The Tull School recently received outstanding news regarding the performance of our MAcc and undergraduate students on the CPA exam. The National Association of State Boards of Accountancy released in November the most recent performance data for 1st time pass rates for the CPA exam. Seventy-three percent of our MAcc students passed all four parts of the CPA exam on their initial attempt, which ranked 4th in the country. Sixty-eight percent of our undergraduate students passed all four parts of the exam on their 1st attempt, which ranked 9th in the country. These performances are particularly impressive when viewed in light of the historical 20 percent national 1st time pass rate for the CPA exam. Job well done!

Recent rankings issued by the Public Accounting Report continue to recognize Tull School programs among the national elite. In the latest Public Accounting Report the undergraduate accounting and MAcc programs each ranked 13th among public institutions. The Tull School’s PhD program reported

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ALUMNU SPOTLIGHT
Pam Blackburn

Pam Blackburn is no ordinary University of Georgia alumnus. She graduated Magna Cum Laude with a BBA in Accounting in 1990.

Pam Blackburn doesn’t just come from a football family. Her father-in-law Don was a Teen Magazine All-American quarterback on the 1956-58 Smyrna Spartans team, and he teamed with a QB named Fran Tarkington while playing corner-back and halfback at UGA from 1960-62. Pam’s mother-in-law was a cheerleader.

And Pam Blackburn’s family doesn’t drive to Athens on Saturday mornings to tailgate before heading to their 45-yard-line season ticket seats. No, they have a second home in Athens designed just to make those fall Saturdays more enjoyable.

None of Pam’s neighbors would be surprised if the family came home with a pet Bulldog.

Now that’s a Dawgs fan.

A native of Macon, Georgia, Pam entered the University of Georgia in 1986. Pam followed her future husband Donnie to UGA, himself a 1990 graduate with a degree in Marketing. After a courtship between the hedges, the two married after graduation and Pam began her career in accounting as a staff auditor in the Atlanta office of Arthur Andersen, specializing in manufacturing.

In 1995, Pam was named a manager at the firm, and she began to take on more technology clients, as well as becoming involved with healthcare accounts. By the late 1990s, she was working on several dot-com projects, initial public offerings and venture capital initiatives.

The long hours and weekends in the office paid off when Pam was named partner in September 2001. She had reason to be proud – Pam was one of only two woman partners in Arthur Andersen’s Atlanta audit practice.

In May 2002, Pam became one of 10 Arthur Andersen audit partners to join the Atlanta office of Deloitte & Touche, where she began by specializing in technology and manufacturing.

Today Pam is a partner in the firm’s Audit and Enterprise Risk Services (AERS) practice, and while serving her clients, also acts as the human resources liaison leading an aggressive recruiting and training effort. Pam is also Deloitte’s lead recruiting partner for the University of Georgia, and sits on the advisory board to the J. M. Tull School of Accounting. Commenting on Pam’s service, Tull Director Ben Ayers states, “Pam has been an active supporter of the Tull School on several dimensions for many years. We are fortunate to have Pam as a champion for the School. She brings tremendous enthusiasm

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News About Tull Graduates

Atlanta based accounting firm Ross Lane & Company, LLC recently elected Ari del Aquila (BBA ’98, MAcc ’99) to the partnership. Ari reports that the firm is beginning to recruit more actively and they are always looking for some good Bulldogs!

At Grant Thornton in Atlanta, the following were promoted to Manager this past summer: Bill Bishop (BBA & MAcc ’02), Greg Hlozek (BBA Finance ’01), and Josh Phillips (BBA & MAcc ’02).

Moore Colson in Atlanta reported several recent promotions of Tull grads: Billy Boyd (BBA ’03) to Business Assurance Senior Associate, Lauren Simms (BBA ’01) to Tax Supervisor, and Yane Kim (BBA ’02) to Business Assurance Senior Associate.

Last March, Michele Burns (BBA ’79, MAcc ’80) joined Marsh & McLennan Cos. in New York City as CFO. Then in September the company announced that Michele had moved into an operating position as she became Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Mercer Human Resources Consulting, a M&M subsidiary and one of the world’s largest HR consulting and services organizations. She also serves as a member of the board of directors for Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and Cisco Systems Inc.

In September, KPMG announced that three Tull School graduates in the Atlanta office had become partners in the firm. They are Todd Cameron (BBA Finance ’90), Jon McKee (BBA ’93), and Keith Shurbutt (BBA ’91). All are audit partners with the firm. Todd specializes in information, communications, entertainment, and consumer and electronic lines of business. Jon spent two years in Denver in between stints in the Atlanta office. His specialties include financial services, real estate, and consumer and electronics. Keith has spent most of his career working with higher education and public services clients but recently has expanded into health care. We are very proud to see three UGA grads do so well at one of our major recruiting partners.

Congratulations to Alisha (Strickland) Cohen (BBA ’96) and Andrea (Palmer) Sims (BBA ’89) of Hancock Askew & Co. Alisha and Andrea both were promoted to Principal recently. Alisha heads Hancock Askew’s Cost Segregation division and manages relationships with some of the firm’s largest tax clients. Andrea is involved with the firm’s Qualified Plans subsidiary that specializes in design, administration, and consultation for qualified retirement plans.

Shelby (Kazazean) Collins (BBA & MAcc ’02) reports that she married computer engineer Matthew Collins last spring. They met while both were working in Connecticut (Shelby at the FASB) but now live in Chicago where Shelby is with KPMG.

Cori (Oliver) Crews (MAcc ’03) tells us that she has earned her CPA certificate, married, and is working with a local accounting firm in Waycross.

Kelly Dixon (BBA ’03) of Moore Colson married UGA Public Relations graduate Kelly O’Reilly in November. Kelly was promoted to Business Assurance Supervisor with the firm last summer.

When you see the famous Aflac commercials on television, you can now think of our 1995 graduate Sharrri (Teel) French. After spending time with Ernst & Young in Atlanta and Robinson, Grimes & Co. in Columbus, Sharrri joined Aflac where she has worked in a series of positions involving SEC compliance and GAAP research and reporting. She presently is Second Vice President – Financial Compliance. Aflac has begun recruiting at UGA so we expect to see a lot more of Sharrri on campus in the coming years.

A name change has taken place for the Athens firm TWSPC. Shareholders Robert Bachman (BBA ’96), Scott Sauzier (BBA ’87, MAcc ’88), Tom Scott (BBA ’80) and their team of approximately 35 professionals are pleased to announce that TWSPC (Thomas W. Scott & Associates) has changed its name to Trinity Accounting Group PC, Certified Public Accountants and Business Advisors. Working with Trinity in Athens is Nicole (Williams) Kempf (BBA ’03). She and husband Michael welcomed Christopher James to their family on September 5, and they are living in Watkinsville.

Steven Latham (BBA & MAcc ’03), a Supervisor in the Atlanta office of Moore Colson, recently returned from Manchester, England, where he had participated in an international employee exchange program. IGAF Worldwide, an international organization of accounting firms of which Moore Colson is a member, developed this program. Steven joined the HURST firm in Manchester where he participated in audits of a trucking company and a government-funded training organization.

The year 2006 was an extremely busy one for Jonathan Levens (BBA ’03) of Moore Colson. He married Meredith Manners in the spring and was promoted to Tax Senior Consultant shortly after year-end. He won the 3rd quarter Moore Colson Peak Award for performing work that is considered above and beyond expectations. He also received the PricewaterhouseCoopers Excellence in Corporate Income Tax Award as the top corporate tax student at Georgia State University. Finally, Jonathan and Chris Steedly (BBA ’01) participated in the Cobb County Heart Walk. With their help, Moore Colson employees raised over $1,700 for the American Heart Association.

The Educational Foundation of the Georgia Society of CPAs will present its Gold Key Award to Matt Mabe (BBA ’05, MAcc ’06) and Cole Johnson (BBA ’05, MAcc ’06) as having achieved two of the five top scores on the CPA exam among Georgia residents. Forty percent of the top scores in the state isn’t too bad for Tull graduates! In addition to that great honor, Matt reports that he married in August, started work with PricewaterhouseCoopers in September, and bought a house in Norcross in November. Quite a busy and successful year!

Also reporting that they had passed the

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CPA exam on their first attempt are Jen MacDonald (MAcc '00) and very recent MAcc graduate (December '06) Ashley Young. Congratulations, Jen and Ashley! Ashley recently accepted a position with UGA’s Internal Audit Division.

Charlene Maxwell (MAcc '99) has moved to Bradenton, Fla., with Roper Industries. Roper was once headquartered in Athens but moved to Atlanta and now is in Florida. Charlene is Accounting Manager for the company, which provides technical products and services to customers in over 100 countries.

In September, Anna-Liese Olson (BBA & MAcc '02) and Marc Anderson (BBA '01, MAcc '02) were married. Anna-Liese is a Tax Manager with Trinity Accounting Group in Athens, and Marc teaches at Athens Tech and is a professional cyclist.

Jay (BBA '97, MBA '00) and Sandy (Castro) O’Meara (BBA '98, MAcc '99) are the proud parents of their first-born, Jacob.

Tony Pritchett (BBA & MAcc '05) was married last summer. His wife Lori is an accounting graduate of Georgia College and State University. According to Tony, “And I guess if you wanted to mention something else, you could throw in the fact that she’s perfect!”

From Tarpley & Underwood in Atlanta, we’ve learned that Tina Roberts (BBA '04) is now Tax Department Quality Control Coordinator. In addition to serving as a Senior Tax Accountant, Paula Crowe (BBA '03, MAcc '04) has become Recruiting Coordinator.

Jennifer (Wildt) Ross (BBA & MAcc '02) married Jeff Ross, a 2001 Terry College MBA. Jennifer had been working in the tax department of Padgett, Stratemann & Co. in San Antonio, Texas, while Jeff had a position with the San Antonio Spurs NBA basketball team. In September, Jeff and Jennifer relocated to North Carolina after Jeff was hired as the Senior Director of Finance and Controller for the NBA Charlotte Bobcats.

Jay Shallenberger (BBA '98, MAcc '99), a tax manager at PricewaterhouseCoopers, is currently completing a two-year “tour of duty” in Washington, D.C., in the firm’s National Tax Services Mergers & Acquisitions group. He recently ran his first marathon, the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington.

Trinity Accounting Group announced that William (Toby) Smith (BBA '98) has joined the firm as Director of Financial Reporting and Assurance Services after seven years with a regional accounting firm in Atlanta. Toby, wife Hollie, daughter, Hannah, and new son, Jackson, are thrilled to be back in Athens, Toby’s hometown.

Now with James F. Thielen CPA in Tallahassee, Fla., is Jessica (Dickenson) Sperling (BBA '01). Jessica completed her 150 hours requirement at Florida State University and recently passed all four parts of the CPA exam on her first attempt. She married Ben Sperling of Tallahassee a year after graduating from UGA.

Jennie Tyson (BBA & MAcc '03) tells us that she married on September 30 and recently moved to a new home in Athens where her husband works. Jennie will be able to telecommute from home three days a week in addition to two days in Atlanta.

From Tull – a Short Leap
to Harvard Law School

Last spring, Heather Ripley completed the MAcc program at Tull and decided to pursue a law degree. Because Heather always sets her sights high, the Tull faculty was not surprised to learn that she was accepted at Harvard Law School this summer. “Heather is one of the most outstanding students I have had the pleasure of working with over my 25 year teaching career,” says Linda Bamber. “One of Heather’s greatest strengths is that she is not only analytically-inclined, but she also has exceptional creative writing and artistic talent. In particular, Heather is an accomplished visual artist specializing in drawing and in acrylic painting. This rare combination of analytical and creative skills makes her well-suited for a career in law.”

We asked Heather to tell us how things were going so far and she reported the following.

It was just three years ago that I was first accepted into UGA’s Tull School of Accounting. I remember sitting in my first intermediate accounting course with Dr. Mark Dawkins — a little excited and a lot nervous. Did I remember more than “debits on the left, credits on the right” from Dr. Gaver’s intro classes? Was I ready for the multiple-hour night exams? Could I meet the high expectations of my professors? (Looking back, I must give credit to Dr. Dan Smith for filling many wide-eyed, CPA hopefuls like me with these concerns with his enigmatic question: Would I be the bear or the fish? Anyone who’s been to his office knows what this means.)

These are the same kinds of questions I asked myself as I sat in my first-year Civil Procedure class at Harvard Law School this past September. Am I ready for this? While I won’t know for sure until after my January exams, I am hopeful that the answer will be yes. This intuition is not based on the (infamous) Harvard curve, although that might help. Rather, my hope is grounded in knowing that I approach this experience well prepared, equipped with the skills and intellectual confidence to grapple with new academic challenges.

My undergraduate and graduate education at UGA, especially in the Tull School, afforded me the opportunities not only to learn the technical aspects of a profession (although it performed this function very well) but also how to be a good student — intellectually curious and self-motivated.

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Jackie Hammersley is currently in her fourth year at UGA and can’t believe how fast time has gone. It seems that it was just yesterday that she was interviewing for a position here and hoping to get the chance to work with such nice colleagues and to live in the hometown of REM (who she loves) and the B-52’s (not so much). Jackie moved here from Champaign, Ill. where she completed her PhD at the University of Illinois in 2003. She currently teaches the undergraduate auditing course.

Jackie grew up near Madison, Wis. She completed her undergraduate education at the University of Wisconsin – Madison. She thought she would be an engineer until she took the engineering survey course. Every week a different type of engineer came to class and described his job and every week she left thinking “nope, I don’t want to do that.” In the final week an engineer from the Parker Pen Company came and described his work ensuring that the balls for ballpoint pens were perfectly round. She changed her major immediately after class.

Eventually, she took an accounting course; accounting seemed completely logical and you could get a really good job. Since Jackie was the first person in her extended family to go to college, being able to get a good job was very important. Upon graduation, she moved to Milwaukee to work for BDO Seidman. While at Seidman, she did audit and tax work for mid-sized clients mostly in health care, real estate, and construction. She really enjoyed this as her father and his brothers owned a construction company, and she felt she was helping people like her dad. The tax knowledge is long forgotten, and she felt she was helping people like her old man.

Eventually, Jackie started looking around for new challenges and decided to pursue a PhD in accounting. The University of Illinois’ faculty included a number of people who specialized in audit research and so Jackie’s interest in auditing grew. Eventually she decided to specialize her research and teaching in auditing. To date, most of her research focuses on the effects of auditor knowledge on auditor judgment. However, a recent paper examined the stock market’s reaction to internal control weakness disclosures. Her dissertation paper won the 2004 Competitive Manuscript Award from the American Accounting Association (an award also won by Professors Dan Smith and Ben Ayers). On the teaching front, she has really enjoyed working with the UGA students. They are a bright and hard working group of students who are interested in auditing, even at 8:00 in the morning.

At home Jackie is working on decorating her first home and figuring out what to do with the yard. Her 12-year-old golden retriever, Murphy, enjoys the yard much more than she does. He likes to chase the occasional cat or squirrel and bark at the many deer that live in the woods behind the house. After moving, Jackie and Murphy were happy to discover that nearly everyone in their neighborhood has a dog, so they instantly felt at home in the land of the Bulldogs.

Referring to Jackie, Director Ben Ayers stated, “She has been a tremendous plus for our programs, students, and faculty from day one. Jackie sets a high standard for her students and works to ensure that they leave her classes prepared for their future careers. She has also invested countless hours with our graduate students, assisting both with their teaching responsibilities and research. We are very fortunate to have Jackie at the Tull School. Thus, we look forward to Murphy chasing cats and squirrels in Athens for many years!”

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and energy to everything she does.”

“I enjoy my role because it helps keep me connected to The University of Georgia,” says Pam. “The energy and the strong intellect of the students make it a strong source of talent for Deloitte.”

Pam’s husband Donnie is in commercial sales for Atlanta-based Lighting Associates, and the couple recently moved back to Donnie’s roots in the Atlanta suburb of Smyrna. The two are proud parents to three-and-a-half year old son Jake, who is already an avid golfer.

“If anyone has any question about Jake’s loyalties, I can tell you he attended his first Bulldogs game at the age of eight months,” adds Pam. “In fact, he was only six months old when he had his first picture taken with Coach Mark Richt!”

Jake’s new baby sister Jessica was born in October 2006. Chances are she’ll be sitting for her portrait with Coach Richt any day now. The family’s interests do occasionally carry beyond the campus. When they’re not in Athens, Pam and Donnie are avid water skiers, and they enjoy all types of outdoor sports.

Pam is also active in the Atlanta community. She is a member of the advisory board for Inroads, Inc., (www.inroads.org) a leading minority recruiting organization, and she also serves as Deloitte’s AERS diversity leader for the firm’s Atlanta and Birmingham, Alabama offices. Pam also heads up the Women’s Initiative (WIN) for Atlanta’s AERS Practice.

With her active family life, her commitment to the community and her storybook career, it would be easy for an alum like Pam to stay home in Smyrna and catch the Bulldogs on television with her children at her feet. But then you wouldn’t know Pam. She’d rather fight Friday afternoon traffic heading to Athens, dreaming about a warm Saturday afternoon in Sanford Stadium with her husband and two little future Georgia alumni.

Now that’s a Dawgs fan.
**Ben Ayers**' paper entitled “Capital Gains Taxes and Acquisition Activity: Evidence of the Lock-In Effect” has been recently accepted for publication in *Contemporary Accounting Research*. This is Ben’s sixth published manuscript in a series of studies investigating the effects of tax and accounting policy on corporate acquisitions. The paper is co-authored with Craig Lefanowicz and John Robinson, who serve on the faculties of the University of Virginia and University of Texas at Austin, respectively.

In January, **Linda Bamber** presented a workshop on “Getting Your Research Published” at Texas A&M and at The University of Texas-Dallas.

She also had a paper accepted for the American Accounting Association’s Financial Accounting and Reporting Section Conference in San Antonio titled, “Comprehensive Income: Who’s Afraid of Performance Reporting?” with Isabel Wang, John Jiang, and Kathy Petroni (all of Michigan State, Isabel and John are Tull PhD graduates).

**Michael Bamber** spoke on “Publishing Your Research” at the 2007 Auditing Doctoral Consortium held in conjunction with the Auditing Section of the AAA Midyear Conference. Mike’s paper, “Auditors Identification with Their Clients and Its Effect on Auditors’ Objectivity,” has been accepted for publication in *Auditing: A Journal of Practice & Theory*. The paper is co-authored with Venkat Iyer a Tull PhD and currently on the faculty of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Last fall, **Denny Beresford** was appointed Chairman of the Advisory Board for the Atlanta CFO Roundtable that is co-sponsored by Terry College, Cushman & Wakefield, Accenture, and Hunton & Williams. At that group’s annual dinner in November, Denny introduced guest speaker Bob Blakely, CFO of Fannie Mae, and presented the CFO of the Year award to Gary Fayard, CFO of The Coca-Cola Company. In September, he was a panelist at a seminar on “Executive Compensation Disclosure Rules” co-sponsored by the Association for Corporate Growth and the National Association of Corporate Directors in Atlanta. Also in September, he spoke on effective communications between internal auditors and audit committees at a seminar for Corporate Audit Executives of Consumer Products Companies sponsored by Deloitte in Atlanta.

In October, Denny was the featured speaker at the 75th anniversary dinner for the Financial Executives International Pittsburgh, Penn., chapter. In November, he spoke to accounting students at Clark Atlanta University and in December to KPMG’s Lead Partner Academy in New York City.

**Tina Carpenter** presented a paper, co-authored with Jane Reimers of Rollins College and Phil Fretwell of Protiviti, entitled “Improving Auditors’ Fraud Risk Assessments: The Benefits of Brainstorming in Groups,” at Florida State University in Tallahassee and North Carolina State University in Raleigh.

**Jenny Gaver** presented a paper, co-authored with Jeff Paterson, entitled “The Influence of Large Clients on Office-Level Auditor Oversight: Evidence from the Property-Casualty Insurance Industry,” at the Southeast Summer Accounting Research Conference at Georgia Tech. She also presented the paper at Baruch College in New York City.

**Stacie LaPlante** co-authored a paper with Yen Tong of Nanyang Technological University and Ping-Sheng Koqh of Hong Kong University of Science and Technology titled “Accountability and Value Enhancement Roles of Corporate Governance” that has been accepted for publication in a future issue of *Accounting and Finance*. Also, she presented a paper co-authored with **Ben Ayers** and John Jiang of Michigan State University titled “Taxable Income as a Performance Measure: The Effects of Tax Planning and Earnings Quality” at the 17th Annual Conference on Financial Economics and Accounting in Atlanta.

**Eric Yeung**’s paper entitled “An Analysis of Insiders’ Use of Prepaid Variable Forward Transactions” (co-authored with Alan Jagolinzer of Stanford University and Steve Matsunaga of the University of Oregon) was cited by Chimicles & Tikellis LLP in its jury trial filing to the U.S. District Court Eastern District of Pennsylvania (November 30, 2006) as providing supporting evidence for an insider trading securities litigation case against the insiders in Discovery Laboratories. In January, Eric had a paper accepted for the AAA’s Financial Accounting and Reporting Section Conference entitled “Do Earnings Announcements Really Trigger Analysts’ Private Information Acquisitions?” (co-authored with Kai Wai Hui of Hong Kong University of Science and Technology).

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Forcing myself to do inventory problems or consolidation worksheets that I would never get grades for was not easy. But this self-discipline is invaluable in a setting where months of cases, rules, and briefs pass by with little, if any, formal evaluation.

In Dr. Linda Bamber’s cost accounting class, I began to understand that accounting, like everything else, does not occur in isolation, that the numbers are not always the answers. The law, likewise, exists in a societal framework where its application has real consequences, where there are hardly ever any bright-line rules or easy answers. Dr. Ben Ayers’ tax research class taught me that what matters just as much, if not more, than any legal conclusion I arrive at is my careful analysis of the issues — the interpretation and application of the rules to different facts. And in these ways, my legal education has seemed pleasantly familiar.

Now, I would be lying if I said that my experiences here in Cambridge, Mass., have been just like the ones I had in Athens, Ga. — they have not. For one, it’s a LOT colder outside. People get more excited about crew and hockey than football (and justifiably so). And, completing a pension table is a little different than digesting a Supreme Court opinion on the elements of due process. But one essential part of student life (and life in general) has remained constant — I am surrounded by incredible people. I am under the tutelage of smart professors who challenge and stimulate my intellectual curiosity and in the company of good friends who ensure my head is not constantly stuck in a casebook. In this regard, life hasn’t changed so much after all … though I will get to build snowmen.
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in with a number 10 ranking among public institutions. Rankings vary from year to year, but each ranking consistently places the Tull School undergraduate, MAcc, and PhD programs among the top accounting programs in the country.

In last spring’s letter, I described the Tull School fundraising campaign initiated and led by the Tull School Advisory Board. I am pleased to report that many accounting firms have answered the Tull School call and established an annual fundraising campaign to benefit the School. Many other alumni have given generously to the School both in their time and resources. Given the continually changing landscape of public funding of higher education nationally, these efforts are extremely important for the long-term success of the Tull School. Thus, we greatly appreciate your support and investment in the Tull School. If you have not yet been contacted and are able to support the School, we would welcome your participation in the campaign.

I am pleased to announce the establishment of seven teaching fellowships established by the generous gifts of Tull School alumni and their respective firms. Ernst & Young and PwC each established two teaching fellowships to benefit the School; Deloitte, KPMG, and the Reznick Group also generously established teaching fellowships. These teaching fellowships are funded annually by the respective firms and provide needed support for faculty and graduate students. We are extremely grateful for the generous support from each firm and their Tull School alumni.

Finally, this spring marked the departure of one of our valued instructors, Stephanie Miller. Stephanie, a Tull School BBA and MAcc graduate, joined the Tull faculty as a lecturer in 2002. Stephanie has been an outstanding instructor of accounting systems for the School. Stephanie, her husband, and daughter recently relocated to Marietta and are expecting another addition to the family late spring.

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**Tull PhD Meets Uga**

It’s never too early to establish your relationship with Uga. Shown above are PhD student Chad Simon and his wife Jennifer along with their children (left) two-year-old Grant; Kortney, 10 months and in mom’s lap; and five-year-old Collin.

**Beresford Inducted in FEI Hall of Fame**

In November, Denny Beresford became one of the five inaugural inductees in Financial Executives International’s Hall of Fame. The following is excerpted from FEI’s profile of Denny on its website.

He was nominated to FEI’s Hall of Fame by Philip D. Ameen, VP and Comptroller of General Electric Co. Ameen says of Beresford: “His integrity and respect for others is shown in that he is always willing and ready to understand others’ views, and always treats those views with respect.” One measure of Beresford’s spotless reputation, says Ameen, is his being appointed to the WorldCom board of directors “as a statement by that board refuting previous accounting conduct.”

Beresford’s individual and organizational performance is highlighted by his stint at the FASB, where, under his leadership, the organization issued about one-quarter of its total output on a broad range of important and complex topics about which constituents and the board were often deeply divided. Yet, he never permitted the FASB to rest on its laurels, but continued to challenge whether each solution was as good as it could and should be.

Beresford is known to seek solutions that meet the needs of all parties. He’s also known for his “great attitude” and for being approachable. Indeed, says Ameen of Beresford: “He knows when to laugh at himself and his profession, but knows when to bring gravitas to bear to reach his objective.” On being inducted into FEI’s Hall of Fame, Beresford reacted with “shock and awe.” He credits Ray Groves, the former CEO of Ernst & Young, as the person most critical to his personal development. Groves, he says, “challenged me to exceed what I thought were my limitations in 1971, and continues, to this date, to be a great source of advice and inspiration.”

Beresford’s advice to others moving up in the profession is simply: “Get a Golden Retriever. No matter how lousy things are, the Golden will love and energize you.”

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2006 MAcc Grads Pledge Annual Gifts

Last spring the 2006 class of MAcc students organized a first-ever pledge drive for the School of Accounting. The recent graduates listed below have pledged annual gifts over periods up to five years. (Several other students contributed anonymously.) The drive resulted in total pledged contributions of over $50,000, most of which will be matched by employers. Inspired by last year’s class gift, the class of 2007 has already started its own class gift campaign.

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The Next Generation of Accountants?

The fall semester was productive in more than one way for the Tull School. Three young women closely associated with the School gave birth in the fall. Perhaps in another 18 years we'll be able to welcome the offspring as new accounting majors!

Pictured clockwise from left above are: Assistant Professor Stacie Laplante and her daughter Annalivia; PhD student Pennie Bagley and son Garrett; and Laura Wieland (wife of Assistant Professor Matt Wieland) and son Emerson.

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Hope Ham
Chosen by FASB

The Financial Accounting Standards Board has selected Tull student Hope (Carrell) Ham to be a Postgraduate Technical Assistant beginning in July 2007. She will work for the FASB in Norwalk, Conn., for a one-year period. Hope is the fourth UGA student selected for this great honor in recent years, following December 2006 graduate Brian Staniszewski (now at the FASB), 2004 graduate Rachel Varian (now with Deloitte in Atlanta) and 2002 graduate Shelby Kazazean (now with KPMG in Chicago).

Hope competed with candidates from many leading universities. Nominees had to have an outstanding academic record and strong communication skills, and have completed course work that provides a thorough knowledge of accounting theory and practice. Postgraduate Technical Assistants are assigned to major FASB agenda projects or to short-term practice and implementation issues. They are involved in all phases of their assigned projects, including analyzing written submissions received on documents issued for public comment, reviewing and analyzing published research, preparing memorandums on technical issues for Board members' information, drafting due process documents, and evaluating accounting proposals of other organizations.

Hope expects to receive both her BBA and MAcc degrees this spring, having completed the usual five-year program in four years. Through her University days she has earned A's in all her classes and has received numerous scholarships and other academic awards. Also, she has been Feature Twirler for the Redcoat Marching Band for the past four years and has won numerous national and world champion titles in baton twirling.

Hope worked as an audit intern for Deloitte during the summer of 2006 and expects to return to public accounting after her year at the FASB. Her husband Ben will receive his Masters in Chemistry from UGA this spring and will work for a year before attending medical school.
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