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Campus construction on schedule

Following a symbolic groundbreaking for Abernethy Village held September 19, and the demolition one month later of the circa-1966 Abernethy Residence Hall, all is on schedule and going according to plan with the construction of five new residence halls on campus. That according to Catawba College's Director of Facilities Henry Haywood who said those residence halls will be ready to use by the beginning of '07-'08 academic year.

Summit Development of Salisbury, which is serving as general contractor for the project, has poured footings for two of the residence halls which will face Summit Avenue, Haywood said. Electrical and plumbing for these two halls

also are being installed prior to the slabs being poured for them. Where Abernethy Residence Hall stood, a retaining



Symbolic groundbreaking for Abernethy Village

wall is being removed prior to grading of the site which will prep it for footings for the three other residence halls.

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Grady Shoe '49 (r) receives Distinguished Alumnus Award from Dr. Knott and Catawba Alumni Board President Alison Horner Klopp '95



Catawba's NFL Alumni (L-R) L. Drew Brie '69, David Taylor '73, Ike Hill '70, Bucky "The Claw" Pope '64, Ed Koontz '68

Catawba Couples Contest

In our last issue of CAMPUS, we challenged our alumni who married someone they met through Catawba to send us their 'how we met' stories. We love the many submissions and had a hard time choosing a favorite. Alas, there was an eventual winner. See below the story submitted by Stuart Smith '77 about his courtship of Pam Lee Smith '75, his wife of thirty years!

In his own words: "In the fall of 1973, I was a freshman taking an introductory computer science class. This was back in the days of punch cards and "IBM Selectric typewriter" output. Lo and behold, I spotted this lovely, slender coed with the prettiest long brown hair who was working part time in the academic computer center helping students with their programming assignments. Pam Lee was a junior (out of my league) and

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Joanna Jasper
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Campus technology update

In September, the department of Computer Services (CS) achieved a major milestone in its strategic plan to provide state-of-the-art information technology services to the students, faculty, and staff of Catawba College. Computer Services moved from the extremely crowded basement of the library into the refurbished lower level of Hoke Hall, providing not only more spacious, functional, and attractive facilities, but setting Catawba College on a path towards realizing a first-class Information Technology (IT) Center on campus.

The Hoke Hall IT Center currently includes a secure data center with appropriate environmental controls, a state-of-the-art fire suppression system, a backup generator, and ample room for growth. Future plans for the upper floors of Hoke call for multimedia workstations and project rooms to support various forms of digital creativity, an instructional technology training lab for faculty, a 24 by 7 computer lab for students, and a web-based videoconferencing center.

The journey to transform technology at Catawba College began in 2003. After a year of research, planning, and reorganization by the Computer Services team, the Board of Trustees heard in May, 2004, a report on the state of technology at Catawba College. This report also articulated a vision and plan for upgrading the technology services to the campus. Recognizing the importance of this technology plan to the College's overall strategic plan, the Board of Trustees established an ad hoc Information Technology Committee, chaired by trustee Dan Bross, to focus on implementing this plan.

With the trustees providing vital support and funding, and the Computer Services team doing the foundational groundwork, many major information technology projects have been completed, and many more are well-underway. The Hoke Hall Information Technology Center stands as a physical reminder of the major advances in IT occurring all across campus, and a symbol of the College's ongoing commitment to position itself as a leader in higher education technology amongst its peer institutions.

It is essential that technology support the core mission of teaching and learning. To this point, the plan for academic computing called for upgrading the Blackboard Learning Management System on campus in order to provide more functionality and make it easier for faculty and students to use. Blackboard is a market-leading academic tool that enables faculty to supplement the in-class experience with an online presence. Through Blackboard, faculty can post syllabi and course materials online, engage the students in online discussion forums and surveys, provide students with a digital drop-box for turning in assignments, and give students access to an online grade book so that the student knows where he/she stands in the course after each graded assignment.

In other efforts to support and improve teaching and learning, the Computer Services team is presently engaged in a project to upgrade the projection and sound systems in technology-enhanced classrooms, as well as to double their number, provide wireless network access, and add digital whiteboard capabilities. Additionally, the CS team is replacing faculty desktops with laptops that can be easily moved from office to classroom for digital presentations. Specialized hardware and software tools have been provided to academic departments across campus, including Theatre Arts, the Sciences, Teacher Education, and Business.

Of course, the administrative offices are also heavily dependent on information technology for automation of time-consuming business processes, for timely and lower-cost communications with customers, for data analysis and reporting, and for self-service web-based alternatives for paper and people intense business processes, such as grade reporting and academic advising. The College's enterprise administrative computing system underwent a significant upgrade, completed in October 2005, thanks in part to a major grant from the Cannon Foundation. This upgrade enhanced the functionality and services available to the offices of Admissions, Financial Aid, Registrar, Student Development, Business, and Development. In 2007, further enhancements to the reporting and data analysis capabilities of this system are planned.

Through ongoing upgrades to CatLink, the Catawba College web portal, the College is increasingly providing anytime, anywhere, self-service access to information and business processes. In 2007, plans are underway to provide online grading to faculty and an online unofficial transcript to students. The CS team also supports the implementation of many auxiliary systems, such as the new Dining Services system, and upgrades to the Bookstore and Facilities systems. In 2007, a new event-scheduling and web-based campus calendaring system will be implemented.

Critical to all these services is, of course, the infrastructure on which all of these electronic services run—the systems and networking framework underlying all information technology services. Beginning in December 2003, the College partnered with Enterasys Networks to develop a more secure and reliable network. This upgraded system, largely invisible to users, directs network traffic more efficiently, increases network speed, and positions the College to better support wireless computing, which is steadily being expanded on campus. Systems were put in place to protect the campus community from the ever-increasing nuisance and threat posed by malware such as viruses and spam. As a consequence of these system and network upgrades, students can now safely and reliably access the internet from their dorm rooms; all campus users can gain electronic access to the library's many online databases; the campus community can access email and personal and campus calendars using Microsoft Outlook or through an award-winning web-based interface. These upgrades also enabled the IT staff to increase redundancy and better monitor performance, resulting in less unscheduled downtime and a more consistent and favorable technology experience.

These major accomplishments could only have been achieved through the strong support of trustees and the administration, and through the skills, passion, and commitment of the Computer Services staff. The result is an enhanced ability to recruit, serve, and retain students; an enhanced means of performing administrative operations; and enhanced access to an increasingly digital and virtual world for Catawba College students, faculty, and staff. Though this virtual world does not stand still, we are increasingly positioned to move with it, and to make the most of ongoing advances in information technology.

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Students and donors meet for Catawba's annual Endowed Scholarship Luncheon

Student scholarship recipients and their scholarship donors or donor representatives came together Wednesday, Nov. 8 for Catawba College's annual Endowed Scholarship Luncheon held in Peeler Crystal Lounge on campus.

Senior Lester Sconyers of New Bern, the recipient of the Briggs-Green-Price Scholarship, spoke on behalf of his fellow scholarship recipients. Sconyers explained that in the words of a wise man, Forrest Gump, "Life's like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're going to get." He added that he had chosen well when he chosen to attend Catawba and "ended up with a piece of chocolate that still tastes sweet today," thanks in part to the scholarship he received.

"I've walked the road of self-discovery at this college," Sconyers concluded before thanking those donors gathered for their financial support.

Catawba College Senior Vice President Tom Childress introduced donors of the 10 new Endowed Scholarships which were established at the College over the past year. With the addition of these new scholarships, the number of endowed scholarship now available at the institution totals 212.

New scholarships established this year included the Dr. C. Robert and Elizabeth Carlton Scholarship, established in honor of Dr. C. Robert and Elizabeth Carlton, both former faculty members of Catawba College, by their son and daughter-in-law, Mrs. and Mrs. Kevin D. Carlton; the N. Windsor Eagle Scholarship, established anonymously in honor of Windsor

Eagle of Salisbury; the Frances H. Johnson Scholarship, in honor of Catawba College Trustee Emeritus Frances "Billie" Johnson by Insteel Industries, Inc.; the Kelly-Cline Scholarship, established by Catawba College Alumni Ned and Linda Kelly Cline of Greensboro, members of the class of 1964; the Roy and Alma Leinbach Scholarship, established by Catawba College Alumna Alma Leinbach '43 in memory of her husband, a 1933 Catawba College alumnus and trustee, and in honor of their long association with the institution; the William E. and Virginia Samuels Scholarship, established by Catawba College Alumnus William Samuels '53 and wife Virginia; the William A. Sherrill Scholarship, established from the estate of Mrs. William

"I've walked the road of self-discovery at this college."

- Lester Sconyers

Sherrill; the Howard Shone Scholarship, established in honor of Howard Shone by his son and daughter-in-law, Catawba College Alumnus Thomas Shone '81 and wife Andrea; the Rick and Cinda Toms Scholarships, established by Mr. Rick Toms '74 and wife Cinda of Hagerstown, Md.; the Jason Walser Scholarship, established in honor of Jason Walser of Salisbury, director of the LandTrust of Central North Carolina; and the John E. Wear Scholarship, established in honor of Dr. John



Senior Lester Sconyers speaks at luncheon

Wear, a Catawba College professor and director of Catawba's Center for the Environment.

In his closing remarks, Catawba College President Dr. Robert Knott told donors gathered that the scholarships they have established help deserving students afford to attend the institution. Ninety eight percent of Catawba students receive some form of financial assistance, he said. He noted that Catawba's recent endowment campaign successfully had achieved its goal of \$35 million and with continued support from donors was nearing \$38 million.

'43 Alumna Establishes Scholarship

Alma Wagoner Leinbach '43 of Newton says it was almost predetermined that she would attend Catawba College.

To ensure that other students have the same opportunity that she, and other members of her family, did, Mrs. Leinbach has established a scholarship at the institution. Preference for the Roy E. and Alma W. Leinbach Endowed Scholarship Fund will be given to able and deserving pre-ministerial students or students from Catawba County who demonstrate need.

Mrs. Leinbach's parents, the late B.F. and Jennie Barringer Wagoner, both from Rowan County, attended old Catawba in Newton and are counted among the class of 1901. Her older sister, the late Margaret Wagoner Davis, graduated from new Catawba in 1940. When it came Alma's time to go off to college, she remembers that there was not much to discuss.

In a cyclical turn of history, that family tradition of attending Catawba continued in Mrs. Leinbach's own family. Her late husband, the Reverend Roy Leinbach, earned his degree from Catawba College in 1933. Then, three of the couple's four children continued in their parents' foot-

steps at Catawba. Linda Leinbach Ferguson of Plymouth, Mich., graduated in 1966; Nancy Leinbach Laimbeer of Newton graduated in 1968; and Katherine "Kathy" Leinbach Frye of Catawba County graduated in 1981. The Leinbachs' son, the late Roy William Leinbach, also attended Catawba briefly.

"Here is a family who seems tied through the generations to Catawba College," notes Catawba College Senior Vice President Tom Childress. "This new scholarship is a way to assure that future students at the institution remember and honor the Leinbach family."

The late Reverend Leinbach, who died in 1993, was the minister at the Wagoner family's church in Newton, Grace Church. It was from the pulpit that he first encountered Alma Wagoner. After her graduation from Catawba, she married this United Church of Christ minister.

"It was an adventure and we were into a lot of different things," Mrs. Leinbach remembers of her life with her husband, who served for 27 years on the Catawba College Board of Trustees. "He loved his work at Catawba, his work at the UCC Retirement Home in Newton, and serving on the

Nazareth Children's Home board of managers.

"Roy felt such a closeness to Catawba, even after all of these years of us being away from it as we were," she continues. "I was just thinking about Roy and thought we needed a way to remember his work. He never wanted to take credit when he was living, and I just thought that he should get credit for the work he had done and credit in this way."

Mrs. Leinbach, a retired teacher in the Catawba County Schools, actively supported her husband's work at various pastorates including Newton, and Startown. She served as organist at St. Paul's in Newton, the church she now attends, and was active in the Sunday school, and various women's organizations of the church.

When asked what it was like to come back to her alma mater with her husband who had graduated 10 years before her, she remembers: "We had different friends, but we both just blended right in. It was something about Catawba – the spirit of the school that made it so outstanding."

Endowed scholarships at Catawba College are established with gifts of \$10,000 or more.

Ralph W. Ketner Scholars feted at Catawba

Fifty-five students, all recipients of Ralph W. Ketner Scholarships, were feted September 21 at a luncheon at Catawba College. Mr. Ketner, co-founder and chairman emeritus of Food Lion, Inc., and his wife Anne established the scholarships at the College to assist deserving local students with the cost of their education.

Two of the students, senior Sherri Hill of East Spencer and junior Ryan Dayvault of Kannapolis, spoke on behalf of their fellow scholarship recipients and expressed their appreciation to the Ketners. Hill noted that the Ketner Scholarship enabled her to both attend and pay for college when her father died during her high school years.



"As Ketner Scholars and Rowan County residents, we can give back in the service and dedication we provide this institution."

- Ryan Dayvault

Dayvault echoed Hill and said without Mr. Ketner's support "it would have been hard for me to attend Catawba." He noted that it was important for him to remain in Rowan County where he grew up and where his family lives, but it was equally important for him "not to be just a number as I would have been at a large state institution."

"This college has a bright future ahead and we can all be part of it," Dayvault told those gathered. "As Ketner Scholars and Rowan County residents, we can give back in the service and dedication we provide this institution." He offered thanks to Mr. Ketner for "allowing all of us to be a part of your life's story."

College President Dr. Robert Knott explained that one of Mr. Ketner's lessons is "that hard work is necessary, but the most important thing is to be a person of ideas."

Mr. Ketner spoke briefly at the luncheon, noting that his success grew out of his need to survive in business. He in turn thanked the students "for being the people you are."

Ralph W. Ketner Scholars from Salisbury include Benjamin Aldridge, Charlie Aldridge, Timothy Ayscue, Andrew Branning, Jason Chapman, Justin Dionne, Dacia Dryman, Henry Fairley, Mikel Fesperman, Lauren Flynn, Stacy Suggs Frick, Jessica Jones, Christopher Junker, James Kesler, Samuel Ketner, Carly Moore, Michael Moore, Kelly Munday, Taylor Osborne, Ashley Overcash, Jennifer Pitel, Kelly Poole, Leslie Robertson, Blake Scearce, Shelley Ward, Candance Weathers, Ashley Wells, Leslie Wilson, and Aaron Young.

Scholars from China Grove included Kevin Biles, Hannah Burseson, Rebecca Helms, Mitchell McIntosh, Adam Thompson, Lauren Weaver, and Amanda Wilson.

Scholars from Kannapolis include Angela Bailey, Johnathan Menius, and William Van Wieren.

Scholars from other locations in the area were Amanda Durham and Nicholas Kalogeromitos, both of Rockwell; Paul Link and Amanda McDaniel, both of Cleveland; Justin McIntyre and Adam Taylor, both of Woodleaf; Jared Gordon, Roger Morris, Aaron Rimer, and Cheng Seng Thao, all of Spencer; Nicholas Lefko of Faith; Tyler Smith of Rockwell; Jacqueline White of Mount Ulla; and Robert White of Polkton.

Salisbury couple honored with Catawba Scholarship

Catawba College Alumnus Kevin Carlton '85 and wife Wendy of Salisbury have established a scholarship fund at the College in honor of Kevin's parents, Dr. C. Robert and Elizabeth Carlton, both of whom are retired Catawba fac-

ulty members. The scholarship will be awarded to students who demonstrate financial need and are pursuing education majors in the fields of mathematics, computer science or music.

"We thank Kevin and Wendy for choosing to establish a scholarship as a way to honor Bob and Libby Carlton for all they both have meant to the life of Catawba," said Catawba Senior Vice President Tom Childress. "Not only will it benefit future generations of deserving students, but it is a very tangible way to memorialize his parents and their respective roles at the institution."

Dr. Robert Carlton joined the faculty of Catawba College in 1981 as chairman of the mathematics department and professor of mathematics. He came to Catawba from Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky., where he served in a similar capacity. A graduate of Georgetown College, Dr. Carlton received his master's degree from Northwestern University and his doctorate from George Peabody College, now part of Vanderbilt University.

Elizabeth "Libby" Carlton joined the faculty of Catawba College in 1983 as assistant professor of music. In that capacity, she not only taught music classes to undergraduates, but also founded and developed the College's Community Music Program. She earned two under-

graduate degrees from Georgetown College and also a master's degree from that institution. A certified Orff teacher and a nationally recognized clinician, she is also the author of many articles and the co-author of nine books concerning the role of music and movement in elementary education. She has served as music consultant for High/Scope Educational Research Foundation and is a consulting editor for the Children's Music Series, Lifeway Church Music Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention. For over 22 years, she has served as organist at First Baptist Church, Salisbury.

"My parents spent a good deal of their professional lives at Catawba College," explained Kevin Carlton. "A scholarship fund established in their honor is one way to assure that they will be long remembered at the institution."

Kevin is employed as a systems manager with Wachovia Corporation in Charlotte. He also spends time as a general contractor building custom homes, operating a property management company and working within his church organizing various sports leagues. His wife, Wendy, is employed with the Rowan-Salisbury School System as a teacher assistant and with Century 21 as a broker/realtor. The couple has three sons, Wesley, Bradley and Hunter.



Dr. C. Robert & Elizabeth Carlton chat with College President Dr. Knott at scholarship luncheon November 8

The late Enoch Goodman honored at Catawba College

Catawba College trustees and administrators, gathered with family and friends of the late Enoch Goodman Monday, October 16, to pay tribute to the man who served for more than 50 years on the board of trustees and who through his many financial contributions to the college earned the distinction of being the most generous alumni donor in its history.

A portrait of the late Salisbury businessman and 1938 Catawba College alumnus was unveiled following a dinner held in the Kirkland lobby of Abernethy Physical Education Center on campus. A resolution of respect, adopted by Goodman's fellow trustees at their morning meeting, was read aloud by College President Robert Knott and also presented to Goodman's family.

Goodman, who died on December 28, 2005, was a Salisbury native, an outstanding scholar-athlete at Catawba College, and a partner in B.V. Hedrick Gravel and Sand, Co. He was also engaged in many civic activities. He served on the Security Bank Board, on the Board of Trustees for the Rowan Memorial Hospital, as chairman of the building committee for Knox Junior High School, and as a member of the Salisbury City School Board. He was tapped for service by the Catawba Board of Trustees in 1954 and served in that capacity until his death.

As a Catawba trustee, Goodman helped spearhead the construction of six major buildings on campus, including the physical education center which contains the Goodman Gymnasium, a gift from him and his first wife, the late Dorothy Hedrick. He consistently gave

of his time and financial resources to establish scholarships and to support the institution's annual funds and various capital campaigns.

According to Knott, Goodman's interests in his alma mater were varied and matched the pace of the times. He made donations to improve the on-campus computer system, to enhance security and safety for college community members, to improve Keppel Auditorium, and to air-condition the offices in

"An outstanding servant leader, a generous benefactor, a man who lived long, well, and honorably, and gave selflessly of his time and resources."

- Dr. Robert Knott

the physical education center. In recent years, his substantial contributions also supported the Shuford Stadium construction, where the Goodman Deck is named for him, and to the institution's Hayes Field House, where the Goodman Lobby bears his name. Catawba's School of Physical Education and Athletics is also named for Goodman and his first wife, Dorothy Hedrick Goodman.

individually, suffered the loss of a good friend and a much respected partner in the ongoing service of Catawba College."

Goodman is survived by wife Lois Busby Goodman; children, Michael Alvin Goodman, Jeffrey Vance Goodman, and Dorothy Gail Settle, grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews, and other extended family members.



Lois Goodman, the widow of Enoch Goodman '38, stands beside his portrait

Needy have turkey thanks to ducks

One hundred and twenty-five needy area families enjoyed a complete Thanksgiving meal this year, thanks to a Duck Draw Community Service Fundraiser sponsored by Catawba College's Residence Life Staff.

Before a small gathering of faculty, staff and students, over 1,000 brightly colored plastic ducks were set afloat shortly before noon on Monday, Nov. 13 in the fountain outside of the Cannon Student Center on campus. Then at noon, over 150 ducks were drawn. Each duck that was plucked from the water displayed on its bottom a number which corresponded to a \$1 ticket purchased by a member of the college community. These numbers also corresponded to donated prizes from area merchants, ranging from hair cuts to large pizzas.

This is the third year in a row that Catawba's Residence Life Staff has sponsored the fundraiser. Proceeds from the Duck Draw, along with funds raised by selling cookies and cotton candy at Catawba home football games, netted the monies to underwrite the costs of providing the Thanksgiving meals.

In 2005, 90 needy area families were able to enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving meal. According to Dan Sullivan, Catawba's dean of students, the residence life staff works with several county organizations to select families with the greatest need for a Thanksgiving meal. Meals include a turkey, dressing, a turkey pan, vegetables, bread, rice, and a dessert.



Faculty, staff and students anxiously await for the duck draw to begin

Catawba Center's Sustainable Communities Leadership Institute begins

The Catawba College Center for the Environment launched its Sustainable Communities Leadership Institute in October to advance sustainability in the state and the region.

The institute is a program designed to educate and equip current and emerging leaders in the state to become effective change agents on issues spawned by rapid growth. Its purpose is to create a network of leaders and community action groups capable of transforming communities in sustainable ways.

Sustainability is defined as "living so that the current generation meets its needs without compromising future generations' ability to meet their needs."

A strong component of the institute includes instruction in intensive collaborative community leadership. This approach provides leaders with tools and techniques for bringing diverse stakeholders together to focus on the vision they have for their communities. David Chrislip, co-author of *Collaborative Leadership: How Citizens and Civic Leaders Can Make a Difference* and co-founder of the Denver Community Leadership Forum, is working closely with the center staff to design the leadership sessions.

Catawba students will have opportunities through institute workshops and conferences to learn from thought leaders and leaders in the state who confront sustainability issues on a daily basis.

2006-2007 – Institute's Planning Year

The institute held a three-day retreat in October for the first participants, all of whom were leaders in North or South Carolina. During this retreat, participants explored the environmental challenges the state faces and the driving forces behind them. The discussion centered on how to effectively build and promote a network of leadership in North Carolina that will transform communities toward sustainability.

Two follow-up sessions are scheduled during the winter. Participants will, among other things, explore the lessons learned from successful civic leadership development programs and define the workshops and forums for the spring of 2007.

The general public will be able to join institute participants in four mini-conferences and a Sustainability Fair during the spring.



Fifteen leaders from North & South Carolina participated in the first Sustainable Communities Leadership Institute retreat. Several discuss the issues surrounding sustainability: (clockwise from left) Katy Ansardi, executive director of Sustainable NC; Larry Shirley, director of N.C. Office of Energy; Dyke Messinger, president of Power Curbers; Van Shields, director of the York County Culture & Heritage Museums; and Jim Beall Graham, former member of the Davidson County Commission and past president of the LandTrust for Central North Carolina.

Advisory Council

A number of state and regional leaders, who share the Center's goals of transforming the region toward sustainability, have agreed to serve as advisors to the Institute. Most of them attended the retreat:

- Katy Ansardi, Executive Director, Sustainable NC
- Philip Blumenthal, President, Blumenthal Foundation
- Bill Holman, Executive Director, NC Clean Water Management Trust Fund
- Edward Norvell, Legal Counsel, Conservation Trust for North Carolina
- Dyke Messinger, President, Power Curbers, Inc.
- Linda Rimer, N.C. and S.C. Liaison, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Larry Shirley, Director, NC Office of Energy
- Wanda Urbanska, President, Simple Living TV Network

In addition, the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation and the Alcoa Foundation have committed substantial funds to the enterprise.



Alumni Association Board of Directors

The Catawba College Alumni Association Board of Directors' purpose is to further the well-being of the College and its alumni through activities designed to increase the interest of its members in the College and in each other.

Alison Horner Klopp '95 serves as President with Kelly McKinley Kepley '87 as President-Elect.

The following 24 alumni currently serve the college on the Alumni Association Board of Directors: Meredith Knowles Abramson '96 of Salisbury; Avery Bordeaux '61 of Raleigh; Beth Buford '06 of Salisbury; Jill Ridenhour Chalmers '85 of Salisbury; Chuck Farthing '75 of Harrisonburg, Va.; John T. Graham '62 of Salisbury; John Gust '02 of Falls Church, Va.; Vickie Hardy '81 of Advance; John Hartpence Jr. '64 of Salisbury; Kelly M. Kepley '87 of Powder Springs, Ga.; Alison Horner Klopp '95 of Mooresville; Tony Klubert '86 of Hickory; Tameka Lundy '02 of Temple Hills, Md.; Scott Martin '92 of Huntsville, Al.; Theresa Wallace Matthews '79 of Denton; Shannon Davenport McCoy '03 of Salisbury; George A. Noble '53 of Salisbury; Debbie Book Shelton '71 of Oak Ridge; Dr. Jonathan Slaughter '00 of Charleston, SC; Jane Smith-Steinberg '66 of Salisbury; Randy Southard '74 of Stokesdale; R. J. Speaks '99 of Yadkinville; Phil Stillman '86 of Matthews; and Dr. Charles E. Suber '96 of Morganton. With the challenge of encouraging classmate involvement, mentoring current students, and being resources for the college, Alumni Director Margaret Faust projects great things from the board. "On the Alumni Board, we are so fortunate to have an incredible blend of enthusiasm, talent, commitment, and passion to see Catawba thrive. It is a wonderful year for the college," Faust says.

Ugly Bug Ball raises \$32,000 for Center for Environment

The Ugly Bug Ball, held Oct. 7, raised more than \$32,000 for the work of the Catawba College Center for the Environment, especially for its new Sustainable Communities Leadership Institute.

A total of 260 people attended the event, which featured a botanical garden tour; a Buglao buffet; "On-Stage," a humorous encounter with the environment, by Kent Bernhardt; tunes of Tommy Dorsey and others by Steve Ethers and the Jitterbugs; and dancing to the music of "Divided by Four."

"We could not have had such a successful event without the hard work of many talented and dedicated volunteers and the wonderful generosity of our sponsors," says Dr. John Wear, director of the Center.

The sponsors include: Gold – Larry & Susan Cloninger, Bill & Nancy Stanback. Silver – Catawba College, Power Curbers.

Bronze – F&M Bank, Kathleen McGill Trust, Bill & Shari Graham.

Pewter – Fred & Alice Stanback, Alcoa, Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Carlton, Summit Developers Inc., Plantation Ridge Partnership, Lillian's Library & Antiques, Silver Eagle Distributors, Debbie Suggs Catering.

Friends of the Center – Cara Reische, Kent Bernhardt of Performance Racing Network, Steve Ethers, Mike Miller of Miller-Davis Studios, Clyde Overcash, Carolina Lily of Princess Alyssa Klaus, Fine Frame Gallery, Diversified Graphics and Godley's Garden Shop.

Carolyn Peck chaired the planning committee for the event. She was assisted by co-chairs Susan Cloninger and Joel and Joyce Goodwin. Others on the committee included Seamus Donaldson, Lillian Gascoigne, Cathy Green, Brenda Knott, Elizabeth Langford, Mike Miller, Susan Norvell, Camille Reische, Katie Setzer and Rita Watjen.



Giant butterflies greeted guests as they entered the Center for the Environment building where the first annual Ugly Bug Ball was held.



Charlotte Mayor marks 50th Birthday while at Catawba College

His fellow Catawba College Trustees surprised Charlotte Mayor and Catawba College Alumnus Pat McCrory '78 on his birthday, Tuesday, October 17th. McCrory's 50th birthday coincided with the semi-annual meeting of the Board of Trustees and a decorated cake and balloons marked the occasion.

McCrory's mentor and political science professor at Catawba, Dr. Sanford Silverburg, carried the cake into the trustees' meeting room and jokingly traded verbal barbs with McCrory before trustees launched into a chorus of "Happy Birthday."

Outside of the impromptu birthday celebration on the campus of his alma mater, McCrory had little to look forward to but meetings on October 17th. His day began in Greensboro at the annual conference of the N.C. League of Municipalities, followed by the Catawba College Board of Trustee meeting in Salisbury, a meeting at Duke Energy in Charlotte, which employs him, and a Charlotte economic development meeting that afternoon.

In December 2005, McCrory became Charlotte's first six-term Mayor and its longest serving. He is married to Ann Gordon McCrory.



Catawba College Application Fee Waiver

Do you know a promising student who would be a good match for Catawba College?

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Refer a promising student and when they submit their application along with this voucher, their \$25 application fee will be waived. Help Catawba identify students who will help carry on the Catawba tradition. Refer a promising student today!



Gifts to campus ministry support increased spiritual growth

Last year, alumni and friends of Catawba College stepped forward to underwrite the Porter and Maria Seiwel Chair for Campus Ministry. Their gifts already are paying wonderful dividends as those gifts support renewed efforts to provide religious life and spiritual growth for Catawba students.

...The weekly Campus Worship services have been redesigned and attendance has nearly tripled.

...The retreat ministry which affords students an opportunity to reflect on values and to plan for the spiritual growth has been expanded

...The number of students involved in volunteerism in projects such as the homeless awareness movement, working with habitat, serving elderly in the community has increased significantly.

...Pastoral counseling has taken on an increased role.

Funds still are needed for the Seiwel Chair for Campus Ministry. You may contribute by marking your gifts for this purpose and sending them to: Campus Ministry Endowment, Catawba College, 2300 West Innes Street, Salisbury, NC 28144.



The Rev. Dr. Ken Clapp

The following persons not previously acknowledged contributed to the Seiwel Chair for Campus Ministry since the last report:

Ms. Treva Wingo McLaughlin
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 The Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Stumb
 Drs. William and Lisa Schnuit
 Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sheeks
 Mr. Curtis Risley
 Mr. and Mrs. Allen Gantt
 Trinity Reformed United Church of Christ
 The Rev. Dr. and Mrs. William Johnson
 Dr. Dolan Hubbard
 Mr. Charles Vaughan



Dates To Remember

Chiefs Club Ladies Night-
 Friday, March 30, 2007

**Blue/ White Spring
 Football Game-**
 Saturday, March 31, 2007

**Sports Hall of Fame
 Golf Tournament-**
 Friday, April 27, 2007

**Sports Hall of Fame
 Induction Ceremony-**
 Saturday, April 28, 2007

Homecoming Weekend -
 October 26-28, 2007



MEMORANDUM

TO: All Alumni

FROM: Your Alumni & Development Office

We want to be sure that you know about the following:

Catawba Alumni News

Our e-newsletter is free to all alumni. It is sent out four times each year--the most recent issue went out at the beginning of November. If you aren't receiving it, and would like to, all we need is your current e-mail address. Send an e-mail from the e-mail address you want us to use to AlumniNews@catawba.edu, and please include your name and Class Year. Please put SUBSCRIBE in the subject field. We'll include you for the next issue!

True Blue Alumni Society

True Blue: a person of unswerving loyalty. Making a gift of any amount to Catawba College for the past three consecutive years qualifies you as a member of our new alumni donor recognition society, the True Blue Alumni Society. We are delighted to have the opportunity to honor our loyal alumni donors for their faithful support! Don't forget to maintain your True Blue status by making a gift of any amount during the College's fiscal year, which ends May 31st. A number of our alumni will become eligible for True Blue when you make a gift this year!

Include Catawba College in your calendar year-end giving

As you review your year-end giving for 2006, don't forget to consider a gift to the Catawba Fund to help our students and support the scholarships and programs the College provides for them! Gifts can be made online at www.catawba.edu/giving, our secure, easy-to-use giving site, or send your check in the mail by December 31st to the Development Office at Catawba College, 2300 West Innes Street, Salisbury, NC 28144!

CONSTRUCTION....

(continued from front page)*Demolition of Abernethy Hall begins*

“Every other Tuesday, contractors, engineers, project managers and college personnel meet to discuss problems, change orders, and needed revisions from either the architects or engineers so we can continue to stay on track with deadlines and budget,” Haywood explained. “This two-way communications between the institution and those assisting us with this project is essential to its success.”

Hoke Hall

Across the campus from the residence halls construction site, a transformation of Hoke Hall is in progress. Its lower level has been completely renovated to create a new server room and office space for the College’s Information Technology (IT) Department. Housed for years in the basement of Corriher Linn Black Library, the IT Department now enjoys state of the art equipment with a generator back-up for the server room, new furniture, a conference room for meetings, and a computer training lab..

This renovation occurred over a three-month period which began in late summer, Haywood said. To make way for the IT move, the Lerner Wellness Center and the Sayakini office, were relocated. Fitness equipment from the Wellness Center was relocated to the gymnasium, while the Sayakini office moved to the third floor of Hoke.

Walls and ceilings on the lower level of Hoke then were demolished and the electrical service was upgraded to include new wiring and lighting. New air-conditioning units were installed in the server room for redundancy and a new fire-suppressant system also was installed there.

*Students watch a track hoe make quick work of demolishing Abernethy Hall**Doug Stanley, a member of the I.T. staff, stands in new computer training lab.*

Now, work is underway on the second floor of Hoke Hall to ready it for the temporary relocation of the College’s library staff and resources. Computer and phone drops, as well as enhanced electrical work, are in process to accommodate this relocation which is scheduled to occur over the Christmas holidays, Haywood said.

“Due to weight of the library stacks, the existing floors in Hoke are not adequate to support the weight load,” Haywood explained. “To house these resources and to make them available to our students and faculty during the renovation of the library, we’ll be bringing four mobile units onto campus. Three of these units will be located between Hoke and Stanback, and the remaining unit will be located behind the library. Plans are to house books and other resources from the library in the mobile units during this period, while the library staff will occupy the second floor of Hoke. In effect, Hoke will become the temporary home on campus for our library for the next year.”

The Corriher Linn Black Library and the Cannon Student Center

The first order of business in the Corriher Linn Black Library will be to safely and completely address the environmental issues there, Haywood said.

The Salisbury-based architectural firm of Bill Burgin and Associates, which has worked with Catawba over the past several years on plans for the library renovation, is now finalizing the construction drawings so the work can be let for bids.

“In months prior to this, we completed facility use surveys with faculty, staff and students which brought us to this point of final construction drawings,” Haywood continued. “Looking ahead to the renovation of our student center, we have begun some preliminary meetings with students, faculty and staff to access their wants and needs in an upgraded facility. This is same sort of due diligence we completed for all of the construction and renovation projects which we have underway on campus.

“The renovation of the Cannon Student Center will complete this phase of projects associated with the College’s master plan projection.”

Beloved professor and coach honored at homecoming dedication

Dr. Frank "Dutch" Meyer, a retired wrestling coach and professor in Catawba College's physical education department, held court on Saturday, Nov. 4, Catawba's Homecoming.

More than a hundred of his former students, colleagues and friends lined up to greet him before the start of a 10:30 a.m. ceremony which dedicated the Auxiliary Gymnasium of the Abernethy Physical Education Center to him. Though wheelchair-bound, Meyer, with wife Maggie by his side, shook hands, shared laughs, and seemed to thoroughly enjoy the attention directed at him.

Catawba College Senior Vice President Tom Childress, a former student of Meyer's, recalled taking a summer gymnastics class under him at Appalachian State in 1963. "I thought I was going to earn a 'gimme A,'" Childress remembered, "but instead I got a hard-earned 'B' and felt lucky to get it."

College President Dr. Robert Knott said of Meyer that "his intensity was something we all understood – helping young people succeed." He told Meyer that the dedication ceremony was just an example of "how dear we hold you in our hearts and minds."

The comments and remarks of Dr. Patricia "Pat" Whitley, a colleague of Meyer, carried those gathered from laughter to tears. "It's a good day to work!" she said loudly, mimicking Meyer's well-known motto. "Get your cognitive going!" "Keep it simple, stupid!" she added, citing two other of Meyer's much-used phrases.

Calling Meyer "a pioneer," Whitley remembered that many of Catawba's firsts were directly due to his hard work, dedication, blood, sweat and tears. "He has fought many battles trying to do what is best for his staff, students, and wrestlers," she said. "Because of you, Dutch, among us are graduates with careers in corrective therapy, health education, physical education and teacher certification, athletic training, sports management and recreation.

"Because of his tireless effort and determination to be the best teacher and coach possible, he has had knee replacement, rotator cuff surgery, and multiple injuries incurred demonstrating every skill to be mastered and modeling a physically fit person.

"On the wrestling mats, he wrestled at every practice, going against some of the best, doing the takedowns and moves, some of which I feel sure he invented," Whitley continued. "Because of family circumstances, he had to give up coaching, but he has never given up the dream that someday wrestling will return to Catawba as one of the winningest sports."

A native of Omaha, Nebraska, Meyer earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Nebraska, his master's degree from the University of Colorado, and his doctorate from the University of West Virginia. He joined Catawba College in 1969 as a professor in the Physical Education Department. A member of that academic department until 2005, he served as its chair from 1969 until 1990. He initiated the institution's Athletic Training Program.

He served as Catawba's wrestling coach from 1970 through 1983, and led his team to 13 winning seasons. In 1983, he was tapped as the NAIA's Wrestling Coach of the Year for District 26, and served as the area representative for wrestling in NAIA Area VII between 1971 and 1974.

His honors and recognitions are numerous. He received the Herne Swink Award as Catawba's outstanding classroom teacher in 1982, the Phi Epsilon Award for campus leadership and outstanding character in 1988. In 1997, he was inducted into Catawba's Sports Hall of Fame. He was recognized by the N.C. Athletic Association as the recipient of its Distinguished Service Award.

Active in the community, he started the cardiac rehabilitation program with Rowan Regional Hospital using Catawba College's facilities.

He and wife Maggie, whom he married in 1955, are longtime members of John Calvin Presbyterian Church and parents of three children.

Three Distinguished Alumni honored at Homecoming

Three Catawba College alumni were honored as recipients of the College's Distinguished Alumnus Award during a barbecue luncheon held Saturday, Nov. 4 in the Goodman Gymnasium of the Abernethy Physical Education Center before the football game against Presbyterian College.

College Alumni Grady Shoe '49 of Mooresville, Larry Cloninger '74 of Salisbury, and Tom Childress '64 of Salisbury were recognized with these awards are made annually at homecoming by the College Alumnus Association to individuals who have served their community, distinguished themselves in their profession, and served the College community.

Grady Shoe '49

Shoe, who enjoyed a long career in the automotive industry, recently stepped down as owner and operator of several Ford dealerships, including Mooresville Ford. Active in the Mooresville community, he served as the first chairman of Mooresville's ABC Store Board and for 30 years, from 1969 to 1999, he served as an elected commissioner for the Town of Mooresville. He is credited with being one of Mooresville's community leaders who successfully lobbied for business diversification during a time when textile industries in the Piedmont area were going out of business.

In 2004, Shoe was the recipient of the State of North Carolina's highest civilian honor, the Order of the Long Leaf Pine. His other honors include Jaycees Boss of the Year, Kiwanian of the Year, Mooresville Outstanding Citizenship award, the Ford Motor Company's President's Award, and the Time Magazine Quality Dealer Award, which Shoe was the only N.C. automotive dealer to receive. He serves on the board of directors for BB&T in Mooresville and is a member of the Carolinas Transportation Compact. He has served as past chair of the Lowrance Hospital and taught Sunday school at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Mooresville for more than 30 years.

Shoe has long supported the College's annual fund, various capital campaigns, the Shuford Stadium campaign and more. Recently, he made a \$100,000 gift to Catawba to establish an endowed scholarship and to endow the institution's annual Orientation Program for new students.

Married to wife Frances, they are parents of four adult children.

Larry Cloninger '74

A native of Gaston County, Cloninger is president of Cloninger Ford-Toyota of Salisbury and serves on the Catawba College Board of Trustees. He has co-chaired the Salisbury Chamber of Commerce's capital campaign and is supportive of many community organizations including the Boy Scouts, the Salisbury-Rowan Symphony, Waterworks Visual Art Gallery, Salisbury Academy and the Cannon School of Salisbury.

He and wife Susan recently established the Cloninger First Family Scholarship fund at Catawba. The couple also made a substantial gift to furnish and maintain the College's guest house which was the 2004 Salisbury-Rowan Symphony Guild's Designer House. That house, which the Cloningers' gift helped furnish and maintain, is now named the Cloninger Guest House in their honor.

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Distinguished Alumnus Larry Cloninger '74 shakes Dr. Knott's hand as his wife, Susan, looks on.

Whitener medal recipients recognized

Nearly 40 of 111 living former Whitener Medal recipients returned to campus to be recognized during a ceremony held Friday, Nov. 3 in Omwake Dearborn Chapel as part of Catawba College's homecoming activities.

College President Dr. Robert Knott called the evening an opportunity "to remember and celebrate one of the special treasures of Catawba College." He explained that the Whitener Medals were awarded annually to the male and female in the graduating class who combine in themselves, in the highest degree, the qualities of character, leadership and scholarship. The Whitener Medals are given in memory of the late Dr. Edgar Whitener of High Point who served as president of the Catawba College Board of Trustees from 1925-1944.

Knott said that the Whitener name, formerly Widener, had long been associated with the institution beginning with its founding in 1851 in Newton. By keeping the name alive at Catawba College through these annual awards, the institution "captures the very best of Catawba's liberal arts educational tradition."

Following their graduation, the Whitener Medal recipients "have gone on to highly distinguished careers and created much toward making the world a better place," Knott said.



Group shot of former Whitener Medal recipients present at November 3 ceremony

Former Whitener Medal recipients include:

Margaret Balford Bell '27
 Carey Hart Bostian '28
 Frances Carolyn Decker '29
 Unknown in 1930
 Clyde Irwin Blackman '31
 George Andrew Rader '32
 Virginia Davis Foil '33
 Williams Lamont Smith '33
 Ella Mae Daniel '34
 Carl Hammer, Jr. '34
 Eleanor Fowler '35
 Porter William Seiwell '35
 Carrie Bell Strayhorn '36
 Arthur Wilson Cheek '36
 Paul Elwood Strauch '37
 Melva Peifly Strauch '37
 Helen Arthur Pritchard '38
 William David Schnebly '38
 Laura Eleanor Barber '39
 John Edward Lundholm '39
 Elizabeth Mowery '40
 Paul George Bode '40
 Madeline Herbert Hudson '41
 Robert Thornton Henry, Jr. '41
 Helen June Williams '42
 Joseph Starrette Ferebee '42
 Olif Miller Staley '43
 Donald Leonard Whitener '43
 Barbara Louise Brown '44
 Carl Theodore Daye '44
 Junia Evelyn Keppel '45
 Melvin Thomas Hamm '45
 Cecile Elizabeth Rowe '46
 Thomas Charles McGinnis '46
 Bessie Lovelma Greer '47
 Clyde Wilson Biggers '47
 Geraldine Rahill '48
 Ben Hudson Bridges, Jr. '48
 Gwen Roberts '49
 Robert Alvin Keppel '49
 Martha Lentz Black '50
 Paul Nevin Marsteller '50
 Marion Talley Lefler '51
 Robert George Peeler '51
 Jacqueline Stuart Bost '52
 John James Kelly '52
 Daphne Jean Fisher '53
 James Luciana '53
 Harriet Virginia Leonard '54
 Douglas Harold Turner '54
 Grace Elizabeth Greer '55

Allen Keith Clark '55
 Mary Lou Eshleman '56
 William Lacy Swing '56
 Lois Ann Harkins '57
 Jesse Lee Williams, Jr. '57
 Esther Louise Long '58
 Gene Kenneth Fleming '58
 Martha Janet Kirkland '59
 Arlen Gilbert Yokley '59
 Sandra Sue Allen '60
 Joseph Frederick Corriher, Jr. '60
 Shelby Jean Galloway '61
 Coy Lee Ludwig '61
 Darlene Rubie Landis '62
 Arlan Warren Mantz '62
 Beverly Lynn Corelle '63
 Donald Stuart Frank '63
 Sarah Ann Lanier '64
 James Castevens Dayvault '64
 Kathleen Elizabeth Reinbold '65
 Ronald Eddie Nantz '65
 Carolyn Louise Brown '66
 Williams Arthur Pruitt '66
 Martha Ann Rohrbaugh '67
 Richard Joslin Seiwell '67
 Susan Louise Miller '68
 Eddie Hilbert Myers '68
 Donna Poloff Lewis '69
 George Michael Fouts '69
 Sallye Anne Howard '70
 Kenneth Wayne Clapp '70
 Toni Paulette Coggins '71
 Robert William Reindollar '71
 Karen Mora Bean '72
 Douglas Ray Dadisman '72
 Jessica May Briggs '73
 Thomas Clarence Hoke '73
 Virginia Gaye Cook '74
 James Ellis Bishop '74
 Carol Frances Giles '75
 Randall Scott Crumpler '75
 Sara Rebecca Gabriel '76
 Thomas Arthur Smith '76
 Melinda Weikert Melhorn '77
 Michael Paul Bist '77
 Kendra Anne Biddle '78
 Joe Allen Wild '78
 Fredia Voncele Williams '79
 John Stanley Arrowood '79
 Blanche Bissel Jourdan '80
 Kenneth Brandon Batts '80
 Sarah Scott Day '81
 Mark Roland Hess '81
 Claude Shuford Abernethy, III '81
 Melanie Leigh Smith '82
 Jill Marie Fink '83
 Calvin James Cary '83
 Julie Irene Ramseur '84
 Michael Allen Carrick '84
 Lori Anne Bowen '85
 William Edward Fowler '85
 Jamie Helen Morris '86
 Benjamin Ray Hamm '86
 Laura Leilani Ashley '87
 Mark Kevin File '87
 Sally Annelle Eury '88
 Billy Burke Osborne '88
 Jennifer Lynne Archer '89
 Daniel Willing Dutterer '89
 Lisa Erin Ray '90
 Dewey Lee Yeatts '90
 Julie Ann Rummel '91
 Jeffrey Jones Loving '91
 Sonya Yvette Hopkins '92
 Jason Robert Connelly '92
 Angela Lynne Harbour '93
 Andrew Earl Allvine '93
 Heather Leigh Zeger '94
 Thad Eugene Tucker '94
 Denise Marie Laughlin '95
 James Heath Atchley '95
 Amy Elizabeth Hansen '96
 Richard Allen Wainright, Jr. '96
 Ashley Dyan Noble '97
 Patrick Thomas Winters '97
 Amanda Leigh Deal '98
 Daniel Martin Martyniuk '98
 Andrea Caroline Smith '99
 James Tyson Stumpf '99
 Rebecca Bianka Rhodes '00
 Zachary Scott Mabe '00
 Avery Faye McGuire '01
 Christopher Steven Montanaro '01
 Emily Constance Cline '02
 Christopher Todd Bullers '02
 Meredith Brown Jones '03
 Michael Justin Beber '03
 Antonia Michelle Bowden '04
 Christopher Scott Slaughter '04
 Cristyn Nichole Harrison '05
 Justin Luke Samples '05
 Summer Kari Zuck '06
 Andrew Robert Sufficool '06

Homecoming 2006



L-R: Anna Mary Faust '36 and Elaine Richards '42



L-R: A few members of the class of 1956 gather at the Golden Club meeting

Recognition of Catawba's NFL Alumni

Catawba College Alumni who played in a regular season game of the National Football League were also recognized Saturday, Nov. 4 during a barbecue luncheon held in the Goodman Gymnasium.

Those gathered for the luncheon were wowed by the NFI Alumni who included Bucky "The Claw" Pope '64, Ed Koontz '68, Drew Buie '69, Ike Hill '70, and David Taylor '73. Pope of Washington Crossing, Pa., played for both the Los Angeles Rams and the Green Bay Packers. Koontz of Pensacola, Fla., played for the Boston Patriots. Buie of Winston-Salem played for both the Oakland Raiders and the Cincinnati Bengals. Hill of Oak Park, Ill., played for the Buffalo Bills, the Chicago Bears, and the Miami Dolphins. David Taylor of South Pasadena, Fla., played for the Baltimore Colts.

Each had kind words and warm feelings for their alma mater which they shared with the crowd:

"I feel like it's déjà vu all over again," quipped Taylor.

"It's always great to come home," Hill said.

"You wouldn't be here if Catawba wasn't a special place to you," Buie explained.

"Thank you for keeping it (Catawba) like it is and for keeping the spirit going," Koontz said.

"Somehow, some way, we remain connected to this little college," Pope noted, before recalling how many individuals had approached him over the years to ask, 'Are you the Catawba Claw?' "Yes, indeed I am," he said he would always respond, before admitting to those at the lunch, "I'm pretty doggone proud to be the Catawba Claw!"

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Tom Childress '64

A native of Mt. Airy, Childress currently serves as Catawba's senior vice president responsible for development and athletics. He joined the College in 1995 as athletic director, but only spent one year in that position before moving to his current post.

Under his leadership, between the 1996/1997 academic year and the 2005-2006 academic year, \$101.6 million dollars has been raised for the institution - \$63.3 million of that in gifts, \$31.4 million in deferred gifts, and \$6.9 million in open pledges. Additionally, the College endowment has increased by \$10 million in the last 10 years and now stands at \$36.2 million.

Last year, the College saw its highest number

of donors contributing to the institution - 3,427, with a 30% alumni participation. It also saw President's Circle membership at its highest point ever - 378 members. The institution's Tower Society members more than doubled from just 80 individuals in 1998-99 to 179 in 2005-2006. Chiefs Club membership last year was also at its highest level ever - 449 members. Additionally, the number of First Family and Endowed Scholarships at the institution numbered 281.

Childress coached at East Surry High School and served as assistant coach at Appalachian State University before becoming head basketball coach at Pfeiffer where he spent 14 years. In that capacity, he led his team to two conference championships and a conference tournament

title. He was named Carolina Conference Coach of the Year five different times.

He served as athletic director at Pfeiffer from 1977 until 1990. During his tenure, Pfeiffer expanded from nine varsity sports to 14 and developed facilities for tennis, softball, lacrosse and field hockey. Childress instituted Pfeiffer's Sports Hall of Fame into which he was inducted in 1992, and he was inducted into Catawba's Hall of Fame in 1998. In his hometown, in recognition of his own athletic prowess and his work to promote athletics, he was inducted in 2006 into the Mt. Airy Sports Hall of Fame.

He and wife Judy '65 are parents of four adult children and eight grandchildren.



L-R: Tim Hawley '01, Jeff Hartley '02, Ben West Moreland '02 and Tim Rigsbee '01 enjoy the golf tournament!



Rori Godsey being crowned the Catawba College 2006 Homecoming Queen.



The Marshalls, all Catawba alumni. L-R: Nancy '76, Philip '71 and Barbara Marshall '72



RJ '99, Melissa '01 and Ella Speaks enjoy homecoming events.



The gals from '61 are always faithful to Catawba Homecomings.



"Macy Abramson, daughter of Meredith Knowles Abramson '96, gets to pet a calf at the Alumni Block Party.

Catawba football under the lights

The last time Catawba College played football under the lights in Shuford Stadium was 1974, but the institution broke its 32-year hiatus on Saturday, August 26. At 7 p.m. that day, Catawba played its season opener against Winston-Salem State University under the lights.

Fans attending that August 26th game were treated to a special after-the-game fireworks show, sponsored by Wachovia Bank, N.A. of Salisbury and orchestrated by Melrose Pyrotechnics of Catawba, S.C. It even included some Catawba blue and white fireworks during it.

Lights Were a Grassroots Effort by Fans

That first evening game, one of three scheduled for the 2006 season, marked a milestone for hundreds of Catawba Indians fans who participated in a grassroots effort to fund the stadium lights. Five individuals, all loyal Chiefs Club members and Salisbury residents, led the "Light Her Up" campaign to raise \$150,000 in gifts and pledges. These individuals included Summersett "Summie" Carter and Frank Goodnight, along with Catawba College Alumni Bill Hall '66, Charlie Little '64 and Dick Smith '56. Collectively, they persuaded nearly 200 donors to support their cause.

"When Shuford Stadium was rebuilt in 2002, there were many fans who felt like something was still missing," explained Dick Smith, who also sits on the board of the Catawba Chiefs Club. "We needed lights to truly have a state-of-the-art

facility, and many of us were willing to put money and time into an effort to get them. When we asked folks to help us, it was almost a groundswell of support with people saying, 'We'll give.'

"With Catawba only having afternoon games in recent years, we were in total competition for fans with the big schools," Smith continued. "When we had had lights years ago, many fans would go to see the Big 4 schools (UNC, Duke, NCSU and Wake Forest) play and then come back to Salisbury to attend Catawba's night games. Now, we think the same thing can happen again."

Catawba College Senior Vice President Tom Childress lauded those donors for helping to make the stadium even better and safer. "Each year, we grew more and more concerned with the health and welfare of our athletes on the playing field in the midday heat and our fans sitting out in the hot sun. These lights give us some new flexibility in when we use the facility, and they allow and create more opportunities for people from both the College and the Rowan-Salisbury community to use the stadium."



The names of donors who made gifts of \$1,000 or more to support the stadium lighting are displayed on a bronze plaque in the concourse area of the stadium.

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The NEW
GoCatawbaIndians.com!
(Coming December 2006)

Along with a **brand new look** and **improved content**, you'll also get **news, profiles, updates, schedules, scores, fan polls, LiveStats, RSS feeds** and more!



Out with
the old...



...and in with
the NEW!

(Stay tuned for details!)

Men's soccer gains NCAA II regional berth

The Catawba men's soccer team made it three straight years with an NCAA II Regional appearance as the squad was selected as the #4-seed in the Appalachian Region Tournament. The Tribe returned only 10 players from last year's region finalist, but came on strong in its final matches to move into playoff contention.

Falling to 8-7 after dropping five matches in a row, the men won three straight which included handing #10 Lincoln Memorial its first loss of the season with a 2-1 decision at Frock Field. Senior Nathan Zuzga stepped up in the final week, notching three assists in a 3-1 win over Francis Marion and scored both of the goals in the upset of Lincoln Memorial. He continued his hot play in the post-season, scoring the lone goal in a SAC first-round win over PC and got both tallied in a 3-2 loss to #5 Lenoir-Rhyne in the regional semifinal.

Zuzga was one of four players to earn all-league honors. He was an all-conference performer all four years at Catawba and was a first-team pick his last three. Joining him on the all-conference team were second team selections Ryan Villiard, a junior, and two freshmen, Andrew Landry and Matt Halton.

Fall roundup

In other fall sports action, the Catawba women's soccer team just missed its fourth straight regional bid, finishing fifth in the region after a 12-4-4 campaign. The ladies lost the South Atlantic Conference Tournament final in a penalty kick shootout to Carson-Newman, the region's top team.



Melissa Griffith grabbed All-SAC honors for the second straight season.

Senior McKenzie Burman was named first team All-SAC, while fellow seniors Kim Crowley and Leigh Telzrow, along with junior goalkeeper Kathleen Blake, earned second team honors. Burman and freshman Julie Wilson shared the team with lead with five goals. Catawba scored 30 goals on the year with 13 different players getting at least on tally. The defense allowed just 18 and recorded eight shutouts.

The football team spent time among the top 25 in the country before some injuries set in. A banged up offensive line made it tough to create a running game, averaging just a little over 50 yards per game, but junior quarterback Brad Roach helped pick up the slack as one of the national leaders in both passing yards and total offense. Junior receiver Brent Johnson had a monster day against Tusculum with a dozen catches for 196 yards.

The Tribe defense has been solid, ranking among the nation's best in both total and pass defense. Junior end Ron Ellington has recorded nine sacks and ranks among national leaders in sacks and tackles for loss. The defense came up huge in a late-season win over Presbyterian, scoring twice on fumble returns and getting a game-sealing interception at the goal line by senior linebacker Lester Sconyers in the final minute of play.

The volleyball team picked up a third-place finish in the SAC, compiling an 11-3 league mark just a game behind the leaders. A pair of sophomores led the way with Melissa Griffith and Melissa Powers each recording over 400 kills. Griffith was second in digs with 395, while Powers was the team's block leader with 87.

Powers was named first team all-conference and was joined on the first team by junior libero Missy



Nathan Zuzga led the men's soccer team back to the regionals for the third straight year. Ryan Villiard was named to the All-SAC second team.

Bartholomew. Bartholomew had 502 digs and served up 19 aces. Griffith and junior setter Andi Henderson garnered second team all-league honors for the second straight season. Henderson registered 1,247 assists with 40 aces and 39 blocks. Mai Zoua Lo was named to the All-Freshman Team.

The women's cross country team ran in the regional meet after finishing fifth at the conference meet. Senior Rori Godsey finished ninth and made the All-Southeast Region team for fourth time. She was a second all-conference runner along with freshman Maleah Cole. Cole missed the Freshman of the Year by just one second.

On the men's side, senior Ryan Willis battled back from his injury of a year ago and was 24th at the league meet. Sophomore Chris Haney was 30th for the men, who finished in sixth place.

Catawba's field hockey team, which had no seniors, earned three wins this season. Sophomore Susan Hearn led the team in scoring for the second straight year with eight goals. Sophomore Nikia Knox scored four goals. Freshmen Dana Dolbow and Aly Halter each had three goals.

Soccer Reunion - Fall 2006

reunite with old friends and teammates



Men's and Women's 2001-2005 soccer alumni



Catawba womens soccer alums watch current team play at Frock Field



MEN'S BASKETBALL REUNION

February 9 & 10, 2007
(more details mailed in November)



MEN'S & WOMEN'S TENNIS REUNION

March 24, 2007
(more details mailed in January)



MEN'S FOOTBALL REUNION

September 7 & 8, 2007
(more details to come)

Catawba Alumnus and Trustee Emeritus Dies

Dr. Robert Alvin Keppel '49 of Taylorsville, the son of former Catawba College President Dr. Alvin R. Keppel (1942-1963), died July 7.

After his years at Catawba, Dr. Keppel graduated in 1953 from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine before serving an internship and residency in general, thoracic and vascular surgery at Duke Hospital. Two years of his residency period were spent serving in the U.S. Air Force Medical Corps where he was chief of the Surgical Service at Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico. He was honorably discharged at the rank of captain.

He set up surgical practice in Hickory in 1961 as an associate of Dr. Glenn R. Frye at Richard Baker Hospital (now Frye Regional Medical Center). He served as secretary of medical staff for years, chief of surgical service, and president of the Hickory Surgical Clinic and the Catawba County Medical Society. He was a member of numerous regional, national and international surgical associations and was board certified in general surgery. He was a fellow of the American College of Surgeons for over 30 years.

Active in his community, he was a Kiwanian, past president of the Hickory Community Theatre, the Catawba Science Center, and the Carolina Moonlighters. He had sung in various barbershop quartets since 1961 and was a member of the Hickory Choral Society. He was past regional chair of the Red Cross Blood Program, past member of the Consistory of Corinth United Church of Christ, a member and former choir member of the Episcopal Church of the Ascension in Hickory and a member of the Catawba College Board of Trustees.

Survivors include wife Sharon Ennis Keppel, children Dr. Timothy

A. Keppel of Calli Colombia, South America, Dr. Kenneth R. Keppel of Sarver, Pa., and Dr. Jane Keppel Benson of Blacksburg, Va., stepchildren Ms. Natalie Cannon Cooney of Charleston, S.C., and Robert Shawn Keppel of Hickory, sister Junia Keppel Jones '45 of Sarasota, Fla., and eight grandchildren.

Two Former College Employees Die

Dr. Janet Sisk Horne, a former communication arts professor at Catawba College, died July 21 at her home in Salisbury, Md.

She served as an associate professor at Salisbury University until her death, and had served as a communication arts professor at the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa prior to that.

Mary Frances Williams Adams of Salisbury, retired as an employee of the Development, Theatre Arts and Admissions Departments at Catawba College, died June 18.

An active member and volunteer with First United Methodist Church of Salisbury, she was a member of the Daisy Hedrick Sunday school class, Circle 2, and the Celebration Choir. She volunteered with the Salisbury Chapter of the American Red Cross and Rowan Regional Medical Center.

She was preceded in death by husband Walter M. Adams, Jr. Survivors include son Walter M. Adams III '78 of Salisbury, daughters Pamela Adams Harvey of Greensboro, Dr. Carol Adams Erickson of Arlington, Va., and Bobbi Adams Eschenbach '81 of Sarasota, Fla., five grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

In Memoriam

'32 **Ida "Tib" Truesdale Poovey** of Charlotte died Sept. 23.

She and her late husband, Charles Earl Poovey, owned Charlotte Realty Company for many years. She was active in the Piedmont Kennel Club, the Charlotte Humane Society, and was known for her love of animals and wildlife.

Survivors include sisters Mary Truesdale Norman of Columbia, S.C., and Rose Truesdale Burrage of Ft. Mill, S.C., stepson Kenneth M. Poovey of New York, N.Y., several nieces and nephews, and three step-grandsons.

'34 **Josephine Francis Owen McCombs** of Winston-Salem died Sept. 28.

After her graduation from Catawba, she completed graduate work at UNC-Greensboro and UNC-Chapel Hill. In 1955, she began a 20-year career as a high school teacher at Granite Quarry High School. She moved to East Rowan High School in 1959 and taught there until her retirement in 1975.

She was preceded in death by husband James A. McCombs and a sister, Capitola Kalb of Pittsburg, Pa. Survivors include sons Joseph Brent McCombs of Christianburg, Va., and James T. McCombs of Ocean Isle Beach; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

'37 **Helen Hothouser Patner** of Mocksville died Oct. 14.

She was a retired teacher in the Davie County School System and a lifelong member of First Presbyterian Church in Mocksville. She was a longtime member of Eastern Star #173.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased in 1971 by husband Joseph J. Patner, Jr. and daughter Marsha Ann Patner. Survivors include three first cousins.

Cleo Mae Sullivan Thomas of Burlington died Oct. 10.

She was retired, having served as a middle school teacher in Winston-Salem and Elon. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church.

She was predeceased by her husband, Alton Bradley Thomas. Survivors include several nieces in Cranston, R.I.

'43 **The Rev. Claude W. Kelly** of Hamilton, Ohio, died May 18.

A retired minister, he earned his divinity degree from Lancaster Theological Seminary. He was pastor emeritus of First St. John United Church in Hamilton, Ohio.

Survivors include wife Katherine and three daughters, Claudia Kelly, Cynthia Bare and Priscilla Barnett.

Dr. Donald Leonard Whitener of Davidson, formerly of Winston-Salem, died Oct. 28.

He graduated from Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in 1946 and

served his internship at Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans in 1947 and 1948, and his residency in obstetrics and gynecology at N.C. Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem from 1948-1951. He practiced medicine in Winston-Salem from 1951 until 1988 and was co-founder of Lyndhurst Gynecologic Associates. He was a member of the medical staffs of Forsyth Memorial Hospital and Medical Park Hospital, and a clinical associate professor at Bowman Gray School of Medicine from 1973 until 1988. A U.S. Army Medical Corps veteran, he was a diplomate of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology, a Fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, a member of the Forsyth County Medical Society, the N.C. Obstetrical and Gynecological Society and the South Atlantic Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

A member of Highland Presbyterian Church, he served as a Deacon and Elder. After his retirement, he volunteered with The Shepherd's Center, Forsyth County Audubon Society and Meals on Wheels.

He was predeceased by daughter Ellen Marie Whitener. Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Elizabeth Graham Getaz Whitener; daughter Elizabeth Graham Whitener Goode of Charlotte; brothers The Rev. Sterling H. Whitener '42 and Dr. Robert H. Whitener '50, both of Greensboro; and two grandchildren.

'45 **Sarah Jane Binkley Miller** of Wilmington, Del., died Sept. 6.

She was retired as a children's librarian in Baltimore, Md.

Survivors include her husband Edward and two daughters.

Sara DeLong Clemence of Ann Arbor, Michigan, died in 2006.

She was retired as a nursing instructor.

She was preceded in death by husband Randall Clemence. Survivors include her daughter, Mary Clemence.

'46 **Mae Frances Kluttz Johnson** of Salisbury died June 20.

Until her retirement after 30 years of service, she was employed as office manager by Rowan County in the tax office. She was a member of Neel Road Baptist Church.

She was predeceased by son Steven Clinton Johnson in 2003. Survivors include her husband of 63 years, Clinton J. Johnson; daughter Angela Johnson Lane of High Point; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Merrea Smith Weinhold of Salisbury died June 25.

She and her husband operated The Framing Gallery before retiring. She also ran a Peter Pan Kindergarten in Monroe, served as president of Women in Construction, was a bookkeeper for Carroll Fisher Construction Company, and was a member of Wix

Buildings. A member of St. John's Lutheran Church, she was active as a Sunday school teacher, choir member, and served as a Scout leader for Cub, Brownies and Girl Scouts for more than 20 years. She was a member of Women of ELCA and volunteered at the Lutheran Home.

She was preceded in death by her son Donald Weinhold, Jr. and his family, including his wife Pat, son Brandt, and daughter Melena. She is survived by her husband of 61 years, Donald L. Weinhold, Sr.; daughters Donna Painter, Jan Weinhold and Toni Johanson, all of Salisbury, and Claudia Moore of Plant City, Fla.; brother Paul Smith of Salisbury; 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

'48 William Luther Noell, Jr. of Salisbury died May 13.

A U.S. Army veteran, he attended N.C. State University before graduating from Catawba. He was vice president of Taylor Clay Products for 40 years until his retirement in 1992. A member of First United Methodist Church, he was a member of the Golden Rule Sunday school class, served on the church administrative board, the board of trustees, and participated in several mission trips. He also volunteered with Meals on Wheels and Habitat for Humanity.

He was preceded in death by wife Peggy Sue Smith Noell in 1997. Survivors include his children William L. Noell, III of Salisbury and Sue Noell Wilson of Kings Mountain; and four grandchildren.

'49 Jean W. Dunham of Salisbury died July 22.

She attended Catawba College and graduated from Salisbury Business College and Brevard Community College in Cocoa, Fla. She was employed for 40 years as an accountant, office manager and legal stenographer. She was a charter member of Messiah Lutheran Church in Cocoa, Fla., and was a member of Haven Lutheran Church in Salisbury and its Missionary Circle and the Minnie Phillips Circle.

She was preceded in death by husband James Patterson Dunham in 1994. Survivors include daughter **Claudia Jean Taylor '71**, son James Patterson Dunham, Jr., and two grandchildren.

Holland W. Holton of Winston-Salem died Jan. 17, 2006.

He was retired as division manager with Sears & Roebuck.

Survivors include his wife, Billie, and two children.

Marvin Buchner of Jericho, N.Y. died in December 2001.

He earned his law degree from New

York University Law School and had enjoyed a long and successful career as an attorney.

At the time of his death, survivors included his wife Phyllis, son Alan Buchner, daughter Caryn Coville, four siblings, and four grandchildren.

'50 R. Derwood Bost died Sept. 2

A U.S. Air Corps and U.S. Army veteran of World War II, he saw action in the Pacific Theatre from 1943 until 1946, and attained the rank of Sergeant Major. After his discharge, he entered Catawba College and earned a degree in accounting.

A lifelong resident of Kannapolis, he was employed by Cannon Mills Company for over 40 years, the majority of the time in management. He retired in 1987 and established an independent CPA practice that he continued until 1994. He was an advocate and promoter of his community, serving on the board of the Kannapolis City Schools for almost a dozen years, and as its chairman for four years. He was also a Kannapolis City Councilman for 13 years. In 1996, the City of Kannapolis honored him as its Community Volunteer of the Year.

He was a member of Organ Lutheran Church, serving as a Sunday school teacher for 48 consecutive years. He served as the N.C. Lutheran Men State Loan and Gift Fund treasurer for 20 years, as the Kannapolis Volunteer Fireman's Retirement and Relief Fund Treasurer for 19 years. A member of the Kannapolis Rotary Club for more than 30 years. He was twice honored by the Kannapolis Rotary Club as their Distinguished Rotarian of the Year. He served on the board of directors at NorthEast Medical Center for 16 years, nine of those as the board chairman. In 2002, he received the Trustee of the Year Award from the N.C. Hospital Association.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Gail Lumsden Bost; children Philip E. Bost and Deborah Gayle Bost; four sisters; and three grandchildren.

'51 Alfred Grady King of Asheboro died June 12.

A native of Randolph County, he was a U.S. Army Air Force veteran of World War II. He earned his master's degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and taught in the Randolph and Moore County Schools and the Asheboro City School systems. He served as principal at Balfour and Guy B. Teachy schools and as an instructor at Randolph Community College.

He was an active member of Cross Road Baptist Church where he served as church treasurer and a Sunday school secretary. He was a former

member of the board of directors of Cross Road Retirement Community.

Survivors include wife Mary King, son Don King of Sykesville, Md., and two grandchildren.

'52 Joe Wray Martin of Raleigh died Sept. 3.

'53 John F. Tompkins of Danvers, Mass., died July 6.

A U.S. Air Force veteran, he served between 1952 and 1955. He had been employed as a credit analyst by Sylvania Electric.

He is survived by wife Mary.

'55 Dr. William W. Lowder of Kannapolis died Aug. 7.

A veteran of World War II, he was also a graduate of Sholls School of Podiatry in Chicago, Ill. He practiced podiatry in Kannapolis from 1954 until 2004.

He was preceded in death by wife Neydelle Lynch Lowder '42. Survivors include daughter Lisa Love of Salisbury, son W. Lynch Lowder of Kannapolis, brother Jack Lowder '49 of Jacksonville, Fla., sister Ruby Arey of Salisbury, five grandchildren, four step-grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and a niece.

'56 Larry Meacham Rhye of Charleston, S.C., formerly of Mooresville, died Sept. 16.

Retired from American Home Products, he was active in his community, serving as an Iredell County Commissioner and chairman of the Mitchell Community College Board of Trustees. He also was chairman of the Mooresville Planning Board and served as a Governor appointee on the N.C. Liability Insurance Commission.

An active member of First Baptist Church in Mooresville, he served as a deacon, taught the senior adult Sunday school class and took part in mission building trips with the church. He volunteered for 12 years at Genesis Elder Care and at Summit Place.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years, **Betty Rogers Rhye '56**, sons Terrell Rhye and Ken Rhye, and four grandchildren.

Harold W. Carter of Wingate died June 28 of 2005.

As a high school football player, he was selected to play in the East-West All-Star Football Game, the Shrine Bowl, and on the High School All-American Football Team in 1950. He continued his success on the field at Catawba and was selected to the 1952 All-American Team. He was inducted into both the Catawba College Hall of Fame and the Davidson County Sports Hall of Fame years later.

He earned his master's degree from East Carolina and was retired as a teacher and coach, having served at Piedmont, Forest Hills, and Monroe High Schools. He was on the Senior Amateur golf circuit.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years, **Dianne Hargett Carter '55**; sons Brad and Rick Carter and brother Curtis Carter.

Lottie Mae Snider Miller Glisson of Nashville, N.C. died July 4.

She was a retired school teacher with Rocky Mount City Schools. She was a member of Nashville United Methodist Church, Nashville Lions Club and Home Economics Club.

Survivors include husband Don G. Glisson, daughter Maria Miller Pfannkuch of Warrenton, Va., son Stanley Miller of Sumter, S.C., a sister, two step-children, two grandchildren and two step-grandchildren

'58 Dorothy Louise Sechler Helms Fabrizio of Salisbury died Aug. 18.

She was retired as a biology and chemistry teacher with the Rowan-Salisbury School System, first at South Rowan High School and later at West Rowan High School. A member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, she was a former Bible and Sunday school teacher, church council and choir member, and volunteered preparing Wednesday night meals.

Survivors include husband Vincent James Fabrizio, daughter Ruth Helms Jacobs, stepson Lance Fabrizio, step-daughters Jill Jackson and Susan Anderson, brother Clinton Sechler, sister Carol Wright, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

'66 Richard Harold Long of Elmer, La., died July 10.

A U.S. Army veteran, he worked in the insurance industry for many years. He was a member of Saint Clair Baptist Church of Gardner, La., and Sunday school teacher, a member of the church choir, and a volunteer choir director.

Survivors include wife Martha; children, Rick Long, Kris Lineberger, Patricia Ashley and Danny Newton; brothers Earl Long, and Morris Long; nine grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

'85 The Rev. Eric Bernard "Cookie" Woods of Lexington died Aug. 3.

He had been employed at Livingstone College as dorm director and was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include his mother, Agnes Woods Gray; brothers Kenneth L. Woods, Reginald Woods, and Johnny Arnold; sister Yvette W. McGill; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Classnotes

'51 **Jane Thomas Anderson**, who played on the men's golf and women's field hockey teams as a Catawba student, sent in the following story. Jane writes that she would like students to know that "what one does in college carries over later in life.....even at age 77!"

Saturday, October 14, 2006, twelve girls from LPGA-USGA Girls Golf, Pauma Valley, California made a trip over the mountain to watch Lorena Ochoa compete in the Palm Desert Samsung tournament. Their first time at a tournament (for some, first time on a golf course); what a thrill it proved to be. Lorena adopted them as her personal "bomb squad" and marched them into the Media Center to participate in her post match interview with national television.

Next came a personal chat session and an autograph for each of their caps. She suggested that one of these years, she expected to be a spectator for one of them in competition golf, perhaps some similar event. Her fabulous finishing round establishes Lorena as the new buzzword at Pauma School for many weeks to come.

Lorena's time and dedication for our kids clearly places her amongst the finest that can come from the game.

'55 **Anne Haldeman Daly** would like friends to reach her at annedon1@suddenlink.net.

'57 **Ned Parker** retired after 40 plus years of teaching, coaching, and being the Athletic Director in high school.

'59 **Bob Waller** received North Carolina's highest civilian award -- the Order of the Long Leaf Pine. The honor is presented to individuals who have a proven record of extraordinary service to the state. Their contributions to their communities, extra effort in their careers and many years of service to their organizations are some of the guidelines by which recipients are selected. Waller was appointed to the City Council in 2002. He is married with three children and three grandchildren.

'62 **The Rev. David E. Nabinger** was ordained and installed as the new pastor at Grace Lutheran Church in Arcadia.

'64 **Johnny "John" Karriker** became the director of the Gardner-Webb University campus in Statesville in

January 2005 after retiring from Mitchell Community College in 2001. He continues to teach environmental science at various off-campus centers.

'68 **Cynthia Workman Sfanos** and husband Michael are relocating from Maryland to Seattle, Washington. Their son, daughter-in-law, and grandson live there and their daughter recently moved to Portland so they are joining their children in the Great Northwest. She plans to retire from IBM at year's end. She invites any Catawba alumni in the Seattle area to send along an e-mail to cwsfanos@us.ibm.com.

'70 **William "Bill" Green** is now in his eighteenth year as the Associate Pastor of First United Methodist Church in Cary, N.C. Bill helped to start a prison ministry in 1999 that has grown to include 60 prisons throughout N.C. Over 800 inmates are enrolled each year in the Disciple Bible Study program. Bill leads a weekly study at the N.C. Correctional Institute for Women in Raleigh. Since Bill's appointment to First UMC in 1989, the church has grown from a membership of 1,600 to over 4,000 members. Bill would like to hear from fellow classmates and teammates at wgreen@fumc-cary.org or (919) 460-7115.

Maurice "Mo" York retired from HagemeyerNA on January 1, 2006. He recently started an energy management consulting firm, York Energy Solutions LLC. Mo and his wife Linda live on the Isle of Palms near Charleston, S.C. They have two daughters, a granddaughter and a grandson.

'72 **Dan Redding** has accepted the defensive line coach position at Southeastern Louisiana.

Karen Dutson Wood was one of five finalists in the 2006 Bank of America Award for Teaching Excellence.

'73 **Boris Miloradovich** says, "Good friends are always welcome! Vegas is a rocking town and full of excitement." He can be reached at bmiloradovich@yahoo.com.

Colonel William "Bill" Russell was promoted on July 1, 2006.

Steve Tucker's wife, Jamie, just retired on July 1, 2006. They have sold their house in Lutherville, Md. and moved to their home on the Great Wicomico River on the Northern Neck of Virginia. They enjoy boating, fishing, crabbing and life on the River.

'74 **Elizabeth Pappas** recently retired from Pennsville School District as Supervisor of Athletics and Health and Physical Education. She moved to Pennsylvania in March 2006.

'76 **Steve Smith** is OVER the snow. He reports he has moved from Colorado to Palm Coast, Florida. He may be contacted by e-mail at vreither@earthlink.net.

'77 **M. Katherine Grimes** and Lana Whited adopted Brandon in September 2005. Katherine continues to teach English at Ferrum College. Friends can reach her at kgrimes@ferrum.edu.

Donna Samuels has a new address; 1072 Christmas Place, Greensboro, NC 27410. She is still in Greensboro, still teaching kindergarten. She seems to always be very busy, but is enjoying working on her new townhouse.

'79 **Shea Melton Carroll** recently moved to Pinehurst, N.C. She has been teaching preschool for the past ten years, and aerobics and yoga classes for the past seven years. Now that her family has moved, she is currently a stay at home wife and mother. Her oldest son graduated this past spring from UNC-Chapel Hill. She would love to hear from some of her friends from Zartman Zoo at mymaninthemoon@yahoo.com.

Todd Edmiston has become vice president for development at Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute.

'80 **Tim Moore** has changed careers after 25 years in public accounting. He is now the Vice President for Finance at The Shooshan Company, a commercial real estate developer in Arlington, Va.

'82 **Charlie Coiner** is the tight end coach for the Buffalo Bills football team.

'83 **Louis "Skip" Kraft** graduated in May 2006 from UNC-Charlotte with a Master's degree in School Administration. Skip is currently Assistant Principal of Southeast Middle School in Salisbury. Lisa '82 is the Planning and Evaluation Coordinator with Smart Start Rowan. They have three children: Elizabeth (17), Julia (15) and Louis (12).

'85 **Bill Gilmore** has moved to Los Angeles, California and is creating movie trailers

and DVD bonus features with Mill Creek Productions.

Randall Sailor announces that he is a silent partner in formation of Classic Finish Golf Academy, located in Port St. Lucie, Florida. He would love for Catawba classmates and other alumni to check for further information at <http://www.cfgolfacademy.com>. To contact Randall directly, e-mail him at randallsailor@hotmail.com.

'87 **Robert and Nicole Shappell Hales '95** announce the birth of a son, Corbin Robert on May 31, 2006. He weighed 5 lbs. 12 oz. He has a brother, David Cole (5) and a sister, Kary (3).

'88 **Sheryl Sisk Schelin**, former in-house counsel for the Horry County Department of Airports, announces the formation of the Law Office of Sheryl Schelin, with an emphasis on consumer, bankruptcy, and employment litigation matters. Ms. Schelin also offers consulting services to public law offices and municipal/county attorneys.

She can be reached via mail at 773 Main Street, #358, North Myrtle Beach SC 29582, via telephone at 843.283.4840 or via email at Sheryl@schelinlaw.com. Her website can be found at <http://www.schelinlaw.com>, and she also publishes two blogs - the South Carolina Consumer and Bankruptcy Blog (<http://www.scbankruptcyblog.com>) and the South Carolina Employment Law Blog (<http://www.scmemploymentlaw.com>).

The Law Office of Sheryl Schelin is a federally designated debt relief agency and assists clients with their debt management needs, including when appropriate filing for relief under the bankruptcy provisions of the United States Code and the U.S. Constitution.

'90 **Jennifer Stark Baker** and her husband Jeff are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Brandon Eleanor. Brandon was born on February 21, 2006, she weighed 10 lbs. and was 22" long. Jennifer and Jeff still live in Hopkins, S.C. and Jennifer would love to hear from friends. She can be reached at jennbaker03@bellsouth.net.

Leslie Cathey can be reached at leslie.cathey.gxsc@statefarm.com.

Anne Cote Hoffman and Marc Hoffman are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, August Ruth, born April 16, 2006. In 2004, Anne received a Masters in Counseling from University of North

Carolina at Charlotte and is currently employed by Rowan-Salisbury Schools. Marc just completed scoring the independent film "The Mill" (www.themillthemovie.com) and is scoring two additional films this year. For more information visit www.marchhoffman.com or www.salisburyschoolofmusic.com. Anne would like to hear from friends, 1215 S. Main St., Salisbury, NC 28144 or anne@marchhoffman.com.

Anita Kolb-Martin just wanted to say hi to all her friends who went to Cat-U. She wanted everyone to know that she and her husband Randy moved to Lexington, Kentucky. She would love to hear from old friends at anitak41@hotmail.com.

Tracey Scruggs has been named Director of Basketball Operations for the new expansion ABA basketball team that started play in November.

'91 **Annette Kruse** has been named an assistant principal of Tyro Middle School. Kruse taught at Tyro Middle School from 1992-2005.

Karen Weed Owens is married to her wonderful husband Tom. She has three great children; Ryan (8), Jonathan (6), and Alexis (5). She is a Nurse Practitioner in Women's Health, practicing in Richmond, Va. She would like to hear from old friends at tjokao@aol.com.

"Thomas" **Travis Smith**, an exceptional children's teacher at West Davidson High School since 1999, is the new assistant principal at North Davidson High School. He is working on his master's degree in administration from Gardner-Webb University.

'92 **Ashley Lamb Smith** and her husband Ron would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Reagan. She joins big brother, Blasie (4). Ashley can be reached at ashleypsmith@carolina.rr.com and is living in Harrisburg, N.C.

Shannon Evans Williamson has accepted a position as Office Manager/Media Buyer with Kelley & Associates in Memphis, Tennessee.

'93 **Janet Steinert Burr** is remarried and living in Louisville, Kentucky. In May 2006, she had her first child, a perfect little boy named Joseph Carl. He was born premature but is doing well now. She is looking forward to hearing from old classmates and friends at gwtwgirl703@hotmail.com.

Tammy Clontz DeVitto and **John G. DeVitto '91** announce the birth of

a daughter, Hope Marie. She was born on June 19, 2006. She weighed 7lbs. 3oz. and was 20" long. Hope has two older brothers, Evan (6) and Ryan (4). The family can be reached at jtdevitto@ctc.net.

Angela Habour Mayfield was elected to The South Atlantic Conference Hall of Fame. She was inducted, along with four others, into the SAC Hall of Fame as part of the South Atlantic Conference Annual Meeting in Asheville on June 8, 2006.

'94 **Curtis Evans** and Jessica Day Evans were united in marriage on Saturday, June 17, 2006 at Longhurst United Methodist Church in Roxboro. He is employed with Lowes Foods in Durham. She is employed with Subway in Roxboro. They reside in Roxboro, N.C.

Wendy Kuhne completed her Ph.D. degree in Radiological Health Sciences in August 2006. In September 2006, she began a post-doctoral research position at the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta. Her position is in the Institute of Molecular Medicine and Genetics, where she is focusing on genomic instability and DNA repair. She is back on the east coast for a few years, so visit her in Augusta.

Matt McGrath, Jr. received his Doctorate of Theology from Fundamental Baptist Bible College on June 24, 2006.

Dr. Katherine "Katie" A. O' Connor and her husband Colin would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Brogan Grace. Brogan was born on May 21, 2006 and weighed 6lbs. 9oz. Delaney Isabella is performing all "Big Sister" duties with charm. Katie is a tenure track faculty member at East Carolina University. Colin is the director of development for the College of Business and College of Technology and Computer Science at East Carolina University.

'96 **Major Ian Brinkley** and Dawn Kuehne Brinkley were married on Saturday, June 24, 2006 at Gold Hill Historic Park. He has been on active duty with the United States Marine Corps since 1996 and is currently serving as an AH-1W Cobra Instructor Pilot with HMT-303 based at Camp Pendleton, Calif. She is employed as the Lead Project Coordinator for Sierra Contracting. They reside with their children, Marcus and Gavin Kuehne, in Temecula, Calif.

Michael Drumwright and Jennifer Yates announce their engagement. The wedding is planned for March 24, 2007 at Glenwood United Methodist Church.

He is employed as a deputy with the Richmond County Sheriff's Office. She is employed as a nurse at FirstHealth Richmond Memorial Hospital.

Michael and Megan Howell Feller '99 would like to announce the birth of their second son, Adam Christopher. He was born on August 18, 2006 weighing 8 lbs. 3 oz. and was 21.5 inches long.

Joe Westendorf earned his MBA in June 2006 from the University of Miami. Joe and Michelle would like to announce the birth of their son, Carter Joseph on December 28, 2006.

Renee Reasinger Wildman, husband David, and children Hannah and TJ would like their friends to know that they have moved. They can be reached at 547 Graffius Avenue, Punxsutawney, PA 15767 or rendal1223@hotmail.com. Renee would love to hear from old friends!

Brad Wylde and wife Kate are pleased to announce the arrival of their beautiful daughter, Makenna Kathleen. She was born on June 21, 2006. The Wylde family, of Matthews, N.C., is doing great.

'97 **Kristen Leatherman Brace** of Mt. Pleasant, S.C. announces that she became happily married to Chris Brace in June 2005. Kristen taught first grade at Palmetto Christian Academy for three years. She is currently staying at home with baby, Isaac Saunders. He was born on September 11, 2006. He weighed 8 lbs. 8 oz. and was 21.25" long. Kristen would love to hear from friends at csbkr1@yahoo.com.

Martti Nelson has co-produced, co-written, and co-starred in his own pilot that won Best Educational Pilot at the 2006 New York Television Festival.

Tara Pensabene Setzer and husband Glenn are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Tyler Anne. She was born on February 17, 2006. They are living in Lake Norman, N.C.

Robert Van Geons has had a busy summer. As Executive Director of the Stanly County Economic Development Commission he recently earned the designation of Certified Economic Developer (CEcD), a national recognition that denotes a mastery of principal skills in economic development and a commitment to personal and professional growth. The CEcD exam was administered by the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) on August 19th and 20th in Atlanta, GA, in partnership with The Georgia Economic Developer's Association and the Georgia Tech Enterprise Innovation Institute. Also in

August, Robert has completed the requirements for his Masters degree in Economic Development from the University of Southern Mississippi. Lastly, he was presented the Munro Petroleum Award for Excellence in Economic Development by Southern Mississippi at the national conference of "ACCRA - The Council for Community and Economic Research" during their national conference held this summer in Charlotte. Endowed by Munro Petroleum founder and Southern Mississippi Alumnus Thomas Munro, this award recognizes exemplary performance in the areas of leadership, research and professionalism.

'98 **Janay Austin-Carlson** and her husband Roy just moved to Washington, DC. She would love to meet up with old friends in the area or hear from old friends in general at jaustincarlson@gmail.com.

Lara Marie Taggart Baum and husband, Kevin had a daughter, Sophie Taylor, on September 15, 2006. She was 7lbs. 7oz., and 20.5" long. She joins her brother, Cameron Robert (20 months old).

Mike Jacobs recently married Amy and has a three year old stepson. He is working as a criminal defense attorney and is expecting to make partner in 2008. He can be reached at mikejacobs@hotmail.com.

Kara Kilpatrick and her finance Josh are expecting a baby girl, Trinity Faith on December 5, 2006. Karalynn wishes to hear from old friends Heather Stewart, Susan Bowers, and Danielle Figueroa at mistyjade2003@hotmail.com.

Stacey Kimmer Lewis and Patrick Lewis were married on September 8, 2006 at Shooter's Sporting Club in Turnersburg. She is employed by Lutheran Services for the Aging in Salisbury. He is self-employed in railroad maintenance.

'99 **Matthew Beyhl** would like to announce his engagement to Holly Bolton of Trenton Falls, N.Y. Their wedding is planned for September 2007. Matt would like friends to contact him at mdbeyhl@gmail.com.

Julia Stolzer Conti married David Conti on Sunday, September 3, 2006 in North Wildwood, N.J. Catawba Alums **Ann Collins '99** and **Lindsey Suggs '99** helped celebrate the day.

Christina "Chrissy" Greene Cooke and husband, James have moved to Japan for three years for his work with the Air Force. She would love to hear from friends at gso_moose@yahoo.com.

Will Dwiggin has been selected as Treasurer for the Northwest Piedmont Chapter Board of Directors of the American Red Cross. He is the branch manager for SunTrust in Mocksville. He is also chair of the Davie Chamber of Commerce and vice president of the Mocksville Rotary Club.

Michelle Kuhlman has just finished her first year serving as the pastor of Grace Lutheran Church in Carrollton, Georgia. She would love to hear from friends and classmates. Her e-mail address is michellekuhlman@hotmail.com.

Daphane Olmstead married Matthew Suffecool on July 1, 2006 at the Homestead in Hot Springs, Va. After a two week honeymoon in Bora Bora the couple resides in Harrisonburg, Va.

Charles "Bryan" Surratt and Melanie Brewer Surratt were united in marriage on Saturday, August 26, 2006 at Omwake-Dearborn Chapel. He is an Account Executive with Emerald Care Home Health of Gastonia. She is a Registered Dental Hygienist with Drs. Mello and Van Lanen of Charlotte. The couple resides in Salisbury.

Kristin Gerner Vaughn and husband Michael were married in April of 2005. They now live in Cummings, Ga. and are expecting their first child, a boy, in December. Kristin is the associate pastor for Pilgrimage UCC in Marietta, Ga.

'00 Cassandra Birdsall-Malgiero and her husband Karl Malgiero would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Eleanor "Nora" Elizabeth Malgiero on March 8, 2006.

Patrick Freeman and Maegan Parsons Freeman were married on October 7, 2006 at The Fork Stables in Norwood. He is employed as a CPA with Leeper, Kean and Rumly, LLP in Greensboro. She is employed with Randolph County Schools as a science teacher at Trinity High School.

Christopher "Kube" Kubik has recently graduated with his first Master's Degree in Exercise Physiology from East Carolina University. He is now beginning his second Master's program at the University of Georgia. He is studying Motor Behavior in line to achieving his dream of becoming a strength and conditioning coach at the college/university level.

Olivia Norred would love to share with everyone her engagement to Corey Petersen of Marshfield, Wisconsin. There is a wedding set for June 16, 2007 in Powder Springs, Georgia at 7:00 p.m.

Kristen Wiseman and Rob Beecham, Jr. are engaged to be married on December 2, 2006 at Mount Tabor United Methodist Church in Salisbury. She is a first-grade teacher at Koontz Elementary School. He is employed by ProLogix East of Charlotte.

'01 Susie Ahlfeld is the new volunteer coordinator at the N.C. Aquarium on Roanoke Island.

Michael Cabana has been appointed the head men's and women's tennis coach at Wingate University.

Robyn Lawson Foote and Brandon Foote were united in marriage Saturday, August 26, 2006 at Alhambra Hall. She is a sales coordinator for Lennar. He is a project manager for Gulfstream Construction. The couple will make their home in Mount Pleasant.

Christopher Guthrie is the Associate Artistic Director at the Know Theatre of Cincinnati, OH.

Don Moore and wife, Sabrina, are proud to announce the birth of their son, Noah Thomas. He was born on June 22, 2006 at Palmetto Baptist Hospital in Columbia, S.C. Noah weighed 6 lbs. 7 oz. and was 20" long. Noah has one sister, Elizabeth Grey (3 years old).

Amy Johnson Murphy married Patrick Joseph Murphy on June 17, 2006 in Cape Cod, Mass. The wedding was at Our Lady of Victory Parish and the reception was held at Ballymeade Country Club. The Matron of Honor was **Sara Surkin Widener '01**. Bridesmaids were **Stephanie Bostian Mesimer '01**, Shelley Stock (attended 97-99), and **Brittany Littleton '02**. Amy is a Public Relations manager in Manhattan. Patrick is a Electrical Mechanic for ConEdison Electric Company in Manhattan. The couple honeymooned in Jamaica and are residing in Brooklyn, N.Y. Amy would love to hear from her friends at Amy9579@aol.com.

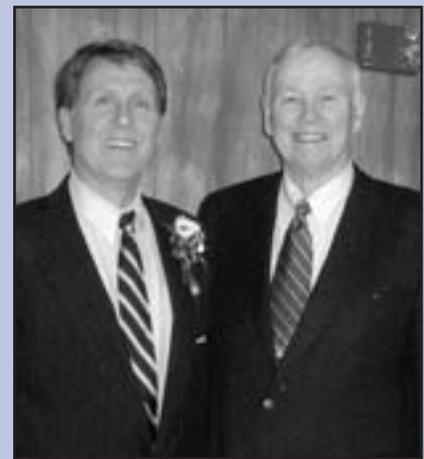
Valerie Powell and Terry DuPont got engaged on October 5, 2006. They plan to get married on October 25, 2008. Friends can contact Val at vpowell@loyola.edu or valpowell34@hotmail.com.

Amber Rady Stanley and **Doug Stanley '04** were married at Omwake-Dearborn Chapel on July 1, 2006. Amber is the Assistant Cross Country Coach and Assistant Swim Coach at Catawba College. Doug works in the Computer Service Department at Catawba College. They reside in Salisbury, N.C.

1970s Close-up

Forry "Buck" Buckingham '76 was in the first group of inductees to the Sparks Hereford Athletic Hall of Fame on May 19, 1006. Hereford has a rich history of many championships in a number of sports going back to the original high school, Sparks, in 1909. Buck gave credit to an incredible faculty, coaches and teamwork.

This solid sense of teamwork gave Buck the tools to appreciate an enchanted college experience. He very much enjoyed playing basketball at Western Carolina University his first year, but meeting John Scott the former Catawba All-American quarterback while visiting New Jersey gave him a more exciting dream. Scott who had been drafted by Buck's hometown Baltimore Colts was heading to Catawba to be an assistant coach. "That was the best thing to happen to me, because I became motivated to earn a shot at a pro sport. What I discovered was an outstanding college that gave me the opportunity to do things I never imagined." Back in his college days, Buck would find himself working out with David Taylor also a former All-American for the Colts during the summers. A major success on the gridiron and later in the business work, David also illustrated what Catawba College could produce. "Dave would catch up on our dynamic business professor Millard Wilson and coaches that really cared about their players' entire college experience."



"Catawba College was a dream experience for me. Head coaches Bill Faircloth, Warren Klawiter, fellow students and teammates are cherished friends that inspired me in Salisbury the way David inspired me back in Baltimore." Even though he was needed at the defensive nose guard position and not the tight end which he had originally anticipated, Buck loved the opportunity to contribute to the teamwork. He served as a graduate assistant for the incoming new football coach Warren Klawiter. With the guidance of the late Dr. Maynard Rich, he doubled his psychology major to include business administration. After that successful year as a grad assistant Buck was recruited by Cannon Mills, Inc. to live and work in Manhattan. There he would discover his great professional passion: acting. Although he was only in one small part in a Catawba comedy, he never missed enthusiastically attending every production. Buck has been an active member of the Screen Actors Guild since 1980 successfully working in Manhattan, Los Angeles and New England. "It was high school basketball that gave me confidence for life, but it was my Catawba experience that prepared me for life." He and Beth [Holy Cross '77], his wife of 19 years, are raising their son Matthew in Acton, Massachusetts.

"The most incredible people from so many different states and countries were pivotal in giving me the greatest college experience I could imagine." Last December, Buck attending the New York based alumni reception with President Knott and the staff. "It was so impressive to reconfirm, that for as great as Catawba has been to so many, it is so oriented to continuing to be one of the strongest colleges for people with eclectic passions."

'02 Michelle Fleshman Cross and Joseph Cross were united in marriage on July 29, 2006 at Omwake Dearborn Chapel. A reception was held at the Crystal Lounge. Catawba alumni who served as attendants were **Amber Wagner '02, Sarah Drinkard '02, Vanessa Randazzo '02, Catherine Healy '03, Kim Hodges '00. Jasika**

Pruitt '02 and **Larry Whitfield '04** were vocalists during the ceremony. Michelle is a Spanish and theatre-arts teacher for Davidson County Schools. Joseph is a senior clinical research associate with PRA International.

Ben Foti and Kelly Rudder were married on May 27, 2006 at Saint James Catholic Church in Henderson, N.C. He is employed with the Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments in Henderson. She is employed with the Person County Council on Aging in Roxboro. The couple lives in Roxboro.

David Hamilton and Yakina Green were married on Saturday, August 12, 2006 at Zion Hill AME Zion Church.

Angela Stancar Johnson and Adrian Johnson were married on September 9, 2006 in Southern Pines, N.C. The couple now makes their home in London, England, where Angie works for Jostens. Friends can reach her at astancar@hotmail.com.

Josh Jordan has been hired as an assistant baseball coach at Appalachian State University. He will coach ASU's hitters, outfielders and catchers and be heavily involved in recruiting.

Christina Thomas Jung and **Brandon Jung '05** were united in marriage on Saturday, June 17, 2006 at Our Lady of Victories Church. She is a filing supervisor with the Law Firm of Hogan, Longo, Mocant & Dunst. He is a media supervisor at Best Buy at East Brunswick, N.J.

Tara Hinson Parker and Justin Parker were united in marriage on Saturday, September 23, 2006 at Grace Bible Church in Rockwell, N.C. She is employed by Rowan-Salisbury Schools as a fifth-grade teacher at Faith Elementary School. He is an electrical engineer at Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories.

B.J. Robertson and Hollis Mendenhall Robertson were married on September 16, 2006 at Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church in High Point, N.C. He is employed at Traffic Control Devices Inc. in High Point. She is employed at Furnitureland South in High Point.

Margaret Overcash White and Don White, Jr. were married on October 14, 2006 at Phillips Chapel in Greensboro, N.C. She is employed as a speech-language pathologist at the Cheshire Center in Greensboro. He is a managing partner with Cellular Sales of Knoxville Inc. The couple resides in Greensboro, N.C.

'03 **Renee Bradshaw** was recently welcomed as First

National Bank and Trust Company's new mortgage loan officer in Cabarrus County, including the new Kellswater Bridge subdivision.

Stephanie Walden Gault and **Derek Gault '04** were united in marriage on July 15, 2006 in Omwake-Dearborn chapel. Bridesmaids included **Jen Werner '03**, **Nicole Beal '03** & **Heather Cummings '05**. **Lana Pieczyński '92** was organist/pianist and **Margaret Wilson Faust '89** was the Wedding Director. After spending a week in Jamaica the newlyweds moved into their new house in Winston-Salem. Stephanie would love to hear from friends - gocheer03@yahoo.com.

Jenn Ropp Sottriffer and **Christopher Sottriffer '04** were married on July 22, 2006. They reside in Winston-Salem, N.C.

Toby Stark is a contractor for the Department of Defense (DOD). He is responsible for the constant information technology support of over 1,000 users on the military base of Fort Monmouth, located in New Jersey.

Bob Walker is living in NYC pursuing his acting career and getting into as much trouble as possible.

Danielle Thomas Winebarger and **Ike Winebarger '02** were married on May 20, 2006. They bought their first home just north of Winston-Salem in Rural Hall, N.C. They would love to hear from any and all of their friends from Cat-U at danielle.winebarger@nc.usda.gov.

'04 **Sonshine Allen** is performing in the cast of *Wicked* on Broadway.

Robert Ambrose and **Jennie Rosamond Ambrose '04** married on September 17, 2005. They bought their first home in Garner, N.C. Robert is working for a small Accounting Firm located out of Garner. Jennie is an Assistant Manager for the Bombay Company in Raleigh.

Taylor Steedly Corl and **Bradley Corl** were united in marriage on Saturday, August 19, 2006 at Omwake-Dearborn Chapel. She is a registered nurse at Rowan Regional Medical Center. He is employed by Pathways Home Care. The couple makes their home in Salisbury, N.C.

Anne Drake recently earned a master of science degree in gerontology from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She is now working in Chapel Hill at Carolina Meadows Retirement Community as the Care Coordinator of a new memory support unit. Anne is living in Burlington, N.C.

Amanda "Amy" Holloway was commissioned as Ensign in the United States Navy on October 21, 2005. She attended Officer Candidate School in Pensacola, Fla. After six months of Intelligence School in Virginia Beach, Va. she is now stationed for two years in Washington, D.C. at the Office of Naval Intelligence. Amy can be reached at amandaholloway@gmail.com.

Vivian Lee Koontz and **Michael Koontz '03** were united in marriage Saturday, June 3, 2006 at Spencer Library Park. She is a Youth Tobacco Prevention Manager for Rowan County Health Department. He is employed by Feightliner. They make their home in Spencer.

Kristen Prather writes that in August she began pursuing her Juris Doctorate at Capital University School of Law in Columbus, Ohio. Friends may contact Kristen at divaprodgy04@msn.com.

Rebecca Wike is engaged to be married to Walter Winiger II in October 2007. She is also expecting a baby boy in November 2007.

'05 **Peter Arnold** has moved to Boone, N.C. and will be attending Appalachian State University for graduate school working towards a masters degree in higher education administration.

Sean Bloom began his job as park ranger at Boone's Cave Park in February.

Elizabeth Ingle DiNardo and Daniel DiNardo were united in marriage on July 22, 2006 in a private ceremony. She is a sales representative for Ultradent Products. He is a motion graphics designer with D.A.D. Studios. The couple makes their home in Atlanta, Ga.

Jason Evarts is the assistant technical director of the Florida Grand Opera for their 2006-2007 season.

Hope Miller Greene and Matt Greene of Newton, N.C. were married on August 19, 2006. Hope graduated in May with a masters degree in accounting from North Carolina State University. She works in Raleigh, N.C. with McGladrey and Pullen, an accounting firm.

Joshua Houghton and Stephanie Overcash Houghton were united in marriage on Saturday, June 17, 2006 at Trinity Wesleyan Church in Salisbury. He is employed by Rowan Helping Ministries. She is a registered nurse at Rowan Regional Medical Center. The couple makes their home in Mount Ulla, N.C.

Donna Tulloch is doing graduate study with The Actor's Studio at Pace University.

'06 **Michael Beers** and Kelli Schenk Beers were united in marriage Saturday, August 12, 2006 at Omwake-Dearborn Chapel. He is employed with Resources on call as an MRI technologist. She is employed by Dr. T. Wayne Wilson. The couple makes their home in Alexandria, Va.

Michelle Haynes Brillant and Jason Brillant were united in marriage on June 24, 2006 at Faith Baptist Church. She teaches at West Rowan High School. He teaches Spanish at East Rowan High School.

Greg Hannold has worked for the Spencer Police Department for 11 years. He is a master police officer ranked as detective. He is a firearms, taser, and rapid deployment instructor. He has earned his Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate. He is working on his Masters of Justice Administration at Methodist College.

Sydney Holleman is managing the People's Improv Theatre, near Madison Square Garden, NYC.

Holly Fesperman Lee and Dustin Lee were united in marriage on May 20, 2006. She is a reporter for the Salisbury Post. He is employed by Frank Dennis Jr. Trucking of Albemarle. The couple makes their home in Albemarle, N.C.

Ryan Musil is doing post graduate work in Italy with Accademia Dell'Arte.

Briana Raymond designed the sets for "Nunsensations: The Nonsense Vegas Revue," a rollicking new version of Nonsense. She is also touring with Rags to Riches, a professional children's theatre out of Durham, N.C.

Jon Robertson joins The Daily Journal/ Daily Messenger staff. He will be working as a general assignment reporter with specific responsibilities for covering the City of Seneca and the Westminster community. You can reach him at jon@dailyjm.com.

Jeffery Smith is attending Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va. while getting his master's of education in athletic training. He is also a graduate assistant in the athletic training department assisting with Women's Soccer and working with Wrestling as an Athletic Trainer.

CATAWBA COUPLES....

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seemed a lot more interested in the senior guys who were hanging out in the computer room. Though I often needed help without any additional "effort" on my part, I started bungling my computer programs more in an attempt to get her assistance and, ultimately, her attention. It worked! Our first date was a concert on campus by the late comedian pianist Victor Borge. Despite our being two years apart, we ended up taking a few classes together and, due to friendly competition, both ended up with A's in all of them. I still recall trying desperately to keep up with her in Mr. Gibbons' differential equations class and camping out all night on the science building with the astronomy class to observe a meteor shower.

Pam graduated in '75 and did me the great honor of marrying me in May of 1976, just after my junior year. We lived in married student housing that the college owned in what was once the Lowery Hospital, on what is now the site of Bank of America. We just had our 30th anniversary.

After working a few years as a computer programmer for the county, Pam now runs the Bible Book Store in Salisbury, which we own. I work as an IT consultant – I guess she did a good job of straightening out my programming problems!"

Selections from other great Catawba stories:

John '92 and Mary Fuentes-Lukowski '93 met on Mary's first day at Catawba College. He was a Resident Assistant then and a group of friends gathered in a dorm room to watch movies. A few favors offered when John's car was being repaired led to a first date at a football game. It seems they've been together ever since!

Chris '94 and Stephanie Gudger Jacobs '94 met each other the first day they both became Catawba students, although Stephanie spent most of that first semester trying to get him to go out with a friend of hers. When she realized that they should be the ones dating, friends doubted her. A trip to the beach, grad school in Boston, back to North Carolina, a wedding, living in Georgia; it seems to be working out beautifully! Just ask their daughter Caroline Woodson . . . yes, named after their freshmen dorm, Woodson Hall.

Dating for **Victor '52 and Loreta Anderson Stover '50** began when Vic invited Reta to go on a day trip to Myrtle Beach with another couple. The only concern was that it was the week of final exams before graduation for Reta! No problem, she left the dorm early in the morning, chemistry book in hand, and hopped in the convertible. That night she snuck back into the dorm after hours. Who knew that would be the beginning of a lifetime of fun together?

The wonderful marching bands of Catawba College were beneficial to more than just our athletic teams. **Walt '49 and Hilda Troxell**

Ramseur '50 credit their "fatal" closeness to an away game trip to Lenoir Rhyne. It happened to be Hilda's birthday and a round of kisses from the boys was suggested by one of the male students. One guess who stole TWO kisses? After a lovely marriage and three fine daughters, who are all Catawba alumnae, Walt now claims to know what too much kissing can lead to . . . and he sure is glad!

Sterling '42 and Barbara Brown Whitener '44 almost never got the chance to date. Though suggested by a friend, Sterling chose an opportunity to see the Hell Drivers at the fairgrounds over a date with Barbara. Well the Hell Drivers plans fell through and the offer to set him up with Barbara was not repeated. In December they did have their first formal date, which led to many more over the next four years. But Sterling's call was for mission work in China, where he had grown up, and Barbara's belief that college years were for meeting and dating other guys. Thankfully all was resolved. They did go to China but sadly, Sterling has yet to see the Hell Drivers!

Ron '72 and Susie Brooks Riggs '72 could convince you that pizza is the best meal after a long day of Christmas shopping. Susie had been shopping with a friend and stopped at Pasquale's Pizza for dinner. A few male students from S-R dorm were there, including her Florida hometown friend Jody Richards. When joining their table she met a good-looking fellow who sat several rows behind her in biology class. The good-looking Ron ended up asking Susie out for a date a few days later. Besides one short break-up as students, they've been together ever since!

Brandon '05 and Chrissy Thomas Jung '02 know that the fishing is good in the Catawba environmental preserve . . . if you are fishing for a spouse that is! One Saturday night, Chrissy was prepared to stay in her dorm room and think about a recent break-up with a boy she had been dating. The same night, Brandon was content to stay in his room and watch television. Their friends, however, convinced them to get out and go to an informal gathering of friends in the environmental preserve. They hit it off, even though Brandon stole Chrissy's chair! They talked well into the night and have been together ever since.

Aaron '02 and Mandy Adcock Isaac '03 will assure you that chivalry is always in style! After a statistic class study review, Aaron walked Mandy across campus to her car. The first true date combined a Catawba football game, dinner at a Mexican restaurant and even a trip to the movie theatre. In 2004, Aaron suggested a trip to the campus bookstore for a Christmas gift. They drove around campus reminiscing and parked in front of the library where they first studied together. It was then and there that Aaron pulled out a little box holding a ring and proposed. Mandy reports that the rest is history . . . in the making.

Joe '85 and Patti Hall Crossen '86 had so much in common, how could they not meet and fall in love? Joe asked Patti to his senior Homecoming dance. She agreed, but had already made plans for the day after with another date. She had no idea just how much she would enjoy her time with Joe during Homecoming! The next day during her other date, how awkward when she walked into the home where she and her date were to cook dinner and there was Joe with another friend. She left early and apologized the next day to Joe for the uncomfortable situation. Joe understood, and after discovering both had Italian moms and Irish fathers, both raised Roman Catholic, both from New Jersey, how could they not date and live happily ever after?

Bob '50 and Elizabeth Curlee Gore '49 met when Bob noticed her beautiful shiny black hair during the first day of speech class. After class he walked her to the Student Union and bought her an ice cream cone. Bob was a year behind Lib due to prior military service but that didn't stop him from marrying her with a year of school to go. They rented an apartment and were able to socialize with former First Lady Mrs. Howard Omwake and faculty members. Coach Kirkland provided meal tickets for campus dining for Lib. Bob recalls "it was a great year".

Matt '98 and Joanna Mullins' story does not involve a class together or even dating during college. Matt was friends, teammate and eventual roommate with Joseph Coleman '97. Joseph's younger sister had a crush on Matt during his college days but Matt was taken, for then. Fast forward to 1999 when Matt was invited to Joseph's wedding. Joseph called Matt asking if he was available as his sister was requesting a date for the wedding. Matt called Joanna Coleman and talked frequently during the next four weeks. They met once for dinner, hit it off, married and the rest is history. Their first child was born in September!

Alan '62 and Jay Mizeras (Greensboro College '64) are most appreciative of Bob Wilson '62 and John Calvin Presbyterian Church. As Alan's suitemate, Bob persuaded Alan and others to join him at John Calvin Presbyterian Church for a college age fellowship program just a few blocks from campus. Jay, a Catawba freshman in 1960, came from a long line of Presbyterians and attended that same fellowship group since it was within walking distance to campus. Jay comments that the group met in the basement of the church and "there was no place to go but up!" Jay and Alan celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary this past June.

Thank you to all alumni who shared your wonderful stories of how you met!

– Margaret Faust, Alumni Director

Chayon Ryu martial arts class at Catawba marks 22nd year

For the past 21 years, farmer John Peeler of Davie County has driven to the Catawba College campus on Monday and Wednesday evenings for martial arts class. But the 55-year old father of four says he hasn't participated in class simply to learn to fight and defend himself, but rather to stay in shape, keep limber and alleviate back problems.

Peeler's one of about a dozen students who have participated for more than 20 years in the biweekly Chayon Ryu martial arts classes offered on campus by Master David Mitchell, a seventh degree black belt, and Master Bobby Knott, a fifth degree black belt.

"The physical and mental training helps me stay limber, keeps my reflexes sharp, and keeps me healthier as I age," Peeler explains.

But, the classes haven't just helped Peeler, but rather they have come to involve every member of his family. His wife is a black belt in Chayon Ryu and his three daughters went through the classes which Peeler contends "helped them."

"I enjoyed seeing them (my daughters) go off to college as more confident in themselves," he recalls.

Now, Peeler's 10-year-old son Holden is enrolled in the classes with his father, and Peeler says his son is being transformed. "I've watched a timid young man become self-confident. There are a lot of role models in that class that I want him exposed to."

Chayon Ryu Classes Begin at Catawba

It was Knott's father, Catawba College President Robert Knott who originally helped establish the Chayon Ryu martial arts classes on campus when he was provost at the College in 1984. He felt the Chayon Ryu system's art and philosophy would be a good fit with the educational mission of the institution.

Bobby Knott, who enrolled in the classes beginning at age 13, still considers himself a student of Chayon Ryu despite his fifth degree ranking. He is sure that his training in Chayon Ryu has helped change and positively direct his life.

Knott had had some bad martial arts experiences before coming with brown belt in hand at age 13 to Mitchell's classes at Catawba. "It was after those experiences of taking other martial arts classes and being physically hurt that made it so great to meet Master Mitchell," Knott recalls. "With Chayon Ryu, he (Mitchell) didn't build you up by tearing you down. He was an educator.

"The whole focus of Chayon Ryu is higher learning," he continues, "and the reason we train is to become a better person. Martial arts that stress compe-

tion are great exercise, but games come to an end. With Chayon Ryu, the education never stops."

Mitchell agrees. "We're always trying to attain self-awareness and self-knowledge, so we can reach enlightenment," he says. "We're not a substitute for religion and religion is not taught in class, nor is politics. You can travel at your own level of fitness and this will help strengthen you."

About 80 percent of the students in class are adults "who are growing into instead of out of martial arts," Mitchell notes. "The forms and techniques taught are very old, but the way we practice has been modified so people are able to do them for a lifetime."

Master David Mitchell

At his core, David Mitchell is an educator. By day, he teaches fifth graders at Isenburg Elementary, and by night, he's master (and adjunct instructor) of his martial arts classes at Catawba. However, Mitchell took a very circuitous route through martial arts territory before he discovered Chayon Ryu and its founder Grandmaster Kim Soo in 1973 at Kim's martial arts school in Houston, Texas.

Mitchell, who grew up in Salisbury, began training on his own at age nine before beginning formal training in 1967 with a South Korean instructor who came to Salisbury and offered classes. He says he had the mistaken idea early on that martial arts were all about fighting. Marriage brought Mitchell to Texas, where he soon located Kim Soo's martial arts class in Houston.

Sheepishly, he recalls his first appearance in Kim Soo's class. "I was ready to fight and win," he remembers. He says Kim Soo seemed disappointed in him after that first encounter, until Mitchell loped up to him after class and told him he would sincerely like to train under him.

Kim Soo must have seen the diamond under Mitchell's rough and tumble exterior, because train him he did, creating a worthy student who in turn became a teacher and perpetuator of Chayon Ryu martial arts techniques half a continent away from Houston.

"We train how not to fight," Mitchell explains. "Once people have a higher level of consciousness, you realize you're only in competition with yourself and that the true enemy is inside.

"Now, I'm like a shepherd with my flock and I'm very protective of them. I've come to realize that your students are the trophy and even I am the trophy of my own efforts."

To date, Mitchell, through the classes he teaches, is responsible for the training of 18 black belts, ranging from first degree to fifth degree. His two adult sons, Josh and Matt, are among these black belts, with Josh holding a third degree, and Matt, a second degree.

The Transformative Power of Chayon Ryu

Practitioners of Chayon Ryu are convinced of its educational benefits, including 53-year-old Lane Graham, a special education teacher at Cleveland Elementary School who works with children diagnosed with attention deficit disorders. He's been a student in Mitchell's classes since 1984 and holds a fourth degree black belt.

Graham, who is pursuing his doctorate in curriculum instruction and specialized education services at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, has chosen Chayon Ryu as the topic for his dissertation. "My premise is that Chayon Ryu is a complimentary intervention that may have positive effects when used with other treatment strategies such as medication in children with ADHD."

To prove his premise, Graham is in the progress of monitoring students who are enrolled in martial arts class at an undisclosed site in the county. He has biweekly contacts with these students and is also conducting pre- and post-class interviews with the students and their guardians to assess and document changes in their behavior due to the Chayon Ryu classes. He expects to have his dissertation complete late next spring.

"Chayon Ryu promotes a positive teacher/student relationship and I believe it is an effective prescription for life and living," Graham says. "It's not about fighting. It's about strengthening the whole body and mind."

For more information about enrolling in the Chayon Ryu martial arts class at Catawba, contact David Mitchell at 704-636-8809 or by e-mail at dmitchel@catawba.edu



Master Bobby Knott, a fifth degree black belt, spars with Chayon Ryu founder, Grandmaster Kim Soo