

Scholarship donation tops span of summer news

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While the university seemed to be nothing but a distant thought for many students over the summer, the campus community continued to buzz about several events that took place while a majority of the students enjoyed their summer vacation. Here is a recap of what's happened since last semester.

Presidential scholarship program receives \$250,000

The Annenberg Foundation donated \$250,000 to the Presidential Scholarship program. About 20 Presidential Scholarships are awarded each year to incoming students with outstanding talent in art, community service, dance, debate, entrepreneurship, leadership, music, theater or writing.

One of the scholarships will now be renamed the Annenberg Presidential Scholarship.

The Presidential Scholarship was created in 1986, but was originally called the Alumni Scholarship because it was supported by gifts from alumni. The name was later changed to avoid the misconception that it was only for children of alumni.

About 350 students applied for the scholarship this year, an increase of 26 percent from last year.

The Annenberg Foundation, based in St. Davids, Pa., has previously made gifts to the university for renovations to Babcock Residence Hall and Carswell Hall and for a scholarship named after profession golfer Arnold Palmer, '51.

University donates used furniture to flood relief project

The university donated more than 500 pieces of used furniture May 24 to the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina's flood relief effort and other non-profit groups in North Carolina and Virginia for the third year in a row.

The university donated 110 sets of bedroom furniture from Student Apartments. Each set includes a dresser, bed, desk, and shelf for the desk.

The Baptist State Convention received

approximately 40 sets of furniture. It will use the pieces to help displaced residents in West Virginia, Ohio and Pennsylvania who were hit hard by floods early this spring.

The university donated the remaining sets of furniture to Habitat for Humanity of Forsyth County, Clemmons First Baptist Church, Mission Fellowship of Stokes County, Laurel Ridge Moravian Camp and Conference Center, and Joy Ranch Children's Home in Virginia. In 2000, Wake Forest donated more than 700 sets of furniture to the Baptist State Convention's flood relief effort in eastern North Carolina. In 2001, the university gave more than 1,000 pieces of furniture to the same project.

Psychology department founder John Williams dies at 73

John Williams, a professor emeritus of psychology who was instrumental in forming the psychology program in the 1960s, died May 28 in Conyers, Ga., following a lengthy illness. He was 73.

Williams moved to Georgia after retiring in 1995 and had been a visiting professor at Georgia State University. Wake Forest colleagues remembered him as a well-organized and fair chairman whose emphasis on student and faculty research gave the department a national reputation.

"He laid the foundation for what the department is today," said Bob Beck, a professor of psychology whom Williams hired shortly after he arrived at the university in 1959. "You build a department by recruiting good faculty, and he recruited people from schools with prominent programs who knew what a good program looked like."

Williams taught for one year at Yale University and for four years at the University of Richmond before joining the Wake Forest faculty.

Just a year after he was hired, Williams became the first chair of the department, which consisted of little more than a basement laboratory in Kitchin Residence Hall and one classroom in Reynolda Hall.

Williams also served from 1959 to 1964 as director of the university's Center for Psychological Services (now the University Counseling Center).



Lisa Hoppenjans/Old Gold and Black

President Thomas K. Hearn, Jr. presents Marian Wright Edelman, founder of the Children's Defense Fund, an honorary doctor of humanities.

University holds Commencement Ceremony, features John McCain

Approximately 1,521 undergraduate and graduate and professional students received degrees in the university's 160th commencement ceremony. An estimated 835 undergraduate students received bachelor's degrees during commencement and a combined total of 686 graduate students from the Divinity School, Babcock Graduate School of Management, School of Medicine, School of Law and Graduate School of Arts and Sciences received degrees. Senator John McCain (R-AZ), a decorated Navy veteran, delivered the commencement address. Five guest speakers, including McCain, were awarded honorary degrees.

Retired German professor James O'Flaherty dies at 88

James C. O'Flaherty, a professor emeritus of German and renowned scholar of 18th century German literature and philosophy, died July 27. O'Flaherty spent over 35 years, his entire career, at the university. He was 88.

O'Flaherty was one of the world's foremost experts on Johann Georg Hamann, an 18th century German philosopher who fairly unknown in his own country

until O'Flaherty began studying him. O'Flaherty wrote eight books in his career, including three on Hamann.

"He was one of the first great, prolific scholars at Wake Forest," said Tim Sellner, a professor of German who was a colleague of O'Flaherty's for 15 years. "We literally wouldn't have a German department without him. And he was always a very popular teacher."

O'Flaherty joined the faculty in 1947 as an instructor in the so-called modern language department and later pushed for a separate German department. He served as chair of the German department from 1961-1969, before retiring in 1984.

He is survived by son Daniel O'Flaherty and his family of Alexandria, Va. Memorial contributions may be made to the Award for Excellence in German at Wake Forest.

Amos named new associate dean at Divinity School

The Divinity School has named Katherine Amos as the new associate dean of academic affairs. Amos, an expert in theological education, will also be associate professor of Christian education and spiritual formation at the graduate school.

Amos was previously associate director of accreditation and extension education at the Association of Theological

Schools in the United States and Canada, the professional accrediting association for theological schools. In this position she assisted theological schools in preparing for peer evaluations, conducting self studies, and developing extension sites, new degree programs, distance education programs and international degree programs.

"Few people know more about the development of theological education in America than Kitty Amos," said Bill Leonard, dean of the Divinity School. A graduate of Lenoir-Rhyne College, Amos received her master's degree in religious education from Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary and her doctorate in higher education administration from Florida State University. She has also studied at Harvard University Medical School and the University of Florida.

McCray named associate dean of Calloway School

The Calloway School of Business and Accountancy has appointed Gordon E. McCray an associate dean of the school.

McCray, the BellSouth Mobility Technology Associate Professor of Business, has taught information systems at the Calloway School since 1994. During his first year, he proposed a redesign of the school's information systems curriculum that developed into an information systems degree program. In May 2002, 27 students graduated with the first information systems degrees.

"Gordon's commitment to the Calloway School and its students is extraordinary," Jack Wilkerson, dean of the Calloway School, said. "He is an outstanding classroom instructor, a productive scholar and a thoughtful leader. He has also been instrumental in development and strategy of Wake Forest's technology initiative."

As an associate dean, McCray will be involved in the application of technology at the Calloway School, in curriculum development, and in degree program oversight.

McCray graduated from Wake Forest in 1985 with a physics degree. He received his master's degree in business administration from Stetson University and his doctorate from Florida State University in 1996.

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Fall Faculty/Guest Artist Concert

Audition Dates

Modern Dance Audition will be held on Sun. Sept. 8th from 10-7 pm.

For more information call 758-5393

- Choreographers – Sean Sullivan, NCSA faculty, Karla Koghill, Artistic Director of Sidelong Dance Company

Ballet Audition will be held on Wed. Sept. 11th from 7-9pm

- Choreographers – Brantly Shapiro and Fanchon Cordell, NCSA and WFU dance faculty.

Jazz Audition will be held on Sun. Sept. 15th from 3-5pm

- Choreographer - Nina Lucas WFU faculty and Carol Johnson, faculty at Academy Dance Arts.

- ✓ Audition Location: 204 Scales Fine Arts Center – Dance Studio.
- ✓ Concert Dates: November 21, 22, 23, 24, 2002
- ✓ Company members must enroll in one technique class.