Jim Bissett receives the Daniels-Danieley Award

By Eric Townsend

A longtime history professor who “cultivates intellectual curiosity in students and celebrates genuine learning” is the 2008 recipient of the Daniels-Danieley Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Jim Bissett is a dedicated professor lauded by colleagues and students, who praise his excitement, depth of knowledge and high standards inside the classroom.

“It is not unusual to hear a Bob Dylan song playing, see a recent news article on the front desk, or have a television clip running when entering his classroom,” a student writes. “Dr. Bissett seems to be a history teacher that is as engaged in the present as he is in the past, and those connections create a feeling of relevancy for his students.”


Bissett, who described himself as a social historian on his faculty Web site, has focused much of his career research on social movements, “particularly those associated with late-19th and early-20th century American radicalism (especially Populism, American socialism and the labor movement).”

He also has interest in the Civil Rights movement and its oral history. He has started a project on race relations in Alamance County during the Civil Rights era.

“He is a clear, energetic lecturer who stirs students with his obvious love for the material,” a colleague writes. “They get interested and excited because he is excited, and as they get involved, they realize exactly how complex and important are the issues he is introducing them to.”

Bissett is the 36th winner of the Daniels-Danieley Award, established by President Emeritus J. Earl Danieley and his wife, Verona Daniels Danieley, in honor of their parents. Bissett joined the Elon faculty in 1990 after teaching at Western Carolina University and Duke University, where he earned his doctoral degree.

“Jim is the personification of the teacher-scholar,” a colleague writes. “I envy his ease in the classroom; I respect his dedication and preparation in teaching; I am in awe of his intellect; and I admire him tremendously as a human being.”

Brian Digre selected as Periclean Award winner

By Eric Townsend

A history professor who organized Elon’s first study abroad program in Africa is the recipient of the 2008 Periclean Award for Civic Engagement and Social Responsibility.

Brian Digre created the program in Africa 12 years ago when he organized a course in Ghana. For his work helping a nation and people with fewer resources than the United States, in 2003, Digre was named development chief by the people of Sokode in the eastern part of the country.

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Earl Honeycutt named Distinguished Scholar

By Eric Townsend

A marketing professor whose dozens of articles have appeared in some of the top journals in his field, and who has co-authored four books in the past seven years, has been named the 2008 recipient of the Elon University Distinguished Scholar Award.

Earl Honeycutt is the ninth recipient of the award, established in 2000 to recognize a faculty member whose research has earned peer commendation and respect and who has made significant contribution to his or her field of study.

“Very few faculty members on this campus have achieved this level of scholarship while teaching three different classes many semesters,” writes one colleague in a letter of support signed by 10 other faculty members in the Martha and Spencer Love School of Business. “Clearly Dr. Honeycutt is a distinguished scholar worthy of recognition on this campus.”

His list of professional accolades is long. Honeycutt received the Innovative Sales Educator Award from the United Sales Center Alliance in 2007; the Marvin Jolson 2005 Award for Best Contribution to Selling and Sales Management Practice; and the Love School of Business Dean’s Intellectual Contribution Award in 2004, among other honors.

Honeycutt also served on the Presidential Task Force on Scholarship at Elon in 2007 and, since 2006, has been a member of the Promotion and Tenure Committee.

A retired officer from the U.S. Air Force Reserve, Honeycutt earned his doctoral degree in business administration in 1986 from the University of Georgia. He joined the Elon faculty in 2002 having taught the previous two decades at Old Dominion University, UNC-Wilmington and his alma mater.

Honeycutt has co-authored Business-to-Business Marketing (2001), Sales Management: A Global Perspective (2003), Selling Outside Your Culture Zone (2006) and the forthcoming Sales Management, scheduled for release this fall.

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Chalmers Brumbaugh earns first Ward award

Chalmers Brumbaugh, professor of political science, has received the inaugural Ward Family Excellence in Mentoring Award.

Throughout his 22 years at Elon, Brumbaugh has been known for his enthusiastic advising sessions. Students and faculty alike turn to him for guidance and support, according to his colleagues in the department of political science and public administration.

“His tireless and unselfish commitment to hundreds of undergraduate students has made a real difference in both the quality of their academic experience while at Elon and to their transition into the adult world,” a colleague writes. “It is hard to overestimate his impact on them and on the university.”

Brumbaugh’s legendary mentoring skills have made him one of the most popular advisers on campus, and students often wait in line for hours to get a chance to speak with him. His lengthy interviews cover everything from a student’s interests and aspirations to their personal and academic struggles.

“Even at Elon, which is known to have a truly caring and involved faculty, Dr. Brumbaugh’s commitment to students is exceptional,” writes a student. “His dedication to my progress — and all of his students’ progress — is nothing but extraordinary.”

In addition to his heavy advising workload, Brumbaugh serves as faculty adviser for Model United Nations and the North Carolina Student Legislature. He was instrumental in establishing an Elon chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honor society, and served as its first adviser in 1992. He has also served as director of the Winter Term Costa Rica course for 19 years.

Brumbaugh is an active member of the National Society for Experiential Education, serves on the Elon Experiential Education Advisory Board and was recently reappointed to a second term on the North Carolina Internship Council of the N.C. State Government Internship Program.

“Chalmers’ energy for and commitment to finding, developing and disseminating information and opportunities for our students are incessant,” a colleague writes. “Our students are the fortunate beneficiaries of his tireless efforts.”

Brumbaugh is the first recipient of the Ward Family Excellence in Mentoring Award, which was established this year by Tom and Beth Ward; their sons, A.T. ’05, Christopher ’08 and Chase; and Tom Ward’s mother, Dorothy Mears Ward.
Robert Anderson, associate professor of political science, was interviewed March 21 by Jonathan Lowe at News 14 Carolina about Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton’s campaign strategy in North Carolina. He also was the guest speaker in the Twin Lakes Great Decisions Foreign Policy Lecture Series on April 4.

Hunter Bacot, associate professor of political science and director of the Elon University Poll, spoke in March with news anchor and Elon alumna Tracey Early at News 14 Carolina for a “Political Connections” segment on third-party political candidates. Bacot and Dale Harrison, assistant director of the Sunshine Center and instructor in the School of Communications, presented April 5 at the first annual North Carolina College Media Association conference at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. The conference centered on how to cover national and state politics in this election year.


Brooke Barnett, associate professor of communications, recently published a study with political science professor Laura Roselle. The paper, titled “Patriotism in the News: Rally Round the Flag,” ran in Electronic News in February.

Larry Basirico, sociology professor and dean of international programs, was quoted twice recently in prominent North American newspapers. In a New York Times story headlined “See You Next Year” published online on March 21, Basirico talks about travelers who develop friendships during vacations — and how those friendships are based on annual trips to the same resorts or locales. Basirico was also quoted in a March 24 story headlined “Family values redux” in the National Post in Canada. The National Post article looked at the phenomena of “black sheep” in families.

Cherie Bower, assistant professor of dance; Jane Wellford, associate professor of performing arts; and Lauren Kearns, assistant professor of dance, presented master workshops at the American College Dance Festival at Goucher College in Maryland in mid-March. Kearns also led a panel discussion on incorporating somatic theories into the curriculum.

Kevin Boyle, professor of English, recently had two poems accepted by Poetry East. One, called “Horse Chestnut,” is a meditation on death via a horse chestnut, and the other, “Young Girl Abroad,” is a meditation on death via a young girl living in Europe. Boyle also read poems and talked about the influence of family on his work during a March 30 panel that was part of the Virginia Festival of the Book, an annual event in Charlottesville, Va.

Jim Brown, associate professor of history, delivered a paper Feb. 27 at the European Social Science History Conference in Lisbon, Portugal. His paper, titled “Solitary Families in Nineteenth Century Lower Austria,” demonstrated the difficulties in classifying historical household structure according to the most common typologies used by family historians.

Matthew Buckmaster, assistant professor of music and coordinator of music education, recently presented at the North Carolina Trombone Festival. His presentation for the festival, titled “Versatility: Set Yourself Up For Success,” was at the UNC-Greensboro School of Music.
written with Tina Das, associate professor of economics, and Casey DiRienzo, assistant professor of economics, at the 65th International Atlantic Economic Society meeting in Warsaw, Poland, on April 12. The title of the paper was “Drivers of National Competitiveness: The Past and the Future.”

Stephen Byrd, assistant professor of education, made a presentation titled “Characteristics and Perspectives of Special Education in India” at the international convention of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) in Boston April 2-5. Judith Howard, professor of education, also made a presentation at the conference on the connections between two education initiatives, Universal Design for Learning (UDL) and Responsiveness to Intervention (RTI).

Kenneth Calhoun, assistant professor of communications, was named in late March as a finalist in the Burnside Review Fiction Chapbook Competition. Calhoun entered “Primal Scenes,” a story about a family’s collapse while living in Mexico, and the exploits of the pet pygmy chimp they left behind.

Megan Conklin, associate professor of computing sciences, spoke with News 14 Carolina on March 5 about the obstacles law enforcement faces when investigating online child pornography. She has also been named to the Editorial Review Board of the new International Journal of Open Source Software & Processes (IJOSSP).

John Burbridge, professor of business administration, and Coleman Rich, lecturer in business administration, presented a paper titled “Supply Chain Management: Past, Present, and Future” on March 12 at the 14th Annual Conference on Industry, Engineering, and Management Systems in Cocoa Beach, Fla. The paper discusses both the history of the concept and future challenges in moving supply chain forward. Burbridge also presented a paper jointly written with Tina Das, associate professor of economics, and Casey DiRienzo, assistant professor of economics, at the 65th International Atlantic Economic Society meeting in Warsaw, Poland, on April 12. The title of the paper was “Drivers of National Competitiveness: The Past and the Future.”

Vic Costello, associate professor of communications; Anthony Hatcher, associate professor of communications; and Lee Bush, assistant professor of communications, presented a panel called “Service-Learning, Civic Engagement, and Communications: Utilizing Media to Build Awareness of Community-Based Organizations and Issues.” The session took place in Nashville on March 14 during the Gulf-South Summit on Service-Learning and Civic Engagement in Higher Education, a two-day conference hosted by Belmont University.


The Greensboro News & Record published a guest column by Ocek Eke, assistant professor of communications, in its March 6 edition. Eke recounted his experience of helping to lead a class to the Gulf Coast over winter term for a course on volunteer work and social justice. Eke argued that the recovery efforts taking place in Mississippi and Louisiana are due in large measure to the work of volunteers.

Thomas Erdmann, professor of music, was a judge at the Virginia Band and Orchestra Director’s Association District VI Festival held in Blacksburg, Va., March 6-9. He also served recently on the North Carolina state team involved in the re-accreditation of the education program at Salem College.

Cynthia Fair, associate professor of human services, recently had an article published in Mountainrise, an electronic journal dedicated to the scholarship of teaching and learning. The article focuses on the use of community-based research in a research methods class for human service majors.

Eric Hall, associate professor of sports medicine, co-authored a manuscript recently published in the Journal of Sports Sciences. The title of the article is “The Preference for and Tolerance of the Intensity of Exercise Questionnaire: A Psychometric Evaluation Among College Women.”
Professor of English Rosemary Haskell’s op-ed essay, “Shaping the Nation We Fight In,” was published March 20 in the Raleigh News & Observer. The essay connects the early 20th-century life and career of Gertrude Bell with views of current U.S. policy in Iraq.

Mike Kingston, associate professor of biology, served as a judge of the Derieux Award competition for best student paper in zoology and presented the Resolution of Thanks at the North Carolina Academy of Science Annual Meeting at UNC-Greensboro March 28-30. He also presented a paper titled “Temporal and Vertical Distribution of Euglena spp. in Beach Sand” at the Northwest Algal Symposium at the Oregon Institute of Marine Biology in Charleston, Ore., April 4-6.

Deborah Long, faculty administrative fellow and assistant to the president; Darris Means, assistant director of student life and leadership development for the Elon Academy; and Kimberly Johnson, associate director of admissions and director of multicultural recruitment, presented “Elon Academy: Education, Leadership, Outreach, Now” at the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD) 63rd Annual Conference, Reinventing Schools: Courageous Leadership for Positive Change, on March 16 in New Orleans.

Yoram Lubling, professor of philosophy, was appointed co-chair of an international task force on humanities by Scholars for Peace in the Middle East. Kathy Lyday-Lee, professor of English; Richard Lee, adjunct assistant professor of English; and Tom Nelson, associate professor of communications, presented papers at the 2008 National Popular Culture Association convention in San Francisco. Lyday-Lee spoke about W.A. Dromgoole’s impact on Melungeon scholarship. Lee spoke about emerging visions of science fiction at Elon and Nelson spoke about antique Baedecker travel guides to the French battlefields of World War I.

David Morton, Web site manager; John David Parsons, Web applications developer; and Dan Anderson, assistant vice president and director of university relations, presented a session on E² at the spring conference of the College News Association of the Carolinas, March 2-4. E² is Elon’s online social network.

Brian Nienhaus, associate professor of business administration, took part in a community conference on April 6 at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The conference, “Community Impacts of Local Policy Responses to Undocumented Immigration,” looked at the ways various town and county governments throughout the state handle illegal immigrants.

David Noer, the Frank S. Holt Jr. Professor of Business Leadership, had his monthly column published March 9 in the Greensboro News & Record. The topic was the effect of layoffs on a community and what he calls “layoff survivor sickness.”

Paul Parsons, dean of the School of Communications, has been elected to his third term on the Teaching Standards Committee of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC).

Michelle Pautz, instructor of political science, presented a paper at the 66th Annual Midwest Political Science Association National Conference, held April 3-6 in Chicago. Pautz’s paper, “Inspectors and Regulated Officials: Are Their Relationships Adversarial?” details a portion of her dissertation research on the nature of the relationships between environmental compliance inspectors and facility personnel in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Lisa Peloquin, assistant professor of sociology, and Kim Jones, assistant professor of anthropology, organized and led a roundtable discussion on feminist praxis in study abroad courses at the 2008 Southeastern Women’s Studies Association meeting in Charlotte. Peloquin; Aaron Peeks, assistant professor of sociology; and Angela Lewellyn Jones, associate professor of social justice, presented several papers at the Southern Sociological Society meetings in Richmond, Va.

Toddie Peters, associate professor of religious studies, traveled to New York in early April to head a new study process by the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches (WCC), examining the topic of moral discernment in the churches.

Kirstin Ringelberg, associate professor of art history, presented "Not So Cute: Kawaii as Critique" as part of a panel called "Cute" held at the College Art Association in Dallas-Fort Worth on Feb. 21. She also gave one of two keynote lectures March 27 for the American Studies program at Long Island University on material from a chapter of her recently completed manuscript, *Gender, Domesticity, and the Artist’s Studio in American Impressionism.*

Laura Roselle, professor of political science, was selected to serve as president of the International Communication (ICOMM) Section of the International Studies Association for 2008-2009 at the ISAs annual meeting in San Francisco in March. Roselle served as program chair for the ICOMM section for the meeting this year, organizing more than 30 panels on issues related to media, technology, communication and international relations.


Mina García Soormally, assistant professor of Spanish, presented a paper in March in El Paso, Texas, for the Association of Hispanists of Classical Theater. In the paper, “El (H)amete de Toledo en el contexto de las expulsiones: Ecos a ambos lados del Atlántico,” she discussed three plays that share the same name written by Lope de Vega, Belmonte and Martinez, and Tres Ingenios, and studied the treatment of the Moor at the time this community was expelled from Spain.

An article by Barth Strempek, Doherty Professor and associate professor of business administration, has been published in the spring 2008 issue of the *Journal of the Academy of Business Education. “Academic Benefits, Practical issues: Assessment of an Integrated Entrepreneurship Program” details the complete assessment results of the Elon Enterprise Academy (EEA) program that was conducted in 2002-2004 with the support of a grant from the U.S. Department of Education Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education.

Amanda Tapler, lecturer in health education, was honored April 1 as one of United Way’s 2008 Alamance County Volunteer Award winners. Tapler received the Health Award for her work with Women’s Resource Center’s “Growing Up and Liking It” program, which she developed.

Michelle Trim, lecturer in English, presented a paper at the national College English Association conference on March 28, in St. Louis. Her paper, "Just Because We Can: The Good Rhetor as an Alternative for Fostering a Social Conscience," discusses some of the ways that assignments in her English 110 College Writing courses can offer teachers alternatives to service learning that still provide students with opportunities for democratic participation.

David Vandermast, assistant professor of biology, presented some of his research at the Great Smoky Mountains National Park Science Colloquium in Gatlinburg, Tenn., on April 14. The presentation, titled “Temporal trends in diameter, basal area, and biomass in high-elevation beech forests,” reported on unusually high rates of biomass accumulation in what are supposed to be stable, slow-growing forests.


Frances Ward-Johnson and John Guiniven, associate professors in the School of Communications, presented their research at the 11th annual International Public Relations Research Conference held March 6-9 in Miami. The presentation was titled “Ethical Dilemmas: The Social Media Release and its Implications for the PR-Journalist Relationship.” Guiniven also presented a paper titled “Reflexive Emotions and Their Role in Communication Strategy on Public Issues.”

Tony Weaver, assistant professor of leisure and sport management, spoke with News 14 Carolina on April 11 about recent protests in cities that have hosted the Olympic torch. He also spoke for an April 19-20 segment on Siena Alumni Connection out of WVCR-FM in Albany, N.Y., about his work at Elon and the business of college athletics.

Bill Webb, assistant professor of performing arts, and Luke Lemanski, assistant technical director, joined two performing arts students during spring break to install a new lighting system at WFMY News 2 in Greensboro. The Elon crew served as electricians working with New York City Lights on the project.

Tripp York, instructor in religious studies, recently published an article on the misuse of Martin Luther King Jr.’s memory and legacy called “Dethroning a King” in *Christian Ethics Today.*
WHO’S NEW

Darlene B. McDowell, assistant director of career services for the School of Law
Darlene joined the School of Law after working as a recruitment coordinator for several law firms in North Carolina and Virginia. She has also worked as the director of placement for the Washington & Lee University School of Law in Lexington, Va. Darlene said she was attracted to Elon by the opportunity to be part of the new law school’s development. In her free time, she enjoys cooking, decorating projects and visiting North Carolina’s mountains.

Mike McCarty, assistant football coach
Mike comes to Elon from a previous position at Arkansas State University. A native of Oregon City, Ore., Mike earned a history degree from Portland State University. He lives with his wife, Kim, and their two children, Macy and Beau.

Tony M. Martin, security officer
Originally from Siler City, N.C., Tony has worked part time with Elon Security for three years and has had experience with the Burlington Fire Department. He is a certified EMT who enjoys fishing, hunting and working out in the gym. With two grown children — Tonnelle and Sherome — and a 16-year-old, Marcus, Tony was attracted to Elon by the beauty of the campus, its respected reputation and its growing sports programs.

Kathryn Bennett, gift planning program assistant
Kathryn grew up in Elon and returned to work for the university after spending a few years working as a real estate agent for Coldwell Banker Triad Realtors and as a receptionist for the Alamance Skin Center. She graduated from UNC-Greensboro with a degree in psychology. Married to Clark Bennett, an Elon alum, the couple has two daughters – Emerson, 10, and Kennedy, 8. Kathryn enjoys reading, photography, scrapbooking and spending time with family.

Lisa Purtz, senior assistant to the president
Lisa, an Ohio native, is an Elon alum who worked for the admissions office before earning her law degree from Stetson University. She is engaged to John Keegan, director of international admissions at Elon.

Brian Fitts, media technician
Brian designed and installed structured cabling and home theater systems as part of his own business before coming to Elon. He earned his undergraduate degree in music education and today enjoys classic muscle cars, playing and singing in various music groups, and spending time with family – Linda, his wife, and his 20-year-old son, Thomas. Brian finds the people and the professional environment at Elon appealing.

Kehaya Wescott, internship coordinator in business administration
A native of Brooklyn, N.Y., Kehaya joined Elon after working for the Johnetta B. Cole Global Diversity & Inclusion Institute at Bennett College in Greensboro. She was attracted to the university by “the opportunity to assist students in such a wonderful educational institution.” When not helping students find internships, Kehaya enjoys life with her son, Joshua, who turns 1 this month.

HUMAN RESOURCES CORNER

Get prescriptions delivered to your home through UnitedHealthcare

UnitedHealthcare offers a convenient and cost-effective way to get prescription medications you take regularly. Because you have a home delivery pharmacy benefit, your prescription benefits administrator, Medco Health Solutions Inc., can deliver your prescriptions to your home through the Home Delivery Pharmacy.

By using the Home Delivery Pharmacy, you can eliminate trips to the pharmacy for prescriptions. There is no additional cost for the home delivery benefit; you pay only your Home Delivery Pharmacy Benefit co-payment.

Your home delivery benefit allows you to receive a 90-day supply, so you can reduce your co-payment costs and spend less time ordering refills. Standard shipping is free.

It is easy to get started. If you would like to start receiving your prescriptions through the Home Delivery Pharmacy, just visit the Web site at www.myuhc.com/pharmacy or call 1-877-START-MAIL (877-782-7862) toll-free with your UnitedHealthcare member number and prescription information.

After the initial prescription is filled, you can order refills quickly and easily. When you have 14 days’ supply of medication remaining, you can order your refills online or call the member services number on the back of your card.

All of your prescriptions are screened for potential drug problems, and if there is a question, a registered pharmacist will contact your doctor. The Home Delivery Pharmacy offers all the brand name and generic drugs your local retail pharmacy provides.

If you would like more information on how to take advantage of your home delivery benefit, visit the Web site at www.myuhc.com/pharmacy or call toll-free 1-877-START-MAIL (877-782-7862).
Vicki Hightower is quick to show off a photo of her two grandchildren. These two cuties are the precise reason why she will end her 26-year career at Elon this spring.

“I don’t want to miss too much more of my grandkids growing up,” Vicki says.

In 1981, Vicki came to Elon with her husband, a former Elon professor, to begin the computing sciences department. Later, she became involved with the athletics department, serving as the faculty athletics representative for the past 17 years. In this position, she is responsible for oversight of the athletics programs. Vicki enjoys attending all of the games, especially baseball.

One of her fondest memories at Elon was when the football team won the NAIA National Championship in 1981 for the second year in a row.

“We all sat in the snow for the entire game,” she says. “What an introduction to Elon sports!”

Vicki plans on moving to Dallas after retirement to be closer to family. She anticipates volunteering in her grandchildren’s schools to spend more time with them.

David Bragg has mixed feelings about retirement.

“This is a huge step in my life,” he says. “I sometimes feel very apprehensive and other times I am looking forward to this ‘new life.’”

When David first came to Elon 38 years ago, he did not anticipate being here for a substantial period of time. However, that soon changed. He says he has been privileged to work with an array of students and colleagues along the way.

David and his wife, Mary Alice, are moving to Raleigh soon. He plans to spend retirement volunteering, traveling and adjusting to a schedule that doesn’t involve going to work every day at 7 a.m.

“No one can honestly say they have enjoyed every single minute of a career, but I have enjoyed most of them and had a lot of fun in the process,” he says. “Elon has been very good to me and my family, and it has been a wonderful place to work. I don’t think I could have found a more caring community anywhere else.”

Priscilla Lipe has worked in schools for more than 40 years, with 33 of those spent at Elon.

Priscilla began her Elon career in the English department, but decided to make a change when she “got too tired of all the grading.” When she moved to what was then the LaRose Resources Center, she knew she’d found her home.

“I realized that I really enjoyed working one-on-one with students,” she said. “I missed the classroom, and still do, but that was the right place for me.”

Priscilla said she found variety in disabilities work that suited her far more than grading papers.

“In disabilities work, there’s always something new. It’s always changing, I just found out about a disease yesterday that I’d never heard of!”

In retirement, Lipe has said she would like to take some time to work on her house and her garden. She also plans to visit her daughter, son-in-law and three granddaughters in Greensboro, as well as her son, who lives outside of North Carolina.

Carol Oakley, executive assistant to the vice president

After 22 and a half years at Elon, Carol Oakley retired from her post on Dec. 31.

During her time at Elon, she worked not only for the vice president’s office, but also for the provost’s office and the fine arts department.

Carol is credited — along with then-provost Warren Board and George Troxler — with beginning in 1987 the tradition of holding commencement ceremonies outside under the oaks. She has worked with commencement planning for the past 21 years, and will return to campus for commencement on May 24 this year.

“I enjoy [commencement]; I’ve always loved seeing the students so happy,” she said. “That’s the fun part of the this job.”

Carol said that much of her time before retirement was spent arranging speakers and coordinating ceremonies. Her favorite speaker to visit campus was Colin Powell in April 2006.

Carol’s son and daughter are Elon alums. She said her connection to the campus has continued through them.

In retirement, Carol will continue working at Elon, filling in when help is needed. She will also continue teaching shag dancing and working on call at Carolina Bank.

Richard Haworth, professor of mathematics

Thirty-four years ago, Richard Haworth sent out 120 resumes. Elon was his first and last interview.

“I hit the jackpot when I came here,” Richard says. “But I had no idea how much was in the pot.”

Richard arrived early for his interview for a position in the mathematics department. He noticed students and professors talking in the hallways. Some were talking about class, others about personal issues. He knew that this close-knit environment was for him.

Richard has formed close relationships with students and colleagues throughout his three and a half decades at Elon. He has taught most of the math courses offered and served as faculty adviser to Intervarsity for 17 years. Richard treasures all of his experiences at Elon and cannot name a fondest memory.

“Oh gosh! They are all so good,” he says.

Richard has no specific plans for retirement. He and his wife, also newly retired, will remain residents of Alamance County. He will continue to ride his Harley Davidson motorcycle, enjoy the outdoors, spend time with family and stay close to Elon.

“It will unfold like the rest of my life has. Opportunities have always come,” he says. “I’ve got to be close to Elon. Elon and I have held hands for over half of my life.”

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Happy Birthday!

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Peter J. Tulchinsky  
Teresa M. Walker

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John David Parsons  
Tallulah E. Shaw

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Colt Higgins  
Steven K. Hunter  
Ray Johnson  
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Rick Palmer  
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Mark Robinson  
Jason Thomas

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Chalmers Brumbaugh  
Ken Calhoun  
Jeff Colbert  
Keith R. Dimont  
Carilyn K. Schauer-Crabb  
Ann R. Vitale

June 4  
Paula A. Hudson  
Ryan T. Thornton

June 5  
Robbie Huffstetler  
Harold T. Owen  
Whitney A. Pack

June 6  
Bill Andrews  
Elizabeth K. Bailey  
Pam Kiser

June 7  
Katie Kilgariff  
Millard F. Lee

June 8  
Andrea F. Edwards  
Jeffrey S. Kinsler  
Zaire M. McCoy

June 9  
Cynthia L. Barr  
Michael D. Fels  
Jeffrey C. Pugh

June 10  
Sandra E. Fields  
Joshua C. Lunsford  
Rebecca J. Pope-Ruark  
Karen S. Pore

June 11  
Angelina Hines  
Mary Knight-McKenna  
Louise G. Newton  
Gregory K. Starbuck  
Zach Thomas  
Bob Truitt

June 12  
John Joseph B. Anderson  
Alec C. French  
Pieter J. Swaneepoel

June 13  
Jim S. Bissett  
Anne M. Cassebaum  
Sharon R. Justice  
Jean P. Rattigan-Rohr  
Glenn W. Scott  
Michael T. Williams

June 14  
Mark L. Elliston  
Anne S. Wright

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James G. Brown

June 16  
Martha C. Hill  
Robin H. Plummer

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Kevin W. Bigelow  
Jim Bowling  
Norris W. Gunby  
Sarah J. Hinton  
Mary A. Jeffries

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John J. Keegan  
Marc A. Sestir

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June 20  
Keni Gaither  
Michael T. McCarty  
Ray Pruitt  
Curtis L. Wyrick

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James R. Beuerle  
Robert C. Willis  
Tom E. Flood  
Elizabeth G. Patterson  
Lisa B. Pennington  
Cynthia V. Rider  
Betsy A. Stevens

June 22  
Hal Clifton  
Anne R. Simpkins

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Ed Moore  
Thomas A. Teapole

June 24  
Stuart L. Cozort  
Tony Lernet-Jones  
Kimberly A. Rippy

June 25  
Diana S. Justice  
Martin Kamela  
Amanda S. Tapler  
Catherine B. Williams

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Rudy Zarzar

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John A. Brockwell  
Lynn S. Cutler  
Jason E. McMerty

June 28  
Victor Costello  
Emily C. Ivey  
Felicia F. Massey  
Chris Miles  
Denise M. Sealy

June 29  
Lisa K. Keyne  
Thomas A. Nelson  
Robert S. Vick  
Frances Walker

June 30  
Leo M. Lambert  
Yuko Miyamoto

July 1  
Greg Colby  
Judy Dulberg  
Cindy Foster  
Lester Ingam

July 2  
Jonathan Aleshire  
Donna M. Burnette  
Chip Johnson

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Laurence A. Basirico  
Haidee R. Dollak  
Betty Garrison  
Heidi L. Hollingsworth  
Barbara Z. Taylor  
Teresa M. Walker  
Kyle D. Willis

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Eric M. Fink  
Tom E. Flood  
Harland M. Kemark  
Theo L. Nymeyer  
James R. Roberts  
Staci L. Saltz  
John H. Slayton

July 5  
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Gerald R. Knight  
Jason C. O’Keefe  
Geneva Weatherford

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Wendy L. Hiller  
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Coleman R. Rich  
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Paul J. Geis  
A.J. Lukjanczuk  
Christopher Myers

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Bird B. Stasz

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Dave Gammon  
Raj Gupta  
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Joe Morgan  
Granville Simmons  
Russell M. Smith
Congratulations to the newest members of the Elon community:

Robert Vick, associate professor of biology, and his wife, Jennifer, welcome a daughter. Camille Grace Vick was born on Friday, April 18.

Paula Rosinski, assistant professor of English, and Michael Carignan, assistant professor of history, welcome a baby girl. Charlotte Elizabeth was born Wednesday, March 12.

Helen Grant, professor of law, and Bob Eddy welcome a son. Logan William was born Friday, April 25.
Robert Blake, professor of English

Robert Blake is retiring after a career at Elon that spans 40 years. In the winter of 1968, Robert was living in West Virginia when he received an offer from then-President Earl Danieley to come to Elon. After visiting campus, he decided it was the place for him.

“I was impressed by the friendliness of the people, the beauty and serenity of the campus and the overall ambience of the community,” Robert recalls. “(My wife and I) have found Elon to be a marvelous place to raise a family, and we don’t regret for a moment our decision to come here.”

Robert plans to spend his retirement summering at his second home in western North Carolina and returning to Elon in the winter to watch university football games and enjoy a warmer climate.

While he will miss regular contact with students and colleagues, he expects to return to campus fairly regularly with his wife, Carol.

Sadie Allen, custodian

Sadie Allen is retiring after a distinguished 18-year career with Elon’s physical plant.