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A Family Tradition

In many ways, the story of the Layman family personifies a pattern seen over the years at Bridgewater College: Several generations of members of the same family who attended Bridgewater College became outstanding and effective leaders in their communities.



When I met Ira and Vivian Layman more than 25 years ago, I was impressed with their family, their active role in the church and community in Daleville, Va., their family business, and their loyalty to Bridgewater College. Since 1975, Ira has served on the Board of Trustees of the College. Even in the last couple of years as he faced health problems, he has maintained an active interest in college activities. When I visit him, he always expresses both interest in the College and commitment to its success.

The next generation of the Ira Layman family, Sandra, James, and Allen, have continued this tradition of outstanding leadership in the community, success in business, and loyalty to church, community, and college. Sandra graduated from Bridgewater College as did Allen. James' daughter, Ashley, is a 2000 graduate, representing yet another generation of Layman participation in the College's history.

Ira and Vivian brought to bear on a small family business their special characteristics of hard work, honesty, attention to customers and frugal business practices to build a strong family telephone company. They are widely respected as entrepreneurs in that industry. Allen has taken the business to a new level. Anticipating the emerging role of technology and daring to take risks, he converted the strong family telephone company into a cutting-edge technology company. Allen, like his father, saw the value of active participation in his trade association and became its national president. He also has had other positions of high visibility in public life.

In spite of the extraordinary growth and success experienced by their company and the highly visible positions they have held in public and business life, all the members of the Layman family have continued to be unpretentious, loyal to roots, and committed to church, community, family and college. We believe those are special characteristics in our Bridgewater College alumni. In the members of the Layman family, we see it lived out in a very special way. In similar ways, so many of the outstanding families related to Bridgewater College have enriched their communities and the world through their work, ethical living and accountable leadership.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phillip C. Stone". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and "S".

Phillip C. Stone
President

BC Sophomores on "Tonight Show"

If you were watching "The Tonight Show" late one night this past winter, you may have seen two bright, attractive, articulate young women perform on what Jay Leno calls "The Tonight Show Sideshow." Nothing new, except that the participants were Bridgewater College sophomores Emily McDonald and Kristen Hurst. They performed a song from Disney's "Cinderella." Hurst sang in a high-pitched mouse voice, while McDonald provided the musical accompaniment making sounds like a trumpet.

The two were part of Dr. Jeff Pierson's communications class that traveled to Los Angeles for 10 days during Interterm to study mass media, television and film production. The class saw tapings of sitcoms like "Friends" and "Three Sisters," and late night shows like "The Late Late Show with Craig Kilborne," as well as "The Tonight Show." The students also attended the "People's Choice Awards," where they saw members of MTV's "The Real World."

Hurst and McDonald were in line to get tickets for "The Tonight Show" when their big chance came knocking. The producers passed out cards among the people in line, asking if anyone could do funny tricks with their bodies. They filled out the cards; the producers came back out and suggested they combine their unique talents, and stars were born.

"We were really lucky, because they interviewed people all week to do stupid human things, and we got in on the very last day," said McDonald.

Or maybe it was talent.

That night they practiced and practiced. "I was practicing in the shower," McDonald said. "We really put it together right before the show."

The next day a limo picked them up at their hotel and took them to NBC studios where they saw what happens behind the scenes. "They put us in the Green Room, where all the other guests hang out, and we got to see a meeting of

all the head people involved in the show, the head camera guy, etc.," said Hurst.

After a practice run, Hurst and McDonald were ready to perform their act on camera. "I wasn't as nervous as I thought I'd be," said McDonald.

Leno appeared to be fascinated with them, continuing to make small talk beyond his cue cards, asking about their majors and aspirations. When asked about their future careers, Hurst said, "I want to be a magistrate."

"A magistrate is kind of like a judge, right?" Leno questioned.

"Yes, but you don't have to go to school as much," responded Hurst.

"Oh," said Leno, and noticing her black leather pants, he retorted, "and I guess when you're a magistrate you get to wear leather pants, too, huh?" and the audience exploded into laughter.

They became instant mini-celebrities. "Some people asked us for our autographs when we were riding back in our limo," said Hurst, and another "Sideshow" guest invited them to dinner.

The trip was not without its disappointments, however. "I was upset that we didn't get to meet (that night's guests) Ryan Philipi or Catherine Zeta-Jones," Hurst said. Although for her, there was a silver lining. "Kevin Costner looked at me twice. I mean he made direct eye contact with me. He was probably just looking into the crowd, but still, it was cool."

As for Leno himself, the girls had nothing but great things to say. "He's really nice," McDonald glowed. "Jay was very cool," Hurst added.

Bridgewater College can be proud. McDonald and Hurst performed wonderfully, captivated the audience, and represented the College beautifully, as intelligent and *uniquely* talented students. ■ — Pete Nunnally, '01

BC sophomores Emily McDonald, (second from left), and Kristen Hurst (second from right), with "Tonight Show" host, Jay Leno, after their performance. Freshmen Anna Lynch (far left) and Jessica Blosser accompanied the duo to the show taping.

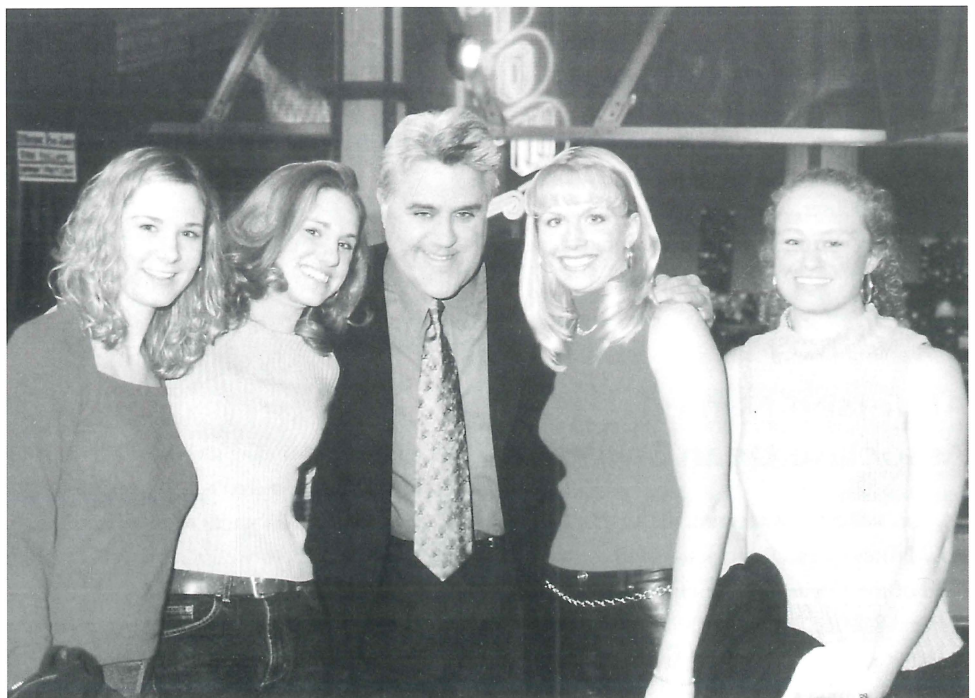
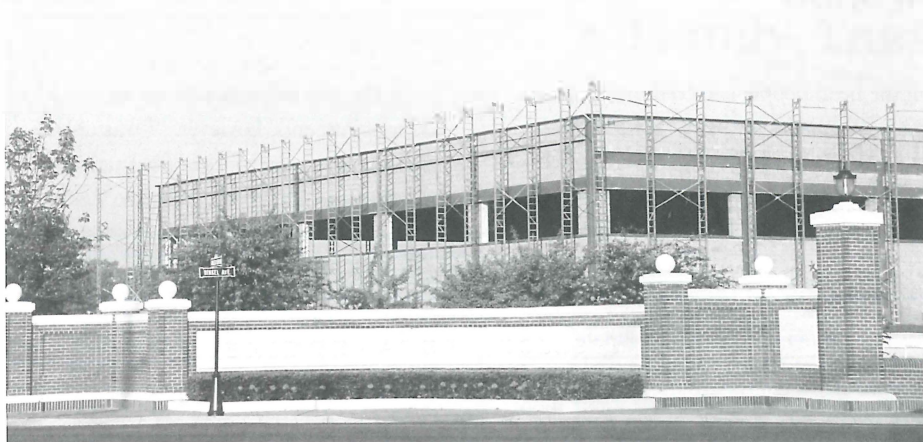


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Wellness Center Takes Shape

Bridgewater College's **Fred O. and Virginia C. Funkhouser Center for Health and Wellness**, is taking shape. Its location at the corner of Dinkel Avenue and College View Drive anchors the northeast corner of campus.

The Wellness Center will house exercise and conditioning facilities for students, faculty and staff that include a multi-use gymnasium, a three-lane jogging track, a fitness center and cardio-theater and a large multi-purpose space for aerobic classes and other group activities.

The Wellness Center, named in honor of Funkhouser and his late wife, is scheduled to open for the 2001-02 school year and the facility's dedication is planned for late September.

Funkhouser, a former Harrisonburg banker now living in Florida, contributed more than \$4 million dollars toward the center's construction. ■

Andersen Named Associate Dean

Dr. Robert B. Andersen, the W. Harold Row Professor of International Studies and head of the Department of History and Political Science, has been named associate dean for academic affairs. Dr. Arthur Hessler, vice president and dean for academic affairs,

made the announcement during the College's Founder's Day convocation on April 4.

Remarking that this new, part-time position is still evolving, Hessler listed student issues, the Study Abroad and Honors programs, program development and academic planning as areas in which Andersen will be involved. Andersen will continue his duties as a teaching faculty member and department head when he assumes the new post of associate dean in late summer.

A member of the Bridgewater faculty since 1990, Andersen said "My multiple roles — as faculty member, department chair and associate dean — will keep life interesting and challenging. I'm looking forward to the opportunity."

He remarked, "Administration, at its best, is facilitation, and in academic affairs that means facilitating student learning, the improvement of curriculum and instruction, and the professional growth of the faculty. I'm looking forward to being a part of those efforts... and to working with (Dr. Hessler) to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the academic affairs office."

During his time at BC, Andersen has been involved in bringing several prominent lecturers to campus including, in 1995, Kofi Annan, who was then under-secretary of the United Nations. Before coming to Bridgewater, he was most recently an assistant professor of political science at Manchester College in Indiana and director of Brethren Colleges Abroad in Barcelona, Spain. ■

Who's Who at BC

Twenty-three Bridgewater College seniors were selected for inclusion in the 2001 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. The students are cited for academic achievement, community service and leadership activities.

**minor in italics*

- Melissa Beth Baker**, Buchanan, Va.
health and exercise science
- Kate Blaney**, Churchville, Md.
psychology; *education*
- Lindsey Blair Campbell**, Chester, Va.
biology
- Jocelyn Carlson**, Manassas, Va.
biology
- Michael Clay**, Blackstone, Va.
computer science
- Jennifer L. Dehoff**, Littlestown, Pa.
English; *communication studies*
- Kendra Flory**, McPherson, Kan.
music; *communication studies*
- Michael Grimes**, Kingwood, W.Va.
chemistry, biology
- Heather Horner**, Windber, Pa.
history and political science
- Kate Housden**, Mount Crawford, Va.
music; *special education*
- Ashley Johnson**, Waynesboro, Va.
chemistry, mathematics
- Theron Joseph Maynard**,
South Point, Ohio
history and political science
- Marcy L. McClelland**, Lewisburg, W.Va.
biology, chemistry
- Angela Patras**, Glen Burnie, Md.
mathematics; *education*
- Susie L. Rouse**, Melfa, Va.
sociology; *elementary education*
- Lynise Spitzer**, Grottoes, Va.
communication studies, English
- Jennifer Nicole Waldron**, Orange, Va.
history and political science; *education*
- Jenny Watson**, Elk Creek, Va.
family and consumer sciences;
communication studies/education
- Ann Townsend Woodall**, New Kent, Va.
business administration
- Rachael S. Wyant**, Pasadena, Md.
communication studies
- Kimberley Wyrick**, Huntingdon, Pa.
biology, Spanish
- David Young**, Dunmore, W.Va.
physics; *English, history*
- Aimee E. Zimmerman**, Frederick, Md.
family and consumer sciences

Aiding Teacher's Aides

Teachers' aides are vital helpmates in today's classrooms. They supervise, encourage, instruct and assist their students with as much care and dedication as the teachers with whom they work. But all too often, they must do their jobs and face difficult situations with little or no training.

A program created four years ago by two Bridgewater faculty members is making inroads into changing this situation, and thus far has improved the working lives of more than 1,000 paraprofessionals in Virginia.

People are telling us, "You've changed the way I look at my job. You've changed the way I look at the effect I have on people that I work with, the students and other people around me," and it makes you feel good," said Rodney Morris, assistant professor of education and co-creator of the "Making a Difference: Connecting Teachers and Teachers' Aides" workshops.

Prof. Morris, himself a former paraprofessional, and Dr. Carole Grove, who was then professor of education and

head of Bridgewater's education department, created the "Making a Difference" program to provide paraprofessionals with skills they need to tackle their ever-increasing responsibilities in the classroom. They developed an interactive curriculum that included lectures, role-playing activities and group discussions to provide information and help the paraprofessionals learn from each other's experiences.

They held their first workshop at BC during the summer of 1998 and their timing couldn't have been better. The year before, amendments to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, calling for increased and improved training for paraprofessionals, were signed by President Clinton, and school districts were aggressively looking for ways to provide training. When word of the program reached Virginia's Department of Education, "Making a Difference" suddenly became a hot commodity throughout the Commonwealth. At the request of the Department of Education, and with the

assistance of a five-year federal grant obtained by the state, Morris and Grove took to the road, presenting their workshops in each of Virginia's eight public school regions during the summers of 1999 and 2000.

The three-day workshops address a variety of issues that paraprofessionals must routinely deal with in the classroom such as roles and responsibilities, cultural diversity, behavior management and legal and medical matters. Morris said, "A lot of it is to just get them to think of ways they can handle situations as they arise." He said that many have dealt with similar situations, but their lack of formalized training leaves them feeling unprepared and uncertain of their role. "These workshops help build their confidence and boost their morale."

The future for "Making a Difference" looks promising. The next phase of workshops, which is presently under review by a state education committee, is designed to bring together teachers and paraprofessionals for joint training on how to work with each other more effectively.

Morris is now administrator of the program since Grove accepted a position at Mary Baldwin College in Staunton. Nevertheless, the two are planning to travel the state again this summer or fall with the next phase of workshops. Three years of grant funding remain; funds for the last year have been earmarked to provide scholarships for paraprofessionals who want to continue their education. Beyond that, Morris envisions the establishment of a state-run training center to help career paraprofessionals stay up-to-date and provide basic training for the ever-changing paraprofessional work force. ■ — Roberta W. Beyerly



courtesy of education department

Paraprofessionals participate in an exercise for following directions at a workshop in Manassas, Va., during August 2000.

Just Watch For The Station Wagon

BC Honors Jopson

The station wagon signifies Harry Jopson's arrival on the Bridgewater College campus, just as it has for the last 45 years.

"You'll know he's here when his wagon comes rolling up to the fence," BC track coach Shane Stevens advised a visitor.

Sure, he might park a little closer to the Bridgewater track than he used to. A spot is reserved for Dr. Harry G.M. Jopson in the lot, but Jopson now drives his tan 1987 wagon onto the grass next to the fence around the track.

And yes, Jopson — known as "Doc" to his many friends — uses a wooden cane to help him walk.

But those are just about the only

concessions to his age that the 89-year-old Bridgewater legend makes. Jopson retired 20 years ago from his duties as chairman of the biology department and head track coach at BC, but his presence is still a constant at track practices — not to mention home football and basketball games.

"I've slowed down in the last five years, I know that," Jopson said. "But I've made the statement many times: I've got to be somewhere at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, why not out in the fresh air and around nice people."

Jopson's coaching days will someday come to an end, though, as startling a thought as that might be to Bridgewater track alumni and current athletes.

To ensure that his presence remains forever at the school, however, Bridgewater unveiled a bust of Jopson, sculpted by Philadelphia artist Frank Bender, which now resides in a brick wall that will serve as the entrance to — what else? — Jopson Field.

BC dedicated its athletic complex in honor of Jopson 30 years ago. Ray Bussard, though, decided that wasn't enough. Bussard, who

now lives in Knoxville, Tenn., ran under Jopson and later became the Tennessee swim coach and the U.S. assistant swim-team coach for the 1984 Olympic Games. The 1954 Bridgewater graduate commissioned Bender to portray Jopson, footing the bill himself.

"He was my mentor and my role model," Bussard said. "He made it possible for me to be an Olympic coach, to win a national championship at Tennessee. If I had a problem, he was on the other end of the phone line."

Right now, though, BC tracksters can still take advantage of the real, live Jopson.

"You don't find that often, someone who reaches retirement age, that's been beyond retirement age for 25 years, and is still willing and able to come out and do things like this," said Stevens, who asked Jopson to help the throwers on his team this year. "It's just been a tremendous boost to our kids. Of course, his knowledge and expertise is incredible."

Jopson's brain remains sharp — he can easily recall names and events that took place decades ago.

"I remember the first dual meet we won," Jopson said. "It was 1938 against Lynchburg; we thought that was great. The College had never won a meet before."

Jopson revived the track program immediately upon arriving at BC in 1936 as a 24-year-old biology professor fresh out of Cornell University, where the Haverford (Pa.) College graduate had earned a doctorate degree. The furthest thing from Jopson's mind — and his wife's — was setting up a permanent home in the tiny town.

"It was the middle of the Depression, and good golly, you were just glad to have a job then," said Jopson, a Philadelphia native. "But my wife (Hope, now deceased) and I talked about it, and we figured we'd move on in a couple years. We never did move."



Encouraging a new generation of student athletes, Doc Jopson congratulates senior Melissa Baker, who was just named co-winner of the ODAC Outdoor Female Track Athlete of the Year at the ODAC Championship.

College, Alumni Celebrate Doc Jopson Day

Jopson has lived in the same house in Bridgewater since 1940. He has been driving one station wagon or another for about 45 years. “You can carry a fishing rod, you can load it up with track equipment, that kind of thing.”

His specialized license plates read, “Eye Fish,” a reference to one of his favorite past-times.

Over the years, Jopson inspired generation after generation of Bridgewater tracksters. Talk to a few of his former pupils, and one dominant theme emerges: “You’d do anything in the world for him,” said former Turner Ashby High School athletic director Larry Pence (’57). “You just didn’t want to disappoint Doc.”

Two current area high school track coaches also ran for Jopson, Turner Ashby’s Dwight Denlinger (’82) and Spotswood’s Mike Guinn (’68).

Twenty-four times, Jopson guided his team to state and conference championships. He was the Old Dominion Athletic Conference’s Coach of the Year four consecutive seasons, from 1978-81, the final four years before he retired.

As impressive as those statistics are, Jopson is even prouder of the number 96. A survey a few years ago found that 96 practicing medical doctors began their schooling in Jopson’s biology department.

“Let’s face it,” Jopson said. “My biology classes were more important. They really were. This down here (at the track) was a change of pace, something different.”

The 6-foot-3 Jopson has left a towering legacy in both arenas. ■

— Luke Vielle, *Daily News-Record*

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1951 ripples

April 28th was declared “Doc” Jopson Day at Bridgewater. Following the Old Dominion Athletic Conference Track and Field Championships — at which Doc took his place track-side as he has for nearly every BC race for 65 years — more than 250 of his friends, former students and colleagues (“Docies,” according to Fred Diehl, Class of ’60) gathered to dedicate a brick gateway to Jopson Field. They also came to thank and honor the man who inspired them to succeed in the classroom, on the athletic field and in life.

❖ “Doc saw something in me and saw something in a lot of you. He never told me, but I saw it in his eyes that he expected certain things of me...Doc there is a legacy at this college that you left and it is a legacy of mentorship. There are a whole lot of us that emulate you.”

Dr. Michael S. Hensley, ’69, Chairman of BC’s Department of Biology, former track athlete and biology student

❖ “I don’t believe there is any personality at this school who has been so influential over the years as this man. And, through it all, he has remained his usual self: humble, approachable, kind, warm and thoughtful...It has been an honor and a privilege to have had the opportunity to know and work with him...and, let me say, (Doc), you’re a very tough act to follow.”

Shane Stevens, ’79, Doc’s successor as head track and cross country coach, former member of BC’s track team

❖ “A man who has brought the best out in everyone who has come in contact with him. Certainly he showed many of us models of life, intellectual pursuits and of what a real human being can be like.”

Dr. Fred A. Diehl, ’60, professor of biology at the University of Virginia; member of BC’s Athletic Hall of Fame and former track athlete and biology student

A striking bronze bust of Jopson is housed in the new brick entrance (located between Memorial and Flory halls), along with plaques detailing Doc’s track and field and cross country achievements.

“I suspect that the legends, traditions and the reputation of Doc Jopson will outlive this very substantial wall,” remarked President Phil Stone as he dedicated the new entrance, “and we are very proud to have you associated with Bridgewater College.” ■



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A Bluetooth With Pull

Imagine being given the task of designing a computer-based device which is of “general benefit to society.” A group of Bridgewater students spent their spare time during the winter and spring doing just that.

BC was selected as one of 75 schools worldwide to compete in the 2001 Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Computer Society International Design Competition (CSIDC). Technology sponsors, Ericsson, Intel and Toshiba, donated a hardware kit to each team that included a laptop computer and wireless networking components. After submitting their projects, which were due May 4, the teams will keep the hardware.

The BC team — juniors Michael Albright, James Gillespie and Richard Miller, and sophomores Kenneth Lawhorne Jr. and Wesley Wollner — was put together quickly, since the poster advertising the contest arrived in the mail only two days before the entry deadline. Faculty advisor Dr. Brian Howard, assistant professor of computer science, shared the competition information with a few of his students who then contacted other

computer science students, in hopes of getting a team of five together in time to enter the competition.

The team had four months to design, build, test and document their computer project using Ericsson’s Bluetooth wireless technology, which is not yet available to the general public since applications are being found for it. Predictions are that Bluetooth will catch on by 2003.

According to the team, the most difficult aspect of the project was finding the idea. They spent a couple months brainstorming how Bluetooth could benefit society. They considered home security systems, medical prescriptions and sales at malls. Occasionally they found their idea had already been invented. Other proposals they doubted would truly benefit society. Also, as Gillespie explained, “We had a lot of ideas, but they didn’t utilize all that Bluetooth could do.”

The team found their project after interviewing staff and residents at Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center in Augusta County. The BC team decided that designing an automatic login device to help the physically disabled be more self-reliant

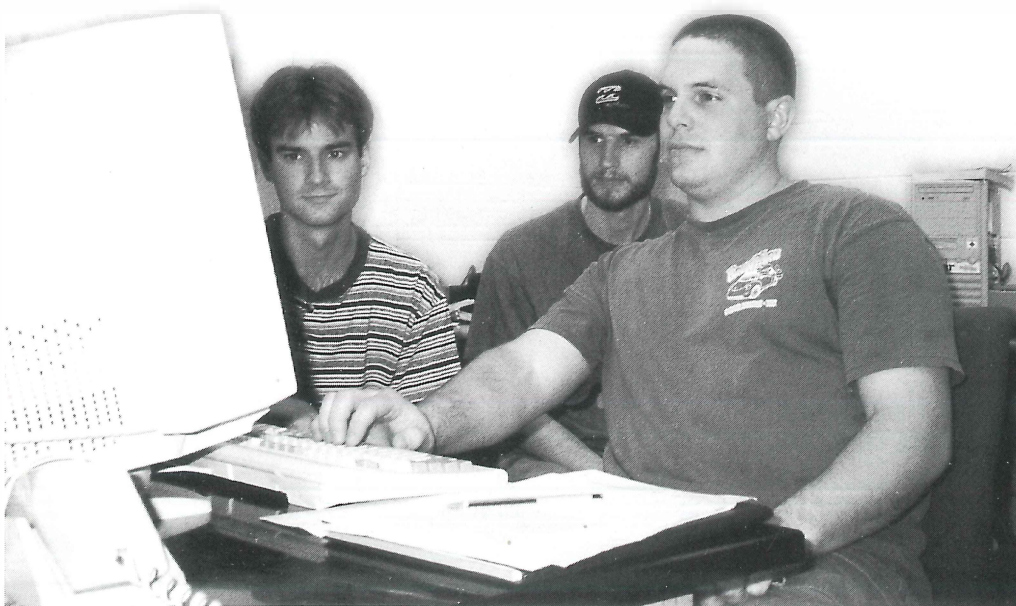
would benefit society, and Bluetooth has those capabilities.

Although technological advances have given people with disabilities greater mobility and independence, the group discovered from their research that people with disabilities want more self-reliance. Severely disabled individuals can use mouse headsets to trace head movements, enabling them to use computers. However, these people are unable to log on the computers themselves because they can’t use the keyboard. Since Bluetooth uses a radio frequency, it would be possible to program it so a disabled person could access any computer without having another person log them on.

Besides being a great résumé builder, Albright is pleased with their project as it “gave us the opportunity to simulate a research college” and was similar to what they will be doing at a job someday. Other group members had similar thoughts. Wollner decided to be on the team because he believed the experience would be beneficial, and Miller felt the design competition gave him a chance to discover if he liked programming. Lawhorne explained, “I thought it would be fun.”

Yet, some days they wondered if they bit off too much with their Bluetooth project. On average, the group met six hours a week, although before Christmas and during Interterm they spent extra time working on it. Miller spoke for the group when he commented, “It’s a lot of work.” Gillespie admitted he “didn’t realize it was going to be this large,” and it was more challenging than Lawhorne could have imagined.

Team members Mike Albright (left to right), Wesley Wollner and Kenneth “J.R.” Lawhorne work on their project.



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BC Book Shelf

Lawhorne explained, this semester is the first time a class in C++ (programming) has been offered at BC. Therefore, the group is learning the language as they are trying to program their project for the competition. However, the Bluetooth project has provided a direct application of class materials and given extra incentive to complete all reading assignments.

Each team was required to submit a 30-page report of their project. The judges, experts from industry and academia, evaluated the projects for criteria including: the achievement of the design objective; the system specification, algorithms and implementation; the creativity of the project; the validation testing and performance measurements of the design; and the overall usability, manufacturability, marketability and maintainability of the technology.

Bridgewater was not selected as one of the 10 finalists, losing to top universities including the University of Virginia, Boston University and Brigham Young University in the U.S., and several international schools. These top 10 projects were presented to the panel of judges at the CSIDC World Finals in June, with the top three teams receiving individual cash prizes as well as financial awards for their schools. ■

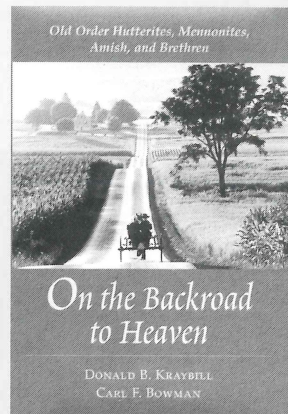
— Jenne L. Dehoff, '01

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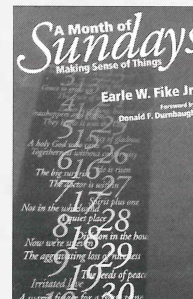
The article about Dr. Steven P. Petcher's election to the Bridgewater College Board of Trustees, which appeared in the winter issue of *Bridgewater Magazine*, did not mention that he is a third generation board member. His grandfather, the Rev. Glen W. Petcher, also served as a member of the board from 1957-63.

Now Available

On the Backroad to Heaven: Old Order Hutterites, Mennonites, Amish and Brethren, the new book co-authored by Bridgewater sociology professor **Dr. Carl F. Bowman** and Donald B. Kraybill of Messiah College is now available from Johns Hopkins University Press. Look for it on-line at www.press.jhu.edu and amazon.com.



A Month of Sundays: Making Sense of Things is the **Rev. Earle W. Fike Jr., '51**, latest book. Published by Herald Press of Scottsdale, Pa., it is a compilation of a month's worth of Fike's best Sunday sermons. Fike, a retired Church of the Brethren pastor, also served the church as moderator and staff member at the General Board in Elgin, Ill., and as a member of the Bethany Theological Seminary faculty. He also is author of *Please Pray With Me* (Brethren Press, 1990).



George M. Nipe Jr., '69, has published his second book, *Last Victory in Russia: The SS-Panzerkorps and Manstein's Kharkov Counteroffensive – February – March 1943*. Ranked in the "Top 10 World War II books of 2000" by the Stone and Stone World War II Web site, the book is a study of the last major German victory of WWII that temporarily restored the German initiative in Russia and pre-empted an early end to the war. The book is published by Schiffer Publishing Inc. of

Atglen, Pa. Nipe's next book, the last of three studies about the SS-Panzerkorps in 1943, is expected to be completed in mid-2002.

Susanne Schramm Simmons, '71, and **Nancy Taylor Sorrells, '81**, co-authored an essay, "Slave Hire and the Development of Slaves in Augusta County, Virginia," that has been published in the recently released book, *After the Backcountry: Rural Life in the Great*

Valley of Virginia, 1800-1900. The book was edited by Warren Hostra and Kenneth Koons and published by the University of Tennessee Press. The collection also includes an essay by **Dr. Stephen Longenecker**, professor of history, comparing the nonconformity of Dunkers, Mennonites and Methodists, entitled "The Narrow Path: Antislavery, Plainness, and the Mainstream."

Sharon Ritenour Stevens, '72, compiled *A Guide to George C. Marshall Motion Pictures* (G. C. Marshall Foundation, 2000), which provides descriptive citations to film footage of George C. Marshall (1880-1959) or events associated with his era from 1917 to 1964. The film guide, containing nearly 600 descriptive film citations to George Marshall-related motion pictures and newsreels, is available and searchable on-line at www.marshallfilms.org. ■

The Paul M. and Betty H. Kline
Art Purchase and Endowed Scholarship Fund



courtesy of klines

On an Interterm trip to Rome, Paul and Betty pose with “Constantine’s Foot,” one of many fragments of the once gigantic sculpture of the Roman emperor.

Two great loves — a passion for travel and a deep affection for Bridgewater College and its students — combined to inspire Paul Kline, BC’s beloved art professor, and wife, Betty Halterman Kline, to establish an endowed scholarship.

Their BC ties run deep. Not only are both alumni, Paul, ’53, and Betty, ’55, both have strong family ties to the College, and both served on the faculty. Betty taught psychology for several years before serving as assistant dean of students from 1965-69; Paul returned to his alma mater in 1959, where he mentored generations of students until his retirement 38 years later in 1997.

Their love of travel was nurtured by numerous Interterm adventures to Italy and Greece with Bridgewater students to study and experience the history, culture and art of these ancient countries. “Imagine what it’s like to take students who have never been anywhere. Their eyes just open up to the world. It’s just fantastic,” Betty said. That is why they established the Paul M. and Betty H. Kline Art Purchase and Endowed Scholarship Fund.

— “We really believe in travel. We believe that it’s an important part of a liberal arts education.” —

The scholarship is to be awarded to a rising junior or senior art student who will use the money for an international experience, either through Interterm or Study Abroad. A provision in the scholarship agreement also provides funds for the annual purchase of student art for the College’s permanent collection, a tradition Paul began during his tenure.

Italy and Greece remain their favorite destinations, and travel still is an important part of their lives. But their trips with students remain “one of the highlights,” and it seems the feeling is mutual. The Klines receive postcards from former students, from time to time, who have set off on their own adventures, more than likely inspired by their former teachers.

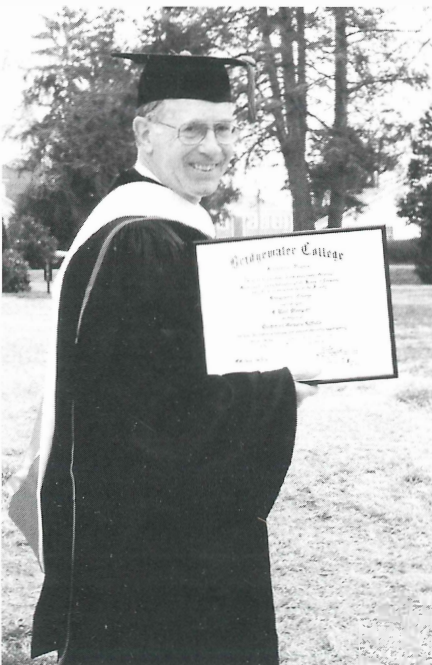
For information about this or any of Bridgewater’s other 195 endowed scholarships, contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at (540) 828-5448.

In 1999-2000, more than 300 donors contributed over \$250,000 to help support Bridgewater students in their academic endeavors.

Hopkins and Kisor Awarded for Teaching

The Bridgewater faculty member known to his students simply as “Prof” is this year’s recipient of the Martha B. Thornton Faculty Recognition Award. **Dr. Jesse Hopkins Jr., ’70**, who has provided musical direction, instruction and encouragement to hundreds of Bridgewater students since joining the faculty in 1977, is honored with this award for “dedicated service” and “caring concern for students well beyond the role as teacher.”

As conductor of the Oratorio and Concert choirs and the Chorale, as well as a favorite Interterm professor, Hopkins is regarded by students as a knowledgeable and supportive professor. Accepting the award, he gave credit to his students, both past and present, for making this recognition possible and said that receiving it was a “great, great honor.” Hopkins is the Edwin L. Turner Distinguished Professor of Music and head of the music department. He is the 11th recipient of this award named for professor of religion emerita, Martha B. Thornton, who taught at Bridgewater from 1968-1986.



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“Be serious about all that you do but don’t take yourself too seriously,” is **Manown (Buck) Kisor’s** axiom, and he plainly lives by his rule, inter-mingling his keen wit and humor with his vast business knowledge in his lectures.

Kisor, the 2001 recipient of the Ben and Janice Wade Outstanding Teaching Award, accepted the award in absentia, via written remarks saying, “Great students make great teachers.”

Kisor has been a member of the Bridgewater faculty since 1989 and is chair of the George S. Aldhizer II Department of Economics and Business, a position he has held since 1996. Prior to coming to BC, he worked in the investment industry on Wall Street and in corporate America.

This award is named for Ben and Janice Wade, both Bridgewater alumni, and honors “truly superior classroom teaching.” The Wades established the award in 1998. Dr. Ben Wade taught religion and served as executive assistant to the president and provost of the College from 1979-85. ■

Paul Wampler Receives Doctorate

A respected physician, a man devoted to his church, his community and his college, **Dr. J. Paul Wampler** was awarded the honorary Doctor of Humane Letters during the Founder’s Day celebration on April 4.

Wampler exemplifies the full, well-rounded life filled with work, service, faith and leisure of which he spoke during his convocation address, and which he commended the College for instilling in its students today.

Wampler graduated from Bridgewater in 1954 with a degree in health science. He received his M.D. degree from the Medical College of Virginia, completing his residency in 1963. He joined a practice in

BC Senior Receives National ODK Honor

Rachael Wyant, a 2001 graduate from Pasadena, Md., was one of 13 Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK) members chosen nationally as Leader of the Year. ODK is a national leadership honor society and is divided into 13 Provinces.



Wyant was chosen as Leader of the Year for Province III, which includes 34 colleges and universities in Virginia and North Carolina. Wyant plans to attend Boston University to pursue a graduate degree in public relations.

The National ODK Leader of the Year will be selected from the 13 province leaders and will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to attend graduate school. ■

Manassas, Va., where he established himself in the community as a physician and surgeon, a founder and director of a local bank, and a leader in his church congregation and district. He joined the Bridgewater College Board of Trustees in 1971, and along with his wife, Priscilla Wakeman Wampler, received the College’s Outstanding Service Award in 1991.

Accepting the degree, Wampler said, “I am grateful for the good education I gained at the college of 50 years ago and envious of the better education that Bridgewater students are afforded today. As I receive this second college degree... I am highly honored, and I thank you.” ■

Forensics Team Enters International Arena

Spring Break Trip Widens World View and Enhances Skills

The week of March 2-11 was spring break at Bridgewater. Some students spent their vacation basking on the sunny beaches of Hawaii, and others traveled to various locations on the East Coast to provide mission and ministry services to the less fortunate. Five BC students — forensics team senior-members — journeyed across the Atlantic, to represent the College for the first time in the annual International Forensics Association (IFA)

tournament. This year's tournament was held in the former communist city of Prague in the Czech Republic.

Teammates Linetta Alley, Wendy Campbell, Lori Riley and myself (all juniors) met sophomore Chris Collins, in Prague. He traveled from Strasbourg, France, where he was studying for a semester with the Brethren Colleges Abroad program. Dr. Melanie Laliker, assistant professor of communication

studies, her husband, Matthew Csady, and forensics coach David Hutson, a 1995 Bridgewater alumnus, who also served as a tournament judge, accompanied the group.

The experience provided the BC team the opportunity to compete with approximately 20 teams from across the United States. "The competition at this tournament was intense in all categories," said Hutson. "It was on par with the qualifying tournaments for the national championship which Bridgewater attended." Some of the teams that attended the IFA do not compete in the U.S. national circuits, but attend this tournament regularly. The competition was stiff, but Bridgewater was in the running, and, although the team didn't place, it did receive several ranks of excellent and superior.

Meeting other teams is a beneficial experience, as it allows BC to see how others compete, and lets the team know how they stand in comparison to schools nationwide.

"Competing internationally is so much more difficult than the regional tournaments we usually attend," commented Riley, a sociology major from Luray, Va. "At Prague, we met top-level teams from all across the U.S., including Texas, Wisconsin, California, Florida and everywhere in between! Usually we only meet a certain level of competitors along the East Coast, but it was really an eye-opener to be exposed to the trends in other regions of the country. It really gives us an edge for next year by being exposed to these new styles and bringing them back to

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Forensics team members, coaches and advisors (left to right) Linetta Alley, Chris Collins, Wendy Campbell, David Hutson, Dr. Melanie Laliker, Matthew Csady, and Jeff Carr tour a public square in Prague.

“ I have seen Bridgewater College develop from a school many of our competitors and judges thought was in Connecticut or Massachusetts, to a college that is immediately recognized and respected for its quality program and its well-run tournaments.”

David Hutson, '95

Alumnus David Hutson, '95, was captain of the Bridgewater debate team his senior year, and he has remained involved with the program since graduation, as a judge, coach and advisor. Hutson is an assistant branch manager for SunTrust Bank in Charlottesville, Va., where he lives.

He travels to most of the Bridgewater team's tournaments as a judge; he has coached debate for Dr. Jeff Pierson, associate professor of communication studies, assisted with the forensics program and helped the students develop their presentations.

“It is wonderful to share the experiences of current students,” Hutson said, “and to relate to those sentiments which are constant (i.e., college food) as well as those which have changed (i.e., the curriculum, activities, etc.).”

the East Coast competitions. Hopefully, we'll be much more competitive next year on the international circuit.”

The trip also was packed full of sightseeing, cultural and educational experiences. “It was a memorable introduction to a new culture,” remarked Collins, “and being in Prague with friends whom I hadn't seen in months made it all the more special. It was a great experience; a memory I'll treasure all my life.” Collins is a French and history major from Staunton, Va.

The group toured the city's castle district and the Cathedral of Saint Vitus, strolled across the famous St. Charles Bridge, and enjoyed a splendid concert by three string musicians from the Czech Philharmonic. A trip to the Jewish Museum of Prague stirred emotions and provided a view into the atrocities of the Holocaust. The museum is made up of seven synagogues to serve as a memorial to those of the Jewish faith. Prior to World War II, Prague was home to a significant number of Jews. During the war, Hitler decided to spare the city so it could stand as a monument to an extinct race.

Since the change in government away from communism in 1990, signs of capitalism have begun to appear. McDonalds Restaurants and the ever-

famous Kentucky Fried Chicken, just blocks from the hotel, were reminders of home. We were shocked by the inexpensive food prices. After the group of eight enjoyed a four-course meal, including wonderful Tiramisu dessert, the bill came to just over \$100. While we had no trouble traveling or getting around, the language barrier proved to be a hurdle at times. Members of the team found it difficult to ask for change at the local Food Lion because the cashiers spoke so little English.

This trip to Prague was a splendid experience. Lori Riley said, “ I really enjoyed the opportunity to spend spring break in such a phenomenal way. While other students were headed home or to the beach, our team was competing on the other side of the globe! It's truly a fortunate opportunity to have.”

The cultural diversity that we encountered was impressive. Every member of the team returned to the States feeling not only refreshed and renewed, but also



Lori Riley (left) and Linetta Alley visit the (John) Lennon Wall in Prague

like they were part of something bigger. The world is a small place, and it is wonderful to have the support of the College to travel overseas for a different educational experience. The team met the people and experienced the culture of a foreign place first-hand. As a result, we returned home proud to be a part of a college where students can have opportunities such as these to see the world in which they live. ■

— Jeff Carr, '02



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Phillips Volunteer of the Year

Harrisonburg accountant, **Richard E. Phillips, '63**, is the recipient of the annual Don Glick Volunteer of the Year Award. Phillips, a Broadway, Va., native, was cited for his volunteer efforts on behalf of the College's annual Business and Professional Campaign as well as for his work with other community organizations.

Phillips is a partner with the Harrisonburg accounting firm of Young, Branner, Nicholas and Phillips and has been an active volunteer with the business campaign for 29 years. Additionally he has worked with his local Ruritan club, been a leader in his church, and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Virginia Society of CPAs.

The Glick Award was presented by Jean Racer Glick, wife of the late Don Glick for whom the award is named. It was established in 1987 following his death. Mr. Glick, a 1949 Bridgewater alumnus, was a successful and respected coach in Rockingham County for nearly 40 years and set an example for volunteering on behalf of the College, his church and community. ■

Mustard the Clown, (a.k.a. BC freshman John Dull) entertains local children.

BC Student Receives National Scholarship

Jeremiah Forshey, a senior computer science and English major, is one of 10 students nationally to receive the Alfred E. Nolle Scholarship given by Alpha Chi, a national scholastic honor society, for the 2001-02 academic year.

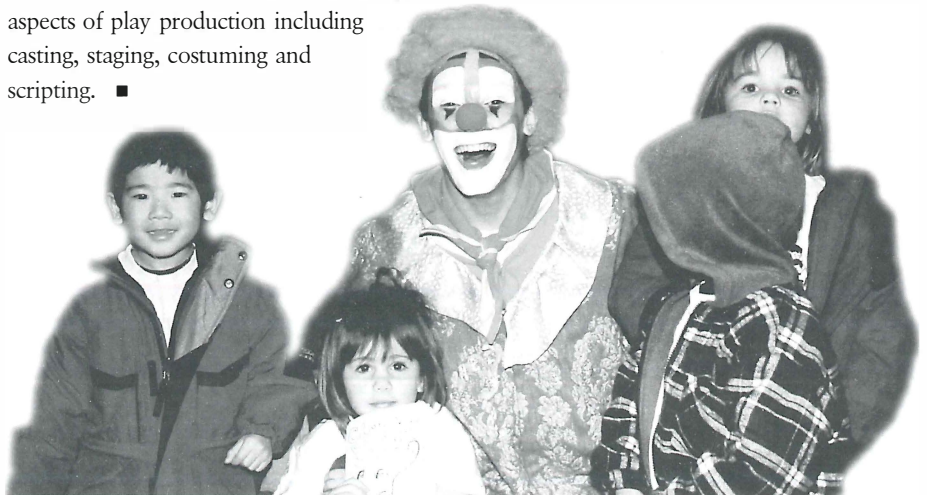
The scholarship, which carries a \$1,500 stipend, is awarded to Alpha Chi members that have been nominated by their campus chapters. More than 300 colleges and universities have Alpha Chi chapters, and the society inducts approximately 11,000 new members each year.

Forshey, who is from Chase City, Va., is a member of the Concert and Oratorio choirs, the Student Council for Religious Activities and the Lambda Society, Bridgewater's scholastic honor society. He also serves as vice president of the Pinion Players. ■

Everyone Loves a Clown

More than 2,000 local 4-to-7-year-olds came to Bridgewater for the production of Reginald F. Bain's, *Clowns' Play*, and a few got to meet Mustard the Clown (a.k.a. BC freshman John Dull) following a performance.

BC students presented eight shows, free for area children as the culmination of their Interterm "Elements of Play Production" class, which is devoted to learning all aspects of play production including casting, staging, costuming and scripting. ■



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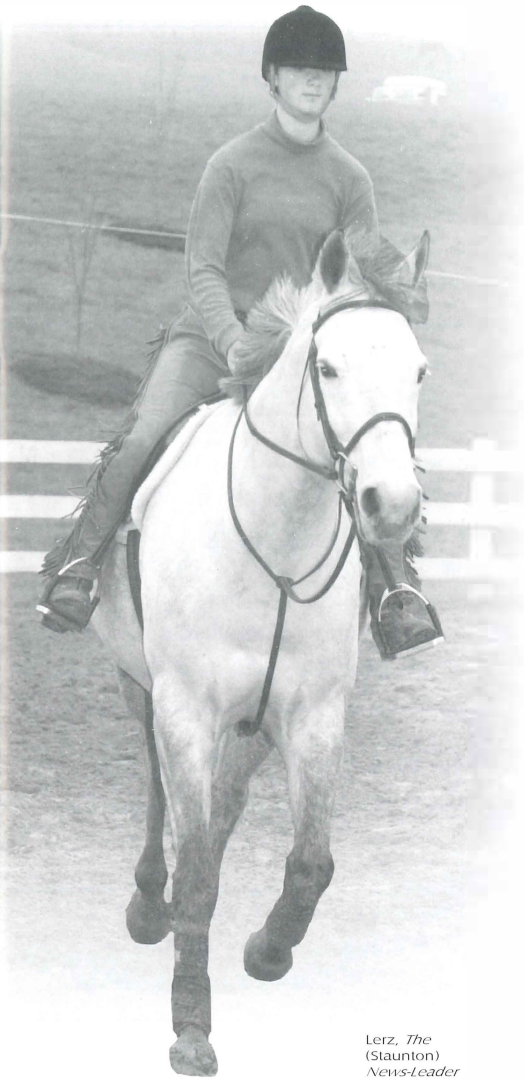
Faculty & Staff On the Move

Dr. Laura J. Desportes, associate professor of psychology, and **Dr. Stephen F. Baron**, both members of the Bridgewater faculty since 1995, have been awarded tenure. Dr. Baron also was promoted to the rank of associate professor of biology.

Dorothy Long, cashier in the office of business affairs will retire June 30, 2001. Mrs. Long has greeted visitors to the business office with her lighthearted teasing since November 1988 when she joined the BC staff. In retirement, she plans to spend more time with her family and great-granddaughter.

Dr. Richard House, assistant professor of music, has accepted a position on the music faculty at Augusta (Ga.) State University. Dr. House joined the BC faculty in 1997.

Three staff members in the Office of Institutional Advancement have accepted new roles; **Ellen K. Layman** has assumed the position of Director of Alumni Relations, **Karen Doss Bowman** will now be editor of *Bridgewater Magazine* and responsible for media relations, and **Roberta W. Byerly** will serve as art director for the magazine and other campus publications. ■



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Chenoweth Takes Third in Nationals

Cary Chenoweth didn't think things were going too well as she put her horse through its paces in the intermediate on the flats class at the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) National Horse show in Conyers, Ga.

Luckily, the judges saw things differently as the Bridgewater freshman left the show ring with a third-place ribbon — quite an accomplishment for a first-year rider in a first-year intercollegiate program.

“My horse was very, very slow. I just couldn't get him going,” Chenoweth said of her draw at the national show. “I didn't know how I looked. I kept looking around and the other riders looked really good. I really didn't think I was doing that great.”

“The judges called seven riders to the middle of the ring and I was the last person called. That was a big relief. At that point, I knew I was going to at least have a pretty decent finish.”

Indeed, that was quite a finish to her first year at BC — a first-year that almost didn't happen.

The Weyers Cave, Va., resident was all set to ride for James Madison University when she heard that Bridgewater was starting a riding program. That gave Chenoweth another option to ponder.

“Up until about August 10th, I was going to JMU. Then I found out Bridgewater was going to have a riding team. I really wanted to ride for Coach (Sarah) Irvine of Oak Manor Farms, and I really wanted to go to a small school. Bridgewater offered both of those. I decided about a week before the start of school to attend Bridgewater. Now, it's a decision I'm really glad I made. I really love it at Bridgewater.”

When the riding season started, qualifying for nationals wasn't even a dream. Chenoweth was concentrating on improving as a rider and doing her best at each show.

About halfway through the season, she started thinking about the postseason opportunities.

“After a few shows, I realized I had a chance to qualify for regionals. That was my first goal. Getting to the nationals is the hardest part. After regionals, you go to zones and only the top two riders qualify for the nationals. You have to ride well and you have to have a little luck,” Chenoweth said.

The luck of the draw does play a large role at each show. At IHSA events, riders draw a horse's name out of the hat and that is their mount for the show. Also, there is no practice time before the class begins. You simply get on and ride.

“I really like that aspect a lot,” Chenoweth said. “It's fun, because you don't know what to expect.”

Riding a different horse at each event also has helped the freshman improve her skills as a rider.

“When you're going to shows growing up, you're always riding your own horse and there's a built-in comfort level with that,” Chenoweth explained. “This year, I've learned that no two horses are alike, they're all different. And as a rider, that means you can't do the same thing with every horse. I know that's helped me improve so much as a rider.”

Looking to the future, Chenoweth is excited about the future of the riding program at Bridgewater.

“First, we have a great coach,” Chenoweth said. “There is no way I could have made it to nationals without Coach Irvine. She taught me so much this past year.”

“I'm also looking forward to our team getting better,” she said. “We improved so much our first year. At the early shows, we were finishing near the bottom, but by the end of the year we had a third-place and a fourth-place finish. It looks like we're going to add a lot of new riders next year, so I really believe we have a great future.”

Chenoweth hopes another trip to the nationals is part of that future.

“I never expected to make it to nationals my first year. That was a huge surprise and something I will never forget. Now that I've been there, I definitely would like to go back,” Chenoweth said. “I know it's going to be hard, but it's a goal that I will be working toward.” ■ — Steve Cox

Female Coach on the Job as Men's Team Assistant

Tiffany Burns has aspirations of being a basketball coach.

Ever since the third grade, basketball has been in her blood. Her parents played roundball in high school. And Burns, a defensive specialist at Bath County High School followed in their footsteps.

Now that her competitive playing days are over, Burns figured coaching would be a way to stay connected with the sport she loves.

The sophomore health and exercise science major from Millboro, Va., just never thought she'd get her opportunity so soon.

When Bridgewater College's men's basketball program had an assistant coaching vacancy, head coach Bill Leatherman offered the position to Burns.

"Tiffany's a basketball enthusiast," Leatherman said. "She's done a very good job for us. She keeps two or three charts during the game. Tiffany's intelligent. That's why she's here. She's just a big help to us. I'm sure she is going to make a great coach down the road."

Burns considered playing for the Eagles' women's basketball team as a freshman. In fact, she still plays pickup ball with the team after the season. She decided against trying out, but Burns wanted to stay around the sport somehow. So she joined the men's basketball program as a manager.

"It sounds funny, but I tell people if you want to be a coach, don't play and become coach," Leatherman said. "Being on the side-lines she gets to see basketball from all sides. She gets to be involved in the game itself."

Burns is younger than some of the players on the team and the only woman assistant on a men's basketball team in the ODAC. Her promotion from manager to assistant drew a couple of friendly jeers from the Eagle players.

"At first they would say things like here comes coach, but they don't say much about it now," Burns said. "When they first told me I would be the only female assistant in the ODAC, I was nervous. But now I kind of like it."

Perhaps part of the reason the players stopped joking is that Burns is in charge of running the clock in practice, and it pays to stay on her good side.

"If it wasn't for me, I don't think the team would ever get out of practice," she joked.

Burns, who attended Bridgewater's basketball camps as a youngster, has picked up on some differences between the men's game and the women's game.

"The men's game is more physical," she said. "It's tough on the inside, and there are also a lot of psychological differences. Trash-talking happens in the girls' game too, but not as much."

Burns' hard work and dedication have earned the respect of the coaching staff and the Bridgewater players. Sometimes, she even watches ESPN's "SportsCenter" with the guys. But when it's her time to coach, Burns insists it's time to go back to the women's game.

"I always knew I wanted to coach," she said, "and I know this opportunity will help. But I want to coach the women's game. The guys' is too much responsibility." ■ By Chris Lassiter, *The News Leader*

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Tiffany Burns and Eagles' head coach, Bill Leatherman, watch a game.

Up and Down Season in Men's Hoops

The men's basketball team parlayed the best start in school history into one of the school's best years ever on the hardwood despite an end of season struggle.

The team opened the season with 13 consecutive victories to vault into the national rankings.

The Eagles defeated Eastern Mennonite in January to set up an early-season showdown with nationally-ranked conference rival Hampden-Sydney. Bridgewater, ranked 23rd at the time, edged the No. 8 Tigers 69-67 to take the early lead in the ODAC race.

BC then added three more wins to improve to 13-0.

The rest of the season turned out to be a struggle for the Eagles as they finished 7-7. Still, the overall 19-7 record was the fourth-best mark in school history.

Coach Bill Leatherman said, "Sure, we struggled a little down the stretch... As usual, the ODAC was a very tough conference. To finish 19-7 overall and 10-6 in the ODAC is a pretty good season. That's one of the best seasons in school history, so we have to be pleased with that."

Bridgewater's season ended in the semifinals of the ODAC tournament where the Eagles lost to the Roanoke Maroons. The Eagles matched Roanoke point-for-point for the first 35 minutes, but the Maroons pulled away to an 89-77 victory. Kyle Williford scored a career-high 34 points in the game.

Williford was named to the All-ODAC first team and the All-Tournament first team. Shane Burnette was selected to the All-ODAC second team and Jermaine Reed was an honorable mention All-Conference pick.

The Eagles lost three starters — Burnette, Reed and Justin Bourne — to graduation, but Leatherman is optimistic about the program's future.

"Of course, we've got Kyle back and that's a pretty good guy to build around for next year," said Leatherman. "Kyle, along with guys like Matt Stevens, Brett Childers and David Downs, gives us an experienced group coming back to lead the team."

■ — Steve Cox

Beyond Black Phones and Dial Tones

By Cara Ellen Modisett
Photos by Paul Calhoun



Botetourt County (Va.)-based R&B Communications, headed by Bridgewater alumnus Allen Layman, has been on the cutting edge of technology since its apple orchard roots. Now it announces a merger that will create NTELOS, a regional telecommunications giant that's still connected to home.

"I never was all that taken by black phones and dial tones," admits Layman, Bridgewater alumnus ('74) and CEO of R&B Communications in Botetourt County, Va. "Technology's been the biggest driver of this industry. Change — I thrive on that."

So has R&B Communications, which celebrated its century mark in 2000. First envisioned in the brick Hotel Botetourt in 1900, what was then the Roanoke and Botetourt Telephone Co. has survived two world wars, a Depression that forced more than 1,000 independent phone companies out of business, blizzards, a union strike, government regulations and fierce competition.

Born in a decidedly low-tech age, R&B made its first major innovation by adopting dial telephones in 1951. Today R&B is on the cutting edge of communications, dipping its hands into the Internet, beeper service, cable and digital phones, and linked by hundreds of miles of fiber optic cable.

This year, too, marks a new phase of business as R&B completes a merger with Waynesboro-based CFW Communications, creating the new company NTELOS (from the Greek, meaning "the ultimate object"). The merger will jump its employees from 125 to 1,200 and its assets to more than \$1 billion.

Layman is excited about the merger, which will mean a continued partnership with independent CFW Communications CEO Jim Quarforth. "You can always do more together," Layman says. "We're both entrepreneurial companies and aggressive, willing to take risks."

That's an even more dramatic change when you realize that in 1943 R&B employed six people, and in 1950 it had 550 telephone subscribers (a far cry from the 168,000 digital wireless, 52,000 local telephone, 23,000 competitive local and 63,000 Internet customers that NTELOS will encompass).

Since Layman's father, Ira, was made president of R&B in 1948, R&B has become a family dynasty — and more than that, a Bridgewater one. Ira, now honorary chairman of the company, is a member of the class of 1938 and also a life-trustee of the College; Allen's cousin Mike Layman, who is senior vice president, graduated in 1972, and his sister, Sandra Sue Bolton, is a 1967 graduate.

"Best years of my life; are you kidding?" says Layman, when asked about his time at Bridgewater. "The Shenandoah Valley is just tough to beat." He remembers going with friends to Blue Hole and Reddish Knob, fishing, swimming and picnicking at Rawley Springs and at Silver Lake in Dayton. "We'd work hard during the week and play on weekends."

Layman also remembers occasional weekend drives back to Botetourt: "I had to milk the damn cows on weekends until I was 30," he laughs. His father asked the College for permission for Allen to keep a car on campus for that reason.

"I had to give the keys to Melvin Wampler, who was the treasurer," Layman remembers. Then he admits, obviously amused at having gotten away with it for this long, "Of course, I had an extra set."

The Layman family was a farming family (Ira continued to be a farmer even as his involvement with R&B grew) and the Layman apple orchards are still well-known for their produce. "What we learned on the farm was how to manage and lead people," says Layman. At the same time, he was eager to start working at R&B when he was old enough.

Once Layman had graduated from college, he started working for the company — literally the next day. "I worked in every department," he says, "from selling phone systems to customer service to installation and repair to climbing telephone poles and removing cross-arms."

In 1981, Layman became executive vice president; in 1991, he was named president and CEO; and when NTELOS is created, he will take the helm as president and chairman of the board. He still misses riding the vans around the rural countryside, meeting customers and climbing poles. With the new merger, he's finding himself on the road a little more and in meetings a lot more, but the essence of the business remains the same.

"What doesn't change is our heritage of providing quality to our customers," he maintains. The vision that prompted his father to champion dial telephones has inspired Allen to push R&B into 21st century innovations, from beepers in the 1970s to DSL connections at the turn of the 21st century.

"One generation to the next has different opportunities and obstacles," he reflects. "I had it better than Dad; my kids 'll have it better than me. Generations change."

In 1981, R&B adopted digital switching equipment, allowing for the sorts of things we take for granted — call waiting, call forwarding, conference calls, speed dialing. In the 1990s, R&B formed the successful Beeper Company. ValleyNet, started in 1991, now leases fiber optic services to the likes of AT&T, MCI and Sprint.

Changes like the breakup of the long-distance companies in 1984 and legislative changes in 1996 that allowed local services to become competitive were opportunities for R&B to grow. Step by step, the company placed itself, almost intuitively, where it needed to be to take advantage of new technology and to reach as many customers as possible.

courtesy R&B Communications



Ira Layman in 1949

In the Layman family orchard, (left to right) Mike, Sandra, Ira and Allen



R&B strives to give back too. One of their first outreach efforts, in the 1980s, was the Children's Telephone Safety Project that focused on the 911 emergency system and instructed young children how to respond in emergency situations.

In 1990 the company formed the R&B Foundation (with the new merger, it will be renamed the Layman Family Foundation), which has taken on projects like a "Homework Hotline" voicemail for local schools. The Foundation also has provided computers and Internet wiring to Botetourt County schools, not to mention playgrounds and funding for athletic clubs.

Other Foundation projects have supplied the Roanoke-based Science Museum of Western Virginia (part of the award-winning Center in the Square arts and education facility) with high-speed Internet connections, and a \$600,000 distance learning system for two high schools, the Botetourt Technical Educational Center and Dabney S. Lancaster Community College.

The year 2001, besides marking R&B's new century of operation and their new incarnation as NTELOS, includes the building of a new \$4.5 million facility next door to their current headquarters (which, incidentally, is right across the road from the Layman home and orchards). The new facility will also mean the creation of 100 more jobs and the resulting economic benefit to Botetourt County.

What does Layman feel is his greatest accomplishment? When asked, he doesn't have to search for an answer.

"Taking a small, family-owned, rural company that was struggling and growing it to become part of a billion-dollar company that's going to play a major role in the mid-Atlantic region."

In an era when mega-companies seem to be taking over every aspect of commercial America, driving mom and pop gas stations, grocery stores, farms and retail shops out of business, independent phone companies are dwindling. Every year Allen sees fewer members at conferences of OPASTCO, the Organization for the Promotion and Advancement of Small

Telecommunications Companies, but he knows the independents will survive.

"The beauty in being small is you're nimbler," he says. "I've always said that the best telecommunications minds in the country are in the independent businesses.

"In an independent, you have to do everything a Verizon would do." That means everything from the ground up — from connecting wires to putting up poles to solving customers' problems — to looking forward to the customers' needs and the technology of tomorrow.

"We had to start out by doing what's necessary," says Layman, pointing out the words he lives by — "Start by doing what's necessary, then what's possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible" — words attributed to St. Francis of Assisi.

Who would have thought heavy phone cables and party lines would, 100 years later, become a network of hair-thin, fast-as-thought digital connections? Or that the seeds planted in an apple orchard would prompt a six-employee business to one day earn millions?

So the impossible's possible. Just ask Layman. ■

Editor's Note: Allen Layman was named one of Roanoke's 50 most influential people by *Roanoker Magazine* in its June 2001 issue. Individuals were selected for this honor because, according to the magazine's editors, "These are the people with influence...a practical talent that opens doors and gets things done." Layman was selected as number 37 out of 50 individuals.

They arrived as freshmen, some
with defined goals, some unsure,
but anticipating the adventures of
college... **Ready** ...For four
years they have explored varied
subjects, visited foreign countries,

participated in the arts, athletics,
government... **Get Set**

...Now they are ready to leave
Bridgewater's "storied halls" and
take their first steps into the "real

world."... **Go!** Meet four
members of the class of 2001 who
have taken that first step.

text and photos
by Jenne L. Dehoff, '01

Graduate Becky Cave has been employed
by Victor Computer in Harrisonburg as a sales
representative. She began work part-time at Victor the
end of last summer. Due to her experience there, Cave
decided to stay in computer sales.

Her major in management information systems and
her minor in business administration — that is only two
classes short of being her second major — have prepared
her for this position.

According to Cave, the biggest challenge in her field
is keeping up-to-date with the new computer
information. In fact, Cave had exposure to some
programs at work before BC offered classes in them this
year. Fortunately, Victor will provide financial resources
for Cave to get her certification in A+ and Mous. Later,
Cave plans to attain her networking certification.

Originally from Winchester, she plans to stay in the
Harrisonburg area for a couple of years, but would like
to live in North Carolina someday. Her goal is to sell
computer software in a big city.



Bridgewater College's class of 2001 graduated on
Sunday, May 20. Of the 221 graduates, 61 received
Bachelor of Arts degrees and 149 received Bachelor of
Science degrees, and several students will complete their
degrees this summer.

There were 73 honors graduates in the class, with
seven graduating *summa cum laude*, 17, *magna cum laude*
and 49, *cum laude*. The most popular majors were
psychology, business administration, biology, health and
exercise science, allied health science and history and
political science.

Virginia Supreme Court Justice Donald W. Lemons
addressed the graduates and guests and told them that
"nobody is finally educated. Education is a process, not a
destination. Always pursue learning."



Tim Leach, a health and exercise science major, will be a full-time graduate student at James Madison University, pursuing a master's degree in special education. After completing his master's, Leach will be certified to teach severe and profoundly handicapped (SPH) individuals in addition to his current teaching certifications in learning disabled (LD), mentally retarded (MR), and emotionally disturbed (ED).

Until his graduate classes begin, Leach is teaching summer school at Spotswood High School in Rockingham County. Interestingly, when Leach was a student at Spotswood, his football coach worked with SPH students, which gave Leach the opportunity to work with those students too. That experience gave him a new perspective and influenced his career choice. For Leach, working with children with special needs is "really rewarding" because they want to learn. He explained that "something new happens everyday with those kids" although many times they are only being taught living skills.

Currently living in Elkton, Va., and originally from Texas, Leach's future plans include staying along the East Coast, teaching high school special education and coaching football and track.

Ann Schweitzer, who graduated with a double major in chemistry and math, has found a research job with Merck in Danville, Pa. She became familiar with Merck during an internship with them last summer. In fact, Merck was so impressed with Schweitzer that by the end of the summer she was offered a job, which she accepted.

Schweitzer is pleased with the job she has landed. Not only did she want a position in research, but also the location is ideal, as it is an hour from her home in Bath, Pa. Furthermore, Merck has assisted Schweitzer in finding housing in Danville.

How did she get hired right out of college for the exact job she wanted? Schweitzer credits BC research labs for preparing her for the workforce. "They gave me the experience to get the job."

Her future plans include taking classes to attain her master's degree in analytical chemistry, especially since Merck offers paid education opportunities as an employee benefit.

Met David Young, from Dunmore, W.Va. Young has secured the position of assistant coordinator for the Church of the Brethren National Youth Conference. Approximately 4,000 to 5,000 people attend this week-long conference held every four years in Colorado.

Assistant coordinator is a volunteer position, and Brethren Volunteer Services (BVS) provides health insurance, room and board and a stipend for expenses. The conference headquarters are in Illinois, near Chicago.

Coincidentally, Young has never been to a National Youth Conference. However, the two other assistant coordinators have been and can answer any of his questions. In fact, he knows one of the assistant coordinators, Luke Croushorn, a 2000 Bridgewater graduate. Young is hopeful that he can provide a fresh perspective planning the conference since he is unfamiliar with how things have always been done in the past.

Young graduated from BC with a major in physics and minors in English and history. After his one-year position with BVS, he plans to pursue his Master of Business Administration degree and possibly work for a business-consulting firm. ■



HOMECOURT ADVANTAGE



He left the Division I college courts and found a new coaching game back in his hometown.

by Pete Nunnally, '01



photos courtesy of mike dunavant

“When my old college friends find out what I’m doing now they’ll probably pass out,” says Mike Dunavant. Mike has changed a lot since his college days.

Dunavant graduated in 1977 from Bridgewater with a degree in health and physical education. His full-time job is operations manager in charge of environmental and legislative affairs for Simsmetal America, in Richmond, Va. His part-time job (but full-time love) is his job as coach of the highly successful Central Virginia High School girls basketball team comprised of home-schooled girls’ from the Richmond area.

Dunavant is no stranger to coaching—in fact, it’s his forte. In his first year of coaching, he led the Portsmouth Catholic High School boys’ basketball team to a state championship. Dunavant’s career took a steady upward track after that, finding success at every turn. From Portsmouth he went to Randolph Macon College as an assistant coach, before landing his first head-coaching job with Virginia Wesleyan College and making the switch to women’s basketball. There he took VWC to a conference championship and to the “Sweet 16” round of the NCAA Tournament.

From there, Dunavant became the head coach at Virginia Commonwealth University, where he led the team to its first non-losing season in Division I, and then to No. 30 in the country.

Dunavant’s rise through the ranks of college coaching was fueled by his desire to win and by his tremendous work ethic. His ability to recruit amazing athletes propelled his career forward, all the way to Syracuse University – a big time, Big East Conference team – where he was an assistant coach and recruiter. He used his success there to vault himself into the head-coaching job at prestigious Rice University in Houston, where he coached for four years.

After more than 15 years, however, Dunavant realized that all the traveling involved in college coaching was taking a toll. “I was tired of being away from my family,” he said. So after some soul searching, he retired from coaching (or so he thought) and returned to Richmond.

(Left) Mike Dunavant talks to his Central Virginia High School Lady Patriots during a timeout.

(Right) Dunavant gives instructions courtside during a 1990 game at Rice University against 16th ranked Southern Methodist, which Rice won. This was the first time a Rice women’s team defeated a team ranked in the Top 20.

This time *he* was recruited and offered a job coaching the Central Virginia High School girls’ team. The team members are recruited through home-school conventions where parents go to get new ideas for curriculum and other information. Most of Dunavant’s players hail from the Southside or Chesterfield areas around Richmond, and are serious about basketball.

In just four seasons, he has turned the program into a virtual powerhouse (with a 75-11 record) so dangerous that other teams don’t want to play them. This is even more remarkable because they only get to practice twice a week since they don’t have any facilities of their own. “It shows the discipline of the girls,” he said, “because they have to practice and work out a lot on their own at home. If we were able to practice everyday, we’d be one of the top 50 private teams in the country.”



Central Virginia's success has led to a scheduling problem, however. They used to have no trouble scheduling games with area teams. "Everyone wanted to play us at first," Dunavant said, "because they thought we would be an easy victory." Wrong. After one year, the other teams in their conference quickly realized that the Patriots were legitimate and dropped Central Virginia (which was 17-0) from the conference, forcing the team to schedule games on its own. This year the girls finally got a good schedule and finished with a 20-3 record.

Dunavant describes his coaching style as a mesh between Bobby Knight and Dean Smith: demanding yet caring, motivating yet compassionate. He enjoys working with girls' teams and has seen the virtues of women's basketball ever since watching Coach Laura Mapp's workouts with the BC squads. As far as a difference between college and high school girls, he says the home-schooled girls listen better and that the biggest difference is simply physical ability, but certainly not desire, adding, "they are good Christian girls."

The parent's involvement is a benefit of coaching home-schooled students. "I have a sort of working staff of ex-players and parents." This commitment no doubt contributed to the success of the team, which has gained regional recognition with regular coverage of its games in the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*.

Dunavant, originally from Norfolk, Va., grew up in Richmond, and attended Manchester High School where he was a four-sport athlete. He continued to play basketball and baseball when he came to Bridgewater. He talks of Bridgewater College as a second home, where he learned to live in a tight community of friends in his pseudo-fraternity, Wright West, and accepted the academic challenge of a school he describes, "as good a school as I have ever been involved with. It is a good academic school; the professors are approachable, and the school provides a good learning environment for any type of person. It helps prepare you no matter what your degree. Look at me, I majored in P.E., and now I'm an operations manager for a recycling company."



He had no trouble citing people who had major influences on him while in school. "Miss Mapp was the one who got me into women's hoops. She had such intense practices. I still use many of her drills today. She is a great coach and a great person." Dunavant also listed Mary Frances Heishman, John Spencer, Jim Reedy, Carlyle Whitelow and Melvin "Shifty" Myers as important influences. "There's so much you can take away from them as a coach."

Dunavant's job at Simsmetal America — the third largest recycling company in the world — involves making sure the company is compliant with regulations, and monitoring environmental affairs. His work takes him to the floor of the Senate, usually four times a year, to speak on recycling and environmental issues. "I like what I'm doing now. The business world is a lot like the coaching world."

Dunavant enjoys coaching Central Virginia, saying, "It keeps me sharp. I consider it an extension of my ministry," alluding to his strong faith in God and affinity for extending that faith to others. He and his wife, Doris, and their three sons are active in their church. He credits Doris as being "a strong influence on us, on me. She helped me get back on track in terms of faith and ministry." In his spare time, he speaks to Fellowship of Christian Athletes groups and occasionally fills in as the substitute pastor at his church.

He describes coaching Central Virginia as a blessing. "It has developed into something better than I ever thought it would." He doesn't rule out a return to college coaching, however, but maintains that the circumstances must be right.

Mike Dunavant's career path proves that life is not a straight road, but one with many turns, each laced with new opportunities. He rose through the ranks of coaching and became a sought-after commodity, rescuing failing basketball programs and turning them into successes. He took the same philosophy to Simsmetal America, where the morale is high, and success reigns. One employee said, "Just tell them coach is 'The Man.'"

Now back on the court, his faith, character and engaging personality make him the quintessential role model for future generations. ■

Dunavant would like to hear from his college friends and offers his e-mail, scrapcoach@aol.com

BC Women Top 20 Wins for Fifth Season

Winning 20 games in a season is quite an accomplishment for many college programs.

For the Bridgewater women's basketball team, the feat is becoming routine.

Coach Jean Willi completed her fifth season with the Eagles, and her team has won at least 20 games in each of those seasons. This year's squad finished 21-5.

"That 20-win mark is something we put out there for the team every year," Willi said. "So far, we've been able to reach that level each season."

For the second year in a row, Bridgewater won the ODAC regular season title to enter the

tournament as the top seed. The Eagles finished with a 17-3 ODAC mark despite playing much

of the season without starter sophomore Megan Forster, who injured her knee in the 10th game of the season. Forster returned

to limited action late in the

year.

Bridgewater handled Hollins with ease, 73-40, in the first round of the



ODAC tournament to advance to the semifinals against Emory & Henry.

For the second consecutive year, the Wasps ended the Eagles' season, this time downing Bridgewater 71-59.

"That was a disappointing way to end the season," Willi admitted. "One of our goals was to make the NCAA tournament and losing in the semifinals prevented us from reaching that goal."

Junior center Sarah Hagood was named to the All-ODAC first team and the VaSID College Division All-State second team. Twins Amanda and Angela Osborn were each named to the All-Conference second team.

Angela Osborn reached the coveted 1,000-point milestone for her career, becoming the 14th BC female player to top the mark. She finished her career with 1,044 points to move into 11th on the all-time list.

"We're certainly going to miss the twins and Becky Midkiff," Willi said. "Those girls have given a great deal to our program during their careers."

"But, we have some experienced players like Sarah (Hagood), Lindsey Coleman and Megan Forster coming back to lead our team next year." ■ – Steve Cox

Coach **Jean Willi** was named ODAC women's basketball Coach of the Year in 2001. With a career record of 108-28 in her five seasons as head coach, she again led the Lady Eagles to the ODAC regular-season title (their second straight) and an overall record of 21-5 for the season. In January, she celebrated her 100th win as head coach with a victory over Eastern Mennonite University.

Head soccer coach **Ian Spooner** has accepted an assistant coaching position at Radford University. He will be succeeded by **Anthony "Nino" Altomonte** as head coach of the women's team and by **Mike Brizendine** as men's team head coach. ■

Williford Named All-American

Kyle Williford, a junior from Raleigh, N.C., became the third Bridgewater basketball player to earn All-America honors when he was named to the NABC Division III All-America second team.

Williford joins Ramsey Yeatts, '88, and Dan Rush, '95 as BC's All-America selections.

"Kyle has received many honors and other All-America recognition, but this is the big one," head coach Bill Leatherman said. "This is the team that is voted on by the coaches from across America. This is quite an accomplishment."

In addition to the NABC honor, Williford was a fourth-team All-America pick by d3hoops.com. He was first team All-ODAC, ODAC All-Tournament first team, first team All-South District and first-team VaSID College Division All-State.

Williford averaged 19.7 points and 9.1 rebounds per game. He was third in the ODAC in scoring, second in rebounding and first in blocked shots.

Williford ranks 16th on BC's all-time scoring list with 1,300 points and sixth on the school's rebounding chart with 675. He also became the school's all-time leader in blocked shots with 166.

Kyle personifies the true student-athlete," Leatherman said. "He never complains, he just does his job in a workmanlike fashion. Kyle is a quality player on the basketball court. He is well-liked and respected by his teammates." ■ – Steve Cox



Coaches Corner

Head baseball coach, **Curt Kendall**, was named the Old Dominion Athletic Conference baseball Coach of the Year for the third time. He led the Eagles to the 2001 ODAC championship and an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.

With a victory over Eastern Mennonite University, **Bill Leatherman**, head men's basketball coach, broke former coach Melvin Myers' record of 236 career victories to become BC's winningest men's basketball coach. Leatherman, who completed his 16th year as head coach in 2001, finished the season with a career record of 242-173.



Baker Earns All-America Honor

Senior Melissa Baker, of Buchanan, Va., made her third trip to the NCAA Indoor Championships and the third time proved to be a charm.

Baker traveled to the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh for the NCAA Division III national meet and ran a time of :58.51 seconds in the 400-meter finals to place fifth and earn Division III All-America honors.

Baker qualified for the national meet by running a school record time of :58.31 at Lynchburg College's last-chance qualifying meet.

In the trials at Oshkosh, Baker bettered her school-record time with a :57.90 clocking to earn a spot in the finals, thus assuring her status as an All-America selection.

Baker was joined at the national meet by junior Davon Cruz. Cruz ran a :6.52 in

the 55-meter trials, but missed qualifying for the final.

Senior Marcus Richardson met the provisional NCAA qualifying standard in the 200, but just missed earning an invitation to the national meet.

At the ODAC Indoor Championships, the Bridgewater men finished second while the women finished fourth.

Myron Gordon won the shot put, and Richardson won the 200 with a school record.

For the women, Baker took first in both the 200 and 400.

School records also were set by Ross Bair in the 3,000 meters, Andre Jones in the 400 meters and Courtney Parris in the women's 55 meters. ■ — Steve Cox

Baseball Takes ODAC, Advances to NCAA

The Bridgewater baseball team earned a trip to the NCAA tournament for the fourth time by defeating Virginia Wesleyan to win the Old Dominion Athletic Conference tournament championship.

The Eagles finished the regular season with a 13-3 conference record, tied for first place with Virginia Wesleyan.

Bridgewater opened the ODAC tourney with a 7-2 win over Lynchburg and followed that with a 6-1 victory over Eastern Mennonite.

Virginia Wesleyan jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the title game, but the Eagles battled back and tied the score in the eighth.

In the bottom of the 10th inning with one out, J.R. Estes got into scoring position with a double to left center. With two outs, Todd Lewis lined a single to right and Estes just beat the throw home, giving the Eagles a 5-4 victory and the ODAC title.

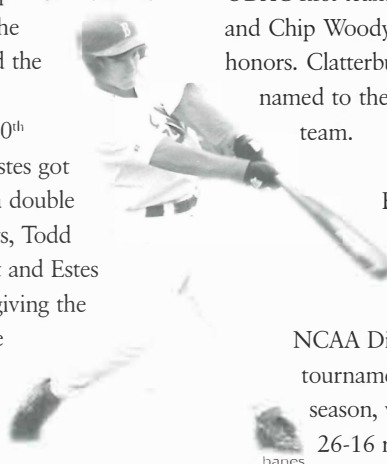
Lewis, who was 3-for-3 with three RBIs in the

title game, was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

Outfielder Scott Hearn, who set a single-season record for hits with 65, was named to the ODAC All-Tournament team, along with second baseman Jamie Lawhorne, shortstop Matt Clatterbuck and pitcher Gene Crawford. He also was named to the All-ODAC and the 2001 ABCA/Rawlings NCAA Division III All-South Region first teams.

Clatterbuck also was named to the All-ODAC first team and pitcher Josh Shrader and Chip Woody received second team honors. Clatterbuck and Shrader also were named to the All-South Region second team.

A 9-2 first round loss to Emory University and a 1-0 loss to Christopher Newport in the elimination round of the NCAA Division III South Regional tournament put an end to BC's season, which they finished with a 26-16 record. ■ — Steve Cox



BC Runners Named Athletes of the Year

The Eagles claimed the top two individual awards at the Old Dominion Athletic Conference Outdoor Track and Field Championships — Marcus Richardson, from Halifax, Va., was named the Outdoor Male Athlete of the Year, and Melissa Baker, from Buchanan, Va., was named co-winner of the Outdoor Female Athlete of the Year award with Casey Smith of Roanoke College.

Richardson set a meet record in the 100 meters, breaking the previous record set by teammate Davon Cruz last year. He also won the 200-meter dash, breaking the stadium record set by former BC standout Mario Webb, '97.

Baker scored in an astounding eight events during the championships, winning the 400-meter dash and setting a meet record in the 400-meter hurdles, provisionally qualifying for the NCAA Division III national meet in both events. Baker finished eighth in the 400-meter hurdles at nationals.

Overall, the Eagles' men's team placed second in the Championship. The women's team didn't fare quite as well, placing fifth out of five teams. ■ — Steve Cox

Spring Sports Wrap-up

Lacrosse

The women's lacrosse team finished the season with an overall winning record of 8-7 (3-5 ODAC).

The Eagles almost pulled off a big upset in the opening round of the Old Dominion Athletic Conference tournament, losing 12-11 at Lynchburg to the third-seeded Hornets. BC jumped out to a 7-2 lead early and led 8-7 at the half before the favored Hornets rallied to take the victory.

Sophomore Sarah Pritchett was named to the All-ODAC first team. Pritchett ranked among the ODAC leaders in goals with 48 and points with 62.

Senior co-captains Kate Blaney and Ashley Johnson were named to the All-ODAC second team and sophomore Sarah Wyant earned honorable mention.

The future appears bright for Coach Amy Hamilton's team as 16 of its 19 players were underclassmen.

Tennis

The men's tennis team showed steady improvement under the direction of first-year coach Tim Bricker. Despite going winless in the ODAC, the team finished 7-9 overall after winning just one match last year.

The women's team put together another solid season, finishing 9-7 overall (5-4 ODAC) and fourth at the ODAC Championships, one of the top performances in school history.

The No. 3 doubles team of juniors Annie McKenzie and Jennifer Goodwin finished a stellar season with a second-place finish in the tournament. The duo finished the year with a 15-2 overall record and earned All-Conference recognition at the No. 3 doubles flight.

Softball

The softball team continued its success on the diamond, finishing the year with a 29-12 overall record. The Eagles tied for second in ODAC play with a 10-4 mark.

Three Bridgewater players earned first-team All-ODAC honors.

Colleen Reid was named to the first team at first base for the fourth straight season. She hit .336 for the year and finished her career as the College's all-time leader in games played, at-bats, runs scored and hits.

Junior outfielder Cara Carpenter made the team for the second straight year. Carpenter led the team in hits and posted a .383 batting average.

Sophomore pitcher Denise Goode also made the first team. Goode finished with an 11-7 record and an impressive 1.39 ERA. She pitched a five-inning perfect game against Randolph-Macon Woman's College.

Freshman Candy Baker made the second team as a utility player. Baker played four different positions for the Eagles and finished the year with a .364 average.

Sophomore pitcher Kristin Pardue earned honorable mention. She posted a 15-4 record, tying the school mark for wins in a season.

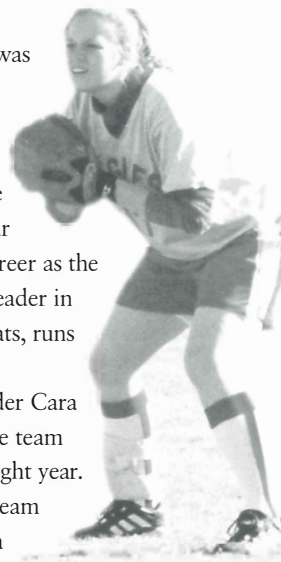
Golf

The golf team continued to show improvement, finishing in a tie for sixth at the ODAC Championships.

Chuck Whetzel led the Eagles in scoring for the season and finished tied for 15th overall at the ODAC tournament.

The team also played well at the State College Division tournament, finishing seventh. Whetzel and Tom Cerva each finished in the Top 18.

The team also posted a solid fourth-place effort at the 12-team Newport News Apprentice tournament. ■ — Steve Cox



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BC SPORTS CAMP SCHEDULE

JULY

**July 8-10
All-Star Basketball Camp
— Session I**
Co-ed Guard Camp
day or overnight (ages 10-18)

For information on all All-Star Basketball Camps:
Contact Coach Bill Leatherman at (540) 828-5403, or bleather@bridgewater.edu

**July 9-13
Eagles Softball Camp**
1/2 day (ages 8 - 14)

For information:
Contact Coach Donnie Fulk at (540) 828-5390

**July 10-12
All-Star Basketball Camp
— Session II**
Co-ed Shooting Camp
day or overnight (ages 10-18)
See Session I for contact information

**July 15-20
California Volleyball Camp**
Co-ed; *day or overnight*

For information:
Contact Coach Mary Frances Heishman at (540) 828-5405 or mheishma@bridgewater.edu

**July 22-26
All-Star Basketball Camp
— Session III**
Boy's Camp (ages 8-18)
day, evening or overnight
See Session I for contact information

**July 28- August 2
All-Star Basketball Camp
— Session IV**
Girl's Camp (ages 8-18)
day, evening or overnight
See Session I for contact information

Ode to the Class of '51

by Earle W. Fike Jr., '51

Written as a tribute to classmates and alma mater, this poem was read to members of the class of 1951 and others gathered at the annual Ripples Society Banquet during Alumni Weekend in April.

Other alumni will certainly relate to the images and memories that these verses conjure up. Read, remember and enjoy.

photos courtesy of Ripples



Time waits for no one, or so they say,
We know that it's true as we meet here today.
Fifty years ago, on a day in late spring,
who cared what two thousand '01 would bring?

Now again we are here at Bridgewater fair,
admitting once more our hearts' sweet care.

We loved the walls and the storied halls,
We loved the laughing waters.

And my, oh my, who can deny,
how we loved its sons and daughters?

At this 50th alumni, it's entirely fitting,
(though hardly recognizing with whom we are sitting,)
that even at our age, recall rises with a quiver,
as memories return and flow like North River.

So small it was then, the students were few.
Four hundred or so, most of whom we knew.
Now students are swarming all over the place,
almost too many for available space.

And they all seem too youthful and hardly of age,
To be here in serious study engaged.



The campus was beautiful, though really quite small.
Nothing to compare to today's exceptional mall,
with new buildings all clustered round here and there,
it's enough to make old grads solemnly declare,
how nice it would have been to have facilities like this;
Then pause and realize all the things we'd have missed.
So, to help jog your memory, here's a short list:

Male students no doubt, will easily recall,
there's no dorm life to match rowdy, dangerous North Hall.
No exploding fire works while perched on the throne.
No way to call others, except one public phone.
No ramming of fists through somebody's wall.
No shouting, no cursing, during spring, winter, or fall.
And most of all, most of all, no quiet at all.

Other males will remember Wardo's delight,
and what they'd have missed on many a night.
No trashing of rooms with belongings askew.
No sneaking 'round laws like late night curfew.
No after-hour forays to the local drug store,
for ice cream and other unmentionables galore.
No hours spent studying in careful assessment,
of how to pull off unsuspected harassment,
while publically displaying only peace and contentment.

What would the females among us have missed?
Let's continue a review of their special list.
Each freshman lady had to be chaperoned,
before off-campus dates were condoned.
Proper phys ed garments were needed by each,
more proper and prim than those for the beach.
No walking to the gym lest correctly attired.
Long coats over shorts were always required.
The policy meant clearly no legs in full view,
except while playing, you were allowed to show two.
No slacks or jeans were permitted in class,
but for weekend hikes you were allowed a pass.

Ladies had their own share of tricks and pranks,
 for which their house mothers gave them no thanks.
 In Ms. School's Yount, those drying their hair,
 could sometimes hear a trash can bounce down the stair.
 And over in Blue Ridge under rule by Ms. Wheatly,
 who found it most difficult to ever smile sweetly,
 she glowered and barked and made the hall rattle
 Because her girls fought in a great water battle.

Enough of these exploits, let's move on away,
 from these male-female pranks of a by-gone day.
 Let's turn to some things we fondly remember,
 that were shared by all, no matter our gender.

We remember a surprise from top secret plans,
 sidewalks ringed tightly with rows of beer cans.
 And raising our eyes, oh what a surprise,
 to see ladies' panties where the flag usually flies.
 Or the day when Cole Hall's columns both white and tall,
 were blocking the entrance to Blue Ridge Hall.
 And what did our wandering eyes once behold,
 but a cow in the belfry where our bell usually tolled.

And remember Rebecca, where we all ate together,
 and hungry young men would oft wonder whether
 in this well-mannered place they might be able
 to find for themselves a suitable table,
 where "seconds" were possible in a single seating,
 because more girls would be there daintily eating.
 We'd dress up on Wednesdays and Sundays for dinner,
 where fresh rolls by Faith were always a winner.
 Sure, students today have much more to eat,
 But our dinning hall fun could hardly be beat.

It's hard to do justice to the remarkable host
 of the teachers and staff who influenced us most.
 Jopson, Silliman, Shull and Cool,
 would all belong in a favorite pool.
 Henry, Heisey, Wolfe and two Glicks,
 would be among some of our
 favorite picks.
 And Bowman, Boitnott, and
 C.W. Wright, ran everyday
 business with reins drawn tight.
 Andes, Clague, Willoughby, and May,
 all knew how to make poor study
 pay.



And for music and song we could all recite,
 names like Huffman, Steinbaugh, and Miss Ruth E. Weybright.
 Our list might include Fisher, Enns and Coach Geiser,
 And rather than list more, it would surely be wiser,
 to simply admit there are too many to mention,
 and hold a complete list in our memory's suspension.
 Together and separately, as mentor or friend,
 each gave us strong gifts that need never to end.
 We learned how to question and seek answers true.
 Committed to our growth they made sure we grew,
 In preparation for a life fully equipped to give,
 integrity and service for as long as we live.
 Along with teachers, let's make clear
 That friends we made while we were here
 Though separated oft, either far or near,
 Across the years, we've held them dear.

There's much more we could say, which we'll leave unsaid.
 We should have long since put these poor verses to bed.

But we'll take just another moment or two,
 to do something we're surely entitled to do.
 In this 50th year we're allowed to boast,
 and raise to both teachers and friends a toast.
 Here's to all that we were, and all we became,
 and all yet to come of fortune or fame.
 Whatever our lot, or whatever our condition,
 we live and are blessed by our BC tradition.



(Left to right) Nancy Garst Trout, '50, Margaret Schmidt Garner, '46, honorary alumna Carolyn Click Driver, and the Rev. Glenn S. Garner, '47



Class of '51 friends catching up — (left to right) Martha Cupp, Jean Kiser Fike, E. Maxine Abshire and Gaynell Wampler Sayre



Alumni Weekend 2001

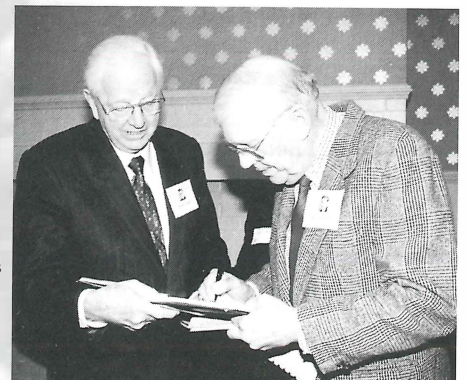
Generations of BC alumni returned to campus April 6 and 7 for Alumni Weekend festivities.

They took tours of the campus, participated in special seminars and lectures, and most of all they got reacquainted with special friends from their BC days.

The 1999 Distinguished Alumnus, Dr. A. LeRoy Baker, '61, and Young Alumnus, Gina Popp, '86, get reacquainted



Class of 1951 classmates, (left) Dr. Harry L. Kraus and the Rev. Earle Fike Jr.



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Ripples and Alumni Award Recipients

Each year, the Alumni Association recognizes individuals who have made exemplary contributions either in their career, avocation or service to community. This years recipients are:

Dr. John Carl Harshbarger Jr, '57 *Distinguished Alumnus*

A respected cancer researcher, he has served as director of the Registry of Tumors in Lower Animals, a program sponsored by the National Institutes of Health, since 1967. The registry is now located at The George Washington University Medical Center in Washington, D.C., where he also is a professor of pathology. He is recognized for the quality of his research and the contribution such research makes to the understanding and potential conquering of the dreaded disease of cancer.

Michael David Del Giudice, '84 *Young Alumnus*

A financial player on the world stage, he is managing director of Salomon Smith Barney's Global Financial Entrepreneurs Group — one of the largest of its kind — which provides equity and debt financing and mergers and acquisition advice, primarily to private equity and venture capital firms and their portfolio companies, in the U.S. and internationally. He is recognized as someone who has achieved great success in a high pressure, ultra-competitive industry.

Dr. Helen Elaine Jordan, '46 *Ripples Medal Recipient*

As a teacher and researcher in veterinary medicine at the University of Georgia and Oklahoma State University for more than 40 years, her knowledge and expertise in veterinary parasitology led to a distinguished career in the classroom, in the lab and as a developer of instructional materials and curriculum for the teaching of veterinary parasitology.

She is recognized for the body of scholarly work she has produced while maintaining a deep commitment to the quality of her students' education.

Dr. Jesse D. Robertson, '45, and Wilma Kline Robertson, '47 *Ripples Medal Recipients*

Since their meeting at Bridgewater, the lives of this husband and wife have been so intricately intertwined that certainly neither could have achieved his or her goals without the other.

An ordained minister in the Church of the Brethren, Jesse heeded another call to become a physician, practicing medicine for more than 30 years in Augusta County, all the while remaining actively involved in the church. Wilma followed her dream, too, eventually becoming a full-time mother and a homemaker after working to provide for their growing family while Jesse attended seminary and medical school. Jesse is recognized for his professional gifts of ministry and medicine, his joy in volunteerism and his humility in service, and Wilma for her pursuit of her dream, her caring support of her husband and family, and her dedication to church and community. ■

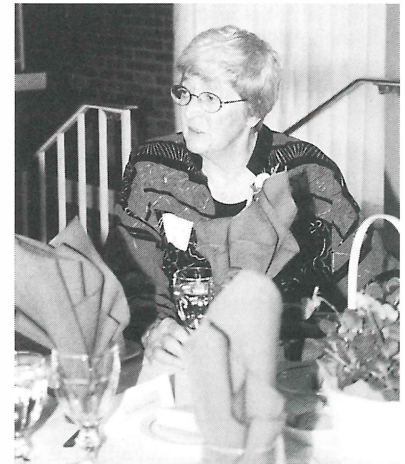
(Top, clockwise) Dr. Helen Jordan, Dr. Jesse and Mrs. Wilma Kline Robertson, and Dr. John Harshbarger Jr.



Alumni Association Student Awards

Three students were recognized by the Bridgewater College Alumni Association for displaying excellence in the campus community.

Receiving the \$2,400 senior scholarship, was **Jeffery Carr, '02**, a communication studies major from Stuarts Draft, Va. **Brandon Ogdon**, a rising junior English major from Amherst, Va., received the \$1,800 junior scholarship. **Cindy Lemberg**, a 2001 graduate in health and exercise science received the Citizenship Award. ■



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Bridgewater College

Alumni Awards Call For Nominations

The Bridgewater College Alumni Association gladly accepts nominations for the **Distinguished Alumnus** and **Young Alumnus** awards, as well as for the **Ripples Society Medals**. To nominate an alumnus or alumna for an award, please fill out the nomination form below and mail or fax to the Bridgewater College Office of Alumni Relations. Feel free to include additional documentation that may be helpful, such as résumé, newspaper clippings or letters of reference.

Name of Nominee: _____

Address: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Business Telephone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Degrees from other institutions: _____

Current Occupation: _____

Previous Occupations (to the best of your knowledge): _____

Awards, Honors or Achievements: _____

Volunteer Service: _____

Other information that might be helpful: _____

Your Name (Nominator): _____

Address: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Business Telephone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Return to: Alumni Office, Bridgewater College, Box 33, Bridgewater, VA 22812. Fax: (540) 828-5480. You also may send nominations via e-mail to Ellen Layman at elayman@bridgewater.edu.

Distinguished Alumnus Award

This award honors an alumnus for his or her vocational or professional achievements and devotion to Bridgewater College.

Young Alumnus Award

This award is given to an alumnus, 39 years of age or younger, who has made significant career achievements or who has demonstrated that potential, and who has been an active supporter of Bridgewater College.

Ripples Society Medal

This award is presented to an alumnus who is a member of the Ripples Society, the group of alumni who graduated from the College 50 or more years ago. The award honors alumni who have expressed loyalty to the College while demonstrating significant lifetime vocational or professional achievements and/or exemplary involvement in humanitarian endeavors.

PLEASE NOTE: Consideration of this nomination form as completed will be treated confidentially by the Executive Committee of the Alumni Association Board of Directors. The Committee's decision regarding nominees for awards shall be final and pursuant to the regulations of the Alumni Association.

Alumni awards are presented during Alumni Weekend, held each spring. All nominations will be carefully considered by the Executive Committee of the Alumni Association, which selects award recipients at least six months in advance. These selections are subject to approval by the Alumni Association Board of Directors. To be considered for the Spring 2002 award, nominations must be received by August 1, 2001. Nominations received after that date will be considered for the following year.

For more information, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at (540) 828-5451



Vicky Garnier Barshis, '80

Finding creative ways to combine one's career with a hobby can be a challenge. For Vicky Garnier Barshis, a 1980 Bridgewater alumna, it is a feeling of great accomplishment to successfully combine her work as patient services manager for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society with her Creative Memories business.

For over 50 years, the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society has focused on raising money for research to find a cure for leukemia and blood-related cancers. As the remission rate has risen from 10 percent to nearly 80 percent for some types of cancer, more patient services — support groups, free educational programs for patients and professionals, and patient notebooks for tracking doctor appointments, treatment and expenses — were required, thus Barshis' position was created.

Barshis, who has a Master of Social Work degree from Washington University in St. Louis, is the patient services manager for about 1,500 patients in eastern Missouri, southern Illinois and Arkansas. In 1996, she and a colleague formed the Cancer Agencies Network of Greater St. Louis, a collaborative networking group of local agencies that serve cancer patients. Since 1998, she has served as its president.

Also in 1996, Barshis further developed her life-long passion for photographs and capturing memories (as a student at BC she was a *Ripples* section editor). She said, "As soon as I went to a CM (Creative Memories) class, I knew it was 'ME,' and I became a consultant." In 2000, she became a unit leader and has enjoyed sharing her passion by helping others creatively display their photos and memories through scrapbooking. Barshis works with consultants — providing training, support and recognition — all over the U.S. and would enjoy working with BC alumni who have an interest in becoming a CM consultant. She can be contacted at VBarshis@aol.com.

For Barshis, one of the best aspects of her position as patient services manager is interacting with the brave children who are fighting cancer.

And, one of her most satisfying projects was spearheading a \$4,000-per-year fund drive for scrapbook supplies from Creative Memories consultants throughout the Midwest so that every family attending Camp Sunrise (sponsored by the American Cancer Society) would receive a free, archival-safe photo album and supplies. Barshis says, "it touches my heart to know that none of these children will lose their battle with cancer without at least a cherished record of their young lives and their places in their families — a record of memories that will safely last for generations!"

In her "spare" time, Barshis volunteers with the Girl Scouts and was honored in 2000 for 25 years of service. She has served as troop leader for all age levels, district chair, district training manager and, for over 10 years, has been a weekend camp supervisor. She was honored with the Gold Laurel, the Girl Scouts' highest honor.

For Barshis, her most important role is mom, and she juggles her schedule to allow quality time for her two sons, Brad, 16, and Chris, 12 — attending numerous basketball, baseball and soccer games, fishing, swimming, volunteering at their schools, traveling to show them the amazing sights in the U.S. and scrapbooking.

Barshis sums it up best when she says, "Life is definitely never boring!" ■

— Mary K. Heatwole

1940s

The Rev. John C. Eller, '41, of Sebring, Fla., has published his autobiography *My Own Sugar Loaf*.

During January 2001, **Dr. Homer M. Kline Jr., '47**, and his wife Virginia celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary with a trip to Disney World and a Disney cruise. The Klines live in King George, Va.

1970s

Ed Armbruster, '71, has joined California software developer QAD Inc., leaving IBM after 28 years. Ed is working from his home, not wanting to leave Rochester, Minn. (selected as one of the top places to live by *Money* magazine every year since 1993). Ed and his wife, the former **Barbara Tumham, also '71**, enjoy having their married children Rachel and Mark living in Rochester too.

J. Craig Jacobs, '72, of Westminster, Calif., is a commander with the Long Beach Police Department.

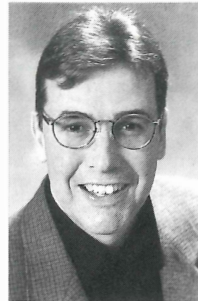
Maggie Fleming Smallwood, '73, of Seneca, S.C., was selected for the 2000 edition of Who's Who. Maggie is a Spanish instructor at Tri County Technical College.

Miles and Debbie Ferguson Bowman, both '74, of Broomall, Pa., say hello to everyone. Miles works for Verizon and Debbie is employed by the Marple Newtown School District. The Bownmans write that "the four kids are getting older, two in college now. Miles still fishes a lot, often with **Joel Valigorsky, also '74**. If anyone else surf-fishes, let us know and we can get together sometime. Debbie finally got her own Norton Commando 750 — all the guys are jealous. Lots of fond memories of life at Bridgewater (Go Flyers!)."

Barbara Warner Newberry, '76, of Papillon, Neb., participated in Arts on the Green marathon in

Omaha, Neb., in August 2000. She is an enthusiastic photo/journal "scrapbooker."

Reginald "Reggie" Smith, '76, of Port Republic, Va., is director of public transportation for Harrisonburg Transit. He has been with the agency since its beginning in 1976 and has been instrumental in making it a success.



Ralph G. "Dusty" Rhodes, '78, is manager of WAY-FM in West Palm Beach, Fla., which won the Dove Award for Radio Station of the Year for 2000. Dusty began the radio station when he moved to Florida in 1993, after 11 years in Pittsburgh and five years in Charlottesville, Va.

Beth R. Votaw, '79, of Naperville, Ill., is pursuing a doctorate in clinical psychology at the Adler School of Professional Psychology in Chicago.

1980s

Ruth Griffith Dotson, '82, of Boone, N.C., recently graduated from the Emory University physician assistant program in Atlanta, earn-



ing highest honors and a master's degree in medical science. She is a practicing physician's assistant in the family practice of Mark Harter, M.D.

Com. John "Sarge" Shakespeare, '82, of Burke, Va., retired on Oct. 1 from the U.S. Navy after a three-year assignment with the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon. During his years of service in the Navy, he served in the Gulf War, performed post Desert Storm humanitarian operations in Northern Iraq, military operations in the Adriatic Sea and was a circumnavigator of South America, the Mediterranean Sea and the Black Sea. John is a senior communications engineer with Adroit Systems Inc. of Alexandria, Va. He provides engineering support to the office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Command, Control, Communications, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance systems. John challenges fellow 1982 chemistry majors to attend the 20th class reunion in 2002!

Robert Bates, '85, has left Bank of America after 15 years and has opened The Klein Group, a private mortgage company in Harrisonburg. He is vice president and manager of the company, which is expanding throughout Virginia. Robert and his wife, the former **Leslie Beckley, '84**, live in Bridgewater.

In May, **Dr. Wolfgang Drechsler, '85**, of Marburg, Germany, received the 2001 Alena Brunovska Award for Teaching Excellence in Public Administration. Wolfgang is the first winner of the award, which was established in 2000,

and is presented by the Network of Institutes and Schools of Public Administration in Central and Eastern Europe. He was presented the award at the association's annual conference held in Riga, Latvia, where he also presented an award lecture, "Good and Bad Government: Ambrogio Lorenzetti's Frescoes in the Siena Town Hall as Mission Statement for Public Administration Today." Wolfgang is professor and chair of public administration at the University of Tartu, Estonia.

J. Douglas Trollinger III, '86, of Lusby, Md., is an environmental engineer with the Naval Air Systems Command Headquarters in Patuxent River, Md. In September 2000, he graduated from the Senior Executive Management Development Program established by the Naval Aviation Executive Institute. In December 2000, Doug graduated from the 14-week advance program management course at the Defense Systems Management College in Ft. Belvoir, Va.

Laura Massie, '88, of Covington, Va., is employed by the Clifton Forge Public Library.

Sarah LaCharité Miller, '89, of Waynesboro, Va., is a special educator for the Staunton City schools. Her husband **Howard, '90**, is employed by DuPont. The Millers have two children, Kylie, age 6, and Jacob, age 2.

1990s

William "Bill" Johnson, '91, is a physical therapist at Appalachian Physical Therapy and Fitness Center in Harrisonburg. On Feb. 14, he received his board-certified orthopedic clinical specialist certificate at the American Physical Therapy Association combined sections meeting in San Antonio. Bill lives in Harrisonburg with his wife, the former **Tina L. Hicks, '91**, and their two sons, Andrew, 4, and Ryan, 2.

What's up with you?!

If you enjoy reading about your classmates, chances are they'd enjoy reading your news too!

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Jeremy Koster taught English. He also led white-water rafting expeditions on the Ganges, trekked the Himalayas, shook hands with the Dalai Lama and learned scuba diving in the Gulf of Thailand – not bad for a first job!

He didn't get paid for *all* of these activities; teaching English to Japanese 12 - 14 year-olds was his paying job, as well as working as a white-water rafting guide. The other activities were fringe benefits.

Koster graduated from Bridgewater in 1998 with a degree in English and philosophy and religion. His objective before beginning graduate school was to live overseas and experience other cultures. Teaching English through the JET (Japan Exchange and Teaching) Programme, afforded him that opportunity.

Koster lived and worked for one year in Hirado, a small island community two hours away from Nagasaki. He was provided with a salary, a car and an apartment, which he said became his "little America."

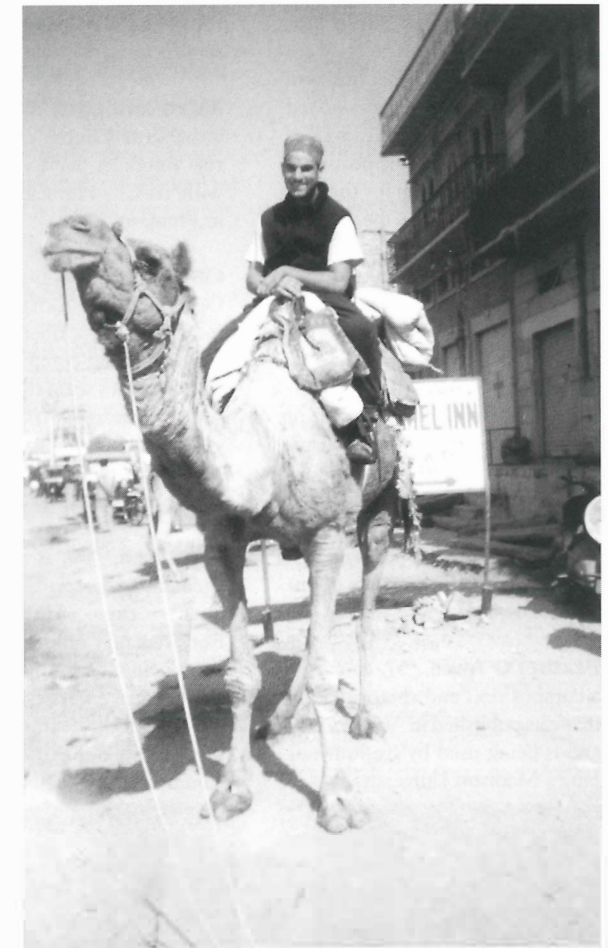
"You find how big an influence America has been on you and your development," Koster said. "Things you always perceived as normal (like greeting someone with a hand shake vs. a bow) you finally understand are relativistic. And they make as little sense to a Japanese person as some of the things...about Japan make to us."

One of his best experiences as a teacher was seeing *how* people learn English. He was forced to analyze the complexities of English as he tried to teach concepts (*i.e.*, future tense) of which there is no equivalent in Japanese, and subtle differences of usage (*i.e.*, large *vs.* big or small *vs.* little) that come almost naturally to native speakers. He especially appreciated this challenge, as he was himself learning Japanese.

After his teaching contract ended, he worked as a river guide for a white-water rafting company in India for three months and traveled for three more, adding such destinations as Delhi and Bombay and Katmandu, Nepal, to his travel log.

As strikingly different from the U.S. as Japan appeared to Koster, the differences in India — the rigid caste system (the Hindu social class structure) and the overt poverty, for example — were three times more pronounced. However, being able to converse in English (the primary language of the Indian upper-middle class), lessened the culture shock he experienced while in Japan. "As fond as I am of some of the people in Japan, being able to share a sense of humor in the language in which I am most comfortable...that provided for an emotional connection that perhaps I didn't find in Japan."

For now, Koster is back in the U.S. searching out graduate schools where he will pursue a degree in anthropology. It's doubtful that his passport will ever be too far out of reach, however. He said, "After spending all of this time overseas and meeting people, not only from Japan and India, but all the other travelers as well, (I realize) that there are so many wonderful conversations just waiting to happen." ■



Seeing the sights in the Thar Desert, India

— Roberta W. Byerly

In January 2001, **Patricia Fishback, '92**, received a direct commission as a First Lieutenant to the Army Medical Department (AMEDD) as a clinical laboratory officer. She is stationed at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. Since 1997, she has been enlisted as a linguist in Military Intelligence.

Dr. Rebecca Barr Simmons, '92, received her Ph.D. degree in entomology at the University of Minnesota on June 1. Her dissertation was "Phylogenetic Studies of Mimetic Tiger Moths Based on Morphological and Molecular Data (Lepidoptera: arctiidae: euchromini)." Becky, her husband Kevin and their son Gareth moved to the Washington, D.C., area in May, where she is doing post-doctoral work in research for the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture. Becky will work at the Smithsonian Institution and at the Systematic Entomological Laboratory in Beltsville, Md.

Brian R. Britton, '94, is pursuing a Master of Divinity degree in practical theology at Regent University in Virginia Beach, Va.

Kay Brown Shirey, '96, has been promoted to branch manager of the Waynesboro, Va., office of Enterprise Rent-a-car.

Heather O'Toole, '97, co-edited a composition and rhetoric book that was published in August 2000 and is being used by freshmen at James Madison University.

Heather Cain, '99, has been named the 2001-02 annual survey editor for the University of Richmond *Law Review*.

Mandi L. Fulk, '99, is teaching fourth grade at Lacey Spring Elementary School in Rockingham County.

Kellian O'Neil, '99, of Raleigh, N.C., is working for IBM as team lead for Large Enterprise Direct Accounts, covering the northeast division.

Jennifer Shook, '99, is living in Jacksonville, Fla., where she runs a drop out prevention program in an inner-city school.

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Melanie Alger, '00, from Shenandoah, Va., has been selected to have her senior honors project published in the national Alpha Chi Journal. Her project was entitled "The Effects of Strength Training in Improving Balance of the Elderly" and was completed in the fall of 1999 with Barbara H. Long, assistant professor of health and exercise science, serving as advisor for the project.

Karen Hollinger, '00, is serving a one-year Church of the Brethren Volunteer Service assignment with Tri-City Homeless Coalition in Fremont, Calif.

Chris Myers, '00, is employed by Optical Cable Corporation in Roanoke, Va., a fiber optic cable manufacturing company. Chris is part of a sales team that covers 10 states including: Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Indiana, Michigan, Montana, New Mexico, Ohio, Utah and Wyoming.

Chris Neil, '00, is a data management and reporting specialist with the Harrisonburg/Rockingham Community Services Board. Chris also is the head coach for the girl's varsity and junior varsity soccer teams at Buffalo Gap High School in Augusta County and does acting, fight choreography, camera work and cinematography for Darkstone Entertainment, a local film company. Chris lives in Staunton, Va.

Kelly Michele Thompson, '00, is teaching work and family studies at Riverheads and Stuarts Draft high schools in Augusta County. She also serves as Family Career and Community Leaders of America advisor for both schools. Kelly lives in Churchville, Va. ■

Weddings

Doug Zeis, '92, and Jodi Grajcar were married July 3, 2000, in West Chester, Pa. Doug teaches mathematics at Dinwiddie High School and coaches baseball. The couple is living in Chester, Va.

Hillary Damon, '95, and Cliff Stanley were married March 27, 1999. Hillary is an activities assistant at Sentara Village in Virginia Beach, Va., where the couple is living.

Angie Anderson, '96, and Brian N. Stroop were married on Sept. 16, 2000. Angie is a therapist at a residential treatment center in Tennessee.

Cindy Pearson, '96, and Tony Ferek were married Nov. 25, 2000. Cindy teaches ninth grade health and physical education and serves as girl's tennis coach at Turner Ashby High School. The Fereks live in Bridgewater.

Barbara Eye, '97, and Haiyin Hua were married Aug. 19, 2000, in Pleasant Valley, Va. Barbara is teaching at Woodson High School in Fairfax County. The couple is living in Fredericksburg, Va.

Sherrie Critzer, '98, and Bill Eacho were married July 29, 2000, in New Hope, Va. The couple is living in Powhatan, Va., where Sherrie teaches special education at Pocahontas Elementary School.

Jeremy S. Grogg, '98, and Kellie Kirstein were married Nov. 4, 2000, in Lynchburg, Va. Jeremy is employed by Lane Hospitality as general manager of the Microtel Inn in Newport News, Va., where the couple is now living.

Esteban Martinez Jr., '98, and **Kimberly Ann Harris, '99**, were married Aug. 5, 2000, in Roanoke, Va., where the couple is now living. Esteban is a learning disabilities specialist at Cave Spring High School and coaches softball and women's basketball. Kim teaches Spanish in the Salem city schools and is head volleyball coach at Hollins University. ■

Births

Dr. Catherine Slusher, '80, and Daniel A. Clements have a daughter Mason "Macie" Olivia, born Jan. 18, 2001. The family lives in Harrisonburg.

Nancy Tharpe Long, '83, and Robert have a fourth daughter, Samantha Margaret "Maggie," born Sept. 28, 2000. The family lives in Charleston, W.Va.

Keith Harris, '86, and **Laura Brunk Harris, '92**, have a daughter, Mollie Kathryn, born Dec. 1, 2000. The family lives in Charlottesville, Va.

Lenore Young Kendall, '86, and James have two sons, Liam Nicholas, born Jan. 21, 1999, and Rhys James, born Oct. 16, 2000. The Kendalls live in Seaside, Calif.

Stacy McDonald, '86, and **Sara Dickenson McDonald, '92**, have a son, Ryan Everett, born March 15, 2001. The family lives in Timberville, Va.

Patty Sarver Butterworth, '89, and Tom have a son, Benjamin, born Sept. 30, 2000. The family makes its home in Madison, Va.

Carol Daugherty Guthrie, '90, and Joe have a son, James Andrew, born Oct. 5, 2000. The Guthries live in Dublin, Va., where Carol works as a "domestic/educational/sociological expert (otherwise known as mommy)." **Ann Powers Daugherty, '62** and Ron are among the proud grandparents.

Melissa Saunders Lankford, '90, and Joe have a daughter, Joslynn Kate, born July 18, 2000. Missy is a sales representative for Wyeth Lederle Vaccines. She would enjoy hearing from her classmates via e-mail at lankford@rica.net. The family makes its home in Waynesboro, Va.

Anita Welch Lynn, '91, and James T. "Jay" have a daughter, Katherine "Katie" Grace, born Jan. 16, 2001. The Lynns live in Farmville, Va.



Samantha Rose Townsend

Julie Runion Ritchie, '91, and Kevin have their first child, a son, Logan Scott, born Jan. 24, 2001. The family lives in Dayton, Va.

Susan E. Wray Townsend, '91, and Derrick have a daughter, Samantha Rose, born July 29, 2000. The family lives in Manassas, Va., where Susan is a stay-at-home mom.

Douglas M. Gimbert II, '92, and **Beth Wampler Gimbert, '93**, have a son, Dylan Reece, born Nov. 27, 2000. The family lives in McGaheysville, Va.

Greta Osborne Ippolito, '92, and John have a daughter, Madelyn Grace, born Dec. 16, 2000. Greta received an M.A. degree in counseling ministry from



Madelyn Grace Ippolito

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in May 2000. The family lives in Wake Forest, N.C.

Eric Williams, '92, and **Julie Maloy Williams, '94**, have a son, John Patrick, born Feb. 4, 2001. The family lives in Churchville, Va.

W. Andrew "Andy" Lipinski, '93, and Jennifer, have their first child, a son, William Andrew III, born June 26, 2000. The family makes its home in Fallston, Md.

Stephen Parker, '93, and **Cara Graham Parker, '94**, have their second son, Rhett James, born Oct. 11, 2000. The Parkers live in Woodford, Va.



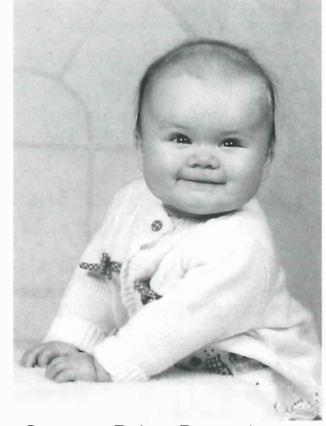
Rhett James Parker

Bobbi Brinegar Rosenberger, '93, and David have a daughter, Camryn Paige, born Aug. 21, 2000. Bobbi is a medical technologist at Rockingham Memorial Hospital. The family lives in Mt. Jackson, Va.

Angela Walton Lewis, '94, and Roy have a son, Everett Thomas, born Dec. 29, 2000. The family lives in Rhoadesville, Va., where Angela enjoys being a stay-at-home mom.

Cheryl Gilmer Martin, '94, and Matt have a son, Justin Matthew, born Feb. 8, 2001. The Martins live in Afton, Va.

Joseph "Jay" Yutzy, '94, and **Rebecca Edlind Yutzy, '96**, have a daughter, Lauren Elizabeth, born October 14, 2000. The family lives in Harrisonburg.

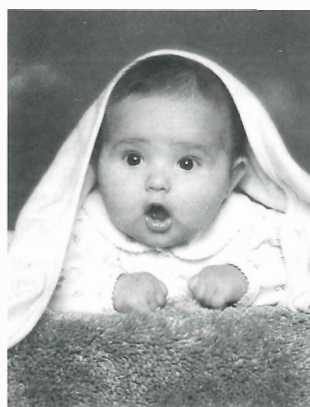


Camryn Paige Rosenberger

Carolyn Anderson Barrett, '95, and Harry have a daughter, Leah Corinne, born Nov. 3, 2000. The family lives in Ruckersville, Va.

Tara Myers Riddle, '95, and Tim have a son, Benjamin Naff, born Nov. 26, 2000. Tara teaches second grade at Keister Elementary School in Harrisonburg. The Riddles live in Grottoes, Va.

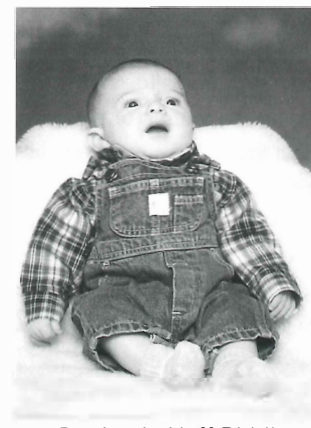
Ryan Randall Leonard, '99, and Jenny have a son, Randy, born in March of 2000. Ryan was recently promoted to sales product manager with Boise Cascade. The Leonards live in Duluth, Ga. ■



Lauren Elizabeth Yutzy



Leah Corinne Barrett with brother Micah.



Benjamin Naff Riddle



Randy Leonard

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Memorials

Eugene M. Hooker, '23, of Roanoke, Va., died in September 2000.

Grace Bowlus Kneessi, '24, of Frederick, Md., died Oct. 17, 2000.

Ottie Wright Garber, '28, of Bridgewater, and formerly of Waynesboro, Va., died Jan. 7, 2001, at the age of 97. She was retired from Waynesboro Public Schools as the cafeteria manager

at Wayne Hills. Mrs. Garber served as a volunteer with the Waynesboro Community Hospital and the Bridgewater Home Auxiliary. Among her survivors is a son, **John R. Garber, '59**, of Fishersville, Va.

Hazel Simmers Shiflet, '29, of Waynesboro, Va., died April 8, 2001, at the age of 95. She was a homemaker and volunteered for many years at the former Waynesboro Community Hospital. She was an active member of Main Street United Methodist

Church, where she taught Sunday school and was a member of the Women's Work Group. Among her survivors is a daughter, **Joyce S. Hammer, '56**, of Staunton, Va., and a granddaughter, **Teresa Robson, '80**, also of Staunton.

Anna Blough Williams, '33, of Bridgewater, died Dec. 25, 2000, at the age of 89. Mrs. Williams was a librarian for the Prince William Public Library in Manassas, Va. She received a master's degree from George Peabody College, now part of Vanderbilt University. She was a volunteer in the Bridgewater Church of the Brethren library and the Bridgewater Home library. Among her survivors is a daughter, **Lila Williams, '66**, of Richmond, Va. and a sister, **Miriam Blough Simpson, '39**, of Bridgewater.

Florence Cline Bowman, '34, of Midlothian, Va., died March 19, 2001. She attended Bridgewater College and the Phoenix Art Institute of New York, now the New York Art Institute. She was instrumental in establishing the art program at Franklin County High School. Among her survivors is a son, **John M. Bowman, '59**, of Roanoke, Va.

Claron E. Kline, '34, of Williamsburg, Va., died April 28, 2000, from a cerebral hemorrhage.

Dr. Jesse H. Ziegler, '35, of Dayton, Ohio, died March 7, 2001, at the age of 88. Dr. Ziegler received M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from The Catholic University of America. From 1941-59, he was a professor of psychology and education at Bethany Theological Seminary. From 1959-80, Dr. Ziegler was associate executive director of the Association of Theological Schools. From 1980 until his retirement, he was professor of community health at Wright State University School of Medicine in Dayton. He is survived by his wife Harriet.

Eva Wampler Campagna, '36, of Bridgewater, died Jan. 31, 2001, at the age of 90. She was retired after 30 years of working for the U.S. Government Department of Interior in Albuquerque, N.M.

Dr. Merlin E. Garber, '36, of Salem, Va., died Feb. 20, 2001, at the age of 88. He received an M.A. degree from the University of Illinois and a Bachelor of Divinity degree from Bethany Theological Seminary. For many years, Dr. Garber was a pastor in the Church of the Brethren, serving churches in Illinois, Virginia and Maryland, as well as interim pastorates in England and Spain. He was the author of eight books and an avid traveler, having visited 58 countries. In 1998, Bridgewater College established the Merlin E. and Dorothy Faw Garber ('33) Award for Christian Service that has been presented annually to a community leader in Christian service and to a Bridgewater student who is living out his or her Christian faith. Among his survivors is a daughter, **Elaine G. Thompson, '62**, of Salem, and a foster son, **Bob Richards, '47**, of Gordon, Texas.

Willie Turner Phillips, '36, of Winchester, Va., and formerly of Broadway, Va., died Feb. 1, 2001, at the age of 89. She was a homemaker. She is survived by a son, **Richard E. Phillips, '63**, of Bridgewater; and two daughters, **Linda P. Lutz, '63**, of Winchester, and **Alice P. Shady, '68**, of Harrisonburg.

Margaret Bovey Foster, '37, of Arlington, Va., died March 25, 2001, from congestive heart failure. Mrs. Foster was 90. She was an elementary school teacher from the 1930s until the mid-1970s when she retired. She was a member of Arlington Baptist Church, where she taught Sunday and vacation Bible school, was a deaconess and played the piano.

David C. Flory, '38, of Bridgewater, died March 29, 2001, at the age of 84. Mr. Flory

Ernest W. Ausherman, a life trustee and devoted friend of Bridgewater College, died Dec. 22, 2000, in Frederick, Md. Mr. Ausherman was 82.

Mr. Ausherman was a developer and builder who owned Ausherman Construction Co. in Frederick. Throughout Frederick County, his business was recognized as a "builder of quality homes." He served two terms as president of the Frederick County Builders Association and was its first Lifetime Achievement Award recipient in 1996.

During World War II, he spent 22 months in the U.S. Navy.

Mr. Ausherman joined the Bridgewater College Board of Trustees in 1970 and served as a Life Trustee for the past 10 years. As a member of the Board, he served as chairman of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

In Remembrance Ernest W. Ausherman

He was a member of the trustee board of Fahrney-Keedy Memorial Home in Boonsboro, Md., and a former member of the board of directors of Fredericktown Bank and YMCA, Frederick. He also served for 10 years as a member of the Frederick County Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mr. Ausherman was active in the Frederick Church of the Brethren, where he taught the Men's Bible Class and was a Deacon and a member of the church board. He also was instrumental in planning and developing the new church.

In 1991, Mr. Ausherman and his wife, the former Hilda Mercer, were recipients of the College's Outstanding Service Award.

In addition to being survived by his wife of 61 years, his survivors include a daughter, **Janice A. Walsh** of Richmond, Va., a 1968 Bridgewater alumna and wife of **James H. Walsh**, also Class of '68, and a member of the College's Board of Trustees since 1991. ■

was a deliveryman for Staunton Creamery and Early Dawn Dairy. He also was an independent mail contractor and a member of Lebanon Church of the Brethren. Among his survivors is a daughter, **Linda F. Stout, '67**, of Fort Defiance, Va., and a sister, **Mary F. Cline, '52**, of Waynesboro, Va.

Col. Daniel Joyce, '39, of Blacksburg, Va., died Nov. 26, 2000 at the age of 82. As a member of the Army Air Corps during World War II, he flew 50 missions over Southern Europe as a B-17 navigator. He graduated from T.C. Williams Law School at the University of Richmond before being recalled to active duty in the Korean War. Following the war, he continued a military career as a staff judge advocate and retired from the Air Force in 1971 with 31 years of service. He is survived by his wife Carlene.

Maurice E. Grossnickle, '40, of Burkittsville, Md., died March 5, 2000. He is survived by his wife, the former **Ruby Hockman, '42**. Also, among his survivors is a daughter, **Nancy G. Haupt, '66**, of Burkittsville; and a sister, **Mildred M. Grossnickle, '38**, of Myersville, Md.

Harry B Dilworth, '41, of Harrisonburg, died March 26, 2001, at the age of 80. Mr. Dilworth was a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Air Corps and served in Australia and New Guinea as a member of the 49th Fighter Group. He was awarded the Air Medal and Distinguished Flying Cross. After he returned to the U.S., he was promoted to captain. Mr. Dilworth taught English at Rice University in Houston. He also lived in Chicago and San Francisco, where he retired from the Veteran's Administration in 1986.

Edith Smith Church, '48, of Minnesota City, Minn., died Nov. 16, 2000, at the age of 76. Mrs. Church and her husband Russell operated the family dairy farm in Stockton Valley until their retirement. She also was a substitute



In Remembrance Paul H. Gunston

Paul H. Gunsten Jr., associate professor emeritus of Virginia Tech and a former teacher and coach at Bridgewater College, died Jan. 22, 2001, in Blacksburg, Va. Coach Gunsten was 77 and had battled cancer for over a year.

From 1953-67, Coach Gunsten taught physical education at BC and coached football, golf and men's tennis. He returned to the College in 1997 to serve as director of intramurals before retiring in 1999.

He was active in intramural sports at both Virginia Tech and Bridgewater College. He was past president of the National Intramural Recreation Sports Association and, in 1973, was voted Outstanding Director of Intramurals. Coach Gunsten was a past president and member of Phi Delta Kappa.

Coach Gunsten was an active volunteer with Special Olympics for over 30 years.

He also was a retired captain in the U.S. Army Reserve and a veteran of World War II.

He is survived by his wife Martha. ■

Dr. M. Ellsworth Kyger Jr., a member of the Class of 1942 and professor emeritus of German, died Nov. 30, 2000, at the age of 80.

He received his master's degree from the University of Maryland and a Ph.D. degree from Catholic University. He served in the U.S. Army for two years.

Dr. Kyger returned to his alma mater as a professor of German and other foreign languages from 1955-88. His wife Elizabeth, who was an assistant professor of biology, also taught at Bridgewater.

He compiled a 45,000-word English to Pennsylvania German dictionary, which was published in 1986 by the Pennsylvania German Society. In June 1999, Dr. Kyger received an Award of Merit from the PGS "in recognition for his distinct and valuable research, as an author, genealogist, musician, and educator of the dialect, crafts, folk beliefs, and practices among the Pennsylvania Germans and their descendents in the Shenandoah Valley."

Dr. Kyger was one of the founding members of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Parkinson's Support Group and a charter member of the Shenandoah Valley Folklore Society. He also was a genealogical researcher for the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Historical Society for several years.

He enjoyed singing, and for many years, was a member of the Shenandoah Valley Choral Society.

In addition to being survived by his wife, Elizabeth, of Bridgewater, Dr. Kyger also is survived by two sons, **Dr. Erich M. Kyger, '81**, of Antioch, Calif., and **Philip C. Kyger, '85**, of Bellevue, Neb., and a daughter, **Margaret L. Kyger-Liskey, '83**, of Stuarts Draft, Va. ■



In Remembrance Dr. Elsworth Kyger Jr., '42

teacher for the Winona school district. She was active in her church and community, serving on many committees. In addition to her husband, her survivors include a sister, **Ruth S. Kurtz, '51**, of North Manchester, Ind.

Carroll H. Mason, '50, of Broadway, Va., died Jan. 31, 2001, following a three-year battle with cancer. He was 75. For 38 years, Mr. Mason was owner and president of Mason Motor Sales in Timberville, Va. He served on the Chrysler dealer council advisory board in the Washington zone for many years. He is survived by his wife Dorothy. Also among his survivors is a son, **C. Stewart Mason, '71**, of Broadway, and a brother, **Emerson Mason, '51**, of Orlando, Fla.

Phyllis Dovel Viands, '50, of Williamsburg, Va., died Jan. 29, 2001, at the age of 73. She taught elementary school in Page County before moving to Washington, D.C., where she was employed by the American Automobile Association. Since May 1978, she had been a member of the staff at The College of William and Mary, most recently in the School of Business Administration. She is survived by her husband, James.

A. Carolyn Miller, '52, died Feb. 7, 2001, at the age of 70. She had lived in Middletown, Pa. for many years before moving to Bridgewater in December 2000. She received an M.A. degree in English from the University of Virginia and later a master's degree in library science from Drexel. She taught English in several high schools and Manchester and Elizabethtown colleges. She retired from Penn State, Capitol Campus in Middletown, as a librarian. She is survived by four sisters, **Vera M. Hollen, '38**, **Alice Miller, '40**, and **Kathryn M. Roche, '53**, all of Bridgewater, and **Mary Ellen Phibbs, '45**, of Glendale, Calif.; and three brothers, **Charles E. Miller, '48**, of Bridgewater, **Dr. Lawrence S. Miller, '42**, of Sarasota, Fla. and Kingwood,

W.Va., and **the Rev. Myron S. Miller, '47**, of Richmond, Va.

John A. Willett IV, '55, of San Diego, Calif., died of cancer on March 18, 2001.

Wade G. Dunsmore, '57, of Verona, Va., died Dec. 31, 2000, at the age of 66. He taught in Augusta County schools for 30 years and was a member of the Retired Teachers' Association. He enjoyed music, gardening and crafts. He is survived by his wife Vivian.

The Rev. H. Austin Cooper, '58, of Frederick, Md., died Jan. 22, 1999.

The Rev. Thomas W. Geiman, '60, of Harrisonburg, died Feb. 11, 2001, at the age of 62. Since October 1998, he had suffered

from ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). He received his Master of Divinity degree from Bethany Theological Seminary. He served as pastor of the Charlottesville Church of the Brethren from 1963-76 and Mill Creek Church of the Brethren from 1976-99. In 1991, he was the recipient of an Outstanding Service Award from Bridgewater College. Between 1984 and 1999, he spent three weeks each year in silent retreat at Loyola Retreat House. He is survived by his wife, the former **Alice Z. Ebersole, '62**.

Benjamin V.M. Wilson, '65, of St. Davids, Pa., died Nov. 6, 2000, of cancer. He was 58. He was vice president of business development for First Main Line Bank. He previously held executive positions with Bryn Mawr Trust and First

Keystone. Mr. Wilson was a member of many social, cultural and fraternal organizations.

Betty Greathouse Hawley, '66, of Forest, Va., died Dec. 4, 2000, at the age of 56. She was a retired drama and computer science teacher at Jefferson Forest High School. She is survived by her husband **James Anderson Hawley III, '67**.

Amanda E. Weir, '03, of Berlin, Md., died Feb. 28, 2001, from complications related to a congenital heart defect that she had lived courageously with for many years. A sophomore majoring in psychology at Bridgewater College, Miss Weir is survived by her parents, Barry and Peggy Weir, and a younger brother, Adam. ■

Dr. Mervin L. Trail, a 1955 graduate of Bridgewater College and a member of the College's Board of Trustees, died Jan. 3, 2001, in New Orleans. Dr. Trail, age 67, had suffered a stroke on New Year's Day.

He received a medical degree from the University of Maryland and trained in head and neck surgery at Johns Hopkins University. In 1968, he moved to New Orleans, where he became assistant professor and director of clinical training in Louisiana State Medical School's Department of Otorhinolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery. In 1993, Dr. Trail became department chair and, in June 1994, the medical center's acting chancellor. Six months later the appointment was made permanent.

Dr. Trail also left his mark as a leading figure in developing New Orleans' tourism industry. He was influential in the city's selection as host for the 1988 Republican National Convention and the NCAA Final Four basketball tournament in both 1987 and 1993. At the time of his death, he was chairman of task forces planning next year's Super Bowl and the 2003 Final Four, both to be held in New Orleans.

In Remembrance
Dr. Mervin L. Trail, '55



Louisiana Governor Mike Foster said of Dr. Trail: "No public servant or doctor in this state could be missed more." The governor described him as "one of the most visionary and beloved practitioners of medicine in our state."

Dr. Trail has received numerous honors including a leadership award from the Chamber of Commerce and the Presidential Citation by the Board of Governors of the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery. In 1994, he received an honorary doctor of philosophy degree from the University of New Orleans. In 1995, Dr. Trail was awarded Bridgewater College's Distinguished Alumnus Award for his leadership in both his professional life and in his civic life.

Dr. Trail is survived by his wife, the former Edythe Wenger. ■



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