

# Fieldcrest Scholars — Where Are They Now?



**W. GALE RHODES**  
1961



**MARY JANE GREGORY**  
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**DARRELL C. STEAGALL**  
1961



**LINDA L. WILKINSON**  
1960



**DARLENE SUE SAMPSON**  
1963

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This is what The Mill Whistle wanted to know about past winners of Fieldcrest Scholarships. Questionnaires were sent out to as many past winners as could be located. From the material returned, it was revealed that many of the Fieldcrest Scholars went on to earn post graduate degrees and most have achieved success in their chosen fields.

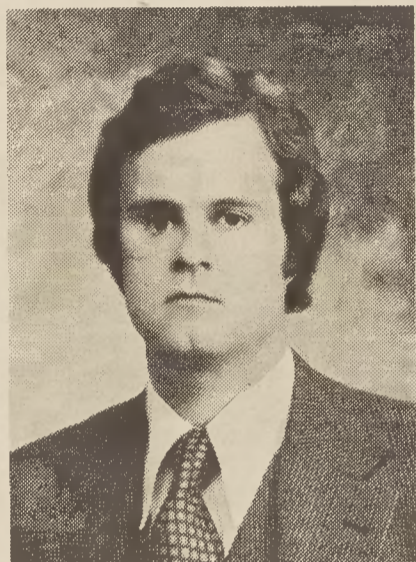
W. Gale Rhodes, a 1961 Fieldcrest Scholarship recipient, graduated from N.C. State University in 1965 with a B.S. degree in applied mathematics. While at State he was elected to Phi Kappa Phi National Scholastic Honorary Society, Pi Mu Epsilon National Mathematics Honorary Society, and the Society of the Sigma Xi, an honorary society for the advancement of science.

He went on to earn a PhD degree in chemistry from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1971. He recently received a two-year Cottrell College Science grant from research in the evolution of proteins at Maryville College and served as advisor to a student group which did cancer research on a National Science Foundation grant.

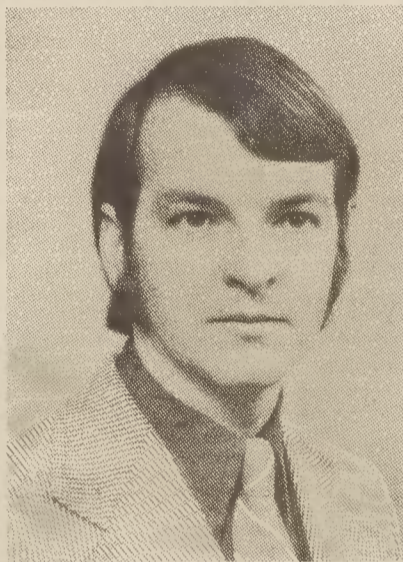
At present he is chairman of the chemistry department at Maryville College, Maryville, Tenn. He is the son of Carl D. Rhodes and the late Eugenia C. Rhodes. His father retired from the Domestic Designing Department in October of this year.

Mary Jane Lawless Gregory received a Fieldcrest Scholarship in 1961 and graduated from Lynchburg College in 1966 with a B.A. degree in elementary education. She was listed in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. At present she is office manager of Lynchburg Secretarial Service in Lynchburg, Va.

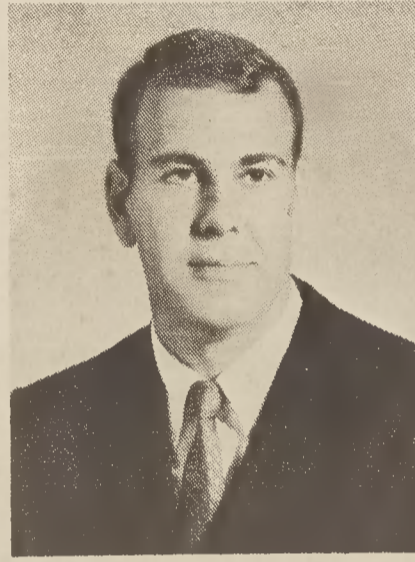
Darrell C. Steagall, a 1961 scholarship recipient, graduated from North Carolina State University in 1966 with a B.S. degree. He graduated with honors and was the recipient of the North Carolina Textile Manufacturers Outstanding Textile Senior Award, the Delta Kappa Phi Outstanding Textile award and the Textile Journalism Award.



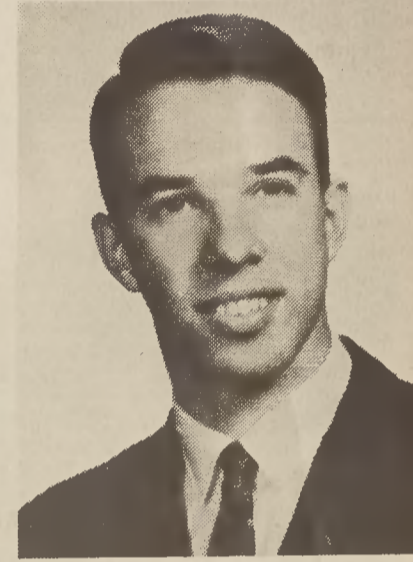
**ROBERT WADE MYRICK**  
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**DONALD F. RHODES**  
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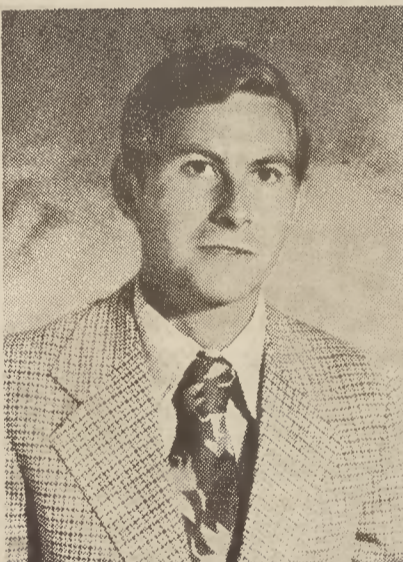
**RICHARD WAYNE HALL**  
1964



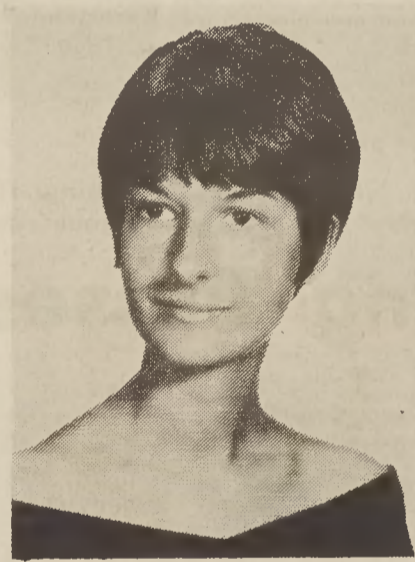
**BARRY TREVIS BYRD**  
1965



**JAMES E. GARDNER, JR.**  
1966



**JAMES RODGERS FINNEY**  
1966



**MARY ELLEN SHUMAKER**  
1968



**CONNIE MAE HYLTON**  
1969

At present he is vice president of sales and secretary of Carlton, Inc., a diversified textile company which produces yarn, double and singleknit fabric, nonwoven fabrics and industrial sewing thread. He is a member of the board of directors of Carlton, Inc. and president of Carlton Knits Division of Carlton, Inc. He is also a member of the board of directors of Delta Thread Company, Mill Fabrics, Inc. and the American Yarn Spinners Association. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James J. Steagall. His father is a retired employee of the Bedspread Mill Weaving Department.

Linda Lorraine Wilkinson received a Fieldcrest Scholarship in 1960. She last attended Virginia Commonwealth University and at present is art director for Art Studio, Inc. in

Greensboro. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Wilkinson. Her father is superintendent of plant services at the Fieldale Towel Mill.

Darlene Sue Scott Sampson, a 1963 Fieldcrest Scholarship winner, graduated from Westhampton College, University of Richmond, in 1967 with a B.A. degree in Spanish. She also received the M.A. degree in Spanish from New York University in 1969.

At present, she is an assistant editor with the Unified Science and Mathematics for Elementary Schools Education Development Center in Newton, Mass. As assistant editor, she helps write and edit new curriculum materials in science and math for grades one through eight. Her mother, Hallie Scott, is a retired spinner at the Fieldale Towel Mill.

Robert Wade Myrick received a Fieldcrest Scholarship in 1964. He received a B.A. degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1968 and graduated from the UNC School of Law in 1971. He is now a partner in the law firm of Clayton, Myrick, McCain and Oettinger in Durham. His mother, Juanita S. McElroy, is a former employee of the Automatic Blanket Plant Office.

Donald F. Rhodes, a 1964 scholarship winner, graduated from the North Carolina State University School of Textiles in 1968 with a B.S. degree in textile technology. He is now a process development engineer with Huyck-Formex, a division of Huyck Corporation. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam B. Rhodes, Jr. His father is supervisor of the chemical laboratory and colorist in the Research and Develop-

ment Department, Eden.

Richard Wayne Hall, also a 1964 scholarship winner, graduated from Western Carolina University magna cum laude in 1968 with an associate in arts degree and a B.S. degree. He was listed in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. He also holds a master of arts degree. At present he is assistant terminal manager of Associated Transport in Danville, Va. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Hall. His mother, Hazel, is a retired employee of the Blanket Greige Mill Weaving Department.

Barry Trevis Byrd, a 1965 scholarship winner, graduated from North Carolina State University in 1969 with a B.S. degree in textile chemistry. He was the recipient of the Textile

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