While the final amounts from last year’s United Way and Combined Federal Campaigns are not yet in, it appears that the Foundation received approximately $75,278.00 in contributions and earnings. This past May, in recognition of the increases in the cost of a college education, the Trustees decided to increase the scholarships from $5,000.00 to $6,000.00 and to award twelve scholarships to members of the 2005 graduating class. The Foundation has now awarded 131 scholarships totaling $534,500.00 and grants to teachers totaling $17,169.00 for a total of $551,669.00 awarded. At the present time there are 44 Wakefield graduates in college, receiving some financial assistance in the form of scholarships from the Foundation. The scholarships are distributed over a four-year period, installments being paid at the beginning of each semester or quarter following the receipt from the student of a letter reporting on his or her activities during the preceding grading period, along with a copy of his or her grades.

As always, the purposes of this newsletter are to report on the activities of the Foundation during the preceding year, to solicit your support and assistance, and from an alumni standpoint, to provide some information about Wakefield and its alumni. The big news at Wakefield was its basketball team which went 28-1 and served as an inspiration and rallying point for the school and all of the residents of Arlington. It brought back memories of the ‘61 team which went undefeated and won the State Championship.

As it was in 2001, following the terrorist attacks on September 11th, it is difficult to solicit contributions in light of the suffering and tragedy affecting so many people as a result of the destruction caused by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. However, after you contribute to the various charities assisting in alleviating the suffering from those storms, we hope you will once again find it possible to support the Wakefield Foundation.

While we have hardcore supporters, we really need to be able to increase the number of Wakefielders willing to contribute $25, $50 or $100 if we are really going to be successful. Somehow we have not struck the right chord with many of you because there are lots of names of classmates that were very active and involved in school and successful thereafter, whose names never appear on the Honor Roll. We have now entered the twentieth year of the Foundation, and I hope that if you haven’t contributed before, you will find a way to join in “our” little project to assist at least some of the current graduates of our old school to be able to pursue their educational goals of attending college. As we say, “Be a part of it. Together we can make a difference.”

If you are employed by a company which participates in the United Way, the Combined Federal or America’s Charities Campaigns, please remember that you can designate the Wakefield High School Education Foundation to receive all or a portion of your contribution. Please note that the Foundation’s designation number this year is 8212.

-Peter Arntson, (’56)
'87 - Jennifer Goodreau - Virginia Polytechnic Institute (VPI)
'87 - Thuc Thi Hoang - VPI
'87 - Kyu Ahn - Cornell
'87 - Tram Nguyen - William & Mary (W&M)
'90 - Kimberly Saunders - Brigham Young (BYU)
'90 - Delaney Colbert - James Madison University (JMU)
'90 - Ptero Simoni - W&M
'91 - Kamili A. Wilson - University of Virginia (UVA)
'91 - Quyhn M. Nguyen - Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU)
'91 - Keo S. Kelly - VPI
'92 - Claire E. Bums - W&M
'92 - Thanh P. Nguyen - VPI
'92 - Shannon Sikes - Smith College
'93 - Dimitrios Pallouras - UVA
'93 - Stephen Saunders - BYU
'93 - Chan Tran - UVA
'93 - Duc Ngo - VPI
'94 - Mary Kathleen Clark - VCU
'94 - Jay Catchalian - UVA
'94 - Zhen-Zu Hu - UVA
'94 - Janna M. Lipman - JMU
'94 - May B. Lopez - George Mason University (GMU)
'94 - Cindy Martinez - GMU/NVCC
'95 - Stephanie Barfield - George Washington University (GWU)
'95 - Nayeeena Hoq - UVA
'95 - Josh Swain Merck - University of Maryland (U Md)
'95 - Alicia Nicole Minhovets - VPI
'95 - Nasreen Rahman - GMU
'95 - Mariya A. Rasner - UVA
'95 - Michal Stein-Verbit - GMU
'95 - John Scott Will - Dartmouth
'96 - Claudia V. Aleman - GMU
'96 - Najya Batool - GWU
'96 - Plinee Britford - VPI
'96 - Erikay Cook - Roanoke Lutheran College
'96 - Naomi Fikremariam - St. Andrews
'96 - Janelle Catchalian - UVA
'96 - Oscar Gomez-Romero - VCU
'96 - Matthew Munsey - Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
'96 - Sara Robinson - Cornell
'96 - Kenneth Toy - Centre College
'96 - Sonal Vashi - VPI
'97 - Natasha Allen - UVA
'97 - Ana Caballero - Marymount University
'97 - Daniel Hettich - Fordham
'97 - Sonja Horgen - UVA
'97 - Myung-Ju Ji - VPI
'97 - Brandon Wontae Joo - UVA
'97 - Helen Kate Rears - W&M
'97 - Ricardo Reyes - NOVA
'97 - Yindy Vatanavan - Northeastern
'97 - Rachel E. Bowers - Pepperdine University
'98 - Liliana M. Caballero - GMU
'98 - Eve Cheyewsk-Steele - Cornell
'98 - Ashley Dietrich - W&M
'98 - Pablo Feliciano - VPI
'98 - Katrina N. Harpe - Yale
'98 - Jon M. Meade - UVA
'98 - Xin Nham - UVA
'98 - Christopher Ruddick - VPI
'98 - Uthman Adediran - Longwood College
'99 - Jessica L. Anderson - University of North Carolina
'99 - Robert Dang - VPI
'99 - Jonathan G. Krug - JMU
'99 - Claire Anne Leduc - UVA
'99 - Luis F. Malanado - VPI
'99 - Saiful Sikder - GMU
'99 - Catrina Tangchittsumran - JMU
'00 - Richard Davis - Columbia University
'00 - Jessica Garrison - UVA
'00 - Ayesha King - GMU
'00 - Xung Nham - UVA
'00 - Francisco Saravia - GMU
'00 - Scott H. Saunders - BYU
'00 - Kathleen Schoelwer - JMU
'00 - Claudia Aguirre - UVA
'00 - Farhana Ahmed - GWU
'00 - Chee Hur - VPI
'00 - Lacy Kohloos - UVA
'00 - Jalindar Kumar - GMU
'00 - Kerry McGonagle - W&M
'00 - Sarah Pohl - U Md
'00 - Jessica Porter- Clark Atlanta University
'01 - Tihomire Nikoleav Yankov - UVA
'01 - Nathan Zimmerman - VPI
'01 - Jacquelyn Alvarez - U Md
'01 - Amanda Eckerson - Yale
'02 - Mahamudul Hasan - UVA
'02 - Nikolay Mollov - UVA
'02 - John Shulsky VPI
'02 - Tuan Vu - UVA
'02 - Jacque Wright - GMU
'02 - Meghan Young - JMU
'02 - Iris Zhu - UVA
'03 - Lorena Caballero - UVA
'03 - Nadia Cherchari - W&M
'03 - Michael Chin - JMU
'03 - Dallila Cresswell - VCU
'03 - Ashna Kibria - UVA
'03 - Rohani Mahyera - W&M
'03 - Thuy Nguyen - UVA
'03 - Brian Saunders - BYU
'03 - Charlotte Williams - Davidson College
'04 - Bernadette Cronley - UVA
'04 - Farzanna Fatema (Pfoutz Scholar) - GMU
'04 - Rebecca Garrison (Washington Forrest Foundation Scholar) - JMU
'04 - Matthew Hayes (Gates Millennium Scholar) - Davidson College
'04 - Radhika Katyal
'04 - Alexandra Krachek - Mary Washington
'04 - Preston Linson-Getty (Brown University Scholarship)
'04 - Donald Manzano
'04 - Evgenia Polyakova (Duques Scholar) - University of Washington
'04 - William Portillo - W&M
'04 - Charmaine Raiford - North Carolina State
'04 - Rajeev Shrestha (Gates Millennium Scholar) - University of Southern California
'04 - Gretel Truong (50th Anniversary Scholar) - UVA
'04 - Mikiyas Tsegaye (Stoker Scholar) - UVA
'05 - Jose Aguyao-Pozo - GMU
'05 - Joshua Anderson - UVA
'05 - Nazia Chowdhury (Stoker Scholar) - UVA
'05 - Caitlin Ann Felker (Washington Forrest Foundation Scholar) - UVA
'05 - Angelique M. Jone - VCU
'05 - Alexandra I. Prokhorova - Dartmouth College
'05 - Andre Razzuri - Hofstra University
'05 - Madeline Rosen - Boston College
'05 - Alfred Simkin (Claude Moore Foundation) - Earlham College
'05 - James R. Super (Duques Scholar) - Stanford University
'05 - Rebecca Zimmerman - VCU
A Message From The Principal

I am proud to serve as the principal of such an outstanding school. Our students are thriving and motivated and our staff is dedicated to providing the best instruction possible. Our new exemplary project, the Advanced Placement Network, is designed to encourage and support all of our students to access the highest level coursework possible.

Several programs support this objective: Foundation Program for 9th graders, a Senior Project requirement for seniors, Spanish Immersion Continuation, the Cohort for minority males, and lunchtime and after school labs. You will learn more about these programs at our website. In addition to outstanding academic achievement, we are proud of our students’ achievements in the arts and athletics. Our Orchestra and Band continue to win prestigious awards and honors for their performances. Equally talented are our Drama students who received more Cappie nominations last year than any other Arlington School.

Our athletes are talented and courageous and several teams and individuals have captured District titles. We also feature many other opportunities for extracurricular involvement including It’s Academic, Forensics, National Honor Society, Foreign Language clubs and many other clubs reflecting student interests and cultures. Wakefield is not just a school; it is a community of caring students and professionals.

Recently we were visited by a group of educators representing the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. They were here to assess us for accreditation. In their summary documents granting us continued accreditation they noted: “Wakefield should be recognized as a center of excellence where students are committed to high achievement and are supported by a dedicated faculty, unique and personalized programs and a creative administrative team. To say ‘Where there’s a will there’s a way,’ demonstrates the tireless optimism and hard work in a school where students not only learn academics but also learn to feel good about themselves”. - Doris Jackson

Boys Basketball Went to State

We can all be very proud of the Wakefield Boys Basketball team. They won the National District and Northern Region titles before heading to Richmond to play in the States. They made us proud but lost a tight game in the semifinals, ending a 28 game victory streak. The stands in Richmond were filled with students, staff and alumni. Spirits were high and enthusiasm in the athletic program has been renewed.

The team captured the hearts of all Arlington. This team, besides being great on the court, was made up of good young men who set an example for all Wakefield students. Anyone interested in supporting the 2006 squad meet their fundraising goal of $5,000 can send a contribution made payable to Friends of Wakefield Basketball and mail it to Coach Tony Bentley at 4901 S. Chesterfield Road, Arlington, VA 22206.

The Virginia General Assembly passed a bill recognizing the Warriors and their coach. It stated that whereas:

- for the first time since 1969, the Wakefield High School boys’ basketball team completed its regular season undefeated; and
- the Wakefield Warriors completed their 2004-2005 regular season with a 21–0 record and the regular season championship of the National District; and
- the defending National District champions from Arlington opened the season with a victory in the Wakefield holiday tournament and never looked back; and
- the Wakefield Warriors, led by National District Coach of the Year and Northern Region Co-Coach of the Year Tony Bentley, feature several All-District and All-Region players; and
- senior forward Alex Irmer earned first team All-District and All-Region honors, and senior guard Kenny James was named National District Player of the Year and first team All-Region; and
- senior guard Nate Idlet and senior forward Geoffrey Crawley won first team All-District honors, and the National District All-Defensive team included Warriors Kenny James and Anthony Allen; and
- the 2004-2005 Warriors from Wakefield High School experienced one of the most successful basketball seasons in school history.

Boys Basketball Went to State
Wakefield in Washingtonian Magazine

Wakefield and the Advanced Placement Network Program were featured very prominently and positively in an extensive article about top high schools in the October issue of Washingtonian magazine. Following are some excerpts from the article that specifically singled out Wakefield for success in encouraging all students to take AP and other rigorous courses:

FINDING THE BEST IN ALL KIDS
Advanced Classes Not Just for High Fliers

Not long ago, teachers at Arlington’s Wakefield High noticed that many black and Hispanic boys shied away from high-level courses. “We heard from them that it wasn’t cool to be in the courses, that they didn’t feel confident, that no one else enrolled looked like them,” principal Doris Jackson says.

The school decided that had to change. With each incoming freshman class, teachers began to identify boys getting low grades but with the potential to do top-flight work. As a group, these kids pledged to tackle challenging courses and met weekly with counselors and teachers for support. Staff members talked to the boys and their families about college, recruited friends to sell them on college-prep courses, and took them to visit campuses.

In June, Wakefield graduated the first class from what it calls the Academic Cohort program. Each of the 19 boys was accepted into a four-year college; all but one enrolled.

Wakefield isn’t the only school encouraging all kids—not just the cream of the class—to take on tough courses. Educators are taking to heart research suggesting that even students who struggle with advanced work gain from the exposure to it.

Wakefield has a tradition of setting high expectations for its students, about 40 percent of whom come from low-income families. Seniors for some time have completed a thesis-like research project that concludes with a presentation before teachers and students.

In the past four years, the number of Wakefield male minorities in AP courses has tripled, according to principal Jackson.

Wakefield puts kids into advanced classes only after they’re grounded in the subject matter. Students are shepherded into prerequisite courses as well as a summer program that teaches time-management and research skills. During the school year, the staff organizes study groups and keeps in touch with parents to monitor whether the workload—up to five AP courses—is too much for any student.

Jackson eventually would like to see all kids at Wakefield go through AP courses. Arlington has agreed to pay for an AP coordinator at the school to train teachers and help families who know little about AP courses and their relevance.

At some schools, 100 percent AP participation would raise fears of dumbed-down instruction. Not at Wakefield. Fifty-four percent of its AP test-takers scored well enough on 2003 AP tests to get college credit—up from 41 percent in 1999. This happened despite the fact that the number of test-takers nearly doubled.

These kids are indeed rising to the challenge.

From “Toward a More Perfect School; Teachers and Principals Are Throwing Out Tradition to Pursue Excellence” - Washingtonian Magazine, October 2004, p. 104 - by Charles S. Clark and Jo Anna Natale

The Foundation thanks this year’s scholarship application selection committee. It included from left to right: Susan Saulmon Trice (’63), Paul Ferguson (’83), Ellen Mackay (’77), Peter Arntson (’56), Micah Stein-Verbit (’95), John Clisham (staff) and Millie Mohler Lawson (’63).
Thumbs Up

"Thumbs Up: To the Wakefield High School Education Foundation, which has, without much fanfare, turned into an exceptionally valuable resource for graduating seniors at Arlington's most southerly high school. The foundation this year awarded $72,000 worth of scholarships to 11 graduates, bringing the total to $534,000 and 131 graduates since the program began in 1987. Those funds have aided previous students, and will help future students, in ways too numerous to count. Great job". - Sun Gazette Newspaper - September 1, 2005

Football Team Seeking Support

The Wakefield football program is working hard to rebuild the team and is asking for support to raise $10,000 to purchase a blocking sled and chute system and also pay for camp attendance by players. If you can support the team, send a donation made payable to Wakefield High School to Friends of Wakefield Football, attention Coach Tim Churchill, 4901 S. Chesterfield Road, Arlington, VA 22206.

Bioscience, Biomedicine?

Any Former Wakefield High School Alumni in Bioscience, Biomedicine or Medical Field?

Any alumni whose careers pertain to biotechnology, biomedicine, or the medical field are needed as potential alumni guest speakers for the next school year. If you know anyone please contact: rhonda_doremus@apsva.us This is part of a new Academy of Biosciences and Medicine being developed by the teaching staff.

Dr. Price

Mary Price, who taught health and physical education at Wakefield for 27 years died February 1, 2005. Dr. Price graduated from Marshall College in Huntington, West Virginia. She received a master’s degree and doctorate from Columbia University Teachers College in New York City. She served in the Navy during World War II.

Dr. Diffenbaugh

Donald Diffenbaugh, who taught at Wakefield for 33 years, died March 9, 2005. After service in the Navy in World War II, he received his Bachelor of the Arts from Huntington College, a Masters from Indiana University and later a PH.D from George Washington University. He started as an English and Social Studies teacher, but spent a majority of his tenure teaching AP Government Studies.

Wakefield on the Web

Alumni Association - http://www.wakefieldalumni.org/  
Offical School Site - http://www.arlington.k12.va.us/  
schools/wakefield/  
Drama Nostalgia - http://members.tripod.com/~NIPWfield/wakethesnos.html  
class of '65 - http://www.geocities.com/Wakefield1965/  
class of '70 - http://www.wakefieldclassof1970.com/  
class of '74 - http://www.wakefieldclassof74.com/  
class of '84 - http://groups.yahoo.com/group/wakefield84/  
class of '85 - http://groups.yahoo.com/group/wakefield1985/  

2005 Wakefield Scholars
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JUDY ADAMS GOLDSMITH (17)
ANN ADKINS DYE (19)
DONALD KING ANDERSON (10)
PETER ARNTSON (19)
DONALD R BALDWIN (18)
GENE S BERGOFFEN (15)
WILLIAM S BOESCH (14)
JACKIE BOGARDUS HAWES (15)
DANIEL BREEDEN (12)
ALICIA BURGESS FINK (1)
RONALD L CARLBERG (17)
BRION "BRI" V CHABOT (4)
MARY ALICE COATES (2)
WILLIAM J "BILL" MITCHELL (13)
ROBERT MERRILEES (1)
MARIAN R WOOD (10)
VICTOR N HALLMARK (13)
LEIF DAIRIL GIDEON (12)
DAVID L LOCKMAN (9)
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G SETH SHOSTAK (9)
HELEN SIORIS (2)
DANIEL P SMALL (7)
KATHY E SMITH SHINDEL (7)
JUDY SMITH VAUGHAN (13)
MICHAEL R STELLABOTTE (7)
CAROLE UBER BRACHT (6)
PATRICK J [PAT] VAUGHAN (13)
BRUCE PAUL WATSON (2)
PATTI V BOECH FEELEY (4)
ROBERT & J LEMME COCO (2)
WILLIAM C [BILL] DARNALL (9)
LAURENCE [LARRY] EVANS (10)
NANCY FLETCHER HICKS (5)
NANCY GLEZEN REESE (9)
RICHARD A [BUD] NANCY TAYLOR ALLEN (1)
SHELBY SMITH (6)
JACK B SMITH (4)
PAUL A [PETE] SCHMICK (11)
ALICE SAUNDERS (13)
SUSAN BAILEY HESS (3)
ARTHUR AMCHAM (11)
W JOHN ALLNUTT (8)
BARBARA ALLEN MILLER (5)
MARCIA SMITH CARLYN (1)
1963
NANCY GLEZEN REESE (9)
JULIANA LITTON GORMLEY (1)
MARY E PHERSON HARRIS (6)
MARGARET SITOWSKI (2)
BESANT (2)
MARCIA SMITH CARLYN (1)
1964
PAULINE [POLLY] NEWLON (1)
WILLIAM NALLS (6)
KATHY E SMITH SHINDEL (7)
JUDY SMITH VAUGHAN (13)
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MARGARET WIBERG (1)
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JAMES JOHN (3)
DIANE CULHANE WILKEN (1)
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WILLIAM CALLAWAY (13)
ARLINE CAMM MELEN (6)
SHARON E DAVIS (12)
ROY GOINS (7)
MARTY R SMITH (7)
1970
ROBERT W STETEKLUH (8)
DAVID D LEE (11)
KRIS WOLFF KAUFFMANN (2)
THERESE PALMER WEISE (2)
LINDA HUDSON KHAN (4)
1971
ROBERTBone(3)
ALEC BOUKNIGHT (4)
CLIFFORD G BUNYEA (1)
JACQUELINE MOORE WILLIAMS (1)
1972
CHRISTINE BOYD STOPKA (5)
JOANNE LINDEN PYLE (7)
LAURO PARKER (1)
KELLY A THOMPSON (3)
1973
MICHAEL HENSON (3)
D DONG-SOO [DON] LEE (10)
1974
DEBBIE YAMADA (7)
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NANCY MASON HALL (4)
CYNTHIA M SEARS MCGEEHIN (1)
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LINDA HUSON (1)
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DEBBIE YAMADA (7)
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AMY LAMBETH MARCHANT (3)  

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SUSAN RANDALL (1)  
JANE SESSA (1)  
MICHAEL C. SIEVERTS (2)  
SUSAN & GREGORY SUPER (3)  
ELVIRA M. TATE (18)  
UNITED WAY (13)  
THOMAS WINDSOR (1)  
WILLIAM A ZELLNER (1)  

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JAMES R ALLEN (7)  
LETITIA A ARNOLD (1)  
DEPALMA (7)  
HUSETIN ATHAMAN (1)  
MARY ANN BELL (2)  
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IN HONOR OF  
Christine Boyd Stopka ‘72  
Harry Boscoe  
Thompson Boyd ‘70  
Sean Carey  
Marilyn Cleek Borsari  
Barbara Davis Ebersole ‘70  
Frances Keck, Teacher  
Steve Metcalf ‘65  
William Minton  
Harriotte Montague Baker ‘62  
Robert O’Donnell  
The Nalepa Sisters  
Coch Coach Buddy Stein*  
Don Stover  
Donald Tomb, one great teacher  
Top Art Student  
Grant & Nancy Walter’s 50th  
Josephine M Wells  
Douglas Wheeler  
Ann Winston, Sr. English Teacher  
William S. Wright  
Mr. Wynn (Physics Teacher)  

IN MEMORY OF  
Janet Ann Allman Utter ‘70  
Jimmy Allnutt  
Elaine Bissell  
Kay Bradley Hayes, ‘56  
Jack Breeden, ‘59  
Morton Broffman  
John D Brooks  
Brother of Maria-Elena Buccelli,  
Lenora Buckley  
Celia Burrows  
Bill and Kay Callaway  
Elwood “Pat” Carruthers*  
Elizabeth Lindsay Cash  
Anna Connolly  
Barbara Coulter Rich ‘59*  
Margueritte Crawford*  
Ruth Latham Dakes  
Daughter of James West  
Deceased Members of the Class of ‘63  
Jim Driver ‘63  
Father of Javonnia Hill  
Father of Ann Zuniga  
Father of Kelly Carruthers*  
Jeanette Ford Fenske ‘63  
Richard Fridge*  
Everette Garrett ‘64  
Jack Gersas ‘59*  
Carole Gray Anderson  
Pamela Grossman  
Gerald Groves (staff)  
Dick Hall ‘58  
Neal T. Haygood*  
Richard Howard ‘64  
Ruth Hoy (staff)*  
Bob Hoy ‘63*  
Chuck Hoy ‘60*  
Helen Hunter  
Miss Keck  
Nancy Kinsman Ellis ‘58*  
Mother of Jessica Monteone  
Mother of Connie Bernhardt  
Mother-in-law of Bruce Bernhardt  
Mother of Nazenin Mohammad  
Mother of Thanh Nguyen  
Mother of Cynthia Ampem Chip Kelly  
Ralph Kier  
Andrew Kimball ‘59  
Donna W Krout  
Bill Lee*  
Charlotte Linde*  
Greg Clarke Lennox  
Ann Lupton  
Richard Mason ‘57  
Roy, Zoe & Frank Newbold  
Jeff Nightingale  
Olive Pawley, Teacher late ’50s  
Nancy “Pete” Peterson Smith ‘58  
David Petter  
Michael Reaves  
Bill Reeder  
Coach Robert S. “Robbie” Robinson  
Ralph Rowsey  
Sister of Yaa Osun  
Rae Smith  
Marie D Stellabotte  
Travis Suggs  
Albert C. Tate, Jr ‘56*  
Minnie Tate  
Travis Taylor ’65  
Lt. Thomas Thompson ‘63  
Jerome A Voss  
Ruby Ann Walker Powell ‘57  
Patricia Ann Wyatt Parish ‘61  
Carmen Wegener Gates*  
Cherry Whitney ’66  
Dr. Harold Wilson*  
Evelyn E. Wilson*  
Barnet Wirin ‘56  
Terry Woods  
Nancy Wynkoop Weaver*  
Roy Zoe  

* Indicates that multiple contributions were made in the name of this person.
The 50th anniversary celebration was so successful and so much fun that the organizers formed the Wakefield Alumni Association. The purpose of the association is to support the school, connect alumni to the school and each other and to preserve the history of Wakefield. The Alumni Association has been active this year. Members were surveyed to determine what kind of activities they wanted us to sponsor. We’ve been working with the Wakefield Scholarship Foundation to maintain and expand their database of alumni and friends and to distribute the annual “Alumni News.” We’ve worked with several classes to provide up-to-date class contact information for their reunions. We’ve supported the school, including making a donation to the Drug and Alcohol Free Graduation Cruise.

We were present at the Arlington County Fair where we met hundreds of Wakefield graduates. Harry Bosco even stopped by and filled out a form. The volunteers must have been very busy then because no one remembers talking to him.

The Officers of the association are:
President: Conchita Mitchell ’66
Vice President: Susan Christopher ’58
Treasurer: John Abbott ’65
Secretary: Kris Falcon ’56
Activities Chair: Janet Coco ’62
Communications Chair: Jim Allen ’70
Archives Chair: John Abbott ’65
Hall of Fame: Bobbie Whittier (Ret. Staff)
The Principal (or representative) serves as an appointed member of the Board

To become a member of the Alumni Association, send the form below and a $10 check made payable to “Wakefield Alumni Association” to PO Box 41675, Arlington, VA 22204. Be sure to include your name (including maiden name), address and your affiliation with Wakefield, for instance what year you graduated or taught at Wakefield. Dues to cover the period from January 2006 to January 2007 are $10 per person.

Name: ____________________________________
Address: ___________________________________
____________________________________
Email: _________________________________

____ I am a member of the Wakefield Class of _______
____ I am a past or present staff member
____ I am a parent, spouse or friend of the class of _______

Bob & Janet Coco (’61) and John Abbott (’65) organized the County Fair Booth and with the help of many volunteers greeted hundreds of Wakefield graduates.

To Insure You Get Future Issues of ALUMNI NEWS, Please Make a Contribution to the Foundation or Join the Alumni Association
What is it? A public charity established as a non-profit Corporation in Virginia in September of 1986. Are contributions tax deductible? Yes. The Foundation’s status as a public charity has been formally recognized by the Internal Revenue Service. Who set it up? Several Alumni of Wakefield High School. Where does it get its funds? Funds are raised annually by soliciting Alumni of Wakefield High School as well as present and former teachers and staff and hopefully from residents of South Arlington. What about United Way contributions? Yes. The Wakefield Foundation can be designated in the United Way Campaigns and the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), as well as through America’s Charities, Inc. Its designation number is 8212. What does the Foundation do with the funds? It provides college scholarships to deserving Wakefield graduates based upon academic achievement, effort and financial need. How much are the scholarships? Beginning in May 2005, the scholarships were increased from $5,000.00 to $6,000.00 - paid out at the rate of $750.00 per semester. How many scholarships were awarded to the Class of 2005? Twelve (12) for a total of $72,000.00. How is the number of scholarships determined? The number of scholarships is determined by the amount raised prior to the May selection meeting. If $60,000.00 is raised, then ten (10) scholarships can be awarded that year. How many scholarships have been awarded to date? One hundred thirty-one (131). The Foundation has paid out or committed to pay out the sum of $534,500.00 to date. What are the expenses of the Foundation? The expenses are limited to printing the solicitation letter and postage (at the bulk non-profit rate). How much money has been collected for the Foundation? Through June 30, 2005, the Foundation has raised approximately $621,000.00 in contributions, received over $64,800.00 in earnings for a total of $685,845.00 and paid about $51,254.00 in expenses (primarily printing and postage). Because of the earnings, approximately 103% of what is raised from contributions is available for scholarships and teacher grants. Who manages the Foundation? There are six Trustees: three Alumni, a former teacher, a former principal and the current principal of Wakefield who is automatically an ex officio member of the Board. Who holds the assets of the Foundation? From the beginning the contributions have been received by and the assets of the Foundation have been held by the Trust Department of Wachovia Bank, under an agency agreement with the Foundation. All disbursements for scholarships or expenses are paid by the Bank at the written direction of the Foundation. The Bank has provided this service to the Foundation since October 1, 1986 for a minimum charge. Why support the Wakefield Foundation? The concept is that there have been 49 graduating classes from Wakefield and more than 18,400 graduates. It is felt that if some percentage of those graduates, as well as teachers and parents of students and graduates, and residents of the Wakefield attendance area would be willing to contribute to the Foundation annually, together we can make a difference for some of the young people who are growing up in our old neighborhoods and attending our old high school. Where can I get additional information? Write to Wakefield Foundation, 11350 Random Hills Road, Suite 500, Fairfax, VA 22030-7429.

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Continuing a program begun in 2003 with the celebration of the school’s 50th Anniversary, the Wakefield High School Alumni Association inducted seven new Hall of Fame members at an awards ceremony at Wakefield High School on June 10, 2005. This year’s inductees cover a variety of professions including social anthropology, education, business, the performing arts, photojournalism and military service. A committee of alumni, retired staff, current staff and students selected them from over fifty nominees.

Those honored as the second class inducted into the Wakefield High School Hall of Fame are:

**Henry “Ric” Duques (’61)** - While at Wakefield Ric was a co-captain on the State Championship basketball team in 1961. He played basketball at George Washington University where he earned his Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Business Administration. He became CEO and Chairman of First Data Corp, the nation’s largest bankcard processor ($30 Billion dollars). He is a major contributor to George Washington University for the construction of a state of the art business school building to be named “Duques Hall,” and a major contributor to the Wakefield High School Education Foundation. When asked what he learned in school that helped him to be a better leader, Ric answered: “Tolerance of other people, a sense of being part of a team and really listening to other people.” To youngsters, Ric’s advice is: “You can always do a little bit better than you think you can do.”

**Richard A. Kidd (’61)** - Sergeant Major Kidd was the ninth Sergeant Major of the Army. There is only one Sergeant Major of the Army. During his 30 years of service, Sergeant Major Kidd served in every infantry leadership position from squad leader to command sergeant major. His various assignments included two combat tours in Vietnam. Sergeant Major Kidd has been awarded the Legion of Merit, with One Oak Leaf Cluster; Bronze Star Medal; Meritorious Service Medal, with Two Oak Leaf Clusters; Air Medal; Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, with Palm, Master Parachutist Badge; and Special Forces Tab, and more. Sergeant Major Kidd tells us that “The greatest privilege is the honor of leading America’s finest men and women both in war and peace.”

**Dawn Chatty (’65)** is the Deputy Director and Reader for The Refugee Studies Centre, at the University of Oxford, in the United Kingdom. She is a social anthropologist whose ethnographic interests lie in the Middle East, particularly with nomadic pastoral tribes and refugee young people. She was a Fulbright Professor at the University of Damascus and the UN Technical Assistance Expert to the Sultanate of Oman. Dr. Chatty is the author of several books including *Children of Palestine* and *Organizing Women … in the Middle East*. Dawn remembers her years at Wakefield fondly, and recounts the following experience in her senior year:

“….I was seriously injured in a riding accident over the Christmas break of my final year. It was only through the dedication of my teachers and friends that I managed not to fall too far behind in my class work. My hospital room became an extension class of sorts, and the hospital visiting room was filled with my classmates for weeks, helping to give me the will to recover and move on. I remain eternally grateful to the teachers and students of Wakefield High School.”

**Doug Mills (’78)** - is a nationally acclaimed photo journalist working with the Associated Press and the *New York Times*. He won a Pulitzer Prize in 1993 for a series of pictures from the 1992 presidential campaign. In 1999 he was part of an Associated Press team whose photographs of the events surrounding the Clinton-
Lewinsky scandal won another Pulitzer. He was with President Bush on September 11, 2001 and took the famous “Mr. President, We Are Under Attack” photo that earned the 2002 Eyes of History Award. He continues to be involved at Wakefield High School, helping student with their Senior Projects and taking them on photo shoots at Redskins games and The White House.

Douglas Wheeler ('57) - was the president of the Washington Performing Arts Society (WPAS) and was the prime architect of its growth into a leading regional arts organization. Under Doug’s leadership, WPAS has offered performances that range from top violinists booked into the Kennedy Center to massive gospel music shows at Constitution Hall to African theater groups at Lisner Auditorium to Asian dance troupes at George Mason University. In addition he began an outward education network that sponsored 800 free performances in 300 schools a year. In 2001 he received the Patrick Hayes Award of the International Society for the Performing Arts. Doug looks “with respect and pride at the education...received at Wakefield [that makes one] well prepared for life in a society which would value excellence and diversity.”

Dr. Julian “Buddy” Stein, (staff ) - taught at Wakefield for 11 years. Buddy started the cross-country team at Wakefield and is credited with efforts to give physical education to those with disabilities and is considered an expert in the field. Coach Stein has been recognized nationally and internationally with honors from the International Council for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, Sport, and Dance; the International Federation of Adapted Physical Activity; the International Award in Adapted Aquatics from the International Swimming Hall of Fame; the President’s Council on Physical Fitness and Sports; and the International Olympic Committee. Coach Stein offers this advice: “you [may] not attain all goals to your satisfaction—this does not mean failure, for real triumph is in seeking and working to reach these goals—this brings out every ability, and gives meaning to all you do.”

Barbara J. “Bobbie” Whittier (staff ) Bobbie began at Wakefield in 1966 teaching, coaching and administering until her retirement in 1998. Bobbie can be credited with developing and maintaining the excellent reputation in science that Wakefield enjoys. Bobbie received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science and Math from President Ronald Reagan. In 1992 she was named to the Who’s Who among American Teachers. In 1984 she was named as an Outstanding Educator jointly by the Science and Engineering Education and the Washington Academy of Science. At Wakefield, she was the Science Fair Director from 1981 – 1990, which over the years grew to be the largest fair in the county. She is actively involved in the Virginia Junior Academy of Sciences, planning its annual meeting, and is on the Executive Board of VAST. Bobbie says “Teaching science...was always important, but the bigger picture was not only for my “kids” to learn science, but to help them grow up to be proud of the person they saw in the mirror.”

The first class of inductees included: Dr. Harold Wilson (staff), Neal Haygood (staff), Edward “Eddie” Marsh (staff), Hunter “Patch” Adams ('63), Peter Arntson ('56), Henry Hudson ('65), William Newman ('68) and Conchita Saulmon Mitchell ('66). The intent of the Hall of Fame is to recognize those alumni and staff who have made significant contributions to society and who have brought acclaim or recognition to Wakefield.
Those selected for the Hall of Fame should have a widespread reputation, at least in their peer group. The renown of the Hall of Fame member will be associated with, and therefore a reflection on, Wakefield. They should also serve as both a model and a source of pride to current students.

Criteria: Staff nominees are not eligible until five years after their time at Wakefield and cannot be currently employed by the Arlington Public Schools. Alumni nominees are not eligible until ten years after their time at Wakefield and cannot be currently employed at Wakefield. All nominees should possess impeccable character, and be good citizens and serve as a good example for Wakefield students and staff.

Guidelines: The primary intent of the Hall of Fame is to recognize alumni for their accomplishments after high school. However, significant achievement by an alumnus while a student at Wakefield can be appropriate for recognition if that achievement was well known outside of Wakefield. Similarly, for staff, the intent is to acknowledge those whose reputation of excellence extends beyond Wakefield or who have excelled in their duties by going beyond what is expected.

Nominations: Nominations can be submitted by anyone. Nominations submitted in past years will be included in the evaluation process each year but new and recurring nominations are also welcome. Provide the name, address and phone number for yourself and the nominee. Include the year that the nominee graduated from or worked at Wakefield, and a description of the nominee's qualifications. Forms are available at wakefieldalumni.org

Submit nominations by mail to the
Alumni Association
PO Box 41675
Arlington, VA 22204
or emailed to wakefieldalumni@aol.com.

Classnotes

Susan Brenneman Bierker ('56) writes that life is good! She has four sons and their families which include three grandchildren. After twenty-five years as a psychotherapist and raising her family in Pennsylvania, she moved to Sarasota, Florida. As a non-denominational minister, she officiates at three to four marriages a week, many on the beach. Her website is www.ministerforweddings.com. At sixty-six years of age she is very active dancing, traveling, enjoying athletic activities and just enjoying all of her blessings.

Garland Schweickhardt ('58), recently retired after 33 years as a Special Agent of the FBI, had a movie made by the Disney Corp. about a case where he was the undercover agent in a sting against the New England Mafia. Garland acted as a movie producer filming a non-union movie in New England where he bribed union officials and Mafia members to enable his fictitious company to film non-union. The Movie Titled “The Last Shot” starred Alec Baldwin, as Garland, Matthew Broderick, Joan Cusack, Ray Liotta, and others. The Movie was released in September 2004 and was scheduled for release on DVD in March 2005 and, as part of the special features section of the DVD, contains interviews with Garland.

Susan O’Hara Christopher and Nancy Vickers ('58) planned two trips for Wakefield alumni on a paddlewheel boat owned by classmate Stan Palivoda. The boat is named “Vivian Hannah”. Both trips raised funds for the scholarship fund. Some members of the class of '58 also attended the Oyster Festival in Urbana, Virginia in November.

Stephen E. Burch, DDS ('60) has been appointed a part time clinical instructor for full mouth reconstruction and neuromuscular studies at the internationally prestigious Las Vegas Institute for Advanced Dental Studies in Las Vegas, NV. He still maintains a full time private dental practice in McLean, VA, emphasizing advanced conscious sedation and general anesthesia. www.SedationDentalCentre.com
Classnotes

- Sam Mackey ('61) writes that one of the things he's doing now days is writing poetry. He has a website - http://members.aol.com/samsn4me/tmc.htm. His degrees were in engineering but he started writing poetry in college for the fun of it but didn't take it seriously until recently. One of the poems is called: "The Magic Carpet". It is about PC's and the Internet. There's a line in it that actually represents a comment of a Wakefield classmate in Mrs. Coakley's algebra class. The student raised her hand and asked Mrs. Coakley: "Does anybody use this stuff?!" Sam incorporated her question as a line in the poem. Understanding that Wakefield (and probably lots of other schools too) are very much computer focused today, whenever Sam reads “The Magic Carpet” he think of Wakefield.

- Stephanie Duke Hockenstead ('61) writes that she and her husband have been retired for five years in the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont, and have finally got the hang of it. She was a French and Spanish teacher and chairman of the Foreign Language Department at Moorestown Friends School in Moorestown, N.J. for 17 years. In her small town of Morgan (pop. 700) and neighboring communities, she's taking her turn at leadership positions in various organizations as the new retiree on the block. She's a Master Gardener working on the historic preservation of two 19th century buildings.

- Leif Magnusson ('65) and his wife Charlotte Sibley have moved from Andover, MA to Berwyn, PA. Leif is an attorney, and Charlotte is the vice president of a pharmaceutical company. Leif is hopeful that the 1965 class can arrange a reunion sometime soon, and greatly regrets that a 40th reunion has not been accomplished. They enjoyed life in a quintessential New England town. But they found winters there a little severe, and so in March they took a trip to Iceland to warm up.


- Karen L. Bune ('72) was awarded the Kathy Hensley Award for distinguished chapter service by the American Society of Public Administration, Northern Va. Chapter. She was cited for her notable work with crime victims and her distinguished service and leadership to the chapter for many years. She was praised for her attention to regional gang issues and for a community gang forum that she developed, organized, and participated in that was a highly successful event in Northern Virginia. Karen was recently included in the 2005 edition of “Great Minds of the 21st Century”. She is employed by the Prince George’s County State’s Attorney’s Office where she works as a Victim Specialist in the domestic violence unit. She is also an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Criminal Justice at Marymount and George Mason Universities.

- Rana Smith and Nikia Chambers ('92) have opened Lickety-Split featuring premier ice cream, sweets, ice cream creations and sandwiches at 2400 South 26th Road in Arlington. They invite everyone to drop by. They are open to fundraisers, catering and large orders. The telephone number is 703-521-1403.

With over 17,000 graduates we know that many of them have achieved positions of prominence or of interest in their professions, careers, or communities. If you or anyone you know has achieved something of interest, we wish you would share it with us so that we can, in turn, share it with others.
Coming Home For a Reunion or Visit?

Pete Arntson '56 - A class reunion is also a great time to see Washington. I know you grew up in Arlington and have seen everything which is worthwhile to visit two or three times. Not true! If you haven’t been here in the past two years you really should consider making a week of it. In addition to seeing old friends, and for the 1956 - 1971 graduates, they really are “Old”, there are all of the old sites which were here when we were kids, such as the Washington Monument, Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials and the Capitol, White House and Lee’s Mansion, Mt. Vernon and the Kennedy Center and they are all much better than you remember them. Also there is the Vietnam and Korean War Memorials as well as the Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial beside the Tidal Basin in the midst of the cherry trees. The Holocaust Memorial Museum is a must see if you haven’t visited it before. It is next to the old government printing office where we used to watch them print millions of dollars only to be disappointed when we learned that there were no free samples available at the souvenir store. But of special interest are three new sites that you really should take time to visit, the World War II Memorial, which is on 17th Street between the Reflection Pool and the Washington Monument, The Native American Museum which is on the Mall, and the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center, the new National Air and Space Museum at Dulles Airport which has been described as America’s Hanger and is huge and includes the Concorde, the Enola Gay (B-29), the shuttle Enterprise and is approximately three times larger than the downtown Air & Space Museum. And as you enter the Museum you come face to face with Lockheed’s SR-71A Blackbird which, among other things, flew from Los Angeles to Washington in 1 hour and 4 minutes in 1990.

In short a Wakefield Class Reunion is a great time to see old DC once again and if your reunion is during baseball season you might even consider taking in a Nat’s game at RFK Stadium. The old Senators may have left twice, but now we have the Nationals.

How about planning a picnic at Great Falls. It is still just as spectacular as when you last visited it and if you are 62 or older and have obtained a Golden Age Passport you, and everyone in your car, can enter the park free. Then again the class of ’59 used to have annual picnics at Arlington’s own Lubber Run.

Starting in ’06, the first class to graduate from Wakefield will celebrate the 50th anniversary of its graduation. Not surprisingly the classes of ’57, ’58 and ’59 etc. will be right behind. These should be really special occasions and well worth a visit to Arlington and Washington.

While here you will wish to visit Shirlington, our old hangout, which has really changed, all for the better. There are a number of good restaurants and shops and people strolling up and down and there is plenty of free parking. Old town Alexandria, especially the waterfront, is great for an evening out. And believe it or not the area between Clarendon and Rosslyn has been revitalized with the Cheese Factory and Hard Times Café and many shops and restaurants. If you haven’t seen it you will not believe the changes.

Best of all, and somewhat off the beaten track but extremely convenient and memorable, is a visit to Jack’s Boats at the Georgetown end of Key Bridge. Jack’s is just a little shack with a bright red roof, but they have about 100 canoes and kayaks for rent. The Potomac around Key bridge is usually like a pond with hardly any waves or current. You can paddle down-stream past Washington Harbor, which is a great place for lunch, past Watergate and the Kennedy Center and then around Roosevelt Island and back toward Key Bridge and Jack’s. It is a great way to see Washington from a different angle. An even more enjoyable trip is up river past the Potomac Boat Club and Washington Canoe Club to Three Sisters’ Islands. You can really take some memorable photos if you do not think you will capsize the canoe.

In fact there is way too much to do in one weekend or one week. You probably should plan ten days or two weeks and really have some fun. Maybe a side trip to Williamsburg and Busch Gardens is in order. The class of 1958 held its 40th reunion in Williamsburg. Your class reunion can serve as an excuse for a great visit to Washington.
Reunions

Class of 1956 and 1957 are joining together to celebrate their 50th Reunion. Dates are September 29, September 30 and October 1st, 2006. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for forthcoming details. Contacts are Kris Frank Falcon, kfalcon@comast.net; Judy Adams Goldsmith, judygoldsmith@comcast.net; Nancy Buchanan Walter, nbwalter@infionline.net; Maggie Lee, mvlee@erols.com; Martha Rayfield Ryan, martharyan26@aol.com; Jean Adams Calvert, jeancalvert@msn.com.

Class of 1961 Reunion - September 29 - October 1, 2006 at the Fairview Park Marriott Hotel in Falls Church, VA. Classmates should contact Audrey Dugard McVean at amcvean@sc.rr.com.

Class of 1976 is getting organized for their 30 year reunion in 2006. Write to wakefield76@yahoo.com for more information. They invite alumni from the classes of ‘74 through ’78 to attend.

Class of 1985 is in the process of organizing their 20 Year Reunion. All classmates need to contact Rosa ‘Vasquez’-Fisher at (703)-580-4454 or join their Yahoo group – Wakefield85@yahoo.com.

Two groups working together to serve Wakefield

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Connecting alumni to the school
Preserving Wakefield’s history
Supporting the school
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