored

Students and faculty members gain a global perspective of the business world through the college’s expanding international activities.

A two-year project funded by a $169,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education is allowing the Walker College of Business to build valuable relationships with educational institutions and businesses in India, an increasingly important part of the world for business.

The project is a joint venture between the college and the Office of International Education and Development.

Activities planned as part of the grant include new course development, student and faculty exchanges, faculty development and research, and assessment of outsourcing in the Carolinas. Also, students will have opportunities to study for a semester in India, as well as participate in internships with companies there.

Through the college’s study abroad programs, students gain a global perspective by collaborating with their international counterparts in classes, on business visits and through cultural experiences.

A variety of trips are planned this academic year:

For the second year in a row, MBA students will spend 10 days this spring in China, experiencing international business. Participants in the William R. Holland Program for Business Study in Asia will also travel to China this spring through the 13-year-old exchange with Fudan University in Shanghai. Undergraduates studying entrepreneurship will visit Austria and Spain, and computer information systems students will travel to Bangalore, India.

Southern Shows Inc. founder to speak in April

Joan H. Zimmerman, founder and chief executive officer of Southern Shows Inc., is the Spring 2008 Harlan E. Boyles Distinguished CEO Lecturer. Zimmerman founded Southern Shows in 1959 and produced the first Southern Shows event in 1960. Headquartered in Charlotte, the company produces 21 trade and consumer shows nationally, including the Southern Ideal Home Show and the Southern Spring Home and Garden Show.

The event is scheduled for Tuesday, April 1, at 2 p.m. in the Broyhill Music Center’s Rosen Concert Hall. The lecture series, named for the late State Treasurer Harlan E. Boyles, is open to the public. Learn more at www.business.appstate.edu/ceo.

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Geraldine “Gerry” Smith ‘70 ’71 joins Walker College as an advancement specialist. Prior to retiring last March, Smith was a financial consultant and first vice president for investments with Smith Barney in Charlotte. A certified financial planner and member of the college’s Business Advisory Council, she received her bachelor’s and master’s degrees in business from Appalachian.

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A partnership between Appalachian's instructional technology faculty members and Clemson University is driving research and innovation in the explosive industry of virtual world technology.

The mission of Carolinas Virtual World Consortium is to instruct regional, national, and international policy on the impact and uses of 3-D virtual world technologies.

“When people have a strong sense of presence, they're more engaged in what they're doing, whether it's taking a class or collaborating on a project. If we can take the lead in understanding the power of this kind of programming and how it can be used, we will contribute a great deal to the field,” said Dick Riedl, a member of the consortium and professor in instructional technology.

Riedl, along with colleagues John Tashner and Stephen Bronack, created Appalachian Education Technology Zone, a 3-D computer environment that enhances online learning. The program received the 2006 Campus Technology Innovators Award from Campus Technology Magazine.

Other Reich College of Education faculty members involved in the consortium include Amy Cheney, Rob Sanders and Nita Matzen.

According to Sean Williams, associate dean of Clemson's graduate school and a consortium member, there are substantial economic and educational benefits of the 3-D environment.

As the popularity of virtual world technology merges with e-commerce, the way business is conducted will change, he said. For example, IBM recently created a virtual business center to facilitate interaction between their sales people and clients.

Janet W. Bloodgood Endowment established

On Oct. 17, 2007, Janet Williams Bloodgood, a beloved professor in the Department of Language, Reading and Exceptionalities, died suddenly.

To commemorate her contributions to the Reich College of Education and her profession, Bloodgood's family established the Janet Williams Bloodgood Endowment for Reading and Children's Literature.

Bloodgood's specialty was children's literature, and she owned thousands of children's books. Her collection will expand the existing Reading Clinic collection to create the Janet Williams Bloodgood Reading Room.

A nationally recognized scholar in her field, Bloodgood came to Appalachian in 1997. She wrote and published extensively, served on editorial review boards of professional journals, and was active in the National Reading Conference.

In 2005, the International Reading Association presented her with the Dina Feitelson Research Award. That same year, she received the Reich College of Education Outstanding Scholarship Award.

From the endowment, $500 will be used annually to purchase books and materials for the Janet Williams Bloodgood Reading Room, and a $1,000 scholarship will be awarded annually to a graduate student in the reading program with demonstrated financial need.

To contribute to the Bloodgood endowment, contact Dolly Farrell at (828) 262-2804 or farrelldm@appstate.edu.

Nominations sought for 2008 Rhododendron award

The Rhododendron Society recognizes Appalachian graduates whose service to education as teachers, librarians, human service professionals or administrators has been exemplary. Established in 1999, it is the highest honor given by the Reich College of Education. New members are inducted annually during Black and Gold Reunion Weekend. This year's event will be July 25-26.

For nomination forms, contact Dolly Farrell, director of development, at (828) 262-2804 or farrelldm@appstate.edu. Or, download the form at www.ced.appstate.edu.

Nominations must be received by April 25.

Rewarding Young Readers: Top readers in the inaugural Mountaineer Summer Reading Program were cheered on by 25,000 fans at Kidd Brewer Stadium during the Georgia Southern football game. A collaboration between Appalachian's Athletics Department and the Reich College of Education, the reading program supports and encourages literacy among 1st through 8th graders in the public schools in Appalachian's Public School Partnership. Between June and August, nearly 12,000 students in 26 partnership schools read a total of 27,433 books. Each student who began the program received a free ticket to an Appalachian athletics event. A total of 63 schools have signed up for this summer.
BSN program honors first graduates

The first group of students in Appalachian’s off-campus bachelor of science degree in nursing, or RN to BSN program, graduated last summer.

“As our first set of graduates, these students hold a unique position in the history of Appalachian’s nursing program, as well as in the memories of our faculty,” said Wanda Stutts, chair of the Department of Nursing.

The RN to BSN degree is designed for individuals who have either earned an associate degree in nursing, or who graduated from a hospital diploma program and hold a current and active registered nurse (RN) license in North Carolina or another state that recognizes that license. The program prepares students with the academic knowledge and skills necessary to advance to the professional entry level within the field of nursing, or to apply to graduate school.

Cohorts are offered at off-campus locations in Boone, Hickory and Morganton. Students can complete the degree in one year (three semesters), and classes are scheduled only one evening a week.

Inaugural radio institute a success

The Department of Communication’s inaugural Kellar Radio Farm System Institute wrapped up to rave reviews.

“What a cool program you’ve created. It will give students an advantage as they head into the real world,” said Natalie Kirby ’01, marketing director at CBS in Charlotte.

“Before graduation, I wasn’t sure what I wanted to do with my degree,” said Pam Patton ’07. “Participation in the institute inspired me to actually pursue a career in radio sales. That’s what I’m doing now at Beasley Broadcast Group in Fayetteville. And, I love it.”

Appalachian received a commitment of $500,000 from The Kellar Family Foundation in Alexandria, Va., to create the 10-day institute. The summer event is designed to attract, train and foster career opportunities for students who have a passion for the broadcast industry.

The 17 Appalachian students who participated received hands-on training and advice from broadcast professionals on topics such as on-air work, news writing, sales, programming and management.

More than 20 industry leaders served as guest faculty, including several Appalachian alumni: Colin Hafler ’95, voice artist, actor and founder of Colin Hafler Voice/Audio, Inc., of New York; Ray Mariner ’85, co-star of the Cindy and Ray Show on Star 94 FM/WSTR in Atlanta; and Doug Rice ’77, the “Voice of NASCAR,” and president and general manager of Performance Racing Network. The 2008 institute is scheduled for July 14-23.
Having a job that is never the same from one day to the next energizes Jackie Cetera. A graduate student and residence hall director at Lovill Hall, Cetera received the North Carolina Housing Officers’ Graduate Student of the Year award. The award recognizes graduate students who perform above expectations in service to their campus and/or academic program.

Cetera plans to graduate in May with a master of arts degree in college student development, with a concentration in student affairs. “Helping them develop these skills ultimately contributes to success in the classroom and in their research, as they translate their research into classroom applications,” she said.

A Transforming Campuses award of $33,986 from the UNC General Administration funded the series.

Transforming Campuses series hones grant-writing skills

A grant-writing series instructing faculty in how to pursue external funding for research is getting positive results.

Of the 13 faculty proposals drafted during the Transforming Campuses: Research Education Series in the 2006-07 academic year, 11 have been funded equaling more than $950,000 in research dollars.

The program was organized by the Office of Research and Graduate Studies, Cratis D. Williams Graduate School, and facilitated by the office’s Pollyanne Frantz, coordinator of proposal development.

Participants learned how to locate and evaluate funding sources for their research projects, and to develop proposals.

“Faculty members of institutions like Appalachian are expected to pursue external funding to support their research,” said Edelma Huntley, dean of research and graduate studies.

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Payne lives and learns in the United Kingdom

“All the clichés are true. Living and working in another country will change your life,” said Lucinda Payne, a graduate student in the psychology department’s experimental psychology program.

During a four-month research trip to Loughborough University in the United Kingdom, Payne worked with Claire Farrow, one of the top researchers in the field of child feeding.

“Support from the International Student Research Grant funded Payne’s work at Loughborough.

Academic Common Market programs

For North Carolina students who want to pursue a degree program not offered in the state’s university system but can’t afford out-of-state tuition, the Academic Common Market can make that pursuit possible.

The Academic Common Market is a clearinghouse of educational programs accessible to students in member states of the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB). Through North Carolina’s SREB membership, Appalachian students can enroll in graduate programs at participating SREB universities without paying out-of-state tuition.

Benefits of the Academic Common Market include eliminating duplication of academic programs among participating states, supporting existing degree programs that have the capacity to serve additional students, and providing and encouraging academic cooperation and movement among member states. The market offers programming in hundreds of topics.


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Since 1997, the APPal PIE (Partners in Education) Scholarship Program has helped recruit talented students into the Mariam Cannon Hayes School of Music. “Since these scholarships are allocated to students who show potential as performers, their presence makes a significant impact on the academic and musical environment of the music school and the community,” said Dean William G. Harbinson. “The overall quality of performance here is enhanced through their participation.”

APPal PIE donors commit $2,500 annually for four years to a specific student. To date, the program has supported more than $500,000 in scholarships. There are currently 28 APPal PIE scholars at the school.

According to Harbinson, APPal PIE functions like an “adopt-a-student” program. “Donors and students get to know each other pretty well over the years, through recitals and other events. And, many of them remain in contact even after graduation,” he said.

Bob Gilley ’51, a Boone native, graduate of the school of music, and longtime supporter of Appalachian, helped create the APPal PIE program. He has supported six APPal PIE scholars.

“A lot of APPal PIE students are from out of state, and their tuition is almost double that of in-state students. APPal PIE helps take up the slack,” said Gilley, who now resides in Blowing Rock with his wife, Sarah. “But the program is about more than money,” he said. “As donors, we watch over our students, and in return we get to watch them blossom.”

Longtime donors Bob and Sarah Gilley with one of their APPal PIE scholars, senior Anna Eschbach.

The group’s core is a quartet of voices,” said Julia Pedigo, professor of music and voice, and coordinator of “Quintessential!” “The accompanist’s contribution is as essential a component to the ensemble as the voices. So, the result is a collaboration of five.”

Each of the five students went through an audition process last spring, and the group came together as “Quintessential!” last fall. Of the five students in the ensemble, four were awarded graduate assistantships.

Ensemble members are Tara Nixon, soprano, Lauren Hayworth, soprano, Tyler Young ‘07, tenor, undergraduate student Brian Newland, baritone, and Amanda Sherrod ’06, accompanist.

As part of their assistantships, ensemble members perform both locally and in the surrounding region.

The program of study consists of weekly vocal and dramatic coaching, a concentration on languages, and professional career development.

After completion of the first year of study, ensemble members have the opportunity to attend a five-week summer course at the Franz Schubert Institut in Baden bei Wien, Austria.

Take two sopranos, one tenor, a baritone, add in a pianist for accompaniment and you’ve got “Quintessential!” the Hayes School of Music’s endowed graduate performance ensemble.

The Hayes School of Music’s new graduate performance ensemble is composed of, from left, Tara Nixon, Lauren Hayworth, Tyler Young, Brian Newland and Amanda Sherrod.

Concerts available now through Internet streaming

The Hayes School of Music has taken a technological leap forward that delivers music via the Web to supporters of the school and its students.

The webcasting system in Rosen Concert Hall transmits live student and faculty concerts and performances. For those tuning in from home, the setup is similar to listening to radio stations from around the country over the Internet, but with better sound quality, according to Scott Wynne, the school’s chief recording engineer.

“You can run it through your stereo system via Quicktime plug-in on either PC or Mac, and enjoy concerts and recitals from the comfort of your own living room,” he said.

“The implementation of this technology makes our student and faculty performances more accessible, particularly to audiences who can’t make the trip to Boone,” said Dean William G. Harbinson. “We can now share the musical resources of the Hayes School of Music with the broader community.”

To access the school’s webcasting system, visit www.music.appstate.edu.
Library acquires primary source databases

Several large databases of primary source materials dating from the 15th to the 19th centuries are now accessible through Belk Library and Information Commons. These materials are well used by some faculty members who, until now, have had to travel to other libraries to access the materials. The new databases include:

- Eighteenth Century Collections Online
- The Making of the Modern World
- Early American Imprints: Evans Series 1639-1800
- Early American Imprints: Shaw-Shoemaker 1801-1819
- America’s Historical Newspapers, Series I, II, and III
- Early English Books Online
- American Periodicals Series 1750-1900

The resources are relevant to studies in the humanities and social sciences, but are also useful to those studying the history of other disciplines, including law, mathematics, business, economics, education, geography and medicine.

Idea Factory reaches out to teachers

In September 2007, the Belk Library and Information Commons launched the Idea Factory. The primary mission of the outreach program is to provide library support and resources to Appalachian's education graduates as they enter North Carolina's public school system as teaching professionals.

During the first year of the project, Watauga County teachers, and those throughout the region and state who supervise Appalachian student teachers, have access to the program. Starting in July, teachers in all schools in the eight counties of Appalachian’s Public School Partnership will have access to program resources.

The Idea Factory is a cooperative effort between the Reich College of Education (RCOE) and the library's Instructional Materials Center. Room 033 in the center, a model preK-12 media center supporting RCOE teacher preparation programs, is now home to Idea Factory resources.

The room houses a variety of equipment with the public teacher in mind, including an Ellison die-cut center, hot and cold laminators, a comb binder, a Badge-a-minit button maker, an Art Waxer, and computer equipment featuring a variety of software.

To schedule an appointment at the Idea Factory, call (828) 262-2778 or (828) 262-7360.
STRIKE A POSE: Readers have seen his photographs in the pages of Appalachian Today for years, but never his face. Mike Rominger ’76, right, retired this year after 25 years as University Photographer. His images depicted the best of Appalachian State University, whether they were used in admissions view books, multimedia presentations and university publications, on the web or by the news media. Rominger and his Nikon attended countless graduation ceremonies, athletics events and alumni functions. He’s pictured here on the football sidelines with student assistant Brian Hill ’92.
This issue includes portions of class notes received from June 22 to Dec. 31, 2007. Notes may be submitted via the Alumni Association’s online community. Visit www.alumni.appstate.edu and click on Gold Book to post notes instantly. Keep class notes timely by reporting news within six months of the event.

'57 • Henry Jackson was inducted into the Fayetteville Sports Club Hall of Fame after 47 years of coaching and teaching at Pine Forest High School.

'58 • Jim Stokes was inducted into the North Carolina Bandmasters Association Hall of Fame, Winston-Salem, Nov. 11, 2007.

'65 • Rudy Diamond, after 11 years of retirement, is an Academic Advisor at Forsyth Technical Community College, Winston-Salem.

'67 • Willard Deal is leading volunteer groups in post-Katrina rebuilding efforts along the Mississippi Gulf Coast through Lutheran Episcopal Services of Mississippi.

'69 • Donna Hawks Blake of Strawberry Plains, Tenn., retired after 30 years as a librarian in Tennessee, North Carolina and Virginia.

'70 • Walter Lassiter was promoted to Pre-Engineering Instructor at Floyd D. Johnson Technology Center, York, S.C.

'71 • Rudy Stine received fourth place in a national “2007 Service to America Medal” in the career achievement category. He was an architect of the U.S. Army’s environmental program.

'72 • John Shore retired March 1, 2007 from the Guilford County Department of Social Services.

'75 • Randall Shaver received an Ed.D. in educational leadership, UNC Greensboro, Dec. 20, 2007.

'77 • Bertis Little has recently published the third edition of “Drugs and Pregnancy: A Handbook,” by Hodder-Arnold of London, and

‘Back 2 Black & Gold’ campaign updates signs

A stroll down Rivers Street reveals an act of deep pride and commitment to Appalachian expressed by a group of local alumni. All the green information signs along the street have been replaced with signs proudly displaying Appalachian’s colors of Black & Gold.

Wayne Sumner ’75, Jeannine Underdown Collins ’79 ’81 and Tanna Baumgardner ’99 launched the “Back 2 Black & Gold” campaign last summer to replace the signs.

“This is such an exciting time to be on campus, and we felt replacing the old signs with Appalachian’s colors of Black & Gold would help amplify the growing spirit and pride at Appalachian,” said Sumner, president of Jackson Sumner & Associates of Boone.

In less than three months, the campaign of letter writing, e-mails, and message board postings raised $11,500 for the project. More than 50 patrons responded. The first phase of the campaign was made possible with an anonymous gift matching half the funds needed.

The second phase of the campaign will focus on replacing the remaining signs on campus by offering naming opportunities to patrons. Look for details of the “adopt a sign” campaign at www.alumni.appstate.edu.
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Family Day

Appalachian hosts Family Day and Fall Open House for prospective students on September 27, 2008

www.parents.appstate.edu

Appalachian Ambassadors turn 30: More than 200 alumni and current Appalachian Student Ambassadors gathered in November to celebrate the program’s 30th anniversary. The service program was founded in 1977 to provide campus tours to prospective students and host alumni at special events. The 12-member organization has grown into a group of 40 dedicated student leaders. They still give campus tours, but their focus has broadened to support Alumni Affairs, the Office of Admissions, and the Office of the Chancellor with alumni and university events throughout the year. The group was started by Fred Robinette ’66, pictured front row and center. Learn more at www.ambassadors.appstate.edu.

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’94 ■ Teresa (Brown) Johnson and Darryl Johnson announce the birth of Samantha Jane, Feb. 11, 2007. ■ Candace (Burleson) Harden opened advertising agency Pontifex Advertising, Walnut Cove. ■ Ashley Newman and Marcus Hoy announce the birth of twins, Fallon and Cannon, March 24, 2007. ■ Shaun Slattery was promoted to Director of New Media Studies at DePaul University, Chicago. ■ Keith VanWagner received a J.D. from the University of the Pacific School of Law, May 12, 2007. ■ Jennifer (Gardner) Leonard and Brannon Leonard ’93 of Winston-Salem were married May 12, 2007. ■ Katie Dean was promoted to Vice President of Radio Marketing at Universal Music Group, Nashville, Tenn. ■ Mark Turner was awarded the FTTH Council’s Photon Award for 2007.

’95 ■ Michael and Jennifer Guess announce the birth of April Rochelle, Oct. 24, 2007. ■ Holly Whitaker is a Correctional Officer at Pamlico Correctional Institution, Bayboro.

Horton-Stallings praised for new academic book

“Mutha’ is Half a Word” has been described by reviewers as “a heroic feat,” and “pioneering in its scope.” Author LaMonda Horton-Stallings ’98, a graduate of the English master’s degree program, is in her fifth year as an assistant professor of African-American literature and culture at the University of Florida, Gainesville.

In August, The Ohio State University Press published “Mutha’ Is Half a Word: Intersections of Folklore, Vernacular, Myth, and Queerness in Black Female Culture,” a study of sexual desire in black women’s culture.

Valerie Lee, a professor of English at The Ohio State University, writes that Horton-Stallings’ “examination of everything from lesbian slave mistresses to Lil’ Kim’s gritty lyrics is pioneering in its scope and daring in its execution.”
Janet W. Bloodgood, 61, an associate professor in Appalachian’s Department of Language, Reading and Exceptionalities, died unexpectedly Oct. 17, 2007. She came to Appalachian in 1997. Her specialty was children’s literature. In 2003, she received the Reich College of Education’s Outstanding Scholarship Award.

Oscar Paul Orr, 89, died Dec. 5, 2007. He was a co-coordinator of student teaching at Appalachian in addition to a career as a teacher and principal in Virginia and Tennessee.

Professor Emeritus Irvin Watson “Bill” Carpenter Jr., 84, died Dec. 11, 2007. He taught biology for 32 years and established Beta Beta Beta, Appalachian’s first Greek honor society, and the university’s herbarium in 1958. He received the university’s first Trustees Award for Outstanding Teacher in 1971 and the Alumni Association’s Outstanding Service Award in 1986.

Former Belk Library associate professor Lenore Dudley, 73, died Dec. 19, 2007. Dudley began work in the library in 1978, and retired in 1999 as an associate professor/collection development librarian. She was awarded associate professor emerita status by the Board of Trustees in June 2000.

John Alfred Pritchett Jr., 82, professor emeritus of curriculum and instruction, died Jan. 16. He organized and developed Appalachian’s Department of Audio-Visual Education, which later merged with the Department of Curriculum and Instruction.

E. G. “Red” Lackey ’37, a member of Appalachian’s Board of Trustees for 17 years and namesake of baseball’s Red Lackey Field, passed away Feb. 26, 2008, in Ormond Beach, Fla. He was a leader in the trucking industry for many years. His wife, Jane ’38, passed away on Jan. 17, 2008, shortly after they celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary. Together they were long-term supporters of Appalachian.
Steven Mann and Erica (Todd) Mann '96 announce the birth of Jeremy Todd, May 15, 2007.  
Terre Sanders Andrew and Mike Andrew '96 announce the birth of Branson Yin-Chi Warfel and Joshua Cole were married May 20, 2007.

Wade Booth was promoted to Detention Sergeant at Mecklenburg County Sheriff’s Office, Charlotte.  
Robyn Martin and Eric Sinkeldam of Waldorf, Md. were married April 20, 2007.

Laura (Green) Skvoretz received National Board Certification in Teaching, Nov. 9, 2007.  
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Jeffrey Campbell and Emily Ridenhour Campbell '98 announce the birth of Samuel Jefferson, April 20, 2007.  
Heather (Brueland) Eudy and Jamie Eudy announce the birth of Kaitlyn Brooks, June 4, 2007.  
Heather (Baxley) Loftin and Mark Loftin announce the birth of Savannah Noelle, Jan. 21, 2007.  
Dwayne Elliott was promoted to Director for Student Campus Events at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.  
Richard Jenson was promoted to Senior Planner, Land Use and Public Facilities, Union County Government, Monroe.  
Eric Hollifield won the Assault on Mt. Mitchell, one of the toughest road races in the country, June 1, 2007.  
Jeremy Coleman was promoted to Sergeant with the Burlington Police Department, Aug. 1, 2007.  
Gene Frye received his doctoral degree in experimental psychology from Texas Christian University, Aug. 2007; he is now a visiting Assistant Professor at the Colorado College, Colorado Springs.  
Kelly Deaton Carey and Mike Carey '97 announce the birth of Taylor Elizabeth, April 10, 2007.  
Erin (Poage) Dennis is Pops & Presentations Coordinator at the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra.  
Kevin Fair was promoted to Outside Sales Account Manager at Ryerson, Inc., Greensboro.  
Thomas Howell is Assistant Principal at Wüb A. Murray Elementary, Hickory.  
Valerie Beasley and Joshua Cole were married in Troutman.  
Yin-Chi Warfel and Timothy Mark Corbett of Winston-Salem were married May 20, 2007.  


Dula chosen for international leadership development program

Municipal management runs in Adrienne Dula’s blood. The 2004 graduate’s father, Mike Dula ’72, has been town manager of Elon for the past 17 years. His love of municipal government apparently rubbed off on Adrienne, as she is following in his footsteps.

The younger Dula ’04 ’06, is one of 15 people chosen from around the world to take part in the International City/County Management Association’s Emerging Leaders Development Program. The two-year program is designed to help future municipal leaders develop important management skills. Dula began the program last September.

Dula is also in her second year of employment in the City of Lenoir Planning Department, a step in her career path that began at Appalachian. She received a bachelor’s degree in political science with a focus on town and city/county management, and followed that with a master’s degree in public administration. An internship with the City of Lenoir led to her full-time employment.
**Class of ’58 selects ACCESS as recipient of class gift**

In commemoration of the class of 1958’s 50th anniversary, the class will establish an endowment for Appalachian’s ACCESS scholarship program.

ACCESS stands for Appalachian Commitment to a College Education for Student Success. The program covers the total cost of a four-year degree from Appalachian for about 40 low-income freshman students from North Carolina each year.

“Through a survey, our class showed strong support for directing the class gift toward ACCESS scholarships,” says Dick Bolin ’58. “This will be a wonderful way for us to make it possible for worthy students to have the Appalachian experience that meant so much to us.”

Class members will gather at the Black & Gold Reunion July 25-26. The class gift will be presented to Chancellor Kenneth E. Peacock at the Heritage Luncheon during the weekend.

For more information about the class gift and reunion weekend, visit www.alumni.appstate.edu and click on Black & Gold Reunion, or call toll free (866) 756-2586.

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- Adam Neal is an International Tax Specialist at SAS Institute, Cary.
- Allison Riddick is a Travel Counselor at American Express Business Travel, Greensboro.
- Erin (Styers) West and Matt West ’00 announce the birth of Miles Matthew, April 19, 2007.
- Jennifer Bohrer and John DuPont of Denver were married July 21, 2007.

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- Michael and Sarah (Lattimore) Pruitt ’04 were married Sept. 22, 2007.
- Katryna Jacober passed the National Board Certification in Teaching; a 2nd grade teacher at Lewisville Elementary School, she was elected the school’s Teacher of the Year Nov. 20, 2007.
- Melissa Costin is an Assistant Principal at South Caldwell High School, Hudson.
- Marshall Ellis is Director of Development at CrisisLink, Arlington, Va.
- Justin Joplin is Associate Pastor at Westover Baptist Church, Richmond, Va.; he received his master of divinity degree from Baptist Theological Seminary, May 26, 2007.
- David McLean is Construction Manager in the Development Division at Arlington Properties, Inc., Birmingham, Ala.
- Jay Nathan was promoted to Practice Manager, Enterprise Solutions at Blackbaud, Charleston, S.C.
- Yancy Strickland is Campaign Associate at Triangle United Way, Research Triangle Park.
- Kari Krein received her master’s in stage management, May 6, 2007, at the University of Delaware.
- Tracie (Dunlap) Edens and Jarrod Edens of Durham were married Oct. 6, 2007.
- Anthony Guerrini and Amanda Lavender of High Point were married June 23, 2007.

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- Gail (Berry) Little and John Little ’02 announce the birth of Anna Caitlyn.
- Thomas Camp-
Students entering sixth-grade health class at North Lincoln Middle School with teacher Wendy Clark ’01 are always prepared to get physical. Whether they’re intertwining their fingers then beating their palms together noisily to represent the beating of the heart, sticking out their hands parallel to their desks and wiggling their fingers to mimic alveoli – structures in the lungs that gather oxygen – or checking their heart rate after dancing the do-si-do, Clark strives to incorporate movement into her teaching, and relate human anatomy to things sixth-graders understand.

Clark’s passion for teaching and the practices she employs to get students excited about learning earned her the North Carolina Middle School Health Teacher of the Year award.

“Teaching is definitely my passion,” she said. “I make my class come to life. I want students to take with them practical skills to keep them healthy for a lifetime. What an honor to be able to do what I love and get an award for it.”

Clark was honored in November by The North Carolina Association for the Advancement of Health Education in Greensboro.

— Compiled from an article by Rebekah Lewis, Lincoln Times-News

Award-winning teacher’s passion ignites learning

BODIES AT WORK: Inset, Wendy Clark ’01 teaches how lungs function.
Sixth-graders at North Lincoln Middle School Michael Lazorik, left, and Ben Newman dance the do-si-do with their class as Clark looks on.
Members of the Omicron Kappa Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority celebrated 20 years of excellence in sisterhood, programming and service this academic year, coinciding with the national organization’s 100th anniversary.

Thirteen women started Appalachian’s Omicron Kappa chapter in 1987, and since then, the chapter has inducted 115 sisters and remains one of the longest standing African American sororities on campus.

Omicron Kappa members’ leadership and service are demonstrated in campus programs such as Breast Cancer Awareness for African American Women and Men, Social Graces Etiquette and Charm Clinic, and the Annual HIV/AIDS Walk for Awareness.


Christina (Atkins) Huss and Terry Huss ’02 announce the birth of Ayden David, Oct. 9, 2007. Shiona Christensen was promoted to Manager of Conferences & Meetings at the College & University Professional Association for Human Resources, Knoxville, Tenn. Sara Searcy is Marketing Director at Blue Ridge Regional Hospital, Spruce Pine.

Beth Worsley is Director of Communications at N.C. Association of School Administrators, Raleigh. Lee Blackwelder and Kara Morrison Blackwelder ’03 of Denver were married June 30, 2007. Jason Blaock and Whitney Eckard Blaock ’03 of Greensboro were married June 16, 2007. Jonathan Thomas and Kennette (Lawrence) Thomas ’03 of Mount Airy were married July 7, 2007.

Amanda (Walker) Anders and Bo Anders of Charlotte were married Oct. 20, 2007.

Ginger (Clayton) Taylor and Andrew Taylor ’02 announce the birth of Gracyn Caroline, Nov. 21, 2007. Clay Whiteheart is an Internal Auditor at AIG United Guaranty, Greensboro.


Lana (Meredith) Upchurch and Matt Upchurch announce the birth of Sadie Christine, Sept. 3, 2007. Jenobi Coates Womack is an on-boarding specialist at Crowder Construction Company, Charlotte. John Nixon’s Public Information Officer with the City of Burlington.

Richard Carsner and Anna Earl Carsner of Belmont were married June 30, 2007. Crissy Berst and Stuart Patterson ’99 of Burlington were married April 14, 2007.


Joshua Watkins is Town Planner, town of Harmsburg. Adrienne Brabender and David Bushea of West Palm Beach, Fla., were married May 19, 2007. Sarah Simmons and Wes Turner ’04 of Atlanta were married June 23, 2007. Lauren Williams and Brandon Robinson of Alexandria, Va., were married July 28, 2007.

John Worthington and Jennifer (Yarnadore) Worthington ’04 of Columbus, Md., were married July 14, 2007.

Jeremy Branch and Brooke (White) Branch ’06 of Dobson were married Sept. 22, 2007. Kelly Casale and Tyler Miller ’05 of Apex were married May 19, 2007.

Chelseia Everett Helms and Brendon Helms of Boone were married June 16, 2007. Ashley Sellers and Jeremiah Grant ’06 of Valde Crucis were married May 19, 2007. Katie Marie Evans and Justin Richard ’07 of Tallahassee, Fla., were married May 26, 2007. John Haley is a graduate assistant for men’s basketball at The Citadel, Charleston, S.C.

Justin Richard ’07 is a Marketing Assistant at Charlotte Regional Sports Commission, Charlotte; she received her master’s in sports administration from the University of Louisville.

Joshua Bumgarner and Leah Chapman Bumgarner ’05 of Taylorsville were married July 14, 2007.

Jared Church and Katherine Carson Church ’05 of Kennesaw were married July 21, 2007. Donna Suzanne (Harkins) Edmonds and Joseph Edmonds ’06 of Lexington were married June 17, 2006. Brenna Fisher and Daniel Whitson ’05 of Boone were married June 30, 2007.


‘06 Robb Krause is a GIS Technician with the City of Flagstaff, Information Technology Division, Flagstaff, Ariz. Adam Jones and Ashley (Joyce) Jones were married Sept. 22, 2007. Andrew Thomas and Holly (Sharp) Thomas ’06 of Drexel were married July 14, 2007.

Nathaniel Lyash and Mary (Hoke) Lyash of Charlotte were married June 30, 2007. Megan Paton Evans and Chad Evans ’05 of Elkin were married June 23, 2007. Joshua Ivey and Kelly (Ellis) Ivey ’06 of Raleigh were married June 16, 2007.

Audra (Lawson) Chilton and Tyler Chilton of King were married July 14, 2007. Catherine Rhyme and Benjamin Littler of Tallahassee, Fla., were married Aug. 2, 2007.

Haley Henderson and Stuart Miller ’04 of Greensboro were married May 19, 2007. Sarah Keener and Charles Moretz were married Sept. 15, 2007.

Stacey Pierce and Brandon Presnell were married July 21, 2007. Jacob Surratt and Casey (Thompson) Surratt ’06 of Matthews were married June 23, 2007.

John Wiggins and Jamie (Breedlove) Wiggins ’07 of Raleigh were married June 16, 2007. Margaret Moore and Todd Zarzecki of Raleigh were married April 21, 2007.

Daniel Reddick has joined an exclusive group, the Executive Council Agents, with New York Life Insurance Company.

Chelsea (Everett) Helms and Brendon Helms of Boone were married June 16, 2007. Ashley Sellers and Jeremiah Grant ’06 of Valde Crucis were married May 19, 2007.

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Justin Tucker is an Application Developer at Duke Energy, Charlotte.
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Amy Beth Daugtry ’02 and Thomas Nicholas Goeken ’02 were married October 15, 2006

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