

**To: President Thomas K. Hearn, Jr.**

May 17, 1997

Dear President Hearn,

Very soon my experience as a student at Wake Forest University will come to its conclusion. On Monday, upon Commencement, my official relationship with the school will be terminated, and I will be flying back to Europe the next day.

Before my departure, however, I want to make sure that you know how much I enjoyed my three years at Wake Forest, and how rewarding my overall experience has been. I deeply believe that Wake Forest and, specifically, the Wayne Calloway School of Business and Accountancy, is a great school. The academics are very strong and the facilities are state-of-the-art and, generally, very efficient. All the professors that I have had for my Business curriculum were excellent professors, and I feel that the level of the education provided by the school was excellent.

On my part, I think that I have done all my work and have been a good student. However, I want to emphasize that it was very easy for me to be highly motivated in such a stimulating environment, working with such nice and competent faculty members.

I am very happy that I have become a good friend of some professors, such as David Isbister in the Business department, Peter Kairoff in the Music department, and Bill Hottinger in Health and Sports Science, now retired. I will retain these friendship relationships even after I am no longer a student.

My love for Wake Forest is also deeply connected to the beauty of the campus and its surroundings. Places like the Reynolda Gardens or the pond with the ducks at Graylyn Conference Center at sunset, have provided me with the mood and inspiration to write some of what I consider my best poetry and musical works. I hope with all my heart that, at least for as long as I live, the natural beauty that is part of those places will remain untouched.

As my career in music further advances, I would love to keep in touch with Wake Forest, and maybe come back one day to give a concert at my Alma Mater. In the meantime, you can be sure that Wake Forest University will receive very good publicity from me, both here in the US and overseas.

Thank you for your great school.

If I could go back in time and do it all over again, I certainly would.

Sincerely,

*Christian Cappelluti*