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# Catawba College ranked 15th among Best Regional Colleges in the South

CATAWBA COLLEGE CONTINUES TO BE RANKED AS ONE OF THE NATION'S BEST REGIONAL COLLEGES, according to the 2011 edition of "Best Colleges," published by U.S. News & World Report. In the edition, 319 colleges are ranked as "Best Regional Colleges" according to geographic region (North, South, Midwest, West) with Catawba ranked 15th among 96 of these colleges in the South.

Highlights of these rankings are published in the magazine available in August on newsstands and available online at [www.usnews.com/colleges](http://www.usnews.com/colleges).

In recent years, Catawba has inched up in the U.S. News rankings from 25th in 2006, to 23rd in 2007, and to 16th in 2008. Catawba's category in 2006 and 2007, formerly titled "Comprehensive Colleges – Bachelor's," was renamed "Baccalaureate Colleges" in 2008 by U.S. News "to better clarify the broad educational mission of these schools," according to the publication. Catawba was ranked 17th in the same category in the 2009 edition and 14th in this category in the 2010 edition (called "Baccalaureate Colleges" until this most recent 2011 edition).

According to U.S. News, regional colleges "focus almost entirely on undergraduate experience and offer a broad range of programs in the liberal arts (which account for fewer than half of all bachelor's degrees granted) and in fields such as business, nursing, and education."



## Catawba College featured in "The Best 373 Colleges"

AGAIN THIS YEAR, CATAWBA COLLEGE IS ONE OF THE COUNTRY'S BEST INSTITUTIONS FOR UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION, ACCORDING TO THE PRINCETON REVIEW. The education services company features the school in the new 2011 edition of its guidebook, "The Best 373 Colleges."

Only about 15% of America's 2,500 four-year colleges and two Canadian colleges are profiled in the book, which is The Princeton Review's flagship annual college guide. It includes detailed profiles of the colleges with school rating scores in eight categories, plus ranking lists of top 20 schools in 62 categories based on The Princeton Review's surveys of students attending the colleges.

In its profile on Catawba College, The Princeton Review praises the school for its willingness "to take a chance on some applicants who may not make the cut at Davidson, Duke, or Chapel Hill" and quotes extensively from Catawba College students who The Princeton Review surveyed for the book. Among their comments about their campus experiences: "There is almost always something going on around campus that you can get into. Everyone goes to the same places – movies, dinner, bars, clubs, on-campus events – and hangs out and has fun." "The more activities

that you participate in, the more fun you will have on campus." "You would be hard-pressed to find anyone on campus who isn't involved in something else other than just going to class. This involvement in school really makes Catawba as great as it is."

In a "Survey Says. . ." sidebar in the book's profile on Catawba College, The Princeton Review lists topics that Catawba students surveyed for the book were in most agreement about in their answers to survey questions. The list includes: "Students are friendly," "Students are happy," and "Everyone loves the Catawba Indians."

The school profiles in "The Best 373 Colleges" also have ratings that are based largely on institutional data The Princeton Review collected during the 2009-10 academic year. The ratings are scores on a scale of 60 to 99 that are tallied in eight categories. Among them are ratings for Admissions Selectivity, Financial Aid, Fire Safety, and Green, a rating The Princeton Review introduced in 2008 that is a measure of school's commitment to environmentally related policies, practices and education. Among the ratings in the profile on Catawba are scores of 86 for Quality of Life and 78 for Green.

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# Transfer Students

## College Enrollment

Transfer students have become an important part of Catawba College's enrollment mix. The Admissions Office reports that in 2009, 17 percent of the entering class of students were transfer students. This fall, that percentage increased to 21.4 percent.

Catawba Vice President of Enrollment Lois Williams says transfer students are an important part of the college's enrollment. "I believe that transfer students add a breadth and depth to our campus that we would not otherwise have," Williams explains. "Their experience in selecting a college is often different from a typical entering freshman. Sometimes that difference is having made the wrong choice initially in their college selection process and sometimes that choice is delaying a college decision to work and have a family. They return later bringing with them a tapestry of life experience that enriches their education far beyond our imaginations.

"In addition, the reality is that many of these students transfer to us from the community college system because that is a way for them to cut college costs. Others transferring from the community colleges made that choice initially because they simply didn't know what they wanted to do, so they went that route to figure it out."

## Tina Parsons



a transfer from  
**Davidson County  
Community College**  
OF LEXINGTON

"I transferred to Catawba College as a junior from Davidson County Community College with an AAS degree in Human Resources. I love the people here ... they're like family, caring and friendly! The orientation process was easy; you get all your questions answered and the staff was very helpful. If you need anything, they will make it happen for you. I'm glad I attended the orientation; not only did I meet some great staff there, but my good friends as well. My experience has been great! If I need help in anything, my professors take their time and work with me one-on-one."

Here are how some recent transfer students explain their decision to attend Catawba:



**Meredith Brown** a transfer from  
OF TROUTMAN **UNC Asheville**

"I transferred to Catawba my sophomore year because I wanted to stay at a small liberal arts school, with the addition of a structured and organized pre-medical program. I loved Catawba as soon as I visited, and since I've been a student here, I've realized all the more just how perfect it is for me. I feel like I've gotten the most out of my education and I feel like I've finally found my home away from home."



**Kayla  
Oxendine**

OF PEMBROKE  
a transfer from  
**Stanly  
Community  
College**

"I came to Catawba after leaving Stanly Community College

where I became a licensed esthetician. I loved Catawba the first day that I set eyes on it and when I came for the new student and transfer student orientation my love just grew stronger. They made the transition for me as smooth as possible and there was always something to do and for me to take part in. Well the same thing is still happening! Every week there is something fun and exciting to do on campus. I never had a college experience like this before and I have no doubt in my mind that Catawba was one of the best decisions I ever made and is definitely the right school for me!"

## Carly Trawick

OF CHINA GROVE

a transfer from

**Rowan-Cabarrus  
Community College**



"I loved transferring to Catawba. I spent two years at Rowan Cabarrus Community College, and after that I was ready for the change. Catawba is exactly what I needed. I got help on finding what my ideal job was and I'm in that direction now. I was happy that I was able to receive help financially, because most scholarships go just to freshmen. Overall, this has been a great experience. Everyone was so encouraging, and I felt wanted. I really appreciate all their help."



## Hope Lambeth

OF LEXINGTON

a transfer from

**Davidson  
County  
Community  
College**

"I transferred in as a junior to Catawba from Davidson

County Community College where I received my Associate's in Arts degree. My transition into Catawba College was made incredibly easy and it was smooth sailing from the time I applied until currently as a student. Transfer Day was so helpful because not only did I learn about what I was getting myself into education-wise, but I was able to meet others like me who ended up becoming my closest friends here at Catawba. The influence that my instructors have on me, and the friendliness of all my fellow peers, sure have made my experience at Catawba College a positive one."

## '38 Alumnus established new scholarship at Catawba College before his death

The late Eugene Deal of Mooresville, N.C., formerly of Charlotte, N.C., made a gift the year before his death to establish a scholarship at Catawba College named for him and his late wife. Deal, a 1938 alumnus of Catawba, died July 10, 2010. His wife predeceased him in 2005.

The Evelyn S. and Eugene E. Deal Family Endowed Scholarship will be targeted to students who are graduates of South Rowan High School, members of First Reformed Church of Landis, N.C., and who are majoring in education. The Deals hailed from the South Rowan area.

Mr. Deal played baseball during his time at Catawba and was a member of the team when the Catawba Indians won the 1936 North State Conference pennant. While a student, he worked at the President's House for then college president, Dr. Elmer Hoke. At Catawba, he majored in education, English, history and administration.

After his graduation from Catawba, he served two years in the U.S. Navy before returning home to earn his master's degree in social work from UNC Chapel Hill. He began his teaching career at Biscoe High School where he taught social studies and coached baseball, football and basketball. Between 1941 and 1944, he taught social studies and coached at Mt. Ulla High School where he also served as athletic director. Thereafter, he and his wife, Evelyn, settled in Charlotte where Mr. Deal began his social work and counseling career. He worked his way up from probation counselor to chief probation counselor for the Mecklenburg County Juvenile system until retirement.

The late Mrs. Deal was a long-time secretary for presidents at Queen's College in Charlotte.

**"We are grateful to Mr. Deal for his forethought in establishing this scholarship that will benefit future Catawba students," noted Tom Childress, Catawba's Senior Vice President.**

The Deals had joined Catawba's Tower Society close to a decade ago when they made a charitable bequest to the institution.



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**Catawba College** receives **\$100,000 grant** to help retain **First-Generation college students**

**CATAWBA COLLEGE APPLIED AND WAS AWARDED A \$100,000 GRANT TO HELP STRENGTHEN ITS PROGRAMS THAT SUPPORT THE EDUCATION OF FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENTS.** Catawba was one of 30 Council of Independent Colleges (CIC) member colleges and universities selected through a competitive application process to receive the grants funded by the Walmart Foundation to receive 2010 CIC/Walmart College Success Awards. All of the award recipients have undergraduate enrollment that includes at least 30 percent first-generation students among the most recent classes of first-year students.

Catawba College will use its award to fund its NextGen Project to build cultural and social capital of first-generation students. This project builds on existing programs in three areas: training and developing faculty and staff who work with first year students, the NextGen FYS section and targeted outreach to families of first generation students. Faculty and staff participated in a summer development workshop to discuss readings about the needs of first generation students led by a consultant who is an expert in the field.

Incoming students who met the first generation criteria have the opportunity to enroll in the NextGen FYS, taught by Associate Professor of Sociology Dr. Maria Vandergriff-Avery, who is a first-generation college graduate. This course will include content specific to the needs of first-generation students along with intensive and targeted co-curricular support such as assignments to use the Writing Center, the Career Center and the Academic Resource Center. Social and cultural capital of first-generation students will be further developed in part by fully funded travel to Washington, D.C. during the winter term following their first fall semester. NextGen students will visit Washington area museums, historical sites, government offices and Catawba College alumni. The NextGen FYS First-generation students and their families participated in expanded orientation activities, received enhanced versions of the student handbook and calendar and communicate frequently with the NextGen FYS instructor and staff members.

"The authors of the grant proposal are thrilled to be able to provide an enriched experience for first-generation students.

Among our greatest alumni success stories are students who came to Catawba as the first in their families to attend college, and we can carry that legacy into the future. In fact, many of our faculty are themselves first-generation college students eager to pitch in. This is a great opportunity to fulfill our purpose of helping all students achieve the full measure of their promise," noted Catawba College Associate Provost Dr. Carl Girelli.

"From one point of view this kind of programming is exactly in line with Catawba College's historic mission. What is new is the commitment of our partners, Walmart and CIC, to resource these students, their families, and colleges like Catawba," explained Catawba College Provost Dr. W. Richard "Rick" Stephens, Jr.

**"While access and affordability are part of any higher education equation, the faculty, staff, and administration of Catawba College are just as clearly committed to success on the part of each and every student who chooses to attend. To this end, the opportunities created by the generosity of Walmart and the CIC have been put to good effect."**

## The First Cohort of NextGen Students

Freshmen students at Catawba who meet the first-generation criteria had the opportunity to enroll in the NextGen First-Year Seminar taught by Associate Professor of Sociology Dr. Maria Vandergriff-Avery, who herself is a first-generation college graduate. They are pictured here on the steps of the Hedrick Administration Building along with their two teaching assistants.

Catawba was among 20 institutions that were \$100,000 award recipients, including Alma College, MI; Alverno College, WI; Berea College, KY; Clark Atlanta University, GA; College of Notre Dame of Maryland; DePaul University, IL; Elizabethtown College, PA; Franklin College, IN; Guilford College, NC; Lynchburg College, VA; Mars Hill College, NC; Mercyhurst College, PA; Mills College, CA; Notre Dame de Namur University, CA; Rosemont College, PA; Stetson University, FL; Stevenson University, MD; Thomas College, ME; and University of St. Francis, IL.

Ten institutions received \$50,000 awards, including Cardinal Stritch University, WI; Chaminade University of Honolulu, HI; Defiance College, OH; Emmanuel College, MA; Eureka College, IL; Heritage University, WA; McKendree University, IL; Saint Augustine's College, NC; Wabash College, IN; and Woodbury University, CA.

The programs offered at these 30 institutions represent the wide range of approaches to working with first-generation students. Some institutions focus on the unique needs of a particular subset of first-generation students, such as Hispanic students, commuter students, transfer students from community colleges, or students pursuing a teaching career. A number of the award recipients offer transitional summer programs for incoming students that help prepare them for college-level work and life away from home. Others provide services such as mentoring, tutoring, career development, and providing scholarships and stipends to help ensure success for first-generation students.

The CIC/Walmart College Success Awards program will include a conference in 2011, online networking opportunities, and a final publication on best practices from cohorts to be disseminated at the end of the grant period in 2013.

For more information about the Walmart College Success Awards and the programs of the 30 winners, visit the CIC website at [www.cic.edu/projects\\_services/walmart\\_college\\_success.asp](http://www.cic.edu/projects_services/walmart_college_success.asp).

## MEET SARAH ROSSINI, CATAWBA'S NEW DIRECTOR OF RESIDENCE LIFE

**SARAH ROSSINI, CATAWBA COLLEGE'S NEW DIRECTOR OF RESIDENCE LIFE, FEELS THAT HER JOB ALLOWS HER TO "MAKE A DIFFERENCE" IN THE LIVES OF STUDENTS.**

"My student interaction is my absolute favorite thing – helping students develop and get ready – and being a part of helping them get ready for what's next," she explains.

The Boston native remembers discovering her calling while she worked as a resident assistant in undergraduate school at Merrimack College. "I liked it," she remembers, "plus it helped me pay tuition and I needed the money."

Rossini finished her bachelor's degree in psychology at Merrimack in three years and went straight to graduate school at Bridgewater State College. She was lucky, she says, because Merrimack created a graduate assistantship for housing and residence life that allowed her to stay at her undergraduate institution and work there part-time during her first year of graduate school.

It was during that first year as a graduate assistant at Merrimack that Rossini realized, "I sort of love this. It was really the first time in my life that I saw myself making a difference in other people. There were eight first-year males on one floor whom I really credit my career to – they were the first group of students I worked with. They let me in, understood my job; it was more family than work for me."

As Rossini completed her final two years of graduate school, she worked fulltime at Merrimack as residence director, responsible for two buildings of 308 first-year residents and 11 resident advisors. After completing her master's degree in clinical psychology at Bridgewater State in 2007, she resigned her position, married husband Nick, and "moved 800 miles away from my family all in five weeks."

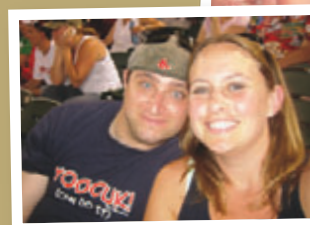
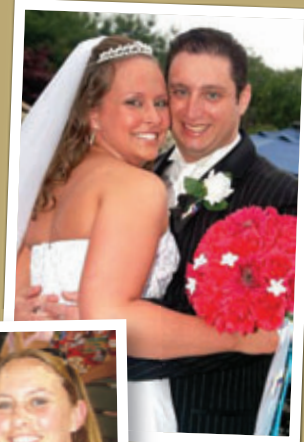
Rossini's move landed her at a large public university in North Carolina -- UNC Charlotte -- where she worked as a residence education coordinator and an adjunct professor while she began taking courses for her doctorate in educational leadership and higher education. Her stay at UNC Charlotte lasted three years until she felt drawn back to a small private institution and applied for a position as residence life director at Catawba. She began her new job at Catawba in July of this year.

Since then, she has worked on room assignments, extensive resident assistants' training and getting her team of 26 resident assistants to function as a team. "I'm a firm believer in the idea that the job of the R.A. is to build relationships in addition to policy enforcement, safety and security," she noted. "I really believe that people don't care how much you know until they know how much you care."

Although the new academic year has only just begun, Rossini is making programming plans for the resident students on campus.

**"You really should get good stuff living on campus!** There are benefits; it's not just a bed – it's community, friendships, unity, being part of something bigger."

Rossini and husband Nick, who works at Yadkinville Community Bank in Statesville, make their home on the Catawba campus with their dog, Lady. When not working or attending classes, Rossini might be found taking photos or spending time on the lake with Nick and Lady.





## CATAWBA COLLEGE'S COMMUNITY MUSIC PROGRAM WELCOMES NEW DIRECTOR

AS CATAWBA COLLEGE'S COMMUNITY MUSIC PROGRAM MARKS ITS 26TH YEAR, IT WELCOMED A NEW DIRECTOR — ONLY ITS THIRD SINCE THE PROGRAM BEGAN IN 1984.

**Erin Harper**, who has worked with the Community Music program as its lead keyboard instructor, filled the director's role held for the past 12 years by Dr. Julie Chamberlain. Chamberlain had accepted the program baton in 1997 when Elizabeth "Libby" Carlton, founder of the program, retired.

Harper, who lives in Mocksville, earned her bachelor of arts degree in music with an emphasis in piano performance from Wingate University and her master's of music in piano performance with a concentration in piano pedagogy from UNC Greensboro. Prior to joining the Community Music program in 2008 as staff accompanist and lead keyboard teacher, she served as music or piano instructor at Wilkes Community College, Mitchell Community College and Davidson County Community College. She served as minister of music at First Baptist Church in Mocksville between 2005 and 2009. She also continues to serve as music instructor for the elementary school of North Hills Christian Academy.

Like her two predecessors, Harper sees the Community Music program not as just a business venture, but as an outreach to the community.



**"Whatever age you are, whatever musical ability you have, we have a fun and exciting class for you."**

Catawba's Community Music program began in 1984 with only 12 students enrolled in a Music and Movement class using Orff-based music concepts. Now, as it enters its second quarter century, it has grown to serve more than 100 students each semester and to offer a Musikgarten program, vocal ensembles for children and youth, instrumental ensembles for youth, songwriting classes, piano classes, drama classes, and private instruction on almost any instrument.

**For more information on the program, contact Erin Harper at [eharper@catawba.edu](mailto:eharper@catawba.edu) or by phone at 704-881-1565.**

# Three New Faculty Members Welcomed to Catawba College

By Susan Shinn Catawba College News Service

**THIS FALL, THE CATAWBA COLLEGE COMMUNITY WELCOMED THREE NEW FACULTY MEMBERS: DR. FORREST ANDERSON, DR. ERIC HAKE AND DR. ERIN WOOD.**

## DR. FORREST ANDERSON

Dr. Forrest Anderson never thought he'd teach in the town of his birth. But here he is, back in Salisbury, at Catawba College, where he is an assistant professor in the English department. This fall, he's teaching three composition courses and a course on reading literature.

"I've always known I wanted to teach in college," says Anderson, 33, whose wife, Elizabeth, teaches fourth grade at Overton Elementary School. Their son, Benji, is almost a year old.

Although he was born in Salisbury, Anderson grew up in Rocky Mount, where he still has family. He

received a bachelor's degree in journalism and mass communications from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; a master of fine art's degree in creative writing from the University of South Carolina, and a doctorate in English with a concentration in fiction from Florida State University. He has most recently taught at FSU and Arkansas Tech University.

One of the big draws to Catawba was the presence of Dr. Janice Fuller, writer-in-residence in the English department. "Just to be in a department where I can work with such an established poet — I'm honored," Anderson says. "Every day, I'm thankful for Janice Fuller."

Anderson says he's always wanted to write, although he feared it might not be a practical career. He started out as an advertising major at Carolina, but began writing for "The Daily Tar Heel" and quickly changed his major to journalism.

Unfortunately, he says, "My expectation and reality did not match up." One day at work, for example, he covered the Beanie Babies craze in the morning and a body being pulled from the Mississippi in the afternoon.

Anderson worked in banking for a while, and as a copywriter for dot.coms in Boston. About the time they were burning out, he enrolled in USC.

"I've been lucky," he says. He's worked with writers such as Ron Rash, George Singleton, Julianna Baggott, Elizabeth Stuckey-French, Mark Winegardner and Janette Turner Hospital. At FSU, his doctoral director was Robert Olen Butler, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of "A Good Scent from a Strange Mountain."

**He's known many generous writers, including Fuller. "If I could be as good of a literary citizen as Janice, I'd be thrilled," he says.**

Anderson says he really enjoys teaching first-year writers. For the literature course, he's chosen Southern writers who have migrated West in their novels. The class, for example, is studying "Deliverance" by James Dickey as a novel of the frontier, along with "Blood Meridian" by Cormac McCarthy and "Heading West" by Doris Betts, a longtime writer and instructor at UNC.

Although Anderson only recently moved into his office, it already has a few distinct touches — a UNC basketball and Bruce Springsteen's "Born to Run" album.





His Carolina suitemates included Vince Carter and Antawn Jamison.

Something you might not know about him: “I’m obsessed with reality television — all the “Real Housewives,” in every single city. And I love “Project Runway,” he adds.

**If he had a superhero power, he says, it would be Sookie Stackhouse’s ability to hear people’s thoughts, an attribute that might come in handy during exam time.**

## DR. ERIC HAKE

Dr. Eric Hake had only recently moved to Spokane, Wash., accepting a tenure track job at Eastern Washington University in 2008, but the lure of the Southeast was too much and he accepted a position at Catawba College.

Those kinds of opportunities don’t come around very often, says Hake, so now he is an associate professor of economics in the Ketner School of Business.

Hake received a bachelor’s degree in history and a doctorate in economics from The University of Tennessee. He’s been teaching since 1994, both at regional state schools and at a private college in Pennsylvania.

“I really enjoyed that experience,” says Hake, 45. “That was a good fit for me.” He liked the fact that the students were more motivated and the class sizes were small.

This fall, he’s teaching principles of macroeconomics, money and banking, and the legal environment of business.

**Wherever he’s taught, Hake has integrated economics in the liberal arts curriculum. “I’m interested in the whole student and how courses connect and are related to larger social issues,” Hake explains.**

His interest in economics came about as the result of taking history classes and becoming fascinated with the industrial revolution. At the same time, he worked his way through his own education taking music, creative writing, English and government courses.

“I was just fortunate that my parents encouraged me to take classes I enjoyed and move through the liberal arts curriculum,” Hake says.

As an undergraduate, Hake spent a year abroad in Manchester, England, studying the evolution of British corporations. From the beginning, he knew he wanted to teach in higher education. It was just a matter of choosing a doctorate in history or economics. He liked the theories behind economics and

he’s glad now that he chose it. “To me,” he says, “this is the most important time to be studying economics. We are dealing with a situation we don’t understand. There is no clearly defined set of policies to face the problem we’re having.”

Hake divides recent economic history into two time periods: 1945-1975 and 1975 to the present. Hake says that institutions put in place with the New Deal after World War II worked well. “The U.S. economy was the only industrial power still standing at the end of World War II,” he notes.



“Now, there’s been a change in focus to services and finance, along with competition from the Pacific Rim, India and China. The trade infrastructure has been remade. We’ve seen the rise of the Internet, and the dot.com bust. What worked well before 1975 doesn’t work now, but we can’t go back,” Hake says. “We can’t decide where to go.”

Hake and his wife, Teresa Rowell, a stay-at-home mom, have a daughter, Julia, 7. They were concerned about another move, but Julia was thrilled to be closer to her grandparents. “It’s OK,” she told her dad.

**Something you may not know about him is that Hake plays stand up bass and he likes to cook, but the economist in him wants the superhero power of seeing the future, of course.**

## DR. ERIN WOOD

Eight years is a long time to work in a basement laboratory. That’s why Dr. Erin Wood loves her office with two large windows in the second floor of Hedrick Administration Building. She also keeps the overhead fluorescent lights turned off, preferring instead to work by the light of a small desktop lamp instead.

Wood is an assistant professor in the psychology department, joining Dr. Sheila Brownlow and Dr. Lyn Boulter, but what’s interesting about her is that she didn’t take psychology classes until her sophomore year of college.

“I think it had everything to do with my childhood,” says Wood, 31, of her fascination with the subject. “I didn’t get along with my

parents. I started studying biopsychology. I wanted to know how much was my fault and how much was my parents’ fault. But there were fewer answers than anybody thought.”

A native of Madison County, Va., Wood received her bachelor’s degree in psychology and master’s and doctoral degrees in biopsychology all from Virginia Commonwealth University.

Not surprisingly, the demographics at Catawba are different than at VCU, Wood points out. **“The students here seem really invested in their education. They seem to be very well-rounded. I’m excited to see that there are a number of non-traditional students in the classroom.”** This fall, she’s teaching general psychology, cognition with a lab, and data analysis for the behavioral sciences.

Wood and her three younger siblings are all first-generation college graduates. All three of her siblings are completing or have completed advanced degrees.

Once Wood got to VCU, she liked it, so she stayed. “I got a paid position in the lab, so it was comfortable,” she says. “I was comfortable with the ethos at VCU.” While there, she was a primary instructor for the history of psychology course and for statistics, along with being a teaching assistant in statistics and physiological psychology.

In five months, Wood sent out some 30 applications, but only three for tenure track jobs. She didn’t want to do any more research. “I was burned out,” she admits.

Instead, she says, “I want to be well-rounded, I want to advance my teaching expertise and I want to be a solid, reliable member of the community. Catawba fit all the way around.”

Wood also likes to be able to focus on teaching. That’s difficult, she notes, in a classroom of more than 100 students, on a campus of 30,000. But she is used to the small class sizes of Catawba, because her high school graduating class had just 92 members in it.

Something that no one at Catawba knows about her: “I can be quiet!”

**And, her superhero power request is really quite humble, when you think about it: To be able to sleep through the night. If not, she’d like more hours in the day.**



# SMART GRID



# Catawba College and Duke Energy partner on Energy Management Pilot Program

**IN AN EFFORT TO MONITOR AND CONTROL ITS ENERGY COSTS, CATAWBA COLLEGE IS PARTNERING WITH DUKE ENERGY ON A YEARLONG ENERGY MANAGEMENT PILOT PROGRAM THAT IS MADE POSSIBLE BY DIGITAL, SMART GRID TECHNOLOGY.**

Through the energy management program, seven large buildings on the Catawba campus are equipped with digital smart meters that gather energy usage data for each building. The data is then transmitted back to Duke Energy through a wireless communications system and to members of the campus community and the public at large through a campus-metering page on the college website.

“We anticipate that the energy management program will enhance Catawba’s sustainability efforts,” says College President Craig Turner. “From an administrative point of view, it will allow us to be better stewards of our resources by tracking energy consumption in some key buildings on campus. It also affords our students an opportunity to learn about new technologies that can help reduce an institution’s carbon footprint. The program is really a teaching opportunity for the entire campus community.”

Turner notes that the ready availability of the data on the college website also lends itself to student competitions as different buildings vie to lessen consumption.

The Catawba College energy management program is the first of several university-based pilots Duke Energy has underway to assess the benefits of using digital metering and communications technology to give consumers more information, options and control.

“Digital, smart grid technology is changing how we do business and how we provide energy for our customers,” explains Tom Fenimore, Duke Energy’s product development manager who worked with Catawba on the pilot project.

**“By working with our customers to deliver more energy usage information more often, our customers can make more informed energy-buying decisions which can help them save money while reducing their carbon footprint.**

“Partnering allows us to deliver value beyond the meter. The opportunity to understand how to use this technology to better educate our customers made the Catawba partnership an appealing one.”

Buildings that are now individually metered include the Robertson College-Community Center, the Cannon Student Center, the Hedrick Administration Building, Woodson Hall, Salisbury Rowan Hall, the Abernethy Physical Education Building and the Center for the Environment. These buildings represent approximately 50% of the electrical energy usage of the campus. Prior to the launch of the pilot program, Catawba administrators had no way to monitor energy consumption by building because all campus energy usage was routed through a single meter. “That made it particularly difficult to turn Energy Hogs into Green Pigs,” explains Catawba Facilities Director Eric Nianouris, alluding to the on-campus sustainability campaign launched during the 2009-2010 academic year.

Launching the pilot program involved installation of wireless meters on Catawba-owned transformers. There are multiple meters in two of the monitored buildings. In the Abernethy Physical Education Building, two meters measure different services to that building – one for all electrical usage and another for the recently installed air-conditioning units in the Goodman Gymnasium there. In the Center for the Environment, there are five meters; one measures the total building electrical usage, while others provide information on photovoltaic panels, overhead lighting, air-conditioning and plug outlet load. College officials hope to use the data to identify energy efficiency incentive opportunities available to the campus through Duke Energy, and to better understand how costs are allocated to various buildings. The data tracked through the pilot program will also make its way into Catawba’s classrooms as part of the content in sustainability courses offered in several academic majors, including the Sustainability and Community Development major recently added at the college.

Digital smart grid technologies are transforming today’s analog power delivery system into a digital, interconnected network that delivers new ways for utilities and consumers to work together to manage energy usage, save money and help the environment. With technologies like smart meters, automated switching devices and wireless sensors, information will flow in two directions – enabling conversation and benefits never before possible with an analog grid system.



# CATAWBA conservation camp

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## girls gaining ground in science

### Catawba Conservation Camp Wraps Up Second Year

By Susan Shinn Catawba College News Service

**THERE WAS EXCITEMENT IN THE AIR THE WEEK OF JULY 11-16 AS 54 RISING SIXTH- AND SEVENTH-GRADE GIRLS DESCENDED ON CATAWBA COLLEGE FOR THE SECOND-ANNUAL CATAWBA CONSERVATION CAMP.**

All week, the girls rotated through environmentally-based modules that centered on five areas of learning, forming the HIPPO acronym:

- Habitat loss
- Invasive species
- Pollution
- Overpopulation
- Overharvesting



Lab work took place inside the college's Center for the Environment, but learning continued the moment the girls stepped out the back door.

Each morning, beginning at 8 a.m., the girls participated in field work. That could mean anything from a trip to Harris-Teeter to learn how to choose seafood in an environmentally correct way to trapping turtles, catching fish, banding birds and measuring water levels in the college's 189-acre ecological preserve.

The camp's co-directors were Dr. Cyndi Osterhus, education professor, and Dr. Joe Poston, biology professor. The camp's instructors included: Jennifer Board, a Catawba alumna and science teacher at Carson High School; Brittany Chester, a Catawba alumna and science teacher at West Rowan High School; Dr. Sue Calcagni, director of environmental programming at Catawba; Dr. Connie Lowery, assistant professor of biology at Catawba; Amanda Lanier, a Catawba alumna and programming coordinator at the Center for the Environment.

Additionally, 10 counselors from education or environmental studies spent all week with the girls, serving to enrich their classroom and overall camp experience.

Early Monday morning, Lowery led her group of 11 campers — clad in long pants, long-sleeved shirts, hats and boots — down the trail to the lake. Their goal was to trap fish. Along the way, they examined Asian clams, an invasive species living in a small pond behind the Center.

During the week, Lowery said, students start to understand how the modules relate to the environment, and really become classroom leaders in sharing information with their peers. Poston, who visited each module during the field work, noted that the girls might also glimpse foxes, snakes, hawks, owls and ducks throughout the week.

Breaking into groups of three or four, the girls in Lowery's group ventured to the edge of the dark water, cicadas buzzing all around them. They began skimming their nets into the water, mostly bringing up sludge at first. Meanwhile, Board's group was checking the turtle traps that had been set on Sunday. Maren McCrary was attempting to hold a turtle "hamburger style," encouraged by her counselor, Laura Ritchie. Board explained that the orange-eared sliders they were finding were a hybrid species. The girls then measured, weighed, and tagged these turtles, which are considered invasive species.

This was Ritchie's second year as a conservation camp counselor. "This is a group of girls who really, really wants to do this," said Ritchie, an education major who wants to teach middle-schoolers.

Sarah Bryant of Lexington, a sixth-grader at Tyro Middle School, was enthusiastic about handling the turtles. "It was a very good experience," she said later. "I learned a lot. I'm very interested in the environment and animals and conservation."

One turtle they marked weighed 1.38 pounds. The biggest turtle caught last year weighed 4.32 pounds. "That's a really big turtle," Board said, explaining a uniform marking system used by all turtle researchers.

Finally, their work was done. "Bye-bye," Maren said to the turtle, laying it gently at

the water's edge, where it quickly swam away.

Meanwhile, Poston was drying off a young robin that sixth-grader Laken Garney found in the water. "I'm fairly certain we can reunite it with its parents," he said, drying off the drenched, squawking bird with a red bandanna. After a few minutes, Poston did just that, to the delight of Laken and the other girls. Laken, a student at Corriher-Lipe Middle School, said she felt good about helping the bird.

**Macayla Upright, a seventh-grader at Southeast Middle School, used her net enthusiastically. "I want to be a wildlife biologist when I grow up," she said. "I wanted to work with all the female scientists here. I love it! It is so fun — but wet!"**

Back in the classroom, Macayla and Jamie DeVliieger dumped the contents of their bucket into an aquarium. They'd found several tiny fish and a couple of bugs.

"It sounded really fun because my favorite subject is science," said Jamie, a sixth-grader at Erwin Middle School who lives in Rockwell.

Every moment at camp turned into a learning experience. At lunchtime, Poston explained to the girls about the word "ort" — which is leftover food. He measured the girls' leftover food and beverages — and challenged them to submit less at the next meal.

After lunch, Maren, who'd held a turtle earlier in the day, said that science is her favorite class at school. "I wanted to come because it sounded fun and so far, it is," said the Cannon School sixth-grader. She was fascinated with the turtle traps. "There were so many other things outside that we didn't expect to see but we did," she said.

The Catawba Conservation Camp, funded through a grant from Burroughs Wellcome Fund, is an effort to interest girls in the environmental sciences.



## CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AT CATAWBA COLLEGE & ROCKY MOUNTAIN INSTITUTE TO OFFER NATIONAL YOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL SUMMIT ON CATAWBA CAMPUS



**The Center for the Environment at Catawba College and the prestigious Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI) will collaborate to offer a National Youth Environmental Summit that promises to bring 200 high school students from across the nation to the Catawba College campus in Salisbury.**

RMI sustainability designers, scientists and engineers will join a diverse group of Catawba professors and other visiting presenters to offer the landmark experience for high school students. The young leaders will engage in whole systems thinking strategies as they explore sustainable solutions to the environmental challenges we face. Topical areas for problem-solving activities will include alternative energy, air and water quality, land preservation, sustainable development and green building.

The event, "Redesigning Our Future," is a five-day intensive experience for rising high school juniors and seniors who have a commitment to environmental leadership. Scheduled for July 20-24, 2011, with follow-up activities through May 2012, the summit will provide knowledge and analytical skills that will help the participants return to their school and communities empowered to have a tangible impact as environmental leaders.

**"If we are to ensure a sustainable future for our communities, nation and world, we must re-design the way we think and live," says Center Executive Director John Wear.**

"The ideas of today will become the solutions of tomorrow, so today's youth will ultimately carry this torch of sustainability." The summit organizers expect the participants to become environmental leaders as they promote practical solutions and lead by example.

One of the distinctive elements of the summit is that it will involve multiple disciplines. Students will explore the concept of environmental leadership through the perspective of their own skills and interest in the arts, humanities, education, history, business, science and technology. They will learn how essential elements of these varied disciplines – creativity, expression, innovation, observation, experimentation and teamwork – are also critical to their effectiveness as environmental leaders.

"Some participants will be gifted musicians, writers, artists, designers, performers or public speakers," says Wear. "Others may have aptitude

in science, math and technology. They will be assigned to groups by areas of interest that tap into their specific passions but will also be encouraged to informally cross-pollinate their ideas with those from other groups."

The summit will take place at a time when the United States lags behind other countries in environmental stewardship. The National Geographic Greendex for 2009 measures environmental sustainability of consumer behavior in 65 areas related to housing, transportation, food and consumer goods. Overall, the U.S. ranked last among the 17 countries included in the Greendex survey. The U.S. also ranked last in the sustainability of our behaviors in three of four sub-categories: housing, transportation and consumer goods.



"Never in modern history have our environmental and economic challenges been so evident and so inextricably linked," Wear says. "If we are to address the challenges of today and ensure a sustainable tomorrow, we must cultivate the minds and voices of our nation's youth."

RMI began in 1982 as a small group of colleagues who were concerned with energy policy. Over the years, it has assumed a position of international leadership in research on sustainable design, practice and policy. Amory Lovins, co-founder and chairman, was recently recognized by Time magazine as "one of our world's 100 most influential people."

Catawba College offers degree programs in Sustainable Business and Community Development, Environmental Science, Environmental Education and Environmental Studies. Its Center for the Environment was founded in 1996 to provide education and outreach centered on current environmental challenges and to foster community-oriented sustainable solutions that can serve as a model for programs throughout the country.

Wear, the founding director, was named Conservationist of the Year in 2003 by the N.C. Governor's Conservation Achievement Awards Program. In 2007, Catawba signed the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment. Five new residence halls, which will house summit participants, meet the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) specifications. In addition, renewable energy (geothermal, solar thermal and photovoltaic) is used in multiple campus facilities.

The cost for participants is \$875, which includes tuition, meals, lodging, activities and materials. Scholarship assistance is available. To learn more or to apply for participation in the summit, visit [www.centerfortheenvironment.org](http://www.centerfortheenvironment.org) or call the Center at 704.637.4727.

## PRESIDENT TURNER ANNOUNCES SUMMER TOUR TO EUROPE

DR. W. CRAIG TURNER, PRESIDENT OF CATAWBA COLLEGE AND ANNETTE TUNER, THE COLLEGE'S FIRST LADY, ENTHUSIASTICALLY INVITE ALL STUDENTS, FACULTY, STAFF, ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF CATAWBA COLLEGE TO JOIN THEM AND THE CATAWBA SINGERS ON A TOUR TO FRANCE, GERMANY, AUSTRIA AND SWITZERLAND. THE TOUR WILL LEAVE CHARLOTTE ON THE EVENING FOLLOWING COMMENCEMENT, MAY 14, AND WILL RETURN ON MAY 25, 2011.

With a broad smile on his face, Dr. Turner announced this tour to college leaders, stating the reasons he knows this to be a unique and wonderful experience for the Catawba community. He said: **"This tour will be a wonderful opportunity for alumni, friends and students of the college to travel together to some of the most beautiful and historic places in the world.** This tour will provide an opportunity for those who love to sing and for those who want to travel with people they know."

The tour will include stops in Paris, Normandy and Metz in France; Lucerne and the beautiful town of Kitzbuhel in the astoundingly beautiful lake district of Switzerland; Salzburg, Austria; Munich, Dachau, and the Medieval city of Rothenburg ob der Tauber in Germany. There are alternative accommodations for alumni and friends of Catawba College with close proximity to the students who will be on the tour. The land travel includes extremely comfortable tour coaches, and the tour is hosted by Don Grigg, a brilliant musician and travel expert who now resides in France. He is Canadian by birth and was educated in the United States. Listening to Don's insightful introductions to each stop is worth the price of the tour itself.

During the tour, the Catawba group will visit the American Cemetery in Normandy, and will hear the Singers in venues like the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris. While in Salzburg, the city of Mozart, the Catawba Singers will be featured during the Solemn Mass in the Cathedral where Mozart served as organist. Throughout the tour, guests of the college will be invited to learn more about the cathedrals, the cities, the organs and their music from Professor Paul E. Oakley, Catawba's Artist-in-Residence in Music, Associate Professor of Music and College Organist. The tour program will feature music from each of the countries included in the tour and a wonderful array of American music to share with the European audiences.

There will be an opportunity for those who are not in the Catawba Singers to join them in singing during part of the program. All travelers who are interested in singing while on the tour will receive music and a rehearsal CD in time to practice and prepare for the trip. There will be one rehearsal on campus on Friday, May 13th before the college's Baccalaureate service.

The tour, coordinated by Midwest American Music Tours of Lincoln, Nebraska, includes round-trip jet transportation from Charlotte; all land transportation and transfers; hotels with breakfasts and many evening dinners; all taxes and tips for hotel/restaurant services; performance and concert management; driver and escort tips; services of a professional European escort on the tours; and admissions to various venues. The costs for participation in this tour are: \$2,998 for students; \$3,395 for four-person occupancy; \$3,995 for double occupancy; and \$4,295 for single occupancy. Tour price is inclusive except for air tax (to be determined closer to departure time), passport fees, lunches and approximately four independent dinners.

**A \$1,500 deposit is required by February 15 and will hold your space on the tour. Final payment is due April 1.**

Students should make their tour reservations and deposits through Rose Ann Pannell in the College Music Department – contact her at [rpannell@catawba.edu](mailto:rpannell@catawba.edu) or by phone at 704-637-4345. Alumni and Friends of the College should make their tour reservations and deposits through Linda Hamilton in the College President's Office – contact her at [lhamilto@catawba.edu](mailto:lhamilto@catawba.edu) or by phone at 704-637-4414.



THE VERNACULARS, CATAWBA'S STUDENT ROCK ENSEMBLE, WILL PERFORM ALL OF THE BEATLES ABBEY ROAD ALBUM LIVE ON SATURDAY EVENING MARCH 5, 2011 AT THE HARD ROCK CAFE'S FLAGSHIP VENUE IN NEW YORK'S TIMES SQUARE.

The event will be the first stop on a one-week mid-Atlantic tour by the Catawba group. It will also serve as a kickoff for an endowment campaign to establish a scholarship in the name of singer-songwriter legend and dedicated humanitarian Harry Chapin. The scholarship will be awarded to talented young songwriters attending Catawba who have shown a commitment to community service and/or social activism.

The evening will begin with the Vernaculars performing a set of Harry Chapin songs with guest appearances by musicians associated with the late singer-songwriter. The Vernaculars' Abbey Road performance will include two Catawba College Artists in Residence. Universal Records artist Dennis Reed will sing and play keys while Lisa Lowell, who has performed with Bruce Springsteen and other top acts, will join the band to sing on several songs.



Catawba College is one of only a few institutions of higher learning in the country with a curriculum designed specifically for students of popular music. This has made it the academic home of choice for talented performers and songwriters from across the country.

# The Catawba Singers garner invitation from composer Eric Whitacre to perform *Paradise Lost* in Chicago

Distinguished Concerts International in New York City (DCINY) announced that the Catawba Singers under the direction of Professor Paul E. Oakley have been personally invited by the internationally-celebrated composer Eric Whitacre to participate in a performance of *Paradise Lost: Shadows and Wings* on Tuesday, March 8, 2011 in Chicago's historic Auditorium Theatre.

The 4,000 seat theatre, right in the heart of Chicago, is said to have one of the finest acoustics in the United States. The concert will be the prelude event to the National Convention of the American Choral Directors Association. Participation in a National Convention of ACDA is the highest honor an American choir can receive.

Dr. Jonathan Griffith, Artistic Director for DCINY states: "The Catawba Singers received this invitation because of the quality and high level of musicianship demonstrated by the singers and the exceptional recommendation given to Professor Oakley by his choral colleagues. It is quite an honor to be invited to perform at this event in Chicago."

Eric Whitacre is perhaps the first choral composer/conductor in recent centuries to receive "rock star" status internationally. In a personal note to Professor Oakley, Whitacre wrote:

**"The reason I am writing specifically to you is because you were identified as one of the top choirs in the United States by the American Choral Directors Association."** He goes on to say:

"*Paradise Lost* is a musical influenced by Japanese manga, anime, opera and martial arts. The text follows on from Milton's *Paradise Lost* and charts a tribe of angels marooned in post-apocalyptic paradise. The heart of the show is in the characters, especially the chorus; it will be absolutely stunning to see a chorus of angels – that's you! – on stage with me. It will bring a sense of grandeur to this epic story, and help us to recreate the majesty and magnitude of a tale about angels battling for paradise."

The Catawba Singers will include this historic performance as the central stop of their annual tour. While in Chicago, the students will spend approximately 9-10 hours in rehearsal over a three-day residency with Eric Whitacre, culminating in the final performance on Tuesday, March 8, 2011. Several thousand choral conductors and music educators from all over the world will be in attendance.

Oakley states: "I was forced by some of our students to send an audition CD to the ACDA program committee. All selections are done by blind CD audition. To have been selected shows the high quality of our students and of their work ethic. I am very proud of them, and feel honored to work with them."



## The Catawba Singers

### AND CHAMBER SINGERS TO MAKE MIDWEST CONCERT TOUR IN MARCH 2011

**DURING SPRING BREAK, MARCH 4-12, 2011, THE CATAWBA SINGERS AND CHAMBER SINGERS OF CATAWBA COLLEGE WILL BE PERFORMING A CONCERT AND RECRUITMENT TOUR INTO THE MIDWESTERN REGION OF THE UNITED STATES. THIS WILL BE THE FOURTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR THAT THE CATAWBA SINGERS AND CHAMBER SINGERS HAVE MADE SUCH A TOUR.**

The choir will sing in churches and schools in Huntington, West Virginia; Indianapolis, Indiana; Springfield, Illinois; Chicago, Illinois; Louisville, Kentucky; Knoxville, Tennessee and Hickory, North Carolina. The choir will also sing one performance of the tour repertoire in Charlotte, North Carolina. Specifics of the tour stops are still being finalized, and alumni, prospective students and friends of the college are encouraged to visit the Catawba College website at [www.catawba.edu/choirtour](http://www.catawba.edu/choirtour) for complete details closer to the tour dates.

As they have in their previous performances in Carnegie Hall in New York City and in the National Cathedral in Washington D. C., the choirs will represent Catawba College as ambassadors of the arts and as a "point of excellence and pride" for this college community.

The Catawba Singers is the 64-voice touring concert choir of Catawba College, and from that elite choir, the Chamber Singers of 24 voices is selected. In solidarity with the unique mission of Catawba's Music Department, the repertoire for this concert tour will represent the breadth and depth of great choral music. There will be multiple styles from chant-based motets and the music of Bach and Mozart to musical theatre, gospel and vocal jazz. The audience will hear indigenous music from Venezuela and 20th century music from Japan. In addition to the concert performances, the choirs will participate in choral workshops in local high schools.

The Catawba Singers and Chamber Singers are under the direction of Professor Paul E. Oakley, Artist-in-Residence in Music, Associate Professor of Music and College Organist. The choirs are accompanied by Dr. Robert Hallquist, Catawba's pianist.

**A sampling from the choir tour repertoire can be heard by the Salisbury-Rowan community at 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 20, 2011 in the Omwake-Dearborn Chapel.**



Billy Burke



Susan Vick



Greg Alexander



Reid Leonard

# 2010 Blue Masque Hall of Fame Honorees Inducted

## CATAWBA COLLEGE'S BLUE MASQUE HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES WERE HONORED AS PART OF THE COLLEGE'S HOMECOMING WEEKEND ACTIVITIES.

This year's Blue Masque Hall of Fame induction ceremony and reception was held in Hedrick Little Theatre at 8 p.m. on Friday, October 8. Those honored include Billy Burke, Class of '38; Dr. Susan Vick, Class of '67; Reid Leonard, Class of '76; and Greg Alexander, Class of '81.

The purpose of the Catawba College Blue Masque Hall of Fame is to recognize and perpetuate the noteworthy theatre tradition of Catawba College by honoring and memorializing individuals who have made outstanding contributions to this tradition. Inductees into the Hall of Fame must have either attended Catawba College as a full time student, been employed at Catawba as a full or part time faculty/staff member, or contributed to the success of the Blue Masque by performing outstanding service as a volunteer.

The following individuals were recognized for their meritorious life in theatre:

**Billy Burke** was dubbed "Salisbury's Mr. Music" in a Salisbury Post article written in the 1950s. Born September 30, 1917, Burke had his first piano lesson at age nine. Upon finishing high school, he entered Catawba College, continuing his musical training there while cleaning the music building to pay his tuition. But, Burke's dream of finishing his college degree and becoming a concert pianist were ended by the Great Depression. Instead, he entered Salisbury Business College before working in a series of business related positions, including 30 years as employment manager for N.C. Finishing Company, 19 years as personnel manager at Zimmerman's Clothing Store, and another 10 years in the same capacity for Leon's Clothing Store. During these years he continued his musical career, playing for weddings, concerts, churches, accompanying singers on radio and television, becoming the official pianist for the Miss Salisbury beauty pageants, and numerous like events. One of his proudest moments came when he was asked to compose the music for Catawba College's production of "Huck Finn" in 1954. He wrote 13 songs for the first production and added 2 more when the script was updated for another run in 1958. He has played with the Salisbury Symphony Orchestra, while musical selections from "Huck Finn" have been performed by the North Carolina and Salisbury Symphony Orchestras. The Blue Masque named its highly coveted musical award in his honor, The Huck Finn Award. Burke was named Salisbury's "Young Man of the Year" in 1952. And, he has attained the rank of Life Master in the American Contract Bridge League.

**Dr. Susan Vick** graduated from Catawba College in 1967 with a major in drama. A Blue Masque president and recipient of numerous on-stage and off-stage awards, Vick's many student accomplishments were recognized with the Florence Busby Corriher Outstanding Achievement Award. Upon graduation, Vick toured with the National Children's Theatre before entering Southern Methodist University where she completed a master of fine arts in directing. After teaching at Bowdoin College in Maine and Appalachian State in North Carolina, Vick entered the University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign, where she completed her Ph.D. in theatre. She then joined the faculty at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, Massachusetts in 1982 and is currently professor of drama/theatre and director of theatre. At WPI, Vick was the first woman to win the Trustees Award for Outstanding

Teaching. Other honors include the Alpha Phi Omega Service to Students Award. She has been recognized twice by "Who's Who in Entertainment" and is included in "Who's Who in America, Millennium Edition." In addition to the numerous plays directed at WPI, Vick has staged productions in Boston, Northampton, Amherst, and has thrice toured productions to the Edinburgh International Festival Fringe in Scotland. She has written plays that have been produced off-Broadway and in regional, educational and international venues. Vick is a published poet and has adapted several of Shakespeare's plays for children's theatre.

**Reid Leonard** graduated cum laude in 1976, with a double major in theatre and English. A native of Lexington, N.C., Leonard excelled in virtually all areas of theatre while at Catawba. Using his training as actor, director, playwright, and designer, Leonard accepted, upon graduation, a teaching position with the Greensboro City Schools. Recipient of the Terry Sanford Award "for creativity and innovation in teaching," he also received numerous statewide theatre awards while teaching at first Page High School and then Weaver Education Center. In addition, for 12 summers, Leonard was also a drama instructor at the Governor's Schools of North Carolina in first Laurinburg and then Winston-Salem. Upon completion of the master of fine arts in directing from Northwestern University, Leonard became a member of the Catawba College theatre faculty for two years. Beginning in 1986 to the present, Leonard has been the director of Piedmont Players Theatre in Salisbury. In this capacity, he has directed and designed sets and lights for 150 plays, to date. And, while director he also oversaw the purchase and renovation of the Meroney Theatre, Piedmont Player's primary theatre structure, as well as the Norvell Theatre, Piedmont Player's youth theatre facility. Piedmont Players was recognized in 2003 for its outstanding work in community theatre by the North Carolina Theatre Conference. Author of several plays, Leonard's stage adaptation of Clyde Edgerton's "Walking Across Egypt" continues to be performed throughout the southeast.

**Greg Alexander**, a native of Charlotte, N.C., began his study of theatre at Catawba in 1977. A strong and versatile actor, musician and general theatre practitioner, Alexander twice won the department's "outstanding actor award," as well as the Augustine Daly Award for "outstanding theatre student of the year." Upon leaving Catawba, Alexander was accepted into the Actor's Theatre of Louisville apprentice program in Louisville, Kentucky. Additional early professional training and experience included work with the Clyde Vinson Studio in New York, the Philadelphia Theatre Company, the Williamstown Theatre Festival, and the People's Light and Theatre Company in Malvern, Pennsylvania. In 1989, Alexander was asked to be a part of the fledgling Fantasy Theatre For Children in Sacramento, California. Twenty-one years later, he continues to serve the Northern California theatre audiences as actor, director, and writer. Currently a member of the B Street Theatre acting company, his productions for youth, such as "The Golden Harp," a musical which he wrote and directed, reach out to over 200,000 students yearly. His acting performances for B Street Theatre have ranged from the one-man show "I Am My Own Wife," the Pulitzer Prize winning play in which he played 32 characters, to a leading role in "A Christmas Carol." His directing duties for B Street have included the critically acclaimed adult drama "Wit," as well as numerous youth productions, such as "Junie B. Jones." Alexander has also performed with the Foothill Theatre Company, Sacramento Theatre Company, and California Stage Company, among others.



# CATAWBA COLLEGE

## The Fourth Annual

# Business KETNER SCHOOL OF BUSINESS Hall of Fame

## FOURTH ANNUAL BUSINESS HALL OF FAME TAPS FOUR INDUCTEES

Four outstanding business leaders were inducted into Catawba College's Ketner of Business Business Hall of Fame on Saturday, November 6. The fourth annual event was held in Peeler Crystal Lounge of the Robertson College-Community Center on campus.

Inductees included Paul E. Fisher of Salisbury, Richard "Dick" J. Seiwell '67 of West Chester, Pa., James L. Williamson '54 of Charlotte, and the late Lotan Corriher of Landis, who attended Old Catawba College in Newton from 1891 to 1892.

A reception, with the inductees began at 6 p.m., followed by the dinner and the awards ceremony at 6:45 p.m. Catawba alumnus Joey Popp '77, a member of the Business Advisory Board for the Ketner School of Business, was the master of ceremonies for the event again this year.

Previous inductees include Darlene Landis Ball of Greensboro; the late Enoch A. Goodman of Salisbury; James F. Hurley, III of Salisbury; the late Claude S. Abernethy Jr. of Newton; C. A. "Junie" Michael of Mooresville; the late Clifford A. Peeler of Salisbury; Tom E. Smith of Salisbury; Ralph W. Ketner of Salisbury; Lynne Scott Safrit of Kannapolis; Claude Hampton, Jr., of Salisbury; the late Thomas S. Carroll of New Canaan, Conn.; the late Adrian L. Shuford, Jr., of Conover; the late J. W. Abernethy, Jr., of Newton; and the late Millard Wilson of Salisbury.

Sponsors for this year's event included F&M Bank, Gold Sponsor; Mr. Ralph W. Ketner, Silver Sponsor; and Dr. Charles T. Muse, Bronze Sponsor.

## 2010 INDUCTEES

### *Paul E. Fisher*

A 1960 alumnus of UNC Chapel Hill, Paul Fisher serves as chairman and CEO of F&M Bank. A native of Granite Quarry, he is a member of the N.C. Banking Commission and former president of the N.C. Bankers Association. He was a member of the N.C. Air National Guard between 1960 and 1968.

A member of the Catawba College Board of Trustees since 1975, he currently serves as Chair of that Board. Catawba has recognized his service to the College by awarding him its Adrian L. Shuford Award for Distinguished Service in 1997. Catawba awarded him an honorary doctorate of humanitarian service in 1994.

Fisher was awarded the Wall Street Journal Scholastic Achievement Award in 1960 and the Sam Walton Business Leader Award in 1996. He was named the Salisbury Lions Club Man of the Year in 1999 and was honored by the Salisbury-Rowan Merchants Association that same year with a Lifetime Achievement Award.

Active in the community, Fisher chaired a campaign that raised more than \$2.3 million for a new Rowan County Chamber of Commerce building. He headed a task force on redevelopment of the Flowers Bakery area in downtown Salisbury. He and his family also made a generous donation toward construction of an East Rowan YMCA. He founded and has chaired the Rowan-Salisbury Educational Foundation. He has served or is serving on a number of civic organizations' boards including the United Way, Salvation Army, YMCA, the Rowan-Salisbury Symphony, Sales and Marketing Club, Livingstone College, Rowan Memorial Hospital and Rowan Helping Ministries.

Fisher is married to wife Sue and the couple has two adult children.

### *Richard (Dick) J. Seiwell '67*

A native of Pennsylvania, Richard J. "Dick" Seiwell is a partner in Seiwell Advisors, LLC. He graduated from Catawba in 1967 and went onto Ohio State University where he earned his M.B.A. in 1968.

He served in the U.S. Army Reserves from 1968 until 1974. In 1977, he became a chartered financial analyst and has worked as a former partner and director of research for Cashman, Farrell & Associates, Inc.

Seiwell was tapped for service on the Catawba College Board of Trustees in 1986 and has served continuously since that time. He chairs that Board's finance and endowment committees. He serves as a director and chair of the investment committee of New Covenant Trust Company. He was also an adjunct trustee of the Presbyterian Foundation.

He was honored by Catawba as the recipient of its Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1999.



Seiwell and wife Linda are parents of two adult children and make their home in West Chester, Pa.

### *James (Jim) L. Williamson '54*

A native of Forest City, James L. Williamson is a retired partner with KPMG, C.P.A. in Charlotte. He graduated from Catawba College in 1965 and later earned his MBA from UNC Chapel Hill.

A member of the Catawba College Board of Trustees since 1987, he has chaired the finance committee of that board. He is a member of the Charlotte Chapter of Certified Public Accountants, the board of directors of Central Carolina Financial Corp., the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the N.C. Association of Certified Public Accountants and the Providence Day School Board of Advisors.

He has served as past president of the Catawba College Alumni Association and as a member of the Business Advisory Council of the Ketner School of Business. He is past president of the Charlotte Athletic Club and a member of several committees in the United Methodist Church.

Williamson was honored by Catawba in 1987 as the recipient of its Distinguished Alumnus Award and again in 1993 as the recipient of the O.B. Michael Award.

He is married to wife Joanna and the two make their home in Charlotte and are parents of two adult daughters. The two are members of the Hawthorne Lane United Methodist Church.

### *Lotan A. Corriher d. 1891-'92*

A North Carolina native, the late

Lotan A. Corriher was the founder of several companies, including Linn Mills, Corriher Mills, Roselle Lighting Company and Corriher Enterprises, all of Landis.

He had attended Old Catawba in Newton between 1891 and 1892 and his first wife, Ida Linn Corriher, was an 1892 alumna of the institution. He was instrumental in moving Catawba College from Newton to Salisbury in the 1920s.

Corriher was a member of the Catawba College Board of Trustees from 1925 until 1955, serving as chair of the building and grounds committee and as a member of the executive and finance committee. His son, J. Fredrick Corriher, Sr., succeeded him as a Catawba College trustee, as did his grandson, J. Fred Corriher, Jr. '60, who was also Catawba's 19th president.

After the first Mrs. Corriher died, he married Florence Busby, founder of Catawba's Blue Masque. He was the principal donor of funds used to build the Corriher-Linn-Black Library on the Catawba College campus and that facility opened in 1953.





## Results of Lord Salisbury Classic Marching Band Contest

**THE FIFTH ANNUAL LORD SALISBURY CLASSIC MARCHING BAND CONTEST AT CATAWBA COLLEGE ENJOYED A WONDERFUL DAY OF GREAT WEATHER ON SATURDAY, OCT. 2, AND EVEN BETTER MUSIC AND MARCHING PERFORMANCES BY 10 AREA HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BANDS.**

Participating bands were East Montgomery, Independence, William Hough, Salisbury, North Rowan, North Stanly, Central Cabarrus, Piedmont, Jay M. Robinson, and Porter Ridge.

**Dr. Stephen Etters**, Catawba's Director of Bands and Music Education was thrilled to see over 1,500 friends and family members present at Shuford Stadium for this day (and evening) long event. He was also proud to see all of his band students, as well as other college organizations, working so hard to make this one the most successful LSC events to date.



**The day was highlighted by an exhibition performance of the Catawba Pride Band (soon to be the PRIDE Marching Band in Fall 2011), under the direction of Mr. Jay Meachum.**



Jay M. Robinson HS was designated the #1 seed for the day, they were presented with the coveted Lord Salisbury Cup (Grand Champion Award). This is the second year that they have received this award and look forward to returning next year for another chance for victory.

A new element of award was added to the day that recognized prospective Catawba College students who are interested in participating in the Catawba Pride Marching Band in 2011. These individuals were auditioned and interviewed for selection to receive scholarship awards sponsored by support of the Catawba College Admissions Office.

The winners and amounts of their scholarships awarded are as follows:  
 Elijah "EJ" Richardson - \$2500 (North Stanly HS - Percussion)  
 Austin Snider - \$2000 (North Rowan HS - Tuba)  
 Kailyn Cowger - \$2000 (Salisbury HS - Percussion)  
 Christopher "CJ" Mowery - \$1500 (North Rowan HS - Mellophone)  
 Seth Gentry - \$1500 (Salisbury HS - Trumpet)  
 Victor Fairs - \$1500 (Salisbury HS - Percussion)

## Musician Jen Chapin strikes a chord with students on Social Protest Music

**FOR ONE CLASS PERIOD, MUSICIAN JEN CHAPIN TURNED PROFESSOR AND LED SOME CATAWBA COLLEGE HONOR STUDENTS THROUGH A DISCUSSION ABOUT SOCIAL PROTEST MUSIC.**

She and the students talked about "Amazing Grace" and the history behind the well-loved and familiar hymn. They touched on Charles Mingus, a jazz musician who used his music to "speak" of segregation in the late 1950s. They listened to Stevie Wonder's "Village Ghetto Land" and discussed its ironic lyrics and singsong, happy rhythm before arriving to a dialog about Bruce Springsteen's "41 Shots."

What all of the songs had in common, regardless of the time when they were composed, Chapin explained, was that each told a story of a social situation affecting that time. Each of these songs, she said, was born from "the whole discipline of civil disobedience and passive resistance."

Chapin's visit to Catawba began with an evening concert open to the campus community on Monday, October 4, and wrapped up Tuesday, October 5, after guest appearances and discussions in several classes and lunch shared with students, faculty and members of her ensemble. At her concert, attendees paid homage to Chapin's longtime involvement in WHYHunger by participating in a food drive. They brought food items to be donated locally to Rowan Helping Ministries.

Her dialog with students about social protest music happened during her guest appearance in one class, "The Sounds of Silence: Music as Voice for the Oppressed," a course team-taught by Dr. Julie Chamberlain, a professor of music, and Dr. Maria Vandergriff-Avery, a professor of sociology. One of the main objectives of it, according to the syllabus, is for students to "examine structured inequality and oppression and how music communicates feelings, events and issues often ignored or spoken about in quiet whispers." As the students listened intently and participated in the discussion, Jen Chapin seemed the perfect choice to drive that examination home.

Chapin, who described her music as urban folk, noted that she had themes of folk music in her songs but the rhythmic tension of the city.



She said she struggled with the music lyric thing because while she wanted her songs "to be musically interesting" more complicated lyrics "put up obstacles to audience participation." She cited how easy it was for an audience to join in the singing of a song like, "We Shall Overcome," due to its easy, repetitive lyrics.

She said both Bruce Springsteen and Bob Marley had a way of drawing their audience in to their protest songs with their particular styles of music. She made the point that often at his concerts, Springsteen has to alert his audience with a "Can I get some quiet please?" admonition that his lyrics contain an important message. "His audience comes for an escape, but his lyrics don't offer an escape," she said of Springsteen. Marley's music, on the other hand, she described as "sneaky protest music."

Accompanying herself on the guitar, Chapin, who noted she had majored in international relations in college, shared one of her songs, "Insatiable," with the students. She described it as "a camouflage protest song" and said it was born after the events of 9-11 and deals with the whole idea of "security and the military industrial complex." "Where do you draw the line when it comes to the new type of racial profiling?" she asked, noting that the U.S. is now profiling against potential terrorists.

The female subject of the song "is kind of we – our country," Chapin said, and this female subject, like the U.S., is insatiable "for the tough guy stuff." One lyric of the song makes this point: "Vengeance is the drone, bluster is the tone."

"It's really irrational [our national attitude toward security]," she said. "I wrote this song and still am trying to understand. I don't really know what the truth is and through the process of writing this song, I've tried to get closer to it.

"Countries have personalities," she continued. "We [the U.S.] were the beacon on the hill and able to own that. Now, the terrorists are winning and they've made us insecure. We need moderate institutions that advocate diversity -- we need to build their strength and collect their voices. We're still struggling with these issues."

# CATAWBA'S OPENING CONVOCATION INCLUDES *Pomp, Music, Sage Advice and Humor*

ELEMENTS REPRESENTING THE BEST OF CATAWBA COLLEGE WERE PRESENT WHEN THE INSTITUTION OFFICIALLY CONVENED FOR THE 2010-2011 ACADEMIC YEAR ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 26. THE OPENING CONVOCATION CEREMONY TOOK PLACE IN OMWAKE DEARBORN CHAPEL AND MOST OF THE CAMPUS ATTENDED.

Faculty donned academic regalia and seniors, members of the Class of 2011, tried out their caps and gowns for the first time. A 70-member choir of enthusiastic singers performed musical selections under the direction of Professor Paul E. Oakley, artist-in-residence in music and college organist, including a heartfelt African American spiritual, "Ain't Got Time to Die." The leadership of the college shared sage advice, including Dr. Craig Turner, president; Dr. Rick Stephens, provost; Paul Fisher, chair of the Board of Trustees; and Kendra Joyner, SGA president. The humor came during the convocation address delivered by Associate Provost, Dr. Carl Girelli.

**Dr. Turner officially convened the college, marking its 85th year in Salisbury and the 159th year since its founding in Newton, N.C. He recognized and welcomed new students arriving on campus.**

Mr. Fisher brought greetings from his colleagues on the Board of Trustees and also welcomed the students, explaining that the college would prepare them for jobs "that have not yet been created." He reminded them that "opportunity is the child of change" and he urged them "to work hard, embrace change, and step into the future boldly."

Dr. Stephens recognized members of the Faculty Senate, Staff Council and the Junior Marshals, all of whom are in roles of service to the college community. He also led those gathered in the recitation of the college honor code.

Ms. Joyner also spoke on the topic of change, addressing her remarks to different classes of students – freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors. Quoting Mahatma Gandhi she said, "May you be the change you wish to see in the world."

Dr. Girelli added levity to the occasion delivering a convocation address entitled, "A Tale of Two Terms." He delighted the audience, especially the students in his linguistics class, with word play. He shared two words that his family had utilized to convey meanings particular to them – "cardinal" and "tuna." To the Girelli family, he said "cardinal" denotes something "new and bright and interesting," while "tuna" denotes "a treasure uncovered by good fortune and hard work."

Concluding his convocation address, Dr. Girelli said:

*"For those who have just joined the Catawba community, I hope you are now experiencing the magical confluence of hard work and good fortune. You have sought something that you knew must be out there, but wondered if you would find it. You have worked, and searched and waited. In finding Catawba College and your place here, you have surely found a tuna. Finally, for all of us - faculty, staff, students and administrators, let's have a new and bright and interesting year, shall we. I predict a bonafide Cardinal 2010-2011 academic year."*



## Video

## Conferencing comes to Catawba

Catawba now has video conferencing capability thanks to a gift from College Trustee Bill Graham '83 of Salisbury. The video conferencing room, set up in Ralph W. Ketner Hall, can connect and broadcast to three different remote sites simultaneously. Plans are to use the room to teach classes offered through the School of Evening and Graduate Studies in the spring of 2011.



## Fall Sports ROUND-UP



### FOOTBALL

**CATAWBA'S FOOTBALL TEAM IS OFF TO THEIR BEST START SINCE THE CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON OF 2007.** The Indians dropped their opener, but reeled off four straight victories which included two league wins. At the midpoint of the season, Catawba looks to make a big jump up from last year when the Tribe won just a single league game.

Senior quarterback **Patrick Dennis** has guided an offense that is averaging nearly 35 points a game as he closes in on the 4,000-yard mark for career passing yards. Already one of the school's top rated passers of all-time, Dennis is completing nearly 65% of his attempts with 10 touchdowns and only three interceptions.

His favorite target has been senior wide out **Brandon Bunn**, who is just one catch shy of 100 in his career entering the game with Carson-Newman. In the conference opening win at Wingate, Bunn set three school records in a career day. He caught 10 passes for 247 yards and four touchdowns, eclipsing marks for touchdown catches in a game (4) and a career (27) as well as receiving yards (247). The previous record of 215 receiving yards in a game had stood since Ike Hill set the standard in 1968.

Catawba's defense had been opportunistic in the early going, causing a dozen turnovers and scoring four touchdowns of their own. Freshman linebacker **Jacob Hanes** had two interception returns for scores against Livingstone. **Brandon Sutton** had recorded four sacks and 10 tackles for losses in the opening four games before being sidelined for a few weeks with a knee injury.



#### SWIM-Ashley Owens

Represented the United States at the 2010 IPC World Swimming Championships



#### WBB-Dana Hicks

First team All-SAC pick led Catawba in scoring and rebounding



#### MBB-Dominick Reid

Reid will try and lead Catawba to fifth straight regional berth

### VOLLEYBALL

**THE VOLLEYBALL TEAM GOT OFF TO A SLOW START AND NEEDS SOLID PLAY IN THE SECOND HALF OF THE LEAGUE SCHEDULE TO MOVE UP IN THE SAC STANDINGS.** The Lady Indians won only three conference games the first time around leaving them on the bubble for qualifying for the SAC Tournament which Catawba will host in mid-November.

Sophomore **Kaitlyn Whitmer** leads a trio of players that average over two kills per game with 186 and is second in digs (201). Freshman **Anna Logan** has made an impact with a team-high 69 blocks to go along with her 141 kills and 12 service aces.

### CROSS COUNTRY

**BOTH CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS HAVE ENJOYED SUCCESS IN THE EARLY RACES.** The women won the meet at Hagan Stone Park, while sophomore **Christian Crifasi** has bested the Division II men's field in three of four races this season.

Crifasi has led the men's team that places three sophomores and a junior in its top four. The women are paced by a pair of freshmen, **Olivia Myers** and **Peyton Thompson**, along with senior **Hannah Thomas**.

### WOMEN'S SOCCER

**OVERTIME WAS THE KEY WORD IN THE EARLY GOING FOR WOMEN'S SOCCER AS THEY WENT TO EXTRA TIME IN FIVE OF THEIR FIRST EIGHT MATCHES.** Catawba's defense has posted six shutouts in 11 matches and has allowed only nine goals, but the offense has produced just 12 goals.

The women lost 60% of its goal scoring from a year ago and have scored more than one goal in a match just twice this season. Freshman **Athena Bless** has collected five of the team's goals, while freshman **Juliana Conte** has a goal and three assists.

### MEN'S SOCCER

**THE CATAWBA MEN HAVE ALREADY SURPASSED ITS WIN TOTAL FROM THE PREVIOUS THREE SEASONS WITH A 7-5-1 RECORD.** The Indians close the year with five home matches out of six and look to rise in the league standings.

Thirteen newcomers have helped bolster the lineup with eight making their way into the starting lineup. Sophomore **Carson Smith** has provided the offensive punch, leading the team with four goals and six assists. The Indians have used two freshman goalies to replace **Tyler Held** and the duo has helped the team to four shutouts and a 1.33 goals against average.

### SWIMMER

#### ASHLEY OWENS

**CATAWBA SOPHOMORE SWIMMER ASHLEY OWENS REPRESENTED THE UNITED STATES DURING THE SUMMER AT THE 2010 INTERNATIONAL PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE SWIMMING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD IN EINDHOVEN, THE NETHERLANDS.** It marked the fourth major international meet for Owens, who also swam for Team USA at the 2004 and 2008 Paralympic Games and the 2006 IPC World Championships.

Owens collected four medals at the 2010 Championships. She helped the 4 x 100 medley relay and the 4 x 100 free relay to gold medals, while earning an individual gold in the 400 free



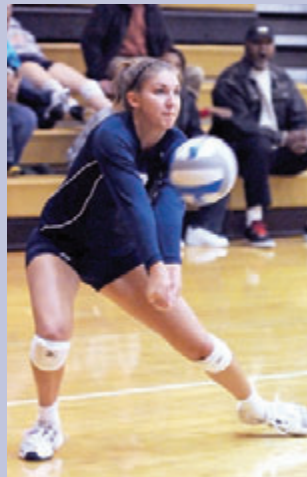
**MSOC-Carson Smith**

Smith has helped men's soccer to most wins since 2006



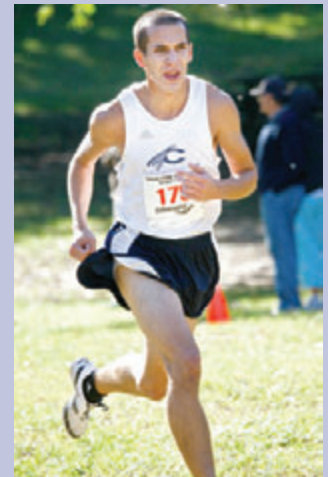
**WSOC-Athena Bless**

Bless has been the leading scorer for women's soccer as a freshman



**VB-Kaitlyn Whitmer**

Whitmer, the 2009 SAC Freshman of the Year, leads volleyball in kills



**XC-Christian Crifasi**

Crifasi has been one of the top Division II runners at each meet in 2010

and a silver medal in the 100 free. The 4 x 100 free relay team set a new world record. Over her international career, Owens has set several world marks and earned 13 medals (9 gold, 3 silver, 1 bronze).

**CATAWBA BASKETBALL OUTLOOKS**

**WOMEN**

THE CATAWBA WOMEN HAVE MOVED UP ONE SPOT IN THE CONFERENCE STANDINGS IN EACH OF THE LAST THREE YEARS AND IF THAT CONTINUES THE LADY INDIANS WILL RETURN TO THE TOP FOUR OF THE LEAGUE. Catawba returns nearly its entire squad from last season, losing just one senior in **Brooke Whitley**. **Nisha Long** is taking the upcoming season off, while **Maggie Sullivan** went down in the pre-season with a knee injury.

Whitley was one of the SAC's top three-point threats last season, hitting on 44% of her attempts. Long was third on the team in scoring at 12.3 points a game and led the team with 111 assists. Sullivan added depth in the post, scoring at a 3.7 clip, while grabbing 2.5 rebounds a contest.

Junior All-conference performer **Dana Hicks** had a stellar year for the ladies last season, averaging a double-double of 15.1 points and 11.2 rebounds. Senior **Milica Ivanovic** led the team in three-pointers, canning 57, while finishing second on the squad in scoring (13.1), rebounding (5.3) and assists (55).

Two other regular starters return in guard **Kisha Long** and forward **Elizabeth Merritt**. Long posted an 8.5 scoring average a year ago, while

Merritt tossed in 3.7 points and pulled down 4.1 rebounds in her initial season.

Up front, Catawba has depth from **Renee Welfare** and **Taylor May** along with newcomer **Courtney Mull**. The Lady Indians also have plenty of experience in the back court with **Anna Dellapenta** and **Jolysa Connor** seeing action in 20+ games. Freshman **Lauren Lewis** will look to get into the mix at the guard spot.

**MEN**

CATAWBA'S MEN WILL FACE A DAUNTING TASK IN 2010-11 TO ADD A FIFTH STRAIGHT NCAA II POST-SEASON TRIP TO ITS RESUME. The Indians lost a combined 73% of its scoring and 62% of its rebounding with the departure of four key seniors along with top post player **Stephen Coles**.

The four seniors, **Antonio Houston**, **Rob Fields**, **Donald Rutherford** and **Donzell Williams** helped the team to 81 wins, two SAC Championships and two SAC Tournament titles during their careers. Houston became just the third Catawba player to score over 2,000 career points, while Fields joined the 1,000-point club.

**Dominick Reid** returns to lead the offense. The point guard was fourth on the team in scoring last season at 8.9 points a game and dished out a team-leading 104 assists. Joining Reid in the backcourt from last season is **Justin Huntley**, **Cameron Lovelace** and **Trey Shoemaker** among those who played in 20 or more games. Huntley saw action in every game and although looked at for defense, the junior chipped in with nearly four points a game.

**Lee Martin** and **Stuart Thomson** are the only two that return to the front court who saw action in over half the games. Martin had a solid freshman season as he averaged 4.7 points

and 3.4 rebounds. Thomson returned after being sidelined a year with cancer to start 21 contests.

The Indians will look to several newcomers to step in and fill the void left from last year's departed players. **Keon Moore** will give Catawba play in the post, while **Chris Watson** and **Chris Tyree** will join the back court.



**Slugger Jerry Sands has been named by the L.A. Dodgers the Branch Rickey Minor League Player of the Year. Sands was honored during a pregame ceremony at Dodger Stadium on Oct. 2.**

The 23-year-old Sands was on track to graduate with the Catawba Class of 2009 until he became a 25th-round draft pick in 2008 (out of Catawba College.) This year, he tied for third in all of Minor League Baseball with 35 home runs in a combined 137 games with Great Lakes and Chattanooga. He was selected as an outfielder on Sporting News' All-Minor League Team and batted a combined .301, drove in 93 runs and posted a .586 slugging percentage in his third professional season.



WOW,  
your accent  
is awesome!

## Where are you from?

by **Stephanie Cook, Catawba College '12**  
*Stephanie Cook is a member of Catawba's women's tennis team and is completing a practicum this semester in the College Public Relations Office.*

If you want an international experience, you need look no further than Catawba College's men's and women's tennis teams. Thanks to the addition of some new recruits on both teams – six new guys and seven new gals to be exact – you'll find nine different countries represented.

As a player on the women's tennis team, I find the diversity very exciting! I took some time to interview my international teammates, both new and returning, and wanted to share what I learned about them representing their nations both on and off the court here in the U.S. Head Coach for the men and women's teams Jeff Childress can be credited with recruiting the players. He notes that all of the international students on the team "were very strong students coming out of high school and have always done very well in the classroom."

When asked how he was able to recruit such a diverse group of players to attend the college and compete as the Catawba Indians, Childress claimed, "Through a lot of e-mails and a lot of phone calls. We had three things the players were all looking for: a quality tennis program, a quality tennis facility, and a strong major each were interested in. I also think our returning players do a good job of going out of their



way to make the international players feel comfortable." Being a returning player on the women's team, I would like to think we all have done well with this task!

All of the fellow players I interviewed were very interesting to talk with not only for their unique accents, but also for the different answers I received from each of them and their enthusiasm.

The first player I had step into my office was my new friend Marcel Hagele, a freshman on the men's team who is considering a major in Information Systems. Hagele hails from Stuttgart, Germany, and attended the prestigious Bollettierr Tennis Academy for four years in Bradenton, Fla. while training and competing as a junior player. If you are unaware of this well-known training facility in South Florida, just think tennis boot camp. Literally!

Hagele gave me his typical schedule while he was a member of that elite program for four and a half months. He explained how five days a week he would wake up at the crack of dawn to go to conditioning from 5:15 a.m. until 6:00 a.m. After intensive running, it was time for tedious drills until 8:30 a.m., when it was time for him to attend his intensive English course that started promptly at 9:00 a.m. When that course ended at 1:00 p.m., it was time to scarf down some lunch, and then head back out to the court for more drills and match play until 4:30 p.m. To top it all off, another conditioning session was held between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m.! Busy day, huh?

When Hagele was asked if he enjoyed his time at Bollettierr, he explained, "Yes and no. Altogether, I learned English and became more independent. I was unable to see my family unless I went home for summer vacation or Christmas. My game also improved." Well, let's hope so!

Another newcomer who is from outside the United States on the women's side is Leah White. She is from Charlottetown, Prince Edward, Canada and intends to major in History. When asked what her overall vibe of the women's team was, White quickly answered, "It is good. The girls are really dedicated. I think the team is looking forward to doing better than they have in previous years."

White expressed her freshman year so far as being "really busy with a lot of stuff going on," but she says she is enjoying herself. Her goals for the season include improving her game to compete at a higher level and learning to work in a team situation, which is one she has not experienced before when living in Canada. Watch for White's first serve this season, which she says is her favorite shot.

One of my good friends, Jess Goodall, was able to give me some of his valuable time to answer a few questions. His home is Johannesburg, South Africa

and he is a Biology major who plans to work in Forensic Studies for his career. He was a student at Catawba last year, but was unable to compete for the Tribe due to playing in professional tournaments before he arrived in Salisbury. He says he is more than ready to compete this year and thinks the men's team will be very strong this season.

When asked how he came across Catawba, Goodall explained that while he was playing the Futures [professional tournaments] in Europe, "...a college scout gave me names of a whole lot of colleges in the States. I applied to all of them and got accepted to each one. I decided Catawba looked like the best."

Goodall says America is quite different from South Africa, but insists it is "a good kind of different." He says he enjoys the culture and really likes the southern hospitality present in Salisbury. Even though he started playing the game later than most competitive players [at age 14 since he was an avid swimmer before], Jess says he "picked up the sport really fast." I am very excited to see him compete this year due to his intensity level on the court and his beautiful strokes. He will be a tough challenge for any opponent he plays.

I have been so fortunate to be a member of the same team for three and a half years as my good friend Vanessa Silva, a senior from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Unfortunately, Silva will be graduating a semester early and will only be competing in the fall season. Nonetheless, I am very happy to be able to play nine more matches with her as a member of our women's team. When asked what she has learned about being in America for more than three years, **Silva says: "I have learned to be more responsible, to cook, to do laundry, and to speak better English. I learned American people are more individualists than most of the other people in the world. I have also learned to control my money since I am here [in America] by myself. If I don't control it, who will!?"**

Silva notes that her favorite part about the Catawba tennis program is having a really good comfort level with everybody involved. "I like the environment we have. I like that everybody is always trying to help each other out not just at tennis, but improving as people also." She says she is ready to graduate and continue on with the next chapter of her life, where she will be going back to Brazil until next

# Catawba College alumni present awards to two during Homecoming

He is a trustee and chair of the First UCC Foundation and past council president of First United Church of Christ. He chairs the board of the United Church Homes and Services and also the board of Salisbury Academy, and serves as a board member for the Community Bank of Rowan. He is a member of the Salisbury Community Foundation, the AAUW, and the American Bankers Insurance Association. He is also an active volunteer with the Boy Scouts.

Alcorn is the son of Edith Alcorn of Salisbury and the late Reverend Ed Alcorn. He and wife Missie, are parents of two children, Clark and Eleanor.

## Thomas E. "Tom" Burdette '73

A 1973 alumnus, Tom Burdette today makes his home in Clifton, Va., and is a CPA and managing shareholder of The Burdette Smith Group, P.C.

Burdette came south from his hometown of Hyattstown, Maryland, to study accounting and play football at Catawba. He was a starter in the defensive secondary during all four of his years at Catawba, coached by Harvey Stratton. He was named All Conference and All District as a senior player at the college. While a student, he was also active in intramurals, served as treasurer of the student government association during his senior year, and served as treasurer of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) during his junior and senior years. He was a member of the Accounting Club, and during his senior year, he was named to Who's Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Several years after his Catawba graduation, he quickly made a name for himself when at age 27, he started his own CPA firm in the Washington, D.C. area. Today, his firm, The Burdette Smith Group, P.C., employs approximately 40 people, and his area of expertise is dealing with high income, high net worth individuals who mostly own their own businesses. His business has been named Best Professional Firm by the Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce and Burdette has been named Business Leader of the Year by that same organization.

Burdette currently serves on Catawba's Board of Visitors and has served on its Alumni Board, and has long supported fund-raising efforts related to the institution's football program. He contributed to the Shuford Stadium construction effort and to the grassroots campaign which raised funds to put lights in that stadium.

He serves on the board of directors for Potomac Bank of Virginia and is past president of Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce, the Country Club of Fairfax and the Fairfax Rotary Club. He is a member of Burke United Methodist Church.

Married to wife Wendy, the couple are parents of four children, Allie, Jeff, Wes and Amanda.



L&R: Greg Alcorn & Tom Burdette

The Catawba College Alumni Association recognized two of its own as recipients of Distinguished Alumnus Awards during Homecoming activities on October 9. Gregory M. Alcorn '79 of Salisbury and Thomas E. "Tom" Burdette '73 of

Clifton, Va., received the awards during a barbecue luncheon held in Goodman Gymnasium on campus.

These awards are given annually by Catawba's Alumni Association to individuals who have served their community, distinguished themselves in their profession, and have also served the Catawba College community. College President Dr. Craig Turner made the presentations, assisted by Jolene Miller Henning '96, president of the Catawba Alumni Association Board of Directors, and Lynn Shuping Gullett '84 who serves the Alumni Association as vice president of the alumni records and recognition committee.

## Gregory M. Alcorn '79

A 1979 alumnus, Greg Alcorn of Salisbury, is the CEO and owner of Global Contact Services. He jokes that he grew up on the Catawba campus before he actually became a student here since his family lived in the nearby neighborhood. While a student at Catawba, he was involved in the Pioneer, student newspaper; the coffeehouse on campus; and the sales and marketing club. He majored in business as an undergraduate, and later earned his MBA from UNC Charlotte.

Alcorn has served Catawba in a number of capacities. He is a member of the College Board of Trustees and chairs the enrollment committee of that board. He serves as a Board of Trustees liaison to the President's Climate Commitment Committee which recently developed a Climate Action Plan for the institution. He serves on the Lilly Center Advisory Council and is a past president of the Catawba College Chiefs Club. He has been tapped to serve on Catawba's presidential search committee, to assist with fund-raising efforts and as a guest speaker at the college.

A member of the First United Church of Christ in Salisbury, Alcorn is active in the community.

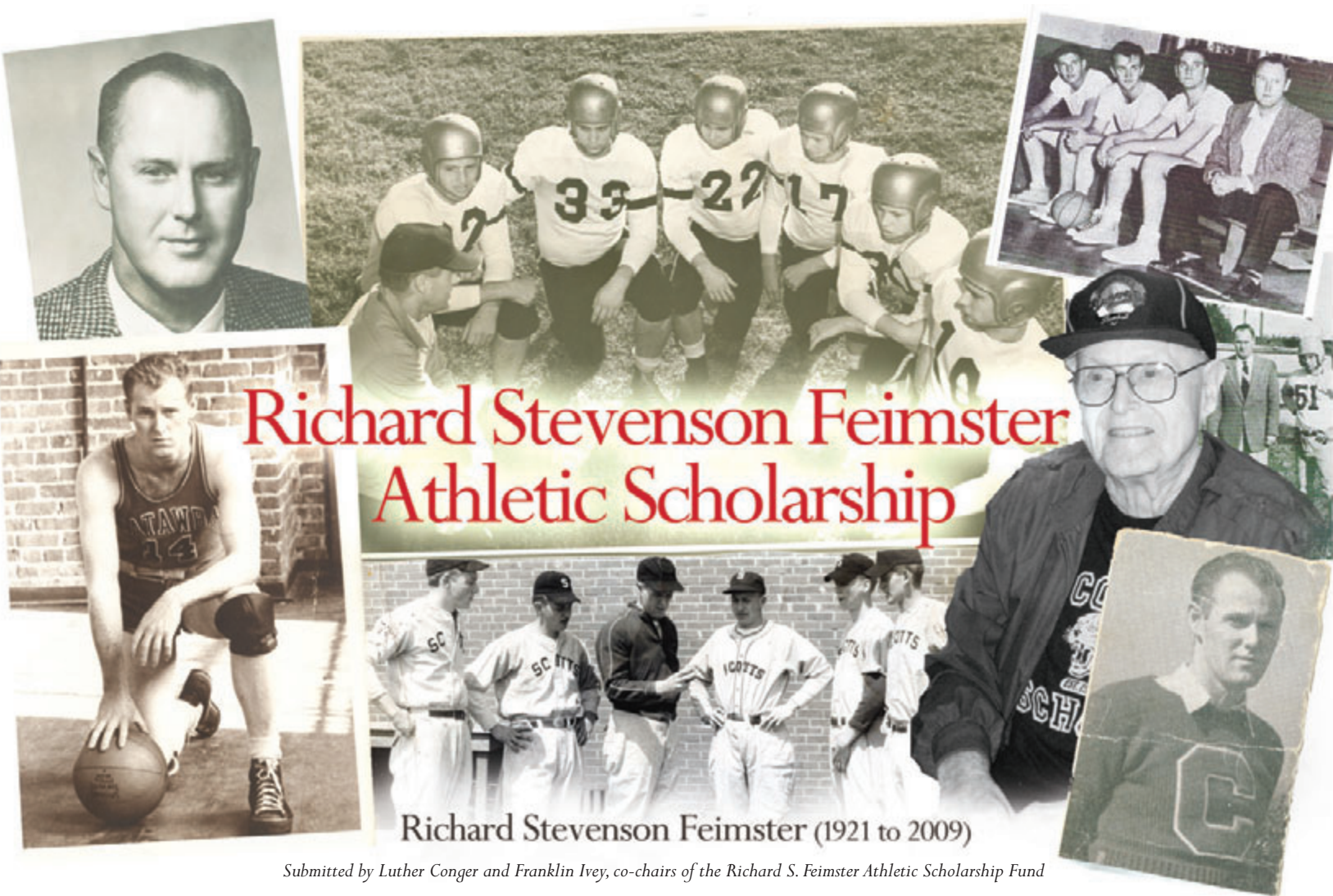
fall then return to the States for graduate school, preferably to Florida due to its warm climate. However, she expresses that she has enjoyed her time at Catawba and has many wonderful memories she will take with her from Salisbury.

Last but not least, I was able to have an in-depth conversation with Matthew Nicholson, a freshman from Kariba, Zimbabwe who plans to major in Sports Management. The lanky freshman chose Catawba over Francis Marion in South Carolina, a team that had four different players from Zimbabwe on the men and women's sides combined. He informed me he was very pleased with how Coach Childress was very speedy when replying to his e-mails and that the college had very good and quick communication with him and his family. These two factors helped him make his choice to come to Salisbury.

Nicholson says his first impression of Catawba so far is "pretty small so I am able to interact with people a lot closer than I was expecting. I thought classes would be of 35-40 people, maybe more. Everything is neat, including the landscape." When asked about his reaction to the American people, Nicholson quickly stated, "The culture is a big change. The people seem very friendly and are very talkative. People I don't know will smile at me and say hello when I walk by them. We don't do that in Zimbabwe." Hopefully, he will grow accustomed to the southern hospitality that is present here in Salisbury as Jess Goodall, his teammate, has.

Both teams are expected to excel this season with new talent and a good work ethic that runs throughout both rosters. The 15 players on the women's side include: Kasia Zielinski (Erie, Pa.), Vanessa Silva (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil), Jennifer Dameron (Siler City, N.C.), Maggie McKee (Mt. Airy, N.C.), Candace Hall (Denver, N.C.), Stephanie Cook (Alpharetta, Ga.), Megan Kittel (Fairfax, Va.), Kim Renspie (Tampa, Fla.), Nicole Boyle (Vienna, W.V.), Taryn Jenkins (Lexington, N.C.), Hannah Kovach (Salisbury, N.C.), Olivia Myers (Lexington, N.C.), Ally Prior (Raleigh, N.C.), Alex Shandera (Chambersburg, Pa.), and Leah White (Charlottetown, Prince Edward, Canada). The 13 on the men's side are: Tom McCormack (Winchester, England), Thomas Mitchell (Nanaimo, British Columbia, Canada), Corey Eldridge (Sewell, N.J.), Alex Kalmbach (Mason, Ohio), Uri Yarkoni (Sde-Warburg, Israel), Jess Goodall (Johannesburg, South Africa), Alex Macdonald (Lower Hutt, New Zealand), Kevin Budrawich (New Canaan, Conn.), Marcel Hagele (Stuttgart, Germany), Pierce Hoover (Durham, N.C.), T.J. Lane (Lexington, N.C.), Matthew Nicholson (Kariba, Zimbabwe), and Jordan Pomrenke (Vienna, W.V.).

**I encourage you to come out to a home match to support the Tribe and see these players, new and returning, hone their skills and dominate!**



# Richard Stevenson Feimster Athletic Scholarship

Richard Stevenson Feimster (1921 to 2009)

*Submitted by Luther Conger and Franklin Ivey, co-chairs of the Richard S. Feimster Athletic Scholarship Fund*

Soon after Coach Feimster was laid to rest, two of his student athlete pallbearers decided on the front lawn of Concord Presbyterian Church that they wanted to create a lasting honor for their coach, teacher, mentor and friend. This tough guy coach with combat experience background and Earl Ruth game ethics had a spirit that motivated him to serve his fellow man and he did so very eloquently with a caring personality. Perhaps a former student who sang the solo at this funeral stated it best when he said Richard Feimster had been a father figure to him during his entire life; he had visited with him many times seeking advice and not once, had he failed him.

Richard Feimster was the youngest of 10 children born and raised in a northwestern Iredell County, North Carolina community known as Scotts. His grandparents donated some of their farmland for the construction of a union school that was named Scotts School.

**After his 1939 graduation from Scotts School, he attended Catawba College where he was respectfully known on campus as “Bull” Feimster.**

While at Catawba, he received the call to service his country in World War II. His military service was with the U.S. Army Combat Engineers from 1943 until his December 1945 discharge. His combat experience was in Northern France, the Ardennes, Rhyneland and Central Europe.

After his military discharge, he returned to Catawba in 1946 and graduated in 1948 with an AB degree in physical education. While a student, he played basketball four years under the coaching and tutelage of Earl Ruth. He was the captain his senior year and was a four-year member of the varsity club. He also coached the Catawba jayvee basketball team during his senior year.

He began a distinguished 32-year career as an educator in Iredell County when he was hired to teach and coach at his alma mater, Scotts High School in the fall of 1948. The custom in those days required a coach to be in charge of all boys’ athletics – baseball, basketball, football – and sometimes girls’ basketball, so he eventually did it all.

Through the regimentation and experience of his military service and Catawba basketball background, he brought to Scotts High School progressive ideas and concepts about teaching and coaching that were eagerly accepted by his students and athletes. He was a strict disciplinarian, but always fair in his judgments. There was never any doubt about his expectations of each student and athlete in the classroom or in athletic competition.

He drilled into his athletes sound fundamentals that were applicable to each sport and were far advanced of that day. His primary coaching theme in athletics was grounded in the team concept. He expected each athlete to put the team foremost and not self. He did not play favorites, but treated each student and athlete equal regardless of economic background or family status.

When his coaching instructions were not followed properly in practice, he would always say, “Boys, it is to be my way or the highway,” and he would point to U.S. Highway 90 that passed in front of the school. His coaching techniques for all three sports placed the Scotts teams’ performance far advanced against conference and tournament competition. He never had a losing season in any sport he coached at Scotts High School. There were many conference and tournament champions, plus a multitude of all-conference and all tournament selections. Because of these successes, he was able to assist many athletes in securing college scholarships.

A great tribute to his coaching skills and techniques was the induction of three Scotts High School athletes into three different college or university athletic halls of fame. One each for basketball (Erskine College), baseball (Elon University), and football (Appalachian University). All from a rural Iredell



County high school whose average enrollment never exceeded 165 students. After eight great years at Scotts in 1956, he joined the faculty and coaching staff at Statesville High School where he coached basketball, baseball and football for two years. His ability to develop exceptional athletes continued at Statesville High where another basketball athlete later became an inductee into the Lenoir Rhyne University Athletic Hall of Fame.

He was principal at Mulberry Street Elementary School from 1958 to 1959, and in mid-year of 1959, he became principal at Central School where he served for 10 years. In 1969, he served at North High School as principal for one year. Afterwards, he returned to his home community of Scotts to serve as principal at Scotts Elementary School until his retirement in 1980.

After his retirement, Feimster was elected to serve on the Iredell County Board of Education and chaired that board. He also was appointed and served on the Iredell County Planning Board. He was also a deacon and elder of Concord Presbyterian Church.

**Feimster had a special sense of understanding the needs of young people and was continually trying to help them understand life and its problems. He taught students how they must grow-up and accept personal responsibility for their individual actions.**

Graduation did not end his relationship with students. In later times, there were many requests for personal, fatherly advice about just how to live a decent life, assistance on how to obtain college entrance and employment recommendations.

Following is small sampling of student and professional educator thoughts and expressions about their relationship with Richard Feimster:

Male Educator: "As principal, he was a role model for his teachers by emphasizing how important it was to work hard for the children's welfare and achievement. He encouraged teachers to set goals that put the student first. As a Board of Education member, he fought tirelessly to provide teachers with materials and facilities that were needed to provide all students a good basic education. He had a tremendous influence upon my life. His support and encouragement were major factors in my success as a professional educator. There were many good things to remember about him, but the most valued was his lasting friendship."

Male Student & Coach: "Coach Feimster was a major influence upon the successful work and life habits that I developed thru his classroom teaching and coaching discipline. I wanted to emulate him by becoming a teacher and coach. His encouragement and direction during my adult years allowed me to have 36 successful years of teaching and coaching. He was revered, highly respected and loved by his students, athletes and co-workers."

Female Student Athlete: **"Coach Feimster had a major impact upon my life, especially during my youthful, formative years. He taught me more than Civics, History, Health and Basketball. He taught me the things I would need in life to be successful: I must have a game plan, be committed to hard work for achievement, and to have a solid support team of family, friends and coworkers. Through his mentoring, I give him credit for much of my adult success. I cherish the memories of our association and friendship."**

Male Fellow Principal: "I knew Richard Feimster before I ever met him. There were a number of students attending Appalachian University from Iredell County and I had heard about him in the dorm rooms, the college bookstore, and on weekend rides home. All of these conversations gave the same description of their teacher and coach. He was described as a gentleman with high expectations of his athletes and students. When I became a teacher/coach in the Iredell County Schools, I was able to observe first-hand the respect this man received as principal from his Central School students, faculty and community. With 36 years as an educator, he continued to serve the community as a member of the Iredell County/Statesville Board of Education and later served as its chairman. He was always seeking the educational improvement of school facilities, the continued personal development of educators and fostering the competitive aptitude of students."

Female Student and Educator: "Richard Feimster was a man with a great spirit and courage. I was hired by Principal Feimster to teach business education at Central High School. My years at Central were some of the most enjoyable and productive as an educator due to his strong supportive and encouraging personality. These traits were instrumental in creating supportive parents, a congenial faculty, eager students and grateful community – all of which are necessary for a positive learning atmosphere. Later, he helped me obtain an advertised position with the N.C. Department of Public Instruction. Having no personal contacts in Raleigh, he volunteered to be my advocate and through his contacts, I was able to secure the position. In my later years, I have learned of numerous situations of his giving and helping spirit that he gave to others. His legacy lives in the lives he touched through the many years as a giving, caring person and educator."

Male Athlete: "Coach Feimster taught me the value of water. In those days, we were not allowed to have water during practice or a game. Oh, how things have changed."

Male Student and Athlete: "Coach Feimster was a wonderful human being who was always willing to give his time for his graduates who sought his help. He was instrumental in my receipt of an athletic scholarship that gave me the opportunity to earn a college degree. For his help, I have been eternally grateful."

When Catawba College was contacted about establishing an athletic scholarship in Coach Feimster's name, the inquiry was enthusiastically received and a committee was formed to explore ideas on how to raise the funds. From a base of approximately 350 living students at Scotts High School where Coach Feimster taught from 1948 to 1956, one person in each class was chosen to write solicitation letters to classmates. Relatives, friends and educators also contributed. After five months of campaigning, the scholarship was established at Catawba with an astounding number of individuals making contributions. The scholarship will be awarded annually to a deserving Iredell County/Statesville male or female scholar athlete.

Richard Feimster was predeceased by wife Betty Vickery Feimster, a 1943 Catawba alumna. Survivors include his two children, both of whom were also Catawba graduates: son Richard T. Feimster '70 and daughter Dinah Feimster Daniels '75.

**"Daddy was proud to be a Catawba graduate," explained Feimster's children. "He valued education and would be so pleased that Catawba students will continue to be helped through this scholarship."**

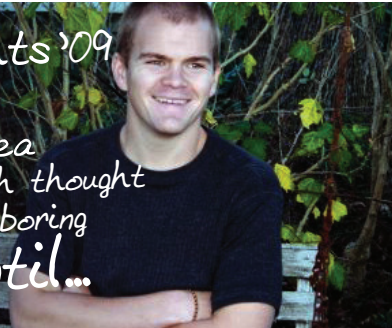
# CAMPUS MINISTRY & THE LILLY CENTER



Partners in Shaping Lives,  
Making a Difference,  
and Impacting the Future



*Nathan Wrights '09  
grew up in the  
China Grove area  
but never gave much thought  
to attending neighboring  
Catawba until...*



Those who attended the 2009 "Church/College" Dinner may recall hearing Nathan tell how his world suddenly expanded tremendously upon his matriculation at Catawba. But even as he embraced new horizons and experienced a culture previously unknown to him, he remained true to the strong foundation and values imparted by his church and his family. In fact, he used these values along with the encouragement and direction of Catawba's campus ministry program and the Lilly Center as something of a launching pad for involvement in a variety of projects and activities geared to improve life for other people. Nathan probably holds the record for the number of mission trips participated in by a Catawba student. He was a regular with his visits to the shelter sponsored by Rowan Helping Ministries and frequently gathered classmates to work at the horse rescue farm. Anytime a plea went out for volunteers to help with a needed campus project, Nathan could be counted upon to step up and work as long as there was a need. These efforts led to his being named a lead person in the college's VOLUNTEER CATAWBA initiative. From this role he moved to serving as a Lilly Center intern and assumed responsibility for a number of programs and initiatives, always doing an excellent job with whatever he undertook.

Perhaps it was because his involvement caused him to see what a difference the campus ministry and Lilly Center programs were making that his dedication to these programs was so great. Even before he graduated from college, Nathan was choosing to give a 'tithe' from the income he earned doing part time work or summer employment in support of these programs. Since graduation, he has continued to contribute generously financially as well as continuing to volunteer and help with a variety of initiatives.

As a student, Nathan participated in the 'Year of Inquiry' program of the Lilly Center, deciding that his vocational calling was to serve God by helping those in need but that would not necessarily be through a traditional ministry. Thus far, that ministry is taking the form of serving as the Donation Manager for the Habitat for Humanity ReStore in Salisbury. This work affords him the opportunity to use his Catawba education and be on the front lines of making a difference in the lives of persons in need of

affordable housing and in contributing to a stronger community. Nathan Wrights is putting into action the faith that was nurtured and strengthened during his time as a Catawba student and through his involvement in Catawba's campus ministry and the Lilly Center for Vocation and Values.

**Rori Godsey '07** followed in the footsteps of her father, uncle and sister when she chose to attend Catawba. As a student she made a name for herself as a cross country runner, was elected to the Homecoming court, was known for her talent as a singer and actress, and emerged as a campus leader. Reflecting on her Catawba experience, Rori is quick to say that she feels she is the person she is today because of the Catawba experience and notes that she considers this to have manifest itself in two forms. First, it became important to her because it shaped her father whom she considers to be the person who has most greatly impacted her. Second, is the direct impact that came through her own Catawba experience. She also attributes her first-year seminar and Dr. Ken Clapp with getting her off to a good beginning and providing the basis for what would become her vocational direction. He introduced her to the concept of servant leadership and to Steven Covey's "Seven Habits of Highly Effective People" from which derived her 'pro-active' approach to life.



**Bill Godsey '73**  
Rori's father

Three years after graduating from Catawba, Rori's life is a wonderful testimony to a life of faith in and commitment to God. As a mother she sees her first responsibility to help her daughter come to know God and become a person of faith. As an assistant coach for Catawba's cross country team she is committed to servant leadership as she strives to help the members of the team realize their potential both in their sport and in other areas of their lives. This same commitment carries over to her work as a tutor for disadvantaged students. Her pro-active approach to life is evident in her efforts to enhance the educational experience of all of the Catawba students who dine in the campus dining room where she is the 'front of the house' manager.

At a recent Vocation and Values Dinner, Rori told those gathered, **"It's interesting to see that Catawba was touching my life through my father before I ever stepped a foot onto the campus. The way we live our lives, including the morals and values that we have, most definitely stem from our connection with this institution that we are so proud of and love so much!"** Whether or not the students recognize and understand the servant leadership she models, their respect for her is witness to the fact that they see in her the special person she is as a result of her life of faith and service as one who models in the truest sense what it is to be a follower of Jesus Christ.

## The 2011 “Church/College” Dinner will take place on Monday, February 14.

At this annual dinner, students share an update of the activities and programs of Catawba’s campus ministry and the Lilly Center for Vocation and Values, and recipients of Catawba’s “Church/College” Award are announced. All persons who have contributed to these programs or have been involved in various campus ministry initiatives along with representatives of congregations that support the campus ministry, are invited to be present for this special evening.

Mark your calendars now and plan to be on hand as we celebrate the good things that are happening, recognize students and donors, and announce another recipient of the “Church/College” Award. Previous recipients include: Claude Abernethy, Jr., Wade Hampton Shuford, Jr., the Rev. Dr. Richard Cheek and the Rev. Dr. Thomas Hamilton.



## YOUNG ALUMNI PUTTING FAITH INTO ACTION

*It was his father who brought 2003 alumnus Doug Carroll to North Carolina in order that he might show him his alma mater, Wake Forest University. Since the father and son were only 45 minutes from Catawba, they decided to drive to Salisbury and visit the campus.*

Stopping at the Rowan-Salisbury Visitor’s Center to get directions, the pair met current Chairman of the Catawba Board of Trustees, Paul Fisher, who offered to escort them to the campus and introduce them to then president Fred Corriher, Jr. Doug and his father were so impressed with the personal attention they received and what they learned about Catawba’s educational offerings that Doug enrolled.

His years at Catawba were filled with activity. In addition to being an excellent student, Doug was active in leadership roles in Lilly Center programming and campus worship. He served as an officer of the Philomathean Society, as the first president of the student activities budget committee and as a Catawba Ambassador. He was also the recipient of the Pat Whitley and Paul Fisher Awards, and was inducted into Psi Epsilon honor society. Upon graduation, Doug accepted a position as a health and PE teacher, football coach, athletic trainer and girls basketball coach at Cape Fear Middle School in Pender County, which allowed him to be involved in two areas about which he was passionate ... nurturing and educating youth and athletic training. But something was not quite right about his vocational direction and so Doug called upon resources that he had learned about through the Lilly Center and returned to the Catawba campus to consult with mentors from his college days, Bob Casmus, Chip Comadoll and Ken Clapp. He wanted their help in seeking out possible new vocational directions.

After much discussion and prayer, Doug decided to enroll in Physician Assistant school. He graduated from Jefferson College of Health Sciences in 2008 and returned to Salisbury to join the practice of Comadoll, Watts and Ellison Orthopedics. As a part of his work, Doug once again is on the Catawba sidelines for athletic events, caring for injured students.

Doug’s involvement with his alma mater goes far beyond this aspect of his work. Keenly aware of what Catawba provided him in terms of a good education and opportunities for spiritual growth, guidance in the finer points of life’s journey such as vocational decisions, values

development and goal setting, and meaningful and supportive friendships, Doug has chosen to express his gratitude in a variety of ways. Shortly after graduation, he began making monetary contributions to the campaign to endow the Seiwel Chair for Campus Ministry. Because of the consistent contributions to this fund by he and his wife Kelly, today Doug is the youngest alumnus in the top giving tier (those who have contributed \$10,000 or more).

“We both feel it is important to tithe to the church,” Doug explained. “Giving beyond that when possible is also good for spiritual growth. We find fulfillment in giving to the Campus Ministry at Catawba because college should be a time to question one’s belief system and be strengthened in it as one forms a stronger relationship with God. It also is an opportune time to help those who have not had strong religious ties to learn that a Christian foundation can give you the moral center to truly find happiness throughout life. Most of my growth as a Christian during college was through my friends in Campus Crusade and my relationship with Dr. Clapp. It appears that the campus ministry endowment is making the opportunity for spiritual growth more available to Catawba students.”

Support for the institution that he feels has done so much for him is not limited to financial support. Doug feels strongly that the encouragement and advice that he received as a student and following graduation has been of tremendous value to him and he wants to help make that kind of experience available to current Catawba students. In December, he will partner with the Lilly Center for Vocation and Values to sponsor a dinner for students interested in sports medicine and athletic training.

“My time at Catawba provided incredible enrichment for decision making that would lead to success and happiness after college,” Doug said. “I hope to be able to show students how it is important not to just give back financially but with time and sharing after-graduation experiences as well. I hope that by helping host these dinners for athletic training students, they can learn from someone who has had similar experiences and be encouraged on their vocational paths.”

Lilly Center director, the Rev. Dr. Ken Clapp, says of this effort, **“It is extremely important for college students who are trying to decide what they are being called to do with their lives to have opportunities to talk with persons who have gone into the field they are considering, to hear about the wrestling process that those persons often engaged in and to learn of the experiences, trials and rewards that may have been a part of pursuing a particular vocation.** In making himself available in this way, Doug allows current students to look at someone who has been where they are and to identify with that person and conclude, ‘if he succeeded and has found this to be meaningful and a good thing, we can also.’”



IT WAS NEARLY 15 YEARS AGO THAT KEN CLAPP FIRST PROPOSED THAT CATAWBA OFFER A SUMMER EXPERIENCE FOR STUDENTS WHO HAD BEEN ACCEPTED AND WERE PREPARING TO BEGIN THEIR COLLEGE EXPERIENCE.

For three years the College offered off campus retreats for incoming students and offered simultaneous retreats on campus for the parents of these students. Participants paid to attend the retreats and about 15% of the incoming students of each of those classes participated in these events which were designed to better prepare students for the college experience.

Although these retreats received great reviews from the participants, both students and parents, rising costs and logistical problems resulted in a cessation of this offering. When the proposal for the grant that resulted in the creation of the Lilly Center for Vocation and Values was drafted, those working on the proposal, recalling the positive results of the earlier retreats, included funding for a similar activity in the grant proposal. Thus in 2004, the goals for this program were expanded to include an introduction to vocational discernment and an examination of the values important to a good life and a new series of Freshmen Retreats began. As new students and their parents have come to recognize the value of this experience, participation has grown to the point that the last two summers have seen approximately 60% of the members of the incoming class of first-time students attending one of the retreats.

Evaluations of the retreats always have indicated that participants saw the experience to be very helpful to getting a good start to college but now that the members of three of those classes who had the opportunity to participate in the Freshman Retreats have graduated, it becomes possible for us to do a different kind of evaluation. One of the criteria that "U.S. News and World Report" and other publications that attempt to determine the merits of educational institutions consider important is retention of students. A review of the graduation rates of those students who participated in a Freshman Retreat as compared to those who did not indicates that participants were retained at a greater rate than the rest of the class.

First generation students (those who are the first in their families to attend college) are considered to be at greatest risk for not persisting to graduation. The percentage of first generation students who participated in a Freshman Retreat and persisted to graduation is even greater. Thus, it appears that in addition to achieving the stated goals of helping students have a more accurate understanding of what the college experience is all about, helping students form relationships with faculty and staff members to whom they can go for counsel and encouragement, and getting students started on the process of exploring their vocational callings and identifying worthwhile values that can undergird and inform meaningful lives, these retreats are contributing to more students achieving that goal of graduation which is important to both students and the College.

Jonathan Buffkin is a first generation student from eastern North Carolina and a member of the Catawba football team and the freshman representative to the Homecoming Court. At a recent meeting, Jon reflected upon the Freshman Retreat that he attended in June, "I did not want to go but my mother insisted and I am so glad she did. The retreat was the best thing that has happened to me. I feel like I was so much better prepared when the semester actually began. The people I met on the retreat continue to be among my best friends and I feel that I can go to those faculty and staff members who participated any time I need help or advice."

During exit interviews that were conducted with seniors as they prepared to graduate last spring, the Freshman Retreat consistently was identified as one of the best experiences of their college years.

The program and activities of the Lilly Center for Vocation and Values and the Catawba Campus Ministry are made possible by the following funds:

- THE LILLY ENDOWMENT
- THE SEIWELL CHAIR FOR CAMPUS MINISTRY
- THE JOYCE CADDELL FUND FOR VOLUNTEERISM
- THE MARGARET DAVIS FUND FOR VOCATION AND VALUES
- THE JACOB O. MOOSE, JR., AND EVA MOOSE FUND
- THE OLIVIA NAJARIAN FUND

To all who have been a part of establishing and underwriting these funds and to all who continue to contribute to these funds, heartfelt thanks for your generosity and help in making it possible for many wonderful results among our students and the larger community. All of these funds continue to receive contributions. **If you wish to contribute to a specific fund, please send your contribution to the office of Campus Ministry or the Catawba Development Office, 2300 West Innes Street, Salisbury, N.C. 28144 and designate the fund to which you wish it to be credited.**

## Moose Fund Established

Jacob O. Moose, Sr. was a student at Old Catawba from 1897 to 1900 and later became a trustee of the college, a role he served for 22 years.

He also was a leader in the Reformed Church. His son, Jacob O. Moose, Jr., '38, would follow his father's example and study at Catawba, although his study would take place on the Salisbury campus.

In 1967 his son, Donnie, would continue the tradition. Believing very strongly in the importance of providing opportunities for college

students to be nurtured in their faith development as a part of their educational experience, Jacob, Jr. and his wife, Eva, provided the college an annuity. The annuity came with the directive that it was to support campus ministry programs at Catawba. A few years later, Mr. Moose reaffirmed his support of Catawba's campus ministry efforts by making a \$10,000 contribution to help endow the Seiwell Chair for Campus Ministry.



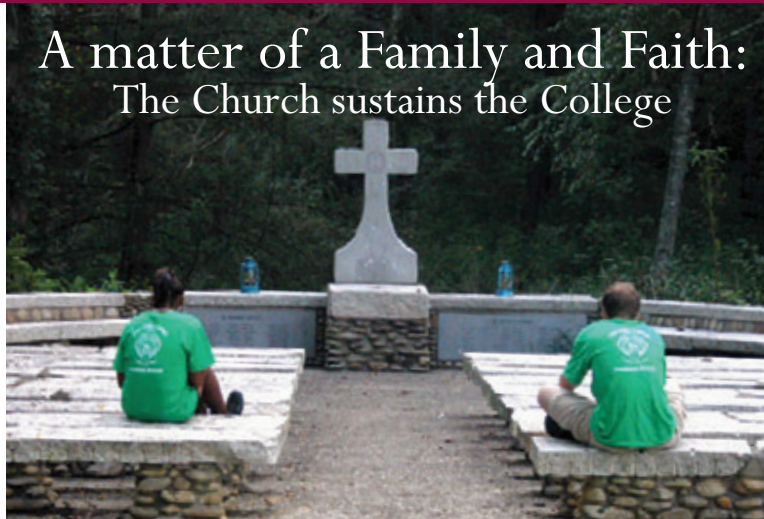
LOOK ON THE PLAQUE IN THE NARTHEX OF THE OMWAKE-DEARBORN CHAPEL THAT LISTS THE NAMES OF MAJOR DONORS TO THE SEIWELL CHAIR FOR CAMPUS MINISTRY AND ONE SEES NAMES THAT ARE SEEN IN NUMEROUS OTHER PLACES ACROSS THE CATAWBA CAMPUS.

This is not a chance happening, but the presence of those names on the Seiwell Chair plaque has particular significance as it is representative of a relationship between church and college that dates to the founding of the college. It also speaks to the fact that the college continues to be sustained in many ways by those same connections that were there in the beginning...connections that were derived from the church relationship.

A little celebrated but greatly important piece of Catawba history is the peace-making role of Heinrich Weidner symbolized by the ribbon attached to the mighty oak tree. Weidner's relationship with the Catawba Indians probably was responsible for survival of the earliest settlers in the area that was the original home for Catawba College. Peaceful relations with the natives of the area permitted the survival of those settlers and in turn the establishment and survival of the College. But the story does not end there.

**Heinrich Weidner is the progenitor of families that have played critical roles in the development and health of Catawba.**

His family line would include a sizeable number of the students at Old Catawba, several trustees of the college and numerous benefactors, all of whom saw their primary reason for supporting the college to be the church/college relationship. Descendants bearing the Americanized spelling of his name include Milton Whitener, who served as an administrator of the College, Edgar Whitener, who was chairman of the Board of Trustees for nearly 20 years and the Rev. Sterling Whitener who was a missionary to China and the father of three sons who would graduate from Catawba. The names of two of those sons, Drs. Sterling and Robert Whitener, along with their spouses, Barbara Brown and Marian Lefler appear on the chapel plaque. They have continued the long tradition of moral and financial support associated with this family. Another name on the plaque is that of the Dr. Thomas and Jane Hamilton. Jane Hamilton's maiden name is Jane Whitener as she is a descendant of Heinrich Weidner. All of these persons have had distinguished careers in medicine, education and ministry and have provided exemplary service to the church. Their support for Catawba has come first from their involvement in the United Church of Christ (Reformed Church) and as a result



of the fine educational experiences they had as students at Catawba. "Catawba provided me a meaningful daily Chapel Service, an excellent Choir experience, and a solid preparation for entry into graduate school at Yale. I enjoyed my 20 years teaching at Catawba and Livingstone. It is very special to me that our family established the Sterling and Marie Whitener Scholarship honoring our parents and in continued support of Catawba's ministry to young people," said Sterling.

**The other name that is so prominent on the Catawba campus is Abernethy.**

Julius Whitener Abernethy's grandmother was the great, great-granddaughter of Heinrich Weidner. Although Julius Abernethy did not attend college himself, he chose to support Catawba because it was the college of his church. And that support is legendary...from providing money for many of the major facilities on campus to underwriting programs and helping with operating expenses. But Julius was not the only descendant of Heinrich Weidner who responded to the needs of their church's college. Claude Abernethy, Jr. whose connection to Catawba also came through the church, would serve on the Board of Trustees for over 40 years and serve as chairman of the Board. His son, Shuford '82, would begin his service on the Board while he was serving as president of the student body. Both men would continue the family tradition of strong financial support. All three children of John Miles Abernethy, a brother to Julius and also connected to the college through the church, would graduate from Catawba as well as three of his grandchildren, one of whom, J. Weidner Abernethy '89, would keep alive the name of the family patriarch. The names of Michael Abernethy '59, Flora Belle McMillan Abernethy '59 and their children also appear on the plaque indicative of their support of campus ministry and the college.

In this day and age, when colleges frequently sever or relinquish their ties with the church bodies which founded them and supported them, the direct denominational support of the United Church of Christ for Catawba College may not be as strong as it once was, but the college continues to enjoy the traditional rich support of the church through those persons who are a part of the heritage of the church which birthed Catawba. **Through the years, these individuals have done much to sustain a college that continues to offer its students wonderful opportunities to grow in the faith and to understand what is of value and importance to a good life.**

**JOIN THE RANKS OF ANNUAL CONTRIBUTORS**

Most of the persons who made pledges to the **SEIWELL CHAIR FOR CAMPUS MINISTRY**, pledges that were to be paid over a period of three to five years, have now completed their commitments. However, many of those who have come to the completion of their pledge periods have chosen to continue to make an annual gift to that endowment or to the fund for campus ministry. These annual gifts, in whatever amount the donor chooses to provide, are extremely important in two ways. First, they make it possible to increase the endowment in such a way as to provide a hedge against inflation. Second, although the original campaign for this endowment was very successful in providing income to fund the annual compensation for the holder of the chair, there continues to be a need for funds to endow the program expenses of the

campus ministry. These ongoing annual contributions go toward increasing the endowment so that those program funds can be provided.

**To all of those who send annual contributions for campus ministry, the students and all connected with the many campus ministry programs extend a most sincere expression of gratitude.**

These gifts are of tremendous help as we provide for the growing participation in these programs and are able to share the Good News with more and more students. If you have not been making an annual donation for this purpose, as we approach the end of another calendar year we ask that you consider designating at least part of your gift in this way.

# BOOST

(Books Offer Opportunities to Students Today)

by Rev. Galen Hahn '69



## BOOST was a project of Catawba College's Student Christian Association that culminated with bringing a truckload of books to Booneville, Kentucky in the summer of 1969.

Galen Hahn brought the idea of establishing a library somewhere to Catawba when he matriculated in 1965. His sister had been involved in such a program at Western Maryland College in Maryland (Student Opportunity Service) where she had attended. Galen liked the idea and took it off to college with him. After Galen's promotion of this idea for some two years, the World Service Commission of the Student Christian Association picked up on the idea to work it further. Approximately sixty letters were sent out to prospective counties in the United States to see if any would be interested in developing a library in their community. Folks in Booneville, Owsley County, Kentucky responded positively.

The Student Christian Association World Service Commission, headed then by Glenn Wolfgang and Jenna Ray Clayton, sent four students to Booneville for a four day visit in 1968. They met with the Reverend Michael Smathers and Ruby Gibson, members of the Owsley County Community Development Group. Rev. Smathers became the principal coordinator in Booneville for this project. The promise of a building was obtained. Rev. Smathers visited Catawba College and spoke in Chapel services. The acquisition of a Bookmobile was added when the Catawba group reached Booneville. Temporary housing was provided for visiting Catawba students. A retired couple volunteered to staff the library after the students returned to North Carolina.

Though visiting team members may have been viewed with suspicion or even rejection, considered "outside do-gooders," by some local persons in Owsley County, BOOST team members trusted their initial efforts would be received and used well into the future. In later reflection on this project, team members felt they had gained in non-material ways more than they had given.

The BOOST team worked with the Owsley County Library Board and the Kentucky State Department of Public Libraries to begin library service in the county. Catawba's head librarian, Bill Wilson, provided the bottom floor of the college's Corriher-Linn-Black Library to house preparations. Book drives around campus and community yielded over 8,000 books. Students worked to raise over \$700.00 for library supplies and transportation costs. Duplicate or damaged books were sold with the help of the Salisbury-Rowan Council of Church Women United. Candles were made and sold, shoes were shined, Christmas cards were mailed to soldiers in Viet Nam. Donations were solicited from individuals and businesses.

Each book prepared for Booneville required at least forty minutes for preparation. Many books were useable but needed repair. Books were catalogued and labeled; check out slips were typed and glued into book pockets. A card catalogue, listing all books, was generated. A team of six students (Linda Foust Hobson of Jamestown, NC, Janet Hufnagel Geiger from New Jersey, Donnie Moose of Faith, NC, Bob Reindollar from Taneytown, MD, Glenn Wolfgang from Red Lion, PA,

and Jenna Ray Clayton of Burlington, NC) headed for Booneville, Kentucky in June 1969 in a rented truck where they stayed for six weeks. It was estimated that some 50 Catawba students worked on this project from its beginnings at Catawba.

The BOOST team worked on establishing a library in Booneville. They also cleared land for a baseball and softball field behind the Presbyterian Church, pastored then by the Rev. Michael Smathers and pastored today (2010) by the Rev. Joe Pawlas, a 1948 graduate of Catawba College. Students also conducted Bible school programs in two locations and established a drop-in and recreation center for teenagers of the area. Hosts for the students were very hospitable. They housed, fed, and engaged team members in enlightening conversation and social activities. Good relational experiences were had by students and residents.

In 1969 Booneville had a population of 143. It is the County Seat for Owsley County which had a population of about 5,000. The only library in Owsley County at that time was a small facility located inside the unified (K-12) school. At that time Owsley County had the lowest average income in the nation at \$1,030 per family per year.

When BOOST students arrived in Booneville, the County Court House, located in the town square, was still sitting burned from two years previous. The community was struggling to repair it with very limited resources. Residents in the county made a little money raising burley tobacco, but there was no industry or other means for earning an income.

In 2010 Booneville and Owsley County still have about the same population (4,500 in the county and 200 in Booneville because of an expansion of borders). But there is hope in the air. The Court House has been rebuilt. And the library is celebrating their move into their first fully owned building, estimated cost of \$1.2 or more million dollars. The new building sits at one entrance to Booneville along route 11. It is a shining example of what folks can do when they work together to develop the potential of their community.

**On July 20, 2010, Owsley County dedicated its FIRST new library building. Former Catawba students were there for the occasion. Two students from the original BOOST team, Glenn Wolfgang and Jenna Ray Clayton, and three other Catawba students deeply involved in works in Booneville, Anne Esterline Fogg, Galen Hahn, and Joe Pawlas. Rev. Pawlas pastors the Presbyterian Church in Booneville and offered the prayer of dedication, benediction, and blessing for the occasion.**

Greetings were shared from Catawba College of today. Glenn Wolfgang read greetings from President W. Craig Turner. President Turner "shared the gratitude of Catawba College for being able to play a role in the creation of your library and pointed out how it had been a life shaping experience for many students involved." Galen Hahn read greetings from Chaplain and Senior Vice-President, Kenneth W. Clapp. Chaplain Clapp, who was a student at Catawba and helped share in the original efforts in 1969, "lifted up the influence of this project on Catawba students who continued in their lives to be involved in serving others through academia, medicine, teaching, preaching, research, business, and governmental roles. **This 'Booneville Library project,' says Clapp, "has become a leaven that has stimulated the development of a culture of service that is part of the Catawba community to this very day."**



**THINGS HAPPEN FOR A REASON, AND IN THE CASE OF CATAWBA COLLEGE ALUMNA KYNA FOSTER '89, THAT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN TRUER; WHEN SHE FOUND OUT THAT HER POSITION AT FOOD LION HAD BEEN ELIMINATED, A NEW DOOR OPENED.**

"I can apply for the job at Rowan Helping Ministries!" she thought. "So I did," says Foster, 45. "That's why I ended up here. My life's journey and everything that I learned along the way prepared me for this."

Foster became executive director of Rowan Helping Ministries on July 1, taking over from Dianne Scott, who held that position exactly 20 years.

A fourth-generation native of Rowan County, Foster grew up off Long Ferry Road and graduated from North Rowan High School in 1983. Her parents, the late Dr. William Henry Snider '51 and Leona Massey Snider '49 both graduated from Catawba. Snider was a dentist and his wife was a schoolteacher and principal.

But Catawba was the last place on Foster's mind when she graduated from high school. Instead, she went to UNC, then Gardner-Webb, taking a year off in between schools to model in Atlanta and get married. She arrived at Catawba her junior year, a new mom to Karla, now 23.

She started out as a biology and chemistry major, planning to take over her father's dental practice. Instead, she says, she found her "inner geek." She switched her major to business with a concentration in accounting.

Her second daughter, Kia, now 21, arrived two weeks before graduation. "She came with me to my final exams," Foster says. One professor kept the school nurse's number in his pocket that whole semester, afraid Foster would go into labor while in class. Working 20 hours a week, Foster graduated cum laude from Catawba and was a member of the Alpha Chi honor society. Son Kenan, 19, was born in 1991.

At Catawba, she respected Bill Trenchard, a former R.J. Reynolds executive who was her accounting instructor. "He brought into the classroom real-life case experience," she says.

Dr. Stephen Hiatt was her marketing professor. He always mispronounced her first name, but she never corrected him. "Correct people," he told her when he found out. "Your name is important."

Foster's mother went to the Rowan Public library to find a name, she says, "that meant something." Kyna, pronounced 'kee-na,' is Gaelic and means "wise lady." "You've got to live up to that," she says.

Since she has been back in Salisbury, Foster has returned to campus to play tennis or just take a walk. "The fact that I have a history there with my parents is the same as going home," she says.

After graduation, Foster accepted a position in Greensboro as an accountant, later going to work for Tanner Companies in Rutherfordton as corporate controller and director of support services. She joined Food Lion in 2000 as assistant controller.

Foster had been a single mom since 1996, and wanted to come back home since her parents were getting older. She liked what she was doing at Food Lion, but she wanted something more. "I wanted to do something that made a difference," Foster says.

She remembers praying the Prayer of Jabez, that she would be blessed and that her territory would be enlarged. A couple of days

later, a vice president at Food Lion asked her to manage the department of community affairs and later she was promoted to director of community affairs and customer relations.

Now, Foster's territory has again been enlarged with the position at Rowan Helping Ministries.

Having two kids before she graduated from college, Foster knows how it is to live on a tight budget. "It gives me insight into the struggle that people have," she says. "You don't want to call your daddy and say 'help.' We were struggling between paychecks to put food on the table."

She had her daughters without health insurance and made payments while she was pregnant to be able to deliver at the hospital. "Those struggles prepare you for life," Foster says.

At Food Lion, she got to know the non-profit community in Salisbury, since administering Food Lion's foundation was part of her job.

"Every day here feels like it makes a difference," Foster says. "That was what was missing in my corporate career."

Foster worked with Scott for three weeks before her position became official.

"This is an awesome place to work," she says. "Everyday we have more volunteers here than we have staff. Our staff and volunteers are a wonderful group of people who work hard to improve the quality of life for others. Without the dedication of our volunteers we would not be able to open our doors."

Rowan Helping Ministries board member Jean Wurster is good friends with Scott, and is getting to know Foster as well. Foster is meeting separately with each board member. "The one thing they (Foster and Scott) do have in common is a heart for the job," says Wurster, who works in the college's Corriher-Linn-Black Library. "Kyna has a real understanding of how the corporate world works. I'm just so proud she's a Catawba graduate. I think she's going to take Rowan Helping Ministries to new levels and we're ready. Dianne moved us forward and Kyna is going to keep moving us forward. I'm just thrilled that we found her."

Foster says she feels an "incredible responsibility" to the community. "They're entrusting us with their charitable donations. We are charged with meeting the needs of people in crisis and those less fortunate. "You don't want to mess this up. I pray a lot."

A member of Trading Ford Baptist Church, Foster likes the fact that her staff prays before every meeting. "You don't do that in the corporate world," she says.

Yet she's brought a lot of the corporate world with her, making many changes in the last eight weeks. Foster has created a forecasting process for cash flow, and operates within a monthly budget. "Given this economy, it's been a real challenge," she says. "We are pressed on two sides in that the demand for assistance is increasing while many of our donors are not able to give at the same level as they have given in the past."

Foster has restructured the organization. More than ever, it has a focus on the clients it serves. Foster has given the organization more of a business model and expanded resource development. She moved her administrative assistant to a position in this area. "It's not about me," she says. She eliminated a management layer between herself and the staff, and rewrote every job description.

**Foster doesn't care for the "lean and mean" analogy that so many businesses use these days. "We want to be lean and kind," she says. "It's all about helping." That's why she wants staff members to say "Rowan Helping Ministries" instead of using the acronym "RHM." "It's who we are," she says.**





## CATAWBA COLLEGE CLASS Notes

*News from our  
Catawba Alumni*

1952

**Everett "Jack" Houser** is now retired and living in Denver, Colo., and very much active in Rotary, Denver Rescue Mission, Compa Food Ministry, and Samaritan Institute. Jack writes that he misses his former roommate Rev. Raymond Craven who died earlier this year.

**John Philips** notes that he was saddened to read about Lewis Kirk '52 passing. "He [Lew] was the last of my five roommates to go and my best friend at Catawba. We were both chemistry majors, studied together and played together. My other roomies and friends in the order of their passing were: Jack Kelly, Daryl Marsdeller, Jimmy Jones and John McClure." Classmates may contact John at [jpchase.1@juno.com](mailto:jpchase.1@juno.com).

**Joseph S. Popp, Jr.** of Mooresville was among six individuals inducted into the Cambria (Ohio) County Sport Hall of Fame in July of this year. Popp grew up in the Franklin Borough in Cambria County in a family that had immigrated from Yugoslavia. He left that area in 1948 after leading Franklin to an undefeated season in football. He played football under scholarship at Catawba and had a Division I coaching career with Wake Forest, North Carolina and Georgia Tech. Later, he was a special assistant coach of the NFL's Cleveland Browns for two seasons.

**Betty Steen** of Concord writes that she enjoys reading and keeping abreast of what is going on at Catawba.

1958

**Edwin O. Wenck** retired from the Legal Aid Bureau in December 2009. Ed and wife Pat share their love for the arts and will be trained docents at the Walters Art Museum in

Baltimore, Md. The Walters has a collection that is world famous and goes from the ancient world up to the 19th century. The Wencks will begin giving tours after a year of training in February 2011 and ask that anybody who comes by Baltimore give them a call. They would love to share their love for the arts with you. Ed sends news of former professor Dr. Lee Whiston who is now in his 90s. After teaching at Catawba, Dr. Whiston taught at Eden Seminary and is now in a nursing home in St. Louis.

1960

**Doug Chalk** and wife **Hilda '62** are living in Sylva, N.C., on Timbuktu Road. They point out that friends can now say they know someone from Timbuktu and to be sure to look them up when going to the casino.

**Darryl Hugh Evans** and wife Darlene raised four children and are now retired. They would love to meet with other alumni in the Wilmington, N.C. area.

1962

**Worth & Amie Carpenter Hampton '62** write that Amie has retired from Hampton House Art & Frame after 32 years. Worth is doing volunteer work and assisting son Mark in the family business. Their daughter and five grandchildren, "make life almost too good to believe."

1965

**Rev. John A. Denlinger** celebrated his 40th year of ordination with a service and luncheon at St. Paul United Church of Christ in Shrewsbury, Pa.

1966

**Martha W. Gilliland, Ph.D.**, has joined the Tucson-based science foundation, Research

Corporation for Science Advancement (RCSA), as the vice president. An accomplished university administrator and Washington, D.C. science policy advisor, she assumed her new role in early May.

**Stephen Talbert** has been appointed interim chief executive of the Mocksville-based Bank of the Carolinas Corp. Stephen had served as the bank's vice chairman prior to his August appointment. He serves on Catawba's Board of Visitors.

1967

**Olivia Jessup** is enjoying living and working in Japan for the Navy but is far from her adorable grandson Silas who lives with his dad and mom in Asheboro, N.C.

1968

**Chaplin John Gundlach** writes he received the Robert V. Moss Excellence in Ministry Award at Lancaster Theological Seminary during alumni day in May. He was recognized for his outstanding work with veterans and military personnel.

1969

**Judith Snider** of Hardyville, Va., writes that she retired from her position of Senior Accountant at Super Valu in July 2010.

1971

**Tom** and wife **Bonnie Finlaw Atkins '72** report that their grandson, Vincent James Atkins was born Aug. 2, weighing 9 lbs., 9 oz. and measuring 20" long, "ready to play for Harvey Stratton." Their other grandchildren include Riley Elizabeth, age 4, and Mason Gregory, age 2. Both Riley and Mason are excited about having a little brother, and their mom, Kim, and dad Greg are doing fine.



## 1960s Close-Up



**Dr. Charles T. Muse, Sr. '68** executive director of the National Robotics Training Center (NRTC), located on the campus of the South-eastern Institution of Manufacturing and Technology in Florence, S.C., recently received notification of a multi-year, multi-million dollar contract from the Office of the Secretary of Defense in support of NRTC's national robotics manufacturing certification program and manufacturing support for small emerging robotics manufacturers.

Under Dr. Muse's leadership, the NRTC has developed the Certified Robotics Production Technician program that provides training and a certification examination for potential robotics manufacturing technician. The new contract will fund the further development of this program with online delivery modality that will provide this training anytime, anywhere through web access. Additional funding will provide for manufacturing support through NRTC's manufacturing transition program that assist small robot manufacturers from design of concept to prototype to full manufacturing. NRTC has been very successful in transitioning small manufacturers to include a contract with Anthrontronix to manufacture their AcceleGlove, a sensor glove that has both military and commercial applications.

Dr. Muse and wife Susan live in Florence, S.C., and have three adult sons, Thomas, Alex and Matthew who live in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

**Dr. Carol Houghton**, Tribunal Judge and Chancellor, was promoted to the rank of Lady Commander in the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem on Oct. 2 during an Investiture Mass at St. Patrick Cathedral in New York City. Membership in the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem is one of the highest papal awards conferred on those who have done meritorious work for the Church.

**1972**

**Judy Krizay Grumbly** has reconnected with Catawba alumni after a seven-year absence. After being "lost" while living in the Colorado Rocky Mountains, she and her family have now settled in Vienna, Va. Husband Tom is a senior executive with Lockheed Martin. Daughter Maureen graduated from Guilford College in May 2010 and son Paul is finishing his sophomore year in high school. Judy is working as a geriatric care manager with Care Options in Falls Church, Va., where she is also a part owner in the business. Judy would love to be in touch with long lost Catawba friends. Contact her at [Jagrumbly@aol.com](mailto:Jagrumbly@aol.com).

**G. Edward Hughes** writes that he was elected to a three-year term on the Board of Directors of the American Association of Community Colleges, and The National Association for Two-Year Colleges. Directors are elected in a national election by the 1200 institution member presidents.

**Marty Mundy** was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame at Montgomery College in Rockville, Md. last April. He attended Montgomery College between 1968 and 1970 and participated in both basketball and track before transferring to Catawba College where he earned letters for both of those sports. Marty taught health education at Lebanon High School in Oregon from 1978 until his retirement in 2005 and also coached girls' basketball and volleyball there for 25 years. Married to wife Joan, he divides his time between Lisbon, Md. and Surprise, Ariz.

**Susie Brooks Riggs** was named the 2009-2010 North Myrtle Beach Intermediate School Teacher of the Year. Susie serves as the Media Specialist at North Myrtle Beach Inter-

mediate School where she is responsible for library operations and technical services, teaches study skills to fourth and fifth graders, and finds materials for teachers. The Teacher of the Year Program is coordinated by the South Carolina Department of Education.

**1973**

**Marion Barch Cherry** recently retired as a wildlife biologist after 30 years with the USDA Forest Service. Marion earned graduate degrees at Utah State University. Her husband, Steve, teaches at Montana State University as a Statistician in the Math Department. They are nearing their 38th wedding anniversary. Marion is a breast cancer survivor and serves on the Board of the Cancer Support Community in Bozeman. They plan to remain in Bozeman, Mont., and would enjoy hearing from old friends at [marionbcherry@gmail.com](mailto:marionbcherry@gmail.com).

**Mike McCracken** and wife Pat write that May 2010 was a BIG month for them. On the morning of the 15th, their daughter Emily received her B.S. degree in Social Work from Xavier University; on the afternoon of the 15th, their son Adam received his master's degree in Health Services Administration, also from Xavier; and on the 17th, Mike and Pat celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary

**Col. William Russell (ret.)** and wife Linda reside in Springfield, Va. In early December, Bill celebrates 21 years broadcasting for WFOS-FM, Chesapeake, Va. His programs, "The Operaphile" (devoted to historic opera singers) and "Sunday Opera" (complete historic opera broadcasts and recordings), have been and continue to be heard weekly. Bill has been asked to address the Vocal Record Collectors' Society of London next June.

**1974**

**H. William (Bill) Green** announces he and Polly J. Cooper were married on April 13, 2009. They reside in Cary, N.C. Bill is in his 22nd year as Associate Pastor at First United Methodist Church, Cary. Polly is a marketing consultant. Bill and Polly are both active in prison ministry and biblical storytelling. Connect with them at [wgreen@fumc-cary.org](mailto:wgreen@fumc-cary.org).



## 1970s Close-Up

### Bill "Scotch" Shaw '75

is making his way from Halifax, Nova Scotia to Iquitos, Peru on his freighter canoe, the Lucky Suz. He began his journey on August 30, heading down the east coast of North America. He'll travel through Central America, Eastern South America, to mouths of the Amazon, then, up the Amazon River, to Iquitos.

He had made it to the North Carolina coast, to Wrightsville Beach, in early October, close enough to his alma mater that he docked the Lucky Suz, rented a car and drove to Salisbury for the college's Homecoming Weekend Oct. 8-10. He reconnected with fellow alumni and seemed to enjoy telling about his great adventure, making sure to give credit where credit was due: "I am exceedingly indebted to my wonderful wife Susan for allowing me to embark on this expedition to the Amazon. Her love and support are a mainstay in my life. I can only love and thank her for keeping the home fires burning."

He asked that we include two quotes in this piece about his adventure:

- 1) "There are men who use their dreams to tear themselves apart. And, there are men who never find a dream at all. But, how many find the courage to look deepest in their hearts, to find a dream that they can follow until they fall?"
- 2) And from Joshua Slocum: "To young men contemplating a voyage, I'd say go."

Follow Bill's journey through his blog posts at <http://blog.billshaw.org/>

1978

**Scott Alexander** writes that he is "living large in Myrtle Beach and working hard." He invites anyone interested in technology and literacy in education to a great conference in March 2011 that he is working on at Myrtle Beach. Find info on "Technology Literacy Conference (TLC) at the Beach," at [www.edtheturtle.com](http://www.edtheturtle.com). Scott says, "Shout out to Pine Knot!"

1979

**Sharon Rehbock** is excited to announce that she and Jerry Vitner were married on May 2. The couple enjoyed seeing everyone at Homecoming in October!

1981

**Mark Alexander** recently left the national law firm of Holland & Knight in Jacksonville, Fla., to open a boutique firm, Alexander DeGance Barnett. The firm is one of Jacksonville's only free-standing practices representing management in labor and employment law. Mark also serves on the Catawba Board of Visitors.

1982

**Tanya Blocksom Dyson** writes, "I was only at Catawba for 2 1/2 years, but I would love to hear from everyone! I have great memories of Cat U!" Also, Tanya would like to hear from anyone who knew Mary Ann Unanue Quinones." Contact Tanya at [thedyson4@aol.com](mailto:thedyson4@aol.com).

1983

**Elizabeth Weant Cairnes** was recently named Teacher of the Year at J. A. Dobbins Middle School in Powder Springs, Ga. Elizabeth teaches 8th grade language arts. She was also named Teacher of the Year at Dobbins in 2003. She lives in Douglasville, Ga. with her husband and son. Friends may contact Elizabeth at [cairnes05@bellsouth.net](mailto:cairnes05@bellsouth.net).

1985

**William Gilmore** says "hey" to everyone. Bill spent the better part of his summer with drug addicts. He recently finished a documentary on substance abuse and has posted the opening sequence on his website, [www.williamgilmore.tv/Gilmore\\_Producer/HWT\\_D.html](http://www.williamgilmore.tv/Gilmore_Producer/HWT_D.html). Bill writes he not only "produced the piece but wrote, edited, shot and did all the graphics. We've had a couple of small screenings

and so far it's all been positive with a few tears coming at the end. I'm currently working to set up larger screenings at the area high schools for feedback." Contact Bill at millcreekprod@hotmail.com.

1986

**Jeffrey Wayne Jarrett** writes, "I'm back in North Carolina again and would love to hear from those old friends who graduated with me in 1986." Friends may contact Jeffrey at jeffjarr22314@yahoo.com.

1989

**Terri Lynn Hadley Ward** shares she is making a career change, and will enroll in a teacher education program in January 2011 to become a middle school English teacher. She remarried on June 12, 2010 and shares her new husband, Michael, with her three children, Zach (13), Kevin (10), and Connor (7).

1991

**Ashton Byrum** received his MFA in Directing from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music in June 2010. In July, he and seven other American singers performed at the closing ceremonies of The World Choir Games in Shaoxing, China. Most recently, he and his family (wife Gina and one-year-old son Dylan) have moved to Chicago where he is now Assistant Professor and Coordinator of the Musical Theatre Program at Columbia College Chicago - home of the largest theatre program in the country.

1992

**Shannon Evans Williamson** has recently moved to Nashville after being promoted to National Sales Assistant for the Atlanta, Orlando and Tampa markets for Clear Channel Radio.

1993

**Donna Rymer** recalls a great article Susan Shinn (current Catawba College student and a freelance writer for Catawba News Service) did on a collaboration project that Donna carried out with Dr. Paul Baker. The article, titled "Professor Develops Writing Contest," ran in "The Salisbury Post" and was posted in News and Events on the Catawba website. Donna writes, "In the article it explains WHY I continue to partner with Catawba College

to benefit my students' learning. The opportunity that Dr. Baker provided for one of my students was amazing!"

1995

**Amy Dixon Jordan** notes she has been keeping very busy jumping off buildings and attacking the heroes of the hit TV show "Burn Notice" on USA. From biker chick to secret spy, Amy has been kicking some serious butt on season 4. She is also featured in the latest Tiger Woods commercial for EA Sports as the crazy Italian golf fan! She is currently auditioning for guest starring roles on "Drop Dead Diva," "The Glades," and "Army Wives." Keep watching as this stay-at-home mom of three (Brent 8, Julia 5 and Sarah 2) continues to fight her way into your living rooms and onto the big screen!

**Kathleen Werkheiser** announces she married Chris Tyburski on July 3, 2010. Kate and Chris are living in East Hartford, Conn.

1996

**Nicole Williamson Brown** and husband **Mark '00** share joy with their Catawba friends in the birth of their daughter, Shelby Victoria Brown, born on December 15, 2009 at Rowan Regional Hospital.

**Dr. Jolene Miller Henning** has been promoted to Associate Professor with permanent tenure at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro where she is the director of the Master of Science in Athletic Training program.

**JoAnn Hall Kelly** of Mount Pleasant, S.C., is Controller at Mickey & Mooch. Husband Evan is News Anchor and TV Show Host at ABC Channel 4. JoAnn and Evan have a three-year-old daughter, Teagan Kelly.

**Deborah Schlageter** shares that she and her daughters, Emma Jane (age 7) and Lily (age 3), are living in Port Orange, Fla., enjoying the sun and the surf!

1997

**Audrey Reitz Channell** and husband Clay are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Luke Alexander, born October 12, 2009. Luke joins big brother Cameron (4 1/2). Audrey is an attorney with Wallace, Jordan,

Ratliff & Brandt, LLC. The Channells live in Birmingham, Ala.

**Kevin C. Wilborn** has accepted a position with the Dept. of Homeland Security. Kevin would like to hear from friends at kwilborn2@gmail.com.

1998

**Kelly Taylor Esposito** and husband Anthony announce that 16-month-old Taylor is now big sister to Reagan Elizabeth. Reagan weighing 8 lbs. and 20.5 inches long, was born March 19, 2010.

**Megan Porterfield Hodde** and husband Jon share news of the birth of their daughter Bailey Alyse, who was born on February 26. Five-year-old big brother, Ian, LOVES having a little sister! They are all enjoying life in Frederick, Colo.

1999

**Julia Stolzer Conti** and husband David of Runnemede, N.J., announce the birth of their daughter Calleigh Evelyn Conti, born February 25, 2010.

**J. Frederick Corriher, III** was married to Lindy Jane Lopez on May 8, 2010 in a ceremony on Kiawah Island, S.C. The couple now make their home in Charlotte.

**Melanie Reeves Greene** and **Jerry '00** are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Wren Olivia Greene. She was born February 5 in Norfolk, Va.

**Bryan Surratt** and wife Melanie would like to announce and celebrate the birth of their first child Brielle Lane Surratt. Brielle was born at CMC Northeast in Concord, N.C., on April 15 2010 @ 6:18pm. Brielle weighed 6 lbs & 14oz and measured 20" in length.

2000

**Laurie Reynolds Bowles** writes she has just completed her master's degree in nursing from East Carolina University with a Family Nurse Practitioner concentration. Laurie will be employed as a family nurse practitioner at Mountain View Medical Family Practice in King, N.C.



## 2000s Close-Up

Alumna receives  
Performance Sales Award

**Donna Manik Smith,**  
a 2001 alumna,

has won PepsiCo's highest sales performance  
award, the President's Ring of Honor.

In June, Donna and husband Addison joined other honorees and members of PepsiCo's senior leadership team at the 2010 PepsiCo President's Ring of Honor awards program at company headquarters in Purchase, N.Y. Each year, less than one quarter of one percent of the PepsiCo's sales team wins this prestigious award.

### 2001

**Vuokko Tuulikki Ayling (Timola)** writes that August 1, 2010 was a happy day in Finland as she and husband Michael welcomed their first born, Edward. Edward weighed 9 lb. 1 oz. and was 22 inches long. "V" as she prefers to be called writes, "Over the moon with husband Michael."

**Addie Furlow Bird** and husband Robert announce the birth of their son, Simon Andrew Bird, who was born March 3, 2010. He joins big sister, Ava Elizabeth, age two and a half.

### 2002

**Scott Burris** of Kannapolis, N.C., and wife Leah announce the birth of their beautiful baby girl, Isabella Grace, born on March 20, 2010. She weighed 8lb. 1oz. and was 20 inches long.

### 2003

**Toby Stark** of Eatontown, NJ, writes that his company, Stark Associates Insurance Agency, opened the agency doors in January 2009. The Agency caters to small businesses and individuals and offers a customized insurance solution for every client. Offering group and individual health, life and disability, Medicare supplements representing over 29 companies. Toby was also recently installed as the president of the Eatontown Lions Club. At age 28, he is the youngest member in the

club's history to be elected president.

### 2004

**Joy Brandli** announces her marriage to Kyle Wendling of Oak Harbor, Wash., on September 11, 2010 at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Anacortes, Wash.

**Virginia Summey** is engaged to her long-time boyfriend, Steve Rodgers, and is now living in Missoula, Mont. Ginny is pursuing her MA in History at the University of Montana. GO GRIZ!!

**Megan R. Youngblood** is currently teaching theatre classes at Savannah Children's Theatre in Savannah, Ga. She is also pursuing a master's degree in professional counseling at South University and is completing her internship hours at Coastal Harbor Treatment Center. She is engaged to be married to Matt Hamilton on November 6, 2010.

### 2005

**Navy Seaman Matthew L. Baker** recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. During the eight-week program, Baker completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations." This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of honor, courage and commitment. Its distinctly "Navy" flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a Sailor.

**Jennie "Jbro" Brooks** has been busy performing for area community theatre productions including "Violet," "Oklahoma!" and the "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" premiere in N.C. She also played percussion for Catawba's production of "Working" this past spring. She writes, "I look forward to returning to New Orleans after attending this year's French Quarter Festival."

**Carolyn M. Kramkowski** joined other St. Louis area music teachers on August 2 to sing the National Anthem at the St. Louis Cardinals Game. She is the instrumental music teacher at Shaw Visual and Performing Arts, which was named by NAMM as one of the best communities for music education for 2010.

**Dianna Thomason** of Lexington, N.C., writes she has a new position as Finance Director for Carolina Cancer Services.

2007

**Laura Porter** shares that she is enjoying her job with the Youth Services Bureau, a United Way agency, in Salisbury. She is the Program Director for the Times 2 (X2) Mentoring Program. Local alumni are encouraged to share their time and talents with youth who could greatly benefit from their involvement. Laura would love to hear from anyone interested at lauraporter.x2@gmail.com.

**Lee Walker**, a sergeant with the Salisbury Police Department and a 15-year veteran of law enforcement, was named Veteran Officer of the Year by the Salisbury Rotary Club. Lee served as a patrol officer and as a traffic safety unit officer and is certified as a traffic crash reconstructionist. He currently supervises one of four patrol teams in the City of Salisbury.

2008

**Laura Jollay** writes she is pursuing her master of arts in Communication and Leadership from Gonzaga University and plans to graduate in 2011.

**Tara Lyn Ketcham** is pleased to announce her engagement to Philip R. Buch. The wedding will take place in Pennsylvania in September 2011. Tara would love to hear from friends at taralyn14@gmail.com.

**Jonathan Rhodes** writes that he's living in Washington, D.C., and attending graduate school at American University, pursuing a master's degree in environmental science. Friends may contact Jon at jwrhodes2008@gmail.com.

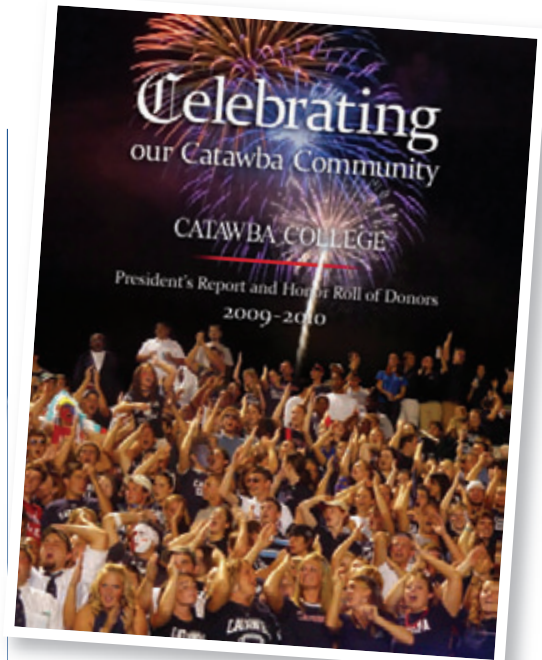
**Ross Scallan** and wife **Carrie Wollaston** are enjoying themselves while living in Germany. Ross recently competed for and is proud and honored to say he passed the Expert Field Medical Badge Army School. Ross writes, "This badge is the non-combat equivalent of the Combat Medical Badge and is awarded to medical personnel of the US Military who successfully complete a set of qualification tests including both written and performance portions. The infantry equivalent of the Expert Field Medical Badge is the Expert Infantryman Badge. The pass rate for FY 2008 was 15.3%, making the EFMB one of the most difficult and prestigious Army skill badges to earn. I was one of 270+ soldiers of all ranks, officers &

enlisted, that started on Day 1 and was one of 27 soldiers who finished the 12-mile road march on the last day. Those were 3 weeks of strenuous, hard work!! The only thing that motivated me through the school was the thought of was: 1. finishing and 2. NEVER EVER wanting to come back to do it again. I miss all my friends, family, and Catawba community and can not wait to come home to visit." [Ross and his wife Carrie were home in the United States for several weeks in September, visiting family and friends in N.C., Va., and Pa.] Friends may contact Ross and Carrie at rmscallan@gmail.com or by mail at SPC Ross M. Scallan, ATC, NREMT-B, Health Care Specialist/ Combat Medic, HMEDDAC, Acute Care Clinic, Heidelberg, Germany.

2010

**Beverly Jayne Maurice** of Mocksville, N.C., writes, "I LOVED my Catawba experience. Although I was a non-traditional full-time day student, all my classmates made me feel like one of them. My professors were outstanding. Some of my favorite experiences included trying out for the cheerleading squad, accidentally sitting in on Dr. Holtzman's ethics class - and staying, being a writer for "The Pioneer" and the 2009 recipient of the Pat Whitley award. It doesn't get much better than all of that except for my new profession, play therapist for children (from birth to age 3) with special needs."

**Justin Weller** writes that he has joined the sales team at Larry King Chevrolet in Kannapolis, N.C., Friends can contact Justin at jwmclintock@gmail.com.



### The 2009-2010 President's Honor Roll of Donors is available online!

Alumni may view the Honor Roll at [www.catawba.edu/giving/donors](http://www.catawba.edu/giving/donors). Enter the following at the prompt: **d0nors2cc** (note the first "0" is a zero).

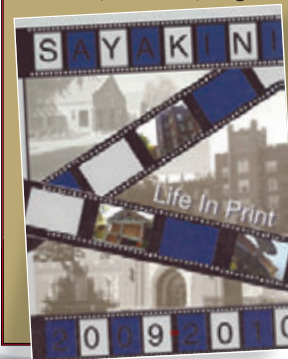
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### 2010 GRADUATES / PARENTS

**If you missed the opportunity to purchase a 2009/10 yearbook-it is not too late!!**

Due to a small overrun we still have some copies available. This is one of the BEST ever issues with lots of coverage on Graduation, Catawbapalooza, Theatre Events, Athletics, Wigwam, Music and much more....

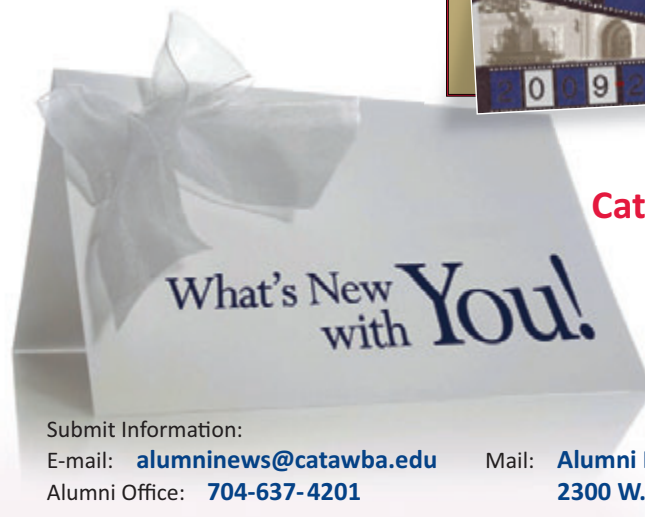
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Make sure to put "yearbook" in the subject line for ordering info.

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# IN MEMORIAM

1929

Agnes Krider Gunter of Mooresville died Aug. 19.

1932

Mary Anne Nash of Spencer died March 22.

1933

Ret. U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Francis Johnstone Murdoch, Jr. of Bedford, Va., died Feb. 21.

1936

Ret. U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Georg "Howard" Groff of Salisbury died Sept. 21.

1938

Eugene E. Deal of Mooresville, formerly of Charlotte, died July 10.

1939

Edgar M. Beaver of Charlotte died April 16.

Helen C. Harrison of Mount Ulla died Sept. 8.

1941

Robert "Bob" L. Chandler, Jr. of Terrell, formerly of Salisbury, died June 28.

Franklin F. Marsh of Glen Allen, Va., died June 30.

1942

Katherine Young Heck of Martinsville, Va., died July 21.

1943

Frances Clement Dougherty of Fairfax, Va., died Feb. 20.

1947

Lawrence O. Walser of Thomasville died Feb. 24, 2009.

John R. Williams of Greensboro died April 16.

1948

Ann Coughenour Boyd of Salisbury died March 26.

1949

Myrtle Hileman Baker of Kannapolis died March 15.

Carl Henry Brown of China Grove died March 13.

Ret. U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. France "Rusty" L. Carver of Cumming, Ga., formerly of Lexington, died April 20.

Dr. Robert F. Kluttz of Kannapolis died April 20.

1950

Fred Adam Hill of Salisbury died Sept. 19.

Charles Ranson Wentz of Greensboro died July 3.

1951

Josephine Cochran Honeycutt of Concord died Sept. 5.

1952

Willie Foil "Bill" Brinkley of Granite Quarry died March 17.

1953

Patricia "Pat" Glass Bennett of Mt. Pleasant, S.C., died March 26.

1954

Roy A. Pickens, Jr. of Woodbury, Pa., died July 3.

1957

Travis Milton Stokes of Hickory died May 28.

1958

Frank L. Andrews of Salisbury died Sept. 11.

Elvena Boliek of Statesboro, Ga., died May 27.

1959

Ann Loflin Cromer of Liberty died June 1.

Rev. Dr. Doyce Farrell Wise of Palm Harbor, Fla., died March 31.

1960

Barbara Jean Forbes Luther of Salisbury died Sept. 20.

1961

Linda Parker Loftin of Charlotte has died.

1962

William Preston Guy, Jr. of Cramerton died Aug. 31.

Carol Hincken Petrea of Lewisville died Aug. 31.

Linda Miller Setzler of Pasadena, Calif., died May 21.

1965

Willard "Bill" Howard Hinckley of Carmichael, Calif., died June 8.

Patricia Jean "Tippy" Peeler of Kannapolis died Aug. 3.

1966

Larry W. Childers of Pembroke Pines, Fla., died May 9.

William H. Davis of Kannapolis died Aug. 31.

Jerry Lee Little, Sr. of Kannapolis died March 19.

1970

Amelia (Amy) Collins of Salisbury died April 29.

1974

Kathryn A. James of West Caldwell, N.J., died March 25.

1977

Jean "Buffy" Fortenberry Macsherry of Denver died June 13.

1993

Doris Ledbetter Hamm of Salisbury died May 26, 2009.

## Former Catawba College First Lady Passes

**Jacqueline Cameron Leonard of Lexington, N.C., a former first lady of Catawba College and wife of the late Dr. Theodore Leonard, Catawba's 17th President, died Sept. 26. Her funeral service was held on Wednesday, Sept. 29 at First Reformed United Church of Christ in Lexington.**



Mrs. Leonard was a generous benefactor of Catawba College. She and her late husband established and funded several endowed scholarships and supported several of the institution's capital campaigns. The Leonard Lounge in Catawba's Cannon Student Center bears her surname as a tribute to her generosity. She also made substantial gifts to Catawba's campus ministry, to fund landscaping at the college, to air-condition the Omwake-Dearborn Chapel and to provide a grand piano and padded seat cushions for that facility.

In 2004, Mrs. Leonard was honored by Catawba as the 23rd recipient of its prestigious Adrian L. Shuford Jr. Award for Distinguished Service. At that time, then Catawba President Dr. Robert Knott described her as "an individual who has enriched Catawba College and its community by her support, foresight, and financial contributions."

Although civic-minded, Mrs. Leonard preferred that attention not be focused on her good works. She made her gifts quietly and with no expectation of fanfare.

She was a longtime benefactor of Nazareth Children's Home in Rockwell where the Leonard Chapel bears her name and a strong supporter of her church, First Reformed United Church of Christ.

Born in south Davidson County near Denton, Leonard spent most of her life in that county, employed as an educator. She attended High Point College (now High Point University) before completing her undergraduate degree in home economics at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Thereafter, she taught in schools in Nash and Davidson counties and in Lexington.

She met her late husband, then a history teacher and a 1941 alumnus of Catawba, while instructing at Reeds High School in Davidson County and the couple married in 1943. She retired from Lexington High School in the early 1960s. Although the Leonards had no children of their own, they instead parented the many students they discovered in their classrooms. When Dr. Leonard took the helm as Catawba College's 17th president in 1980, serving in that capacity for only one year, Mrs. Leonard was by his side, serving as first lady of the college.

Mrs. Leonard was predeceased by Dr. Leonard in 2000 and has no immediate survivors.

## CATAWBA EMPLOYEES REMEMBERED

### HILDA FOREMAN,

who was affiliated with Catawba College for more than 30 years, first as a teacher of mathematics and later as a library technical associate, died Oct. 15.

### JAMES PAUL ROWLAND

of Salisbury, who worked in the maintenance department at Catawba College for 25 years, died April 20.

# { IN MEMORIAM }

## THE PASSING OF COLLEGE TRUSTEES

### THE REV. DR. BILLY JOE LEONARD

The Rev. Dr. Billy Joe Leonard, a 1950 alumnus of Catawba and a college trustee for 24 years, died April 14.

A Lexington native, he graduated from Lancaster Theological Seminary in 1953. He served pastorates at Paul's Chapel in Lexington and Mount Hope Church in Guilford County before succeeding his father as pastor at Second United Church of Christ in Lexington, his home church. He retired from Second United Church of Christ in 1992.

Rev. Dr. Leonard was active in his community, involved with the Mental Health Association of Davidson County, Davidson County Red Cross, Habitat for Humanity, Meals on Wheels and Davidson County Alcoholic Care. He served as chairman of Evangelism Committee of Southern Synod, on the board of trustees and as past president of Blowing Rock Assembly Grounds, and as a past member of the board of directors of the Southern Conference.

**Known for his deep, booming voice and ready laughter, Rev. Dr. Leonard loved people.**

In a 1992 newspaper article announcing his retirement from Second United Church of Christ, he was quoted as saying: "Almost all the real high points of my life have involved at least one other human being, and have been so personal as to be sacred. To repeat them takes away some of the sacredness of them. People are the most wonderful things God ever created."

Survivors include his wife of 46 years, the former Peggy Sue Pickle; three sons, Steve of Washington, D.C., Mark '79 of Asheboro, and Todd '84 of Lexington; daughters Jody Spivey and Amy Smith '94, both of Lexington; 14 grandchildren; brother Rev. Donald Mark Leonard '53 of Asheboro; and sister Martha Bruff '54 of Lexington.

### BERNICE LEVENSON LERNER

Bernice Levenson Lerner of Salisbury, who served on the Catawba College Board of Trustees for six years, from 2004 until 2010, died June 5.

A native of Salisbury, she graduated summa cum laude from Duke University in 1953. She moved to New York City where she met her husband, Mort Lerner. She was president of Lerner Shoes, the corporations that started as Family Shoe Store, later Phil's Shoes and Rack Room Shoes, by her father. She was a generous contributor to Catawba College, Livingstone College, Wake Forest University Medical School, the Charleston Jewish Federation, Temple Emanuel in Greensboro, Temple Israel in Salisbury and Hurley Park. The Lerner Wellness Center at Catawba College was created through a gift she made in memory of her husband.

**A gracious woman with a ready smile, she cherished her heritage and her family.**

She was preceded in death by her husband. Survivors include her three children, Richard Lerner of Greensboro, Mark Lerner of Boston, Mass., and Dena Lerner of Van Nuys, Calif., and a granddaughter, Marley Lerner.



The first annual Amy Collins Palmore Endowed Scholarship Golf Tournament was held Friday, October 8, at the Warrior Golf Club near China Grove, NC

**NINETY GOLFERS, INCLUDING MANY OF AMY'S FORMER FRIENDS AND CLASSMATES, PARTICIPATED. AMY WAS A MEMBER OF THE CLASS OF 1970 AND PASSED AWAY APRIL 29 OF THIS YEAR AFTER A COURAGEOUS BATTLE WITH CANCER.** Amy was a recipient of North Carolina's Order of the Long Leaf Pine. An Endowed Scholarship has been established in her memory at Catawba and over \$7,000 was raised from the golf tournament to assist in funding it.

Pictured in this photo are some of Amy's classmates and golfers who participated in the tournament: Front Row: Bob Arnold '71, Jason Lesley '71, Tom Burdette '73, Harry Monokian '71, Mike Garrison '70, Dewey Oakes '70, Mike Strejc '71; Middle Row: Bill Bartlett '71, Gary Kochman '70, Mike Reynolds '70, Wes Snyder '70, Van Dearmin '70; Back Row: Bill Griffin '71, David Taylor '73, Mick Hillard '69 and Ron Shelton '72.



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Spring 2011  
events

# What's happening at CATAWBA COLLEGE

## JANUARY

- January 5 .....Catawba vs Wingate: Women's Basketball .....6:00PM
- January 5 .....Catawba vs Wingate: Men's Basketball .....8:00PM
- January 12 .....Catawba vs Brevard: Women's Basketball .....6:00PM
- January 12 .....Catawba vs Brevard: Men's Basketball .....8:00PM
- January 14 .....Catawba vs Lenoir-Rhyne: Swimming .....6:00PM
- January 15 .....Catawba vs Tusculum: Women's Basketball .....2:00PM
- January 15 .....Catawba vs Tusculum: Men's Basketball .....4:00PM
- January 20 .....CENV Speakers: Fred Krupp & Miriam Horne .....Evening
- January 16 .....Finding Your Voice Choral Concert 1 .....7:00PM
- January 17 .....Finding Your Voice Choral Gala Concert .....7:00PM
- January 25 .....Community Forum .....7:30PM
- January 26 .....Catawba vs Mars Hill: Women's Basketball .....6:00PM
- January 26 .....Catawba vs Mars Hill: Men's Basketball .....8:00PM

## FEBRUARY

- February 4 .....Student Music Performance Hour .....3:00PM
- February 5 .....Admissions Open House .....8:00AM
- February 5 .....Catawba vs Lincoln Memorial: Women's Basketball ..2:00PM
- February 5 .....Catawba vs Lincoln Memorial: Men's Basketball ..4:00PM
- February 8 .....“Fatal Matrimony” Theatre Production .....6:55PM
- February 9 .....Catawba vs Pfeiffer: Baseball .....3:00PM
- February 9 .....“Fatal Matrimony” Theatre Production .....6:55PM
- February 10 .....“Fatal Matrimony” Theatre Production .....7:30PM
- February 11 .....Catawba vs JC Smith: Tennis .....3:00PM
- February 11 .....Student Music Performance Hour .....3:00PM
- February 11 .....“Fatal Matrimony” Theatre Production .....7:30PM
- February 12 .....Catawba vs Shippensburg: Baseball (DH) .....12:00PM
- February 12 .....Catawba vs Georgia C&SU: Softball .....12:00PM
- February 12 .....Catawba vs Anderson: Women's Basketball .....2:00PM
- February 12 .....Catawba vs Anderson: Men's Basketball .....4:00PM
- February 12 .....“Fatal Matrimony” Theatre Production .....7:30PM
- February 12 .....Vernaculars Concert .....7:30PM
- February 13 .....Catawba vs Shippensburg: Baseball .....1:00PM
- February 13 .....Vernaculars Concert .....7:30PM
- February 16 .....Catawba vs Lenoir-Rhyne: Women's Basketball ..6:00PM
- February 16 .....Catawba vs Lenoir-Rhyne: Men's Basketball .....8:00PM
- February 18 .....Student Music Performance Hour .....3:00PM
- February 18 .....Catawba vs Lincoln Memorial: Baseball .....7:00PM



Colum  
McCann

### Colum McCann to Speak at Catawba College's 2011 Brady Author's Symposium

Author Colum McCann, winner of the 2009 National Book Award for his novel, “Let the Great World Spin,” will be the featured speaker at the 25th annual Brady Author's Symposium scheduled Thursday, March 3, 2011.

McCann's other novels include “Zoli,” “Dancer” “This Side of Brightness,” and “Songdogs,” as well as two story collections. His work has been published in 30 languages.

He was the inaugural winner of the Ireland Fund of Monaco Literary Award in Memory of Princess Grace and has been a finalist for the International IMPAC Dublin Literary Award. In 2005, his short film, “Everything in This Country Must,” was nominated for an Oscar.

A contributor to “The New Yorker,” “The New York Times Magazine,” “The Atlantic Monthly,” and “The Paris Review,” McCann teaches in the Hunter College MFA Creative Writing Program. He makes his home in New York City with his wife and their three children.

Tickets for the symposium will be available in early 2011. Symposium events include a lecture, luncheon, book signing, and an exclusive writing question and answer session, all of which will take place in the Robertson College-Community Center on campus. For more information, contact the Catawba College Public Relations Office at (704) 637-4393.

#### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<b>Lecture</b> <b>11:00am</b> Keppel Auditorium	<b>Book Signing</b> <b>1:15pm</b> Lobby of Keppel Auditorium
<b>Seated Luncheon*</b> <b>12:15pm</b> Peeler Crystal Lounge	<b>Exclusive Writing Q&amp;A</b> <b>2:00pm</b> Hedrick Little Theatre

*\*Luncheon reservations are limited and will be taken in the order in which they are received.*



February 19 .....Catawba vs Lincoln Memorial: Baseball (DH) ..1:00PM  
 February 19 .....Catawba vs Ohio Valley: Men's Lacrosse .....2:00PM  
 February 21 .....Catawba vs Queens: Softball .....2:00PM  
 February 22 .....Lilly Colloquium .....11:00AM  
 February 22 .....Lilly Colloquium/ Community Forum .....7:30PM  
 February 23 .....Catawba vs Barton: Baseball .....2:00PM  
 February 23 .....Catawba vs Pfeiffer: Men's Lacrosse .....4:00PM  
 February 23 .....“Bright Lights. Big City” Theatre Production ....7:30PM  
 February 24 .....“Bright Lights. Big City” Theatre Production ....7:30PM  
 February 25 .....Student Music Performance Hour .....3:00PM  
 February 25 .....“Bright Lights. Big City” Theatre Production ....7:30PM  
 February 26 .....Catawba vs Newberry: Women's Basketball ..2:00PM  
 February 26 .....Catawba vs Newberry: Men's Basketball .....4:00PM  
 February 26 .....“Bright Lights. Big City” Theatre Production ....7:30PM  
 February 26 .....Singular Voices .....7:30PM  
 February 27 .....“Bright Lights. Big City” Theatre Production ....2:00PM  
 February 27 .....Singular Voices .....7:30PM  
 February 28 .....Catawba vs Winston-Salem State: Tennis .....2:00PM

### MARCH

March 2 .....Ash Wednesday Service .....5:00PM  
 March 3 .....\*Brady Author's Symposium .....11:00AM  
 March 4 .....Catawba vs Wingate: Baseball .....7:00PM  
 March 5 .....Catawba vs Wingate: Baseball (DH) .....1:00PM  
 March 15 .....Catawba vs Lees-McRae: Softball .....2:00PM  
 March 16 .....Catawba vs Wingate: Tennis .....2:00PM  
 March 16 .....Catawba vs Pfeiffer: Baseball .....6:00PM  
 March 18 .....Catawba vs Carson-Newman: Tennis .....1:00PM  
 March 18 .....Student Music Performance Hour .....3:00PM  
 March 19 .....Catawba vs Tusculum: Tennis .....11:00AM  
 March 20 .....Catawba vs Mount Olive: Softball .....1:00PM  
 March 20 .....Singers Home Tour Concert .....5:00PM  
 March 21 .....Catawba vs Merrimack: Men's Lacrosse .....7:00PM  
 March 23 .....Catawba vs Anderson: Softball .....2:00PM  
 March 23 .....Catawba vs Belmont Abbey: Baseball .....6:00PM  
 March 25 .....Catawba vs Brevard: Tennis .....2:00PM  
 March 25 .....Student Music Performance Hour .....3:00PM  
 March 25 .....Catawba vs Brevard: Baseball .....7:00PM  
 March 26 .....Catawba vs Brevard: Baseball (DH) .....1:00PM  
 March 26 .....Catawba vs Mars Hill: Men's Lacrosse .....7:00PM  
 March 29 .....Catawba vs Bluefield College: Tennis .....3:00PM  
 March 30 .....Catawba vs Belmont Abbey: Men's Lacrosse...7:00PM

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April 1 .....Student Music Performance Hour .....3:00PM  
 April 1 .....Catawba vs Lenoir-Rhyne: Baseball .....6:00PM  
 April 2 .....Admissions Open House .....8:00AM  
 April 2 .....Catawba vs Florida Southern: Men's Lacrosse..1:00PM  
 April 2 .....Catawba vs Newberry: Softball .....1:00PM  
 April 2 .....Catawba vs Lenoir-Rhyne: Baseball (DH) .....3:00PM  
 April 3 .....Choral Creation Celebration .....5:00PM  
 April 5 .....“Merry Wives of Windsor” Theatre Production ..6:55PM  
 April 6 .....“Merry Wives of Windsor” Theatre Production ..6:55PM  
 April 7 .....Red Cross Blood Drive .....10:00AM  
 April 7 .....“Merry Wives of Windsor” Theatre Production ..7:30PM  
 April 8 .....Student Music Performance Hour .....3:00PM  
 April 8 .....“Merry Wives of Windsor” Theatre Production ..7:30PM  
 April 9 .....Catawba vs Tusculum: Softball .....1:00PM  
 April 9 .....Catawba vs Wingate: Men's Lacrosse .....7:00PM  
 April 9 .....“Merry Wives of Windsor” Theatre Production ..7:30PM  
 April 13 .....Catawba vs USC-Aiken: Baseball .....6:30PM  
 April 14 .....Awards Convocation .....11:00AM  
 April 15 .....Student Music Performance Hour .....3:00PM  
 April 15 .....Catawba vs Tusculum: Baseball .....7:00PM  
 April 15 .....Community Band Concert .....7:00PM  
 April 16 .....Catawba vs Tusculum: Baseball (DH) .....1:00PM  
 April 16 .....Catawba vs Lincoln Memorial: Softball .....1:00PM  
 April 18 .....Wind Ensemble Concert .....7:00PM  
 April 23 .....Catawba vs Lees-McRae: Men's Lacrosse .....7:00PM  
 April 28 .....Catawba vs UNC-Pembroke: Baseball .....6:00PM  
 April 28 .....Danceworks Theatre Production .....7:30PM  
 April 29 .....Danceworks Theatre Production .....7:30PM  
 April 30 .....Vernaculars Concert.....7:30PM

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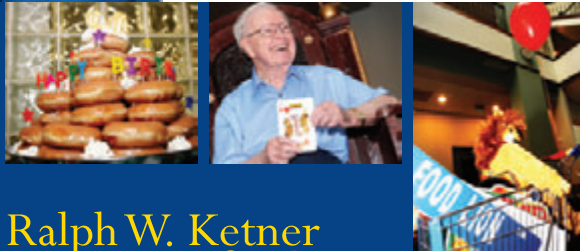
May 1 .....Vernaculars Concert .....3:00PM  
 May 1 .....A Grand Night for Singing (Choral/Pops) ...7:00PM  
 May 3 .....Athletic Awards Ceremony .....6:00PM  
 May 12 .....Senior Investiture .....5:15PM  
 May 13 .....\*Baccalaureate Service .....7:00PM  
 May 14 .....\*Day Commencement Ceremony .....10:00AM  
 May 14 .....\*SEGS Commencement Ceremony .....2:00PM

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## Ralph W. Ketner celebrates **90**th birthday

Ralph W. Ketner, founder and chairman emeritus of Food Lion, Inc., marked his 90th birthday on Sept. 20 and the faculty, staff and students of Catawba College helped him celebrate.

Mr. Ketner, who keeps daily office hours in the building on Catawba's campus named for him and built through his generosity, has a tradition of bringing Krispy Kreme Doughnuts into the office each Monday. On his special day, the local Krispy Kreme supplied the doughnuts while the Catawba community supplied a show of affection and support for this entrepreneurial man who has helped shape both Catawba College and the Salisbury-Rowan community over a half dozen decades.

**A native of Salisbury, Mr. Ketner was one of three men who founded Food Town Stores in 1957.**

Since his retirement from Food Lion in 1991, he has served as chairman emeritus of that grocery store chain which has evolved from Food Town into Food Lion, Inc. with more than 1,200 stores, mostly in the Southeast. A member of the Catawba Board of Trustees since 1984, Mr. Ketner was recently recognized as one of the people in North Carolina who had made a significant difference in the state during the 20th century with his founding of Food Lion.

During his birthday celebration on campus, Mr. Ketner shared the secret of his longevity with his usual dry wit.

**The secret to longevity, he said, is**  
*"not dying."*

