



FLETCHER

Summer 2011

Spirit

A Newsletter for the Alumni and Friends
of Fletcher Academy, Inc.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US!

FLETCHER ACADEMY TURNS ONE HUNDRED!

With an estimated 800 alumni and friends of Fletcher in attendance, the 100th anniversary of Fletcher Academy was celebrated October 1-3, 2010. Kicking off events on Friday morning was the 4th Annual Alumni Golf Classic Tournament. Weekend registration that afternoon included a variety of gifts and prizes and was followed by Vespers presented by the Class of 2000. John Neff, Class of 1963, was the speaker.

The Sabbath day began with a special Centennial Prayer Breakfast featuring Ms. Rita Hoshina as Ellen G. White. The attendees gathered in small prayer groups to request the Lord's special blessing on our school and the planned services for the day. Sabbath School was organized by the Class of 1985 and focused on Fletcher Academy's recent trip to Russia and upcoming mission trips to Mexico and New Mexico (senior class trip). The worship service, organized by the Class of 1960, included an abundance of sacred music. A special Centennial History video narrated by Dr. P. J. Moore set the tone of thankfulness for the blessings provided to this school. Elder Jay Gallimore, Class of 1966, presented the morning message.

Sabbath afternoon provided a variety of activities, but just "hanging out" with friends and family seemed to be the most popular. Fletcher's Concert Band presented an enjoyable lawn concert under the gazebo.

The alumni of the Mountain San and Hospital School of Nursing hosted a Centennial Alumni meeting on Sabbath afternoon in the Lelia Paterson Center. Organized by Karyn Robinson, Ann Wheeler, and Ellen Hawkes, the meeting included special tributes to Dr. Moore and Dr. Pearson.

The traditional candlelight Vespers in the Chapel was presented by the Class of 1970. Always a favorite time

(continued on pg. 5)



FLETCHER ACADEMY
ALUMNI NEWSLETTER
SUMMER 2011

Fletcher Spirit

ALUMNI OFFICERS

President..... Ken Hodges '79
Vice President..... Sandy Williams '75
Secretary..... Jeannie Larrabee '88
Treasurer..... Sharon McGraw '79

FAI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jon Smith, **Director of Development and Alumni Relations**
Robert Hansen, **Chairman**
Dale Twomley, **President**
Ivan Blake, Frank Costerisan, Bob Hansen, Ken Hodges, Lynn Johnson, John Krishinger, Don Lowe, George Pendleton, Diane Sedwick, Renee Senabria, Dale Twomley, Stuart Yoon, Bob Zollinger.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US!





FLETCHER ACADEMY NEWBIES



BETHANY IULIANO

English Teacher

Bethany is a 2011 SAU graduate and holds a B.A. degree in English with a minor in Religion. She will serve as freshmen, sophomore and senior English instructor at FA this year. Mr. Yingling will continue to teach the junior English classes next year.

Bethany has the desire to serve God above all else and a genuine love for young people. She states she "is passionate about touching lives for eternity." During her

college career she was involved with inner-city youth programs, participated in various mission trips to Central American and helped with disaster relief work after Hurricane Katrina.

Miss Iuliano's personal interests include camping, backpacking, hiking and wilderness survival as well as reading and creative writing, music, sewing and cooking.



EILEEN STATES

Bible Teacher and Chaplain

Mrs. Eileen States is Fletcher Academy's new Chaplain and Bible teacher. Her duties will include an emphasis on campus ministry outreach and she will teach freshman and junior Bible classes.

Mrs. States holds a B.A. in Theology (1995) from Walla Walla University and a Masters of Divinity (1999) from Andrews University. She comes to Fletcher from the state of Washington where she has most recently served as a Bible worker and Director of Women's Ministry for the Washington Conference and previously as a pastor for the same conference.

Eileen says her ardor for ministry began while she was a student working as a summer youth pastor for the Oregon Conference. She is passionate about helping students know and love God.

Favorite pastimes and interests include hiking, biking, roller blading, and reading. Her family is completed by four children: Tyler, age 10; Micah, age 8; Jaymie and Jaycie, age 6 and husband Eric, a physical therapist.

VIRGINIA HAKES

Choir and Handbells

Joining the Fletcher Academy Music Department is Mrs. Ginny Hakes. Not unfamiliar to our school, Mrs. Hakes taught for six years at Captain Gilmer School, and is the Music Director of the nearby Arden SDA Church, where her husband Jim pastors.

Mrs. Hakes will direct the academy choral groups and teach voice lessons. We are excited to share that she will also be responsible for Fletcher's newest music organization – a handbell ensemble. Ginny holds a B.S. in Elementary Education (1991) from Southern College, an MSA in School Administration and Cultural Foundations (1997) from UNC at Greensboro, and a B.A. in Music (2003) from St. Cloud State University in Minnesota.

She has been involved in varied educational and musical pursuits and brings to her students a wide background of experience. She says she is "first and foremost an educator (who believes) in Christian education as the development of both character and mind." Mrs. Hakes and Mrs. Heather Darnell recently recorded a CD that was released by Chapel Records.

Elder and Mrs. Hakes have two children: Anna, age 12; and Robbie, age 11.



TERRY POTTLE

Vice Principal

Joining our campus family as Vice Principal and Principal in Transition is Mr. Terry Pottle. Terry comes to Fletcher from Georgia-Cumberland Academy where he has served as a teacher and work program director. He holds a BT in Physical Plant Management from Andrews University in 1992 and expects to complete a MSED degree in school administration from Southern Adventist University in July of 2012.

Mr. Pottle has worked for the Church his

entire career, including nine years of mission service in East Africa and several academies in the States. His background includes experience in administration, teaching, employee supervision, construction management, plant services, curriculum design, and conflict resolution.

Terry's interests include hiking, travel, and tinkering with "anything that requires tools." He and his wife Dana have three children; Cameron, age 12; Jessica, age 15; and Julia, age 17.



DANA POTTLE

*Learning Resource Center,
Tutoring, ESL, Life Skills*

Joining her husband at Fletcher is Dana Pottle, who will serve as the Learning Resource Center director, ESL director, tutoring program coordinator, and will also teach Life Skills. Mrs. Pottle holds a B.S. in Education from Indiana University at South Bend (1993).

Dana has worked in various academies as girls' dean, teacher, assistant cook, hostel director, and has also taught kindergarten and been

an administrative secretary. Along with her husband Dana enjoys nature, hiking, travel, and also music.



Happy Birthday to Us! (cont'd from Cover)

for the alumni, the vespers provided time for reflection, music and readings.

In the evening the celebration moved to the football field with the lighting of the huge "100" on the side of Strawberry Hill. Centennial Cupcakes added to the fun, followed by the traditional football, basketball, and softball games. Yes, it was late when it all ended, but what a fabulous celebration of Fletcher's Birthday!!

The Alumni Breakfast and Business Meeting was held this year in the main auditorium of the Lelia Patterson Center. Here there was more room, a sound system and large screen to give the presentations. A small ensemble of academy students playing their clarinets delighted us with live music for the meeting. Sandy Williams, our Vice President, gave the welcome and Ken Hodges, our President, had a short devotional. Sharon McGraw had a prayer and then gave last year's Financial report. Then Jeannie Larrabee, our Secretary, shared the minutes from 2009. We then were treated to a wonderful hot breakfast bar with a variety of tasty breakfast dishes. Sandy Williams and Sharon McGraw were asked to continue in their current roles of Vice President and Treasurer. Happily they agreed to serve another two year term.

The Alumni Members then voted how to allocate the Endowment Interest on \$4,800. They voted to get most of the items on the Academy's wish list and then proceeded to give donations to cover almost all of the rest of it. This year the wish list included: more video projectors for the classrooms, white boards for the classrooms, new desks for the math room, a range for the boys dorm, and funds to help refinish some of the boy's dorm rooms.

A big thank is to be given to all the alumni who helped out with these projects! Dale Twomley, Principal, gave a report on the school and Don Lowe told of the Century 100 Club opportunities. Ken Hodges had our prayer of blessing and we were dismissed.

Finally, the late morning Centennial Bicycle Ride and Centennial Motorcycle Rally sent the two-wheeler crowds off on a fantastic day to enjoy a great ride in Western North Carolina. The riders also provided financial support to the Student Aid Fund of Fletcher. Please plan to be here for Alumni Weekend - September 30 through October 2!!



FLETCHER ACADEMY

ALUMNI WEEKEND 2011

WEEKEND AT A GLANCE

Friday, September 30, 2011

8:30 am

Registration: 5th Annual Alumni Golf Classic
Tournament
Cummings Cove Country Club

10:00 am

Golf Shotgun Start: Four Man Captain's Choice

5:00 pm

Alumni Registration
at the Lelia Patterson Center

7:30 pm

Vespers in Lelia Patterson Center; Class of 2001
Rich Pendleton ('86), Featured Speaker

2:30 pm

Campus Tours, Heritage Hall on Display,
Band Concert on the Lawn

3:00 pm

Fletcher Academy School of Nursing
Alumni Meeting; LPC

6:30 pm

Candlelight Vespers in the Chapel; Class of 1971

8:00 pm

Acroknights Reunion Performance;
Lelia Patterson Center
Traditional Alumni Games to follow

8:30 pm

Swimming at the LPC Pool; Lifeguards on Duty

Sabbath, October 1, 2011

8:00 am

Prayer Breakfast in the Lelia Patterson Center
Prayer Session for Fletcher with FAI Board,
FA Administration, and Alumni Officers

9:30 am

Sabbath School in the Lelia Patterson Center;
Class of 1986

10:45 am

Divine Worship in the Lelia Patterson Center;
Class of 1961
Don and JP Mathis, Featured Speakers

12:30 pm

Potluck Luncheon in the Lelia Patterson Center
Please remember to bring a favorite dish to
share with all

Sunday, October 2, 2011

9:00 am

Alumni Brunch and Business Meeting in the
Lelia Patterson Center

11:00 am

Centennial Motorcycle Rally
for Fletcher's Student Aid
Call Bob Davis for details; (828) 693-5419

WEEKEND FEATURED SPEAKERS



Don and JP Mathis

Don and JP Mathis will be our featured speakers for the Sabbath service. Don and JP served at Fletcher Academy from 1980-1988. Don was the boy's dean for the first five years and then worked in several other areas, Technology, Work Coordinator, and Vice Principal. JP was very busy at Fletcher as well. She

coordinated and taught PE Intramurals and Heath Class. Both of them were the head coaches of the Fletcher Academy Gym Team during these eight years. Their daughters Nikie and Renee were both born here in Fletcher.

Then the Mathis Family moved to Southern Adventist University. Don was the Associate Dean of Men and JP taught in the PE Health and Wellness Department. Their son Tyler was born in this location. The next 15 years were spent at Highland Academy. Mr. Mathis was the Guidance Counselor for 10 years and then the Principal for the next 5 years. During the same time, Mrs. Mathis was the Girl's Dean for 10 years, and then the Guidance Counselor for the last 5 years.

Don and JP are currently serving at Southern Adventist University where JP is an Assistant Dean of Women and Don is the Facility Manager of the School of PE Health and Wellness. Their daughters

are currently working for the denomination and their son is attending SAU.

The Mathis family has been faithful in serving the Lord, and reaching out to those around them. They are probably best known for their humor, love for the students, and sharing with all their love for life and their Lord. We are looking forward to hearing their message on Alumni Weekend 2011.



Rich Pendleton

Rich Pendleton, Class of 1986, will be the featured speaker for our Friday evening vespers. Rich is a former strength and conditioning coach for the University of Tennessee Volunteer Football Team and is currently an Exercise Science Professor for Bethune-Cookman University in Daytona Beach, FL. Rich is also an Elder in the Daytona Beach Adventist

Church who directs the Evangelism and is a Lay Evangelist who has preached 4 Evangelistic Campaigns in the Daytona Beach area. He loves to share the Bible and has a deep passion for the lost. Rich's enthusiastic dedication to God through the Bible will set your heart on fire. He has been to Medellin, Columbia and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil where he shared the gospel of Jesus Christ with hundreds nightly. His testimony is amazing how God took Rich from drugs, alcohol, and sex to be born again through the blood of Christ.

CALLING ALL ACROKNIGHTS!

In addition the Honor Classes of 1961, 1971, 1981, 1986, and 2001, all of the past coaches and members of the Acroknights Teams will be recognized at Fletcher Academy's Alumni Weekend – September 30 through October 2, 2011. For the past 30 years, Fletcher's Acroknights have “flown through the air – with the greatest of ease!”

The coach of the team in this picture will be here – Dean Don Mathis. Mr. Mathis coached the Acroknights from 1980 to 1988. He will be the featured speaker at the Sabbath morning worship service.

Bring your old pictures and show everyone what you could do... back then. All former Acroknights in attendance will receive a special commemorative shirt for the gathering.



FLETCHER ACADEMY GYMNASTICS HISTORY

PREPARED BY JEANNIE LARRABEE

COACH HISTORY

Lanier Watson	1975-1976
Frank Martinez	1976-1980
Don and JP Mathis	1980-1988
Myron Mixon	1988-1994
Chad Nash	1994-1995
Rob Gettys	1995-1997
Steve Willis	1997-1999
Daniel and Joelle Ashley	1999-2000
John Krishinger	2000-2001
Craig Johnson	2001-Present

ACROKNIGHTS REUNION PERFORMANCE

SABBATH, 8:00 PM



Looking Back...



50 YEAR HONOR CLASS OF 1961

Ava Anderson
Elaine Anderson
Brenda Behre
Sandra Bishop
Cathy Brooks
Jack Carey
Mary Sue Cartledge
Dottie Charron

Lester Clark
Karen Coleman
Marcella Collins
Cathy Deverell
Frances Hagan
Nancy Hileman
Chick Hodges
Joe Hodges

Karen Hodges-
Hyder
George Jackson
Pat Jackson
Lorraine Johnson
Donna Martin
Daryl Meyers
Anne Miller

Violet Molnar
Dara Mosely
Rose Neff
Lillian Nicholson
Diane Pritchard
Jerry Reilly
Pat Roberts
Betty Rowe

Sandra Rust
Dennis Schwartz
Eugene Slaughter
Lolita Townsend
Barry Ulloth
Sharon Ulloth
Sharon Underwood
Connie Zanes

...LOOKING FORWARD



Class of 2012



Fletcher's Students and Staff

Brent Yingling Graduates at Last!

Mr. Yingling came Fletcher Academy in 1968, right after completing his Masters' degree at Loma Linda University. For the past 43 years, Mr. Yingling has been our English teacher, and was Principal of Fletcher for four years. He has worked with every principal of Fletcher Academy except one – Mrs. Jaspersen, the very first principal. Mr. Yingling has been and remains committed to quality in everything he does. The academic standards he requires in his classes reflects his own standards in excellence. On standardized tests, his students consistently score above the state and national average in English and his graduates know grammar!

Mr. Yingling is a very accomplished violinist and musician. For 30 years he played first violin in the Asheville Symphony. He is a mean-machine on touring or mountain bikes. He has been a rock of stability at Fletcher Academy.

This year was Mr. Yingling's last year as a full-time teacher at Fletcher. At graduation in May, he was awarded a Honorary Diploma from Fletcher Academy – a member of the Class of 2011; the class he sponsored for the past four years. Mrs. Novak, Vice Principal and Registrar, presented Mr. Yingling his diploma. Mrs. Novak and Mr. Yingling have worked together at Fletcher for the past 34 years.



Fletcher Academy Alumni and Friends: 2010 – 2011 Scholarships

Donor	Amount	Recipients
Alex & Margaret Clark Memorial Scholarship	\$225	A J Valcin (Sr)
Anne & Andy Carey Memorial Scholarship	\$500	Monique Brown (Sr)
B J Kohler Memorial Scholarship	\$625 each	Katrina Lomax (Jr) Landon McClellan (Jr) Josh Fries (Sr) Evelyn Argueta (Jr)
Class of 1956 Scholarship	\$300	Alyssia Dewey (Jr)
Class of 1962 Scholarship	\$200	Jonathan Mencias (Jr)
Class of 1963 Scholarship	\$500	Caleb Fries (Jr)
Class of 1970 Scholarship	\$250	Karen Lindamood
Carlton Hunt Scholarship - Class of 1981	\$500	Hannah Simmons (Sr)
Curt Watkins Endowment	\$1,250 each	Jared Ryan (Soph) Zackery Pirkle (Fr)
Dee Moore Memorial Scholarship	\$500	Courtney Willison (Sr)
FA International Student Assistance Scholarship	\$1,000 each	Getsel Leon (Jr) Polina Gagarina (Jr)
Gordon Brown Memorial Endowment ...	\$275	Obie Wright (Jr)
JR Kent Memorial Scholarship	\$1,175	Isaac Martinez (Jr)
Kenneth Armstrong Memorial Scholarship	\$250	Keylin Ojeda (Sr)
Marge Brown Scholarship	\$400	Jens Grindley (Sr)
Prof Nestell Memorial Scholarship	\$325	Alex Pendleton (Jr)
Ray Hoffman Memorial Scholarship	\$500	Melanie Yoon (Sr)
Scott Kinzer '96 Memorial Scholarship	\$250	Phillip Amoroso (Sr)
William Clayton Hodges '37 Memorial Scholarship	\$350	Jason Dull (Sr)

THE SPIRIT OF SERVICE

Seniors include service at LaVida Mission during class trip

by Chelsea Coston
President, Class of 2011



Early this past March, the Fletcher Academy Senior Class embarked on a class/mission trip to La Vida Mission in New Mexico, and Purgatory Ski Resort in Colorado. It was an eventful 9 day trip, filled with long bus rides, laughing children, beautiful scenery and a myriad of memorable experiences.

While at the mission, students organized the medical clinic, did maintenance work, redid the library and worked as teachers aids. Although all the work was important, the students found spending time with the La Vida Children to be most rewarding. Janna, who worked with grades K-2 says "When we helped the students with their homework, it helped them to trust us and be open to what we had to share. This allowed us to talk about our families and God, and gave us an opportunity to share the gospel with them." Donovan, who made a special friendship with a boy nicknamed "Peanut" adds "The kids really needed attention from people, and we were able to meet that need."

After their time at the mission, the students headed for Durango Colorado and the Purgatory Ski Resort. Students enjoyed two days of skiing and snowboarding on the challenging slopes. Robby, who spent both days skiing says "The slopes were amazing because they were full of powder and really steep. One time, it was snowing really hard and I went the wrong way, hit some steep moguls, and fell really hard. Thankfully, I made it down ok. Skiing was really cool because it was something cool to do with your friends and we all got so much better at it. It was a good way to end our trip."

New Mexico and Colorado are quite a ways from NC, about 1,800 miles. Needless to say, getting to and from the destination was quite the trek. Melanie reflects on the ride by saying "It was an interesting experience riding in a bus for 36 hours with 40 other people. There were a few people that didn't seem to ever get tired-being around them was quite exhausting. On the other hand, we had some great bonding time on the bus. We had some neat conversations and got to know our class better."

After their return, students couldn't wait to go back. They missed their new friends at the mission and couldn't wait to get back to Colorado and ski again. Alex shares "Our class had an amazing time interacting with kids at the mission and later skiing at purgatory. I think that it is safe to say that if given the chance, our class would jump at the opportunity to go on this trip again."





FLETCHER ACADEMY, Inc.
P.O. Box 5440
Fletcher, NC 28732

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit No. 438
Zanesville, OH

Change Service Requested

FLETCHER HAS ONLINE GIFT GIVING!

Visit www.fletcheracademy.com to give a secure gift online.

SAVE THE DATE • SAVE THE DATE • SAVE THE DATE • SAVE THE DATE • SAVE THE DATE • SAVE THE DATE

FLETCHER ACADEMY ALUMNI AND FRIENDS
**ANNOUNCING THE
CENTURY-PLUS-ONE
ALUMNI WEEKEND**

HONOR CLASSES:

Class of 1951, Class of 1961, Class of 1971, Class of 1986, Class of 2001

ACROKNIGHTS ALUMNI AND COACHES

Reunion of All Former Acroknights and Their Coaches

Plus Events for Golfers and Motorcyclists

SEPTEMBER 30 THROUGH OCTOBER 2, 2011

SAVE THE DATE • SAVE THE DATE • SAVE THE DATE • SAVE THE DATE • SAVE THE DATE • SAVE THE DATE