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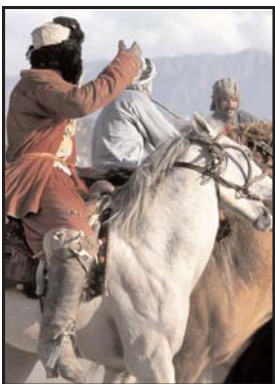
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## “A Matter of Faith” A Student Reflection of Dr. Martin Marty’s Visit to Catawba

By Drew Hepler, '09



Hepler

The very humble and genial Dr. Martin Marty would not want to be called a genius but for the more than 600 students and community members gathered in the Omwake-Dearborn Chapel for the fourth annual Lilly Center Colloquium, there was a consensus that he should be categorized as such.

Perhaps that is why I bit my tongue as I approached him after his lecture and thanked him for his valuable insights on the

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## Construction Update

“On schedule!” is how Catawba College Facilities Director Henry Haywood describes progress on the five new residence halls now under construction on campus. Haywood well knows that “on schedule” is an absolute necessity if upper-class students are to occupy these halls beginning in August.

All five are under roof and brickwork has been applied to all. On the two facing Summit Avenue and located behind the Abernethy Physical Education Center (Haywood refers to these two as the B-buildings) brickwork should be completed very soon. Electrical and plumbing rough-ins, as well as HVAC are completed in the two B-buildings and will follow very shortly in the three halls located in the former footprint of the now demolished Abernethy Residence Hall.

“All of these new residence halls will be sprinkled and with them coming online, we will have six residence halls on campus, including the retrofitted Pine Knot, which are sprinkled,” Haywood notes with pride.

Sheetrock work in the halls began in late March and furnishings for them have been ordered. The facilities team is in the process of ordering appliances for the halls now.

In early April, power will be shut down on that portion of campus in order for the new transformers and underground high voltage cable to be installed for the new residence halls. “That

will be just a one-day process,” he explains.

Summit Development of Salisbury, serving as general contractor for the project, receives high praise from Haywood. “Summit’s doing a very fine job. We’ve been pleased with their work, and they have been very willing to do whatever is requested of them.

“We’ve had positive feedback from people who are very impressed with the looks of the buildings and our students are excited.”

In Catawba’s Student Affairs Office, they are accepting housing applications. See CONSTRUCTION, page 7



## Catawba College Sports Hall of Fame Announces Four New Members

Four graduates will be inducted into the Catawba College Sports Hall of Fame on April 28 during the festivities of the Hall of Fame’s 30th anniversary.

The inductees are (with graduation year):  
**Allison Ankerson Makovec '95 of Virginia Beach, Va;** **Rodney L. Goodine of Salisbury '91;** **Martin S. Smith '65 of Asheboro;** and **Jack S. Ward '51 of Mocksville.**

The induction ceremony, sponsored by the Catawba

College Chiefs Club, will be held on Saturday, April 28, at 12:30 p.m. The luncheon will be held in Kirkland Lobby of the Abernethy Physical Education Center. On Friday, April 27, the Hall of Fame Golf Tournament will be held at The Country Club of Salisbury at 1 p.m.

The Catawba College Sports Hall of Fame was founded in 1977 and this year’s inductees will bring the total number of members to 141.

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## Academy to Be Named in Honor of Shirley Peeler Ritchie '52

Catawba College is creating a new Academy for Teaching which will be named in honor of former teacher education faculty member and College trustee Shirley Peeler Ritchie '52 of Salisbury. College trustees learned of a donor gift to underwrite the start-up of the Academy and new Teaching Scholarships offered through it and also approved plans for the academy and its naming at their February meeting.

Catawba Assistant Professor of Teacher Education and former N.C. Teacher of the Year, Dr. Cynthia Osterhus '73, will direct the Academy which will be a part of the College’s Teacher Education Department. The Academy will officially launch with the start of the '07-'08 academic year when 10 new Teaching Scholars enter Catawba as first-year students. These students,

who apply and are selected as Teaching Scholars, demonstrate strong SAT/ACT scores, a strong high school grade point average, leadership, community involvement, and a commitment to teaching. These students will be designated as the Martha Kirkland West Teaching Scholars in honor of another former teacher education faculty member, College trustee and 1959 alumna.

Catawba’s Teacher Education program is nationally accredited through the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and has a rich tradition of turning out excellent teachers dating back to 1925. Since 2004, graduates of the program have enjoyed a 100 percent pass rate on Praxis II and have had great success in landing teaching jobs immediately

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**Dan Sullivan**  
*Dean of Students*

## The Residential Campus

A sense of excitement has been growing on campus as we watch five residence halls sprout up among the former footprint of Abernethy Hall. The loss of such a storied building has inspired our students and alumni to reminisce about their experiences and the time they spent in this residence hall. This residence hall served our campus for forty years and there will be at least another forty years of stories to be shared at homecomings, athletic gatherings, and parents to their next generation of Catawba students. It is this living history that illustrates the importance of a residence life program.

A quick glance at the American Heritage Dictionary will tell you that “dormitories” are defined as a room providing sleeping quarters for a number of persons. A walk across our campus will tell you that our residence halls don’t merely provide a room for sleeping but offer students a once in a lifetime opportunity to live and learn. This residential community is shaped by the students’ academic pursuits, career goals, extracurricular activities, friendships, and increasingly by the world we live in.

In the fall of 1966, students moving into the newly constructed Abernethy Hall would have arrived on campus with one or two small to medium sized suitcases packed into the trunk of their parent’s car. Upon the issuance of a room key, the student would have unpacked their clothes and belongings, opened the unairconditioned room window and taken a quick tour to locate the community restroom facilities and hall phone. This will be a pale comparison to what our students will experience as they move into the newly constructed Abernethy Village apartments this fall. With at least one car full of personal belongings, the students will quickly transform these facilities into a home away from home. For the next nine months, Catawba College will be their home equipped with private bedrooms, kitchen units, washer and dryers, wireless internet access, iPods, gaming systems, and cell phones offering limitless opportunities to occupy their time outside of the classroom.

Campus housing facilities have become a competitive area for the college and we increasingly find our residence halls and the amenities offered placed high on the priority list for determining the right fit among perspective students. As Catawba College moves to a more residential campus, these issues will remain a priority as we open new residence hall facilities and make plans to improve our existing buildings. It will be important for us to identify the areas that can be improved and significantly increase quality of life issues for our students. This analysis of our campus residential facilities will be an ongoing process to ensure that we can meet the needs of our students and adapt to the quick pace of change that technology has ushered into the campus community.

The move to address the student’s quality of life issues will continue to challenge our campus to offer services that meet the needs of an ever growing and more diverse student body. Renovations to our Cannon Student Center will begin in May and will continue to enhance our campus master plan and rejuvenate the student center offering more services and amenities for our student body. Significant renovations to our main dining facility and snack bar area will offer students an enhanced dining atmosphere and an increased ability for Chartwells food service to offer more variety, convenience options, and a coffee bar experience.

The renovation of the student center will also provide an opportunity for the College to renovate and reorganize the Student Affairs offices. This will allow the offices located within the Student Affairs department to be consolidated into one continuous wing providing improved areas for student services. One notable area of this transformation will be new office area that will accommodate our counseling and academic resource center needs. These new facilities will provide counseling offices, a tutoring service office, and testing space that will immediately enhance our ability to provide a vital student service need. Other student services that will be significantly expanded or renovated will be the College bookstore, post office, and the inclusion of a new wellness center offering a wide range of exercise and fitness equipment in addition to an aerobics/fitness classroom.

The sights and sounds of construction across campus have created an unprecedented amount of excitement among our students. The growth and improvements add a large amount of pride to all members of our community and a tour of our increasingly busy campus will leave you with a clear indication of the progress we are making.

*Dan Sullivan*

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### Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I thought you would be interested in the following story:

This morning I contacted a firm in Asheboro about a product I recently purchased and, in the course of my conversation with the customer service representative, I commented on her lovely Southern accent. In the course of our conversation, I told her I had lived in Salisbury for 37 years before moving to Kansas. She said her son became interested in attending Catawba College after having made a visit to the campus. His comments were not only about the beautiful campus, but also about how friendly everyone was towards him. I was delighted to hear those comments and told her I am a Catawba graduate and that my husband was a Professor at the college for so many years.

It always amazes me when I experience such “connections” in the most unlikely ways ... and places. I think Catawba College and its representatives need to know they are doing a good job “presenting” and “selling” the college to potential students. I’m sure this Asheboro Mom will tell her son that even someone living more than 1,000 miles from the campus retains her enthusiasm about Catawba College.

You also need to know how much I enjoy reading CAMPUS. You all do a fine job keeping us informed and producing such an attractive newspaper.

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## MARTY...

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world of religion and secular society. My expression of appreciation was an understatement of course. I was truly blown away, not only by Marty's intellect, but also his ability to simplify his points

and boil them down to common sense.

Dr. Martin E. Marty, the most influential interpreter of religion in the country today according to TIME MAGAZINE, made a lasting impression on those present for his two appearances at Catawba on February 27. The topic of his morning lecture was one that spoke to a concern of many members of our community: "Making your way as a Christian in a secular world." The way in which Marty addressed the topic was like nothing I had heard before. Specifically, he mentioned a word that seems foreign to many religious organizations: "tolerance." However, Marty's definition of tolerance is not the conventional one. He was careful not to suggest that different religions simply 'deal' with one another's existence. Instead, he used the word 'hospitality,' promoting kindness and respect to those whose religion and culture are foreign to our own.

"He taught me how to see tolerance from an entirely new perspective," says Catawba student Sheldon Rogers, "and explained to me how to be unapologetic for my own faith while embracing differences in others."

In his speech, Marty expressed frustration with constant conflict between different religions and denominations that hinder their noble cause by trying to destroy or convert one another. At one point, he described religion as "the healer that kills," suggesting that religious intolerance can potentially do more damage to people than good.

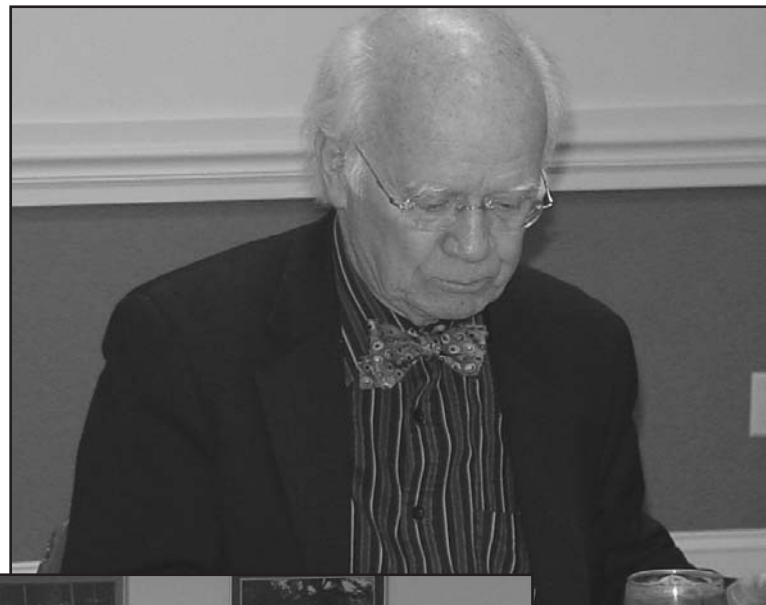
Catherine Bloodwell, another student who attended

the lecture remarked, "Dr. Marty emphasized that people of different faiths should be open-minded because we have a lot to learn from each other, but at the same time, we shouldn't try to hide our religion." Catherine spoke of Marty's point about 'welcoming strangers.' According to Marty, people of diverse faiths are strangers to each other, but strangers should exercise hospitality towards one another while maintaining strength in their own beliefs.

Marty certainly exercised these beliefs in his personal life. At dinner, he seemed to find common ground with all the 'strangers' sitting at the table with him. When he asked me to tell him three things about myself that he would not forget, he established a friendly connection with me, a stranger, regardless of my religion.

The students, faculty and larger community of Catawba feel honored to have drawn the attention of someone of Dr. Marty's stature and to have had the opportunity to benefit from the sharing of his wisdom. His insights have offered us a breath of fresh air in the midst of a world suffocated by turmoil and religious quandary.

*Dr. Marty was the featured speaker of the 2007 Lilly Center Colloquium sponsored by the Lilly Center for Vocation and Values at Catawba College and made possible by a grant from the Lilly Endowment, Incorporated.*



*Left to right: Drs. Robert Knott, Martin Marty, and Kurt Corriher*

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## New Scholarship at Catawba Honors Longtime Employee and Alumna

Members of the Catawba College Class of 1961 wanted a special and enduring way to honor longtime College employee and 1944 alumna Nina Louise Tucker of Salisbury. They pooled their resources and established the Louise Tucker Endowed Scholarship at the institution in honor of their beloved "L.T."

1961 alumnus Paul McQuade of Ventnor City, N.J., first broached the idea of a possible tribute to Miss Tucker. He enlisted the aid of fellow alumni Ray Oxendine of Maxton, N.C.; Guy Rich of Dahlgren, Va.; and Avery Bordeaux of Raleigh, N.C.; and they spearheaded the fund-raising efforts, writing letters and making calls to classmates. Bordeaux provided the occasion for announcing the tribute, a homecoming dinner.

Miss Tucker learned about "her" scholarship while attending that dinner with members of the 1961 Class during Catawba's homecoming weekend last November. At the event, she was symbolically inducted into the Class of 1961, presented with a certificate of induction and a commemorative Murano glass vase, and temporarily "crowned" with a Catawba College dink – that legendary cap that all Catawba first-year students were at one time required to wear.

Miss Tucker's reactions, as described by those at the dinner, were "incredulous," "disbelieving," and "surprised." According to Class of 1961 newsletter authored by class member Guy

Rich, "L.T. was incredulous! Like someone had struck her with a blunt object. The rest of us were not being very helpful...yelling, cheering, and acting our age. Of course, L.T. did not know what to say. She would not have come had she known that all the brouhaha was about her."

When contacted about the establishment of a scholarship in her honor, Miss Tucker simply said, "I want to thank everyone who helped make the scholarship a reality. Good things have happened to me because I have been surrounded by good people."

Catawba College Senior Vice President Tom Childress called Miss Tucker "one of Catawba College's legends" and commended members of the Class of 1961 for their foresightedness in establishing a scholarship in her honor. "Louise Tucker has touched thousands of lives during her years as a member of the College community. She did that using her distinctive abilities to listen, remember and offer sage advice to students. Those students are now able to express their gratitude for her in a very long-lasting way that will have an ongoing impact on new generations of students."

Miss Tucker worked at Catawba for 42 years following her graduation, first as secretary to the college registrar, then as associate registrar, and later as assistant to the vice president for planning and academic services. As an employee, she was described as "accurate, punctual, meticulous, and with a mind like a computer bank." She has been honored by the College with the Trustee Award for Outstanding Contribution to the College, an Exemplary Life Service Award, a Distinguished Alumnus Award, and the O.B. Michael Outstanding Alumnus Award. In 2005, the Louise Tucker Staff Council Award was established in her honor. It is given annually to a



Louise Tucker wearing the '61 dink.  
Photo by Frances Livesay

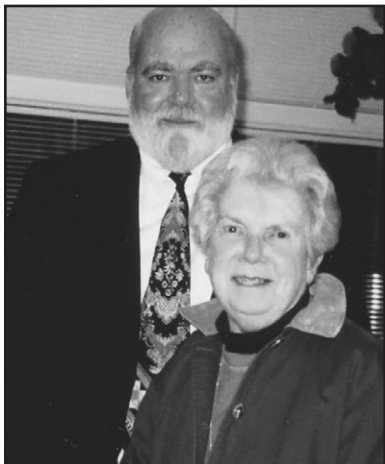


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Louise and Paul McQuade '61

staff member who demonstrates outstanding work ethic and performance in their area. Nominations are made by members of the President's Council and the recipient is selected by a vote of the Staff Council.

Although Miss Tucker officially retired from Catawba in 1986, today she remains a loyal supporter of the institution, serving as a resource for both the alumni and public relations offices.

Endowed scholarships at Catawba College are established with gifts of \$10,000 or more. Those who wish to make a contribution to the Louise Tucker Endowed Scholarship Fund should contact the Development Office at 704-637-4394 or send a check payable to Catawba College, noting that it is a gift for the Louise Tucker Scholarship in the subject line, and mail to Development Office, Catawba College, 2300 W. Innes Street, Salisbury, N.C. 28144.

## Alumnus Honors Father by Establishing New Catawba College Scholarship



Thomas Shone '81 with father, Howard Shone

Catawba College Alumnus Thomas J. Shone '81 of Mocksville will be the first one to tell you just how influential his father was in shaping his life and career. "He was a loving, supportive and understanding father who offered me a great balance of expectation and demand."

In honor of his dad, Thom Shone has established a scholarship at Catawba. The Howard J. Shone Endowed

Scholarship will pay tribute to a man who spent his life "being a good husband and a great dad." Education was always important to Howard Shone, son Thom explained, despite the fact that the elder Shone opted to serve in the U.S. Navy during World War II instead of accepting a full ride to either Rutgers or Princeton University. "He decided they needed him to help win that war," Thom continued, noting that his father was stationed on the destroyer S.S. Caldwell as a Petty Officer Third Class in power generation and fire control. In that capacity, Howard Shone saw action in the Atlantic and Pacific, was a veteran of Okinawa and the Coral Sea campaign, and was on one of the first American ships to steam into the Japanese harbor at Yokosuki following the surrender of Japan.

"My dad is a great American story," Thom continued. "This guy was so representative of his generation and has done so much to help others get educated. I watched him all of my life work eight hours and then study at home four to six more hours. He lived a daily commitment to learning and to the acquisition of knowledge."

That personal commitment to higher learning set an example that contributed to the attainment of degrees in International Business & Communications, engineering degrees and post graduate degrees by his children and grandchildren. Each attributes the successful completion of this

work to a shared family value fostered by "Pop Pop".

Howard Shone, who was president of his class all four years in high school, parlayed his self-education into a long career with Shell Oil's petrochemical division. He retired as vice president of engineering services and general manager of that company's Thorofare, N.J. manufacturing site. Today, he and Helen, his childhood sweetheart and beloved wife of 59 years, make their home at Uwharrie Point in New London, far from their Williamstown, N.J. roots.

"Thom Shone's gift will help attract students with potential and assist able and deserving young people to achieve their educational goals," noted Tom Childress, Catawba College Senior Vice President.

Thom Shone, the only male among Howard and Helen Shone's five children, is president and founder of Risk Advisory Group in Winston-Salem. He has long supported Catawba's various capital campaigns, the Friends of Wrestling Fund, and the Catawba Fund. He has served on the Board of the College Alumni Association Board of Directors and is currently a member of the College's Board of

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## Scholarship Established in Honor of Salisbury Mayor Susan Kluttz

Salisbury Mayor Susan Kluttz was recently recognized through a new scholarship established in her honor at Catawba College. Mayor Kluttz, now serving her fifth term, is the longest serving mayor in the history of the city.

The Susan W. Kluttz Endowed Scholarship will assist able and deserving students, with a preference given to those majoring in environmental science.

"Mayor Kluttz' influence has been felt for a decade throughout our community," explained Catawba College Senior Vice President Tom Childress. "This scholarship is a distinctive way to recognize her and her efforts to improve the quality of life for us all. She has a track record of promoting healthy collaboration, diversity and environmental awareness, and is very interested in how today's community decisions affect the legacy we leave to our next generation."

A native of Salisbury, she is the daughter of the late Dr. John and Susie Wear. Her father also served as mayor of Salisbury.

"I am truly overwhelmed by this honor and thrilled with the opportunity it will provide to deserving students. As mayor, I recognize that Catawba College is one of our greatest assets and knowing that the scholarship will provide young people with the opportunity to gain a quality education here is very exciting to me," said Mayor Kluttz.

"I am particularly pleased that preference will be given to Environmental majors," she continued.

"Growing up here in a family that has loved this community and been concerned about the environment, including being the proud sister of the Center's director, the program has a special place in my heart. Not only will this gift benefit the students who receive it, but also the entire community and its future."

A graduate of Boyden (now Salisbury) High School and Mt. Vernon Junior College in Washington, D.C., she earned her bachelor's degree in English from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Prior to her election as Salisbury mayor, she was employed from 1989 through 1997 as executive assistant to the superintendent of Rowan-Salisbury Schools.

A member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, she is active in the local community serving on the board of directors of the Community Care Clinic, F&M Bank, the Salisbury Community Development Corporation, and the Salisbury Community Foundation. She is a member of the Project Safe Salisbury executive committee and the Rowan-Cabarrus Community College Board of Trustees.

Mayor Kluttz currently serves on the Western N.C. Rail Coalition committee, the N.C. Municipal Coalition, and the N.C. League of Municipalities board of directors. Nationally, she serves on the U.S. Conference of Mayors Amtrak Intercity Rail Investment task force.

Her past community service has include serv-

ing on the boards of Communities-in-Schools of Rowan County, the Rowan County Strategic Planning Technical Committee, the Salisbury YMCA, the Rowan County YMCA, Waterworks Visual Arts Center, Livingstone College and Amtrak Mayors Advisory Council. She has served as chairman of the Rowan County Parks and Recreation Commission, and as president of the United Arts Council of Rowan, the Rowan Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, and the Rowan County Cancer Society.

Her honors are numerous. She received the Daughters of the American Revolution's Elizabeth Maxwell Steele Chapter's Community Service Award in 2006, the Salisbury-Rowan Ministerial Association's Community Spirit Award in 2004, and the Salisbury-Rowan Human Relations Council's Elizabeth Duncan Koontz Humanitarian Award in 2004. She was recognized as the Salisbury Lions Club's Woman of the Year in 2003, the Salisbury Civitan Club's Citizen of the Year in 2002, and the Civitan International's N.C. District West Distinguished Citizen of the Year in 2002. The Salisbury-Rowan Branch of the NAACP recognized her with its Community Service Award in 1999, while Livingstone College recognized her with an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree in 1998.

She is married to District Court Judge William C. Kluttz, Jr., a former trustee of Catawba College, and the couple has two adult children, William C. Kluttz, III and Susan Whittle Kluttz.

## Dr. Michael Baranski Honored with Scholarship

A new scholarship has been established at Catawba College in honor of Dr. Michael Baranski and in recognition of his many contributions to the institution. Baranski, a professor of biology, joined the Catawba faculty in 1974 and has spent his career promoting environmental preservation and awareness among his students and the public at large. The Michael J. Baranski Endowed Scholarship will be awarded to a student majoring in environmental science until that student graduates.

"This scholarship is a very tangible way for the institution to honor Dr. Baranski for his many contributions," said Tom Childress, Catawba senior vice president. "His impact in our community has been profound. Much that we value as an institution and as a community, especially our ecological preserve and our heightened environmental awareness, is a direct result of Dr. Baranski's foresight and willingness to take the environmental lead long before that was the acknowledged 'right thing' to do."

Born in Wheeling, W. Va., Baranski received his bachelor of science degree in biology with a minor in chemistry from West Liberty State College and his doctorate in ecology and botany from N.C. State University. He is a professional taxonomist and ecologist specializing in woody plants and natural areas who has written frequently for professional and technical publications and has worked on many environmental issues and projects utilizing his expertise.

Baranski was recently honored with the 2007 Conservation Communicator Award by North Carolina's Hugh Hammond Bennett Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS). The award was presented January 13 at the society's annual awards banquet held in Raleigh.

He has served for over two decades on the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission's Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Advisory Committee, having been appointed with that committee's inception in 1986. He developed the recommendations for nature preserves on the 18,000-acre Rollins Tract in the South

Mountains of the western Piedmont for the Wildlife Commission and the N.C. Natural Heritage Program.

He has conducted natural areas inventories for the Nature Conservancy, the Conservation Trust for N.C., the N.C. Natural Heritage Program, the Rowan County Parks and Recreation Commission, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. His two-year study of the W. Kerr Scott Reservoir Project in Wilkes County inventoried federal and state-listed endangered and threatened species of plants and animals and enabled the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to conduct and plan natural resource and management activities on the project lands. His natural areas inventory for Rowan County was among the first countywide inventories performed in N.C. He performed the environmental and natural resources assessment for the Eagle Point Nature Preserve Park in Rowan County.

Baranski has performed environmental and natural resources assessments in all parts of the state, specializing in wetlands, rare species, and biotic surveys. Much of his work in recent years has been for N.C. Department of Transportation projects. For a two-year period, he was the primary consulting reviewer for most NCDOT environmental documents.

Baranski is past president of the Association of Southeastern Biologists (ASB), past president of the North Carolina Academy of Science (NCAS), and past president of the Southern Appalachian Botanical Society. He served as program chair of the Andre Michaux International Symposium held in 2002 at the Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden in Belmont to mark the 200th anniversary of the death of 18th century French explorer, collector and botanist Andre Michaux. He was the editor of a 237-page Proceedings publication that resulted from that symposium. He has served as Editor of three scientific journals: *Castanea*, the Journal of the Southern Appalachian Botanical Society; the *Journal of the North Carolina Academy of Science*; and *Occasional*

*Papers in Eastern Botany*.

Baranski has served as trustee of the Highlands Botanical Foundation, Inc., as a member of the N.C. Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources' Natural Heritage Advisory Committee, on the Governor's Advisory Committee on the Crystalline Rock Nuclear Repository, on the working group to develop the Shoreline Management Plan for Alcoa reservoirs, and on many other commissions and panels.

In 2002, he was selected to participate in the Chautauqua Short Course Program for College Teachers entitled "Tools for Teaching about the Environment and Conservation Biology." He teaches a course in field biology and ecology in the Summer Ventures Program for the N.C. School of Science and Mathematics at UNC-Charlotte, and he has held adjunct and visiting teaching appointments at the Highlands Biological Station, the Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory, N.C. State University, and in the Duke University Graduate School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. In 2004, he was named Teacher of the Year at Catawba College. Dr. Baranski's teaching specialties include conservation biology, resource management, vegetation ecology,



Dr. Michael Baranski

## Greensboro Couple Makes Gift to Fund Scholarship

A new academic scholarship has been established at Catawba College by a Greensboro couple who are graduates of the institution. The Kelly-Cline Family Endowed Scholarship was funded with a gift from Ned and Linda Kelly Cline of Greensboro, members of the Class of 1964.

Preference for the scholarship will be given to North Carolina students majoring in the humanities, with additional preference given to political science, English and history majors who demonstrate financial need.

The scholarship is given in memory of Linda's parents, Max and Jessie Kelly of Salisbury, both respected citizens of their community who appreciated and admired the many positive aspects of Catawba.

"The Clines are a wonderful example of a couple who met at the institution and have remained connected to it through the years," said Catawba College Senior Vice President Tom Childress. "They know how important scholarships are in helping the most deserving students achieve their goal of obtaining a college education. Their gift assures that future generations of students will have the opportunity for their own Catawba experience."

"We are pleased to be able to give back to our alma mater in this way," Ned Cline explained. "Catawba has been so much a part of our lives. The friendships we have established there have endured through the years and added value to our lives and successes."

Mr. Cline recalled several Catawba faculty members who greatly influenced him during his undergraduate years. "I had many uplifting professors there, but two who stand out as especially beneficial and inspiring were Peter Cooper and Greg Singer, both quite different in style and philosophy, but both equally challenging."

Ned Cline, a native of Cabarrus County, majored in political science while a student at Catawba. He enjoyed a long career as a journalist until his retirement in 1997. In the 1960s, he was



Ned and Linda Kelly Cline

employed as a reporter for *The Concord Tribune* and *The Salisbury Post*. At the *Post*, he concentrated on covering the Ku Klux Klan and other civil rights issues. During the 1970s, he was a reporter for *The Greensboro Daily News* and for *The Charlotte Observer*, focusing on political reporting and public policies. He rose to the ranks of the top editors at *The Greensboro Daily News* after his service there and at other newspapers as a reporter. After serving as the Raleigh bureau chief for *The Charlotte Observer*, he returned to Greensboro in 1979 and was named managing editor for *The Greensboro News & Record*. He remained at *The Greensboro News & Record* until his retirement as associate editor in 1997.

During his career, Mr. Cline received numerous awards from the N.C. Press Association, and the recognition for his superior work resulted in a year of study at the Washington Journalism Center.

He also was awarded a year-long fellowship at Harvard University as a Nieman Fellow, one of the most prestigious honors given an American journalist.

Since his retirement, he has researched and published three biographies of worthy N.C. philanthropists and is in the process of completing a fourth. He also has published a history on one of the first two Lutheran churches in North Carolina, St. John's Lutheran Church in Cabarrus County, and has written for two North Carolina monthly magazines. Mr. Cline teaches a newspaper-editing course in the English Department at UNCG each spring and works as a part-time consultant in public relations and fund-raising for an educational program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Mr. Cline was awarded an honorary doctorate of humane letters by Catawba during graduation exercises in May 2006 in recognition of his long and productive journalism career. At that time, Catawba College President Dr. Robert Knott said of Cline: "Through your biographies and histories, you have preserved a portion of the past, and through your teaching, you have worked to pass along your experience to a new generation."

A native of Sanford who grew up in Salisbury, Linda Kelly Cline majored in secretarial science at Catawba. Through the years, she has worked in marketing and volunteer projects. She is active in her church and community projects in Greensboro.

"My years at Catawba were enlightening and rewarding," Linda Cline said. "I remember fondly the classes of Professor Millard Wilson and the life's lessons he provided students."

"We were both also very fond and appreciative of the campus pastor, Porter Seiwel. He was always so supportive of students and, in fact, he is the reason Ned and I chose to be married in the Catawba College chapel. We wanted him to be part of our wedding."

Ned and Linda Cline are parents of two adult children, Jeff Cline and Christy Gannon, and two grandchildren, Kelly and Michael Gannon.

## Scholarship Established in Memory of Catawba Alumna

A scholarship was recently established in memory of Simone Grant Timoney, a 1983 graduate of Catawba College. Simone's aunt, Sylvia Wiseman of Salisbury, gave the initial gift to establish the Simone Grant Timoney Endowed Scholarship.

Simone received a Bachelor of Arts degree, majored in theatre arts and speech, and frequently appeared on Hedrick Little Theatre stage.

A native of Salisbury, Simone was the daughter of Sandra Wiseman Grant and Charles Cary Grant. She attended Sacred Heart School and Knox Junior High and graduated from Salisbury High in 1979.

A resident of Manhattan for about 20 years, she met and married actor Mike Timoney in 1993. After being diagnosed with breast cancer in July 1999 and suffering from brain tumors resulting from that illness, she continued to be active in the-

ater work. Cancer free for nearly six years, her final illness began in the summer of 2005. Simone died in a New York City hospital on Nov. 2, 2005 at 44 years of age.

At age 11, the stage became Simone's love when she starred as Flora in "The Innocents," a play based on Henry James' "Turn of the Screw." This was her first role of many in productions by the local theatre group Piedmont Players.

She later performed as a dancer and actress at venues including Carowinds, Weirs Beach Playhouse in New Hampshire, Killington Playhouse in Vermont, Encore Alley in Vero Beach, Fla., and Murder Mystery Inc. in New York. She was an actor/entertainer on cruise ships including the Queen Mary.

She studied at Weist-Barron theatrical school in New York City and was employed by several Manhattan theater venues, including New York

City Opera, ABC daytime drama, films, and Triad Theatre, an off-Broadway cabaret. In recent years, she did voice-overs for Japanimation. At the time of her death, she was assistant manager of Westside Theatre, where she also designed costumes and sets.

Simone's original play focuses on personal experiences of women with breast cancer. Performed by six females, "Tough Titties: Surviving life, love and death" was staged as reader's theater in New York. An audience called the one-act a "witty, provocative drama."

Preference for the Simone Grant Timoney Scholarship will be given to students majoring in Theatre Arts. Memorial contributions to the scholarship by classmates and friends are welcome. Contact the Catawba College Development Office at 704-637-4394.



## Tom Smith Scholarship Recipients Meet with Donor at Catawba

Twenty-eight Catawba College students, all recipients of Tom Smith Scholarships at the institution, were honored at a March 2 luncheon held in the Hurley Room of the Cannon Student Center.

Nicki Vaughn, a senior from Graham, spoke for all of the scholars gathered, expressing collective appreciation to donors Tom and Martha Smith. In addition to Vaughn, other Tom Smith scholarship recipients include sophomore Alan Autry of Fayetteville; senior Joseph D. Brooks of Salisbury; junior Christopher T. Brown of Burlington; senior

Nathaniel T. Brown of Cornelius; sophomore Garrett R. Carter of Oak Ridge; junior Ryan G. Dayvault of Kannapolis; junior Whitney Demarest of Bear, Del.; freshman Kathryn DeRhodes of Waxhaw; sophomore Elizabeth Fields of Thomasville; sophomore Kevin Hamaker of Beaufort, S.C.; freshman Tyler Held of Virginia Beach, Va.; senior Christina W. Jarrell of China Grove; senior Kellie M. Kaiser of Concord; sophomore Nick Kalogeromitros of Rockwell; senior Jacob P. Krickhan of Hendersonville; sophomore Cassandra Markham of

New Port Richey, Fla.; junior Casey D. Morris of Granite Falls; junior Taylor L. Osborne of Salisbury; sophomore Bradford Paschal of Summerfield; senior Matthew Pressley of Salisbury; junior Leslie H. Robertson of Salisbury; junior Ross M. Scallan of Greensboro; senior Gerard A. Smith of Granite Quarry; sophomore Ryan Taccarino of Marmora, N.J.; junior Jared R. Temple of Durham; junior Jacqueline R. White of Mt. Ulla; and junior Carrie L. Wollaston of Landenberg, Pa.

## Longtime Catawba Sports Writer Honored with Scholarship

After 59 years of writing about Catawba College athletics, Salisbury native and *Salisbury Post* reporter Horace Billings probably knows more about athletics at the institution than any other living individual.

Billings was honored when the establishment of the Horace Billings Scholarship was announced Feb. 10 during halftime of a Catawba basketball game. Dozens of former Catawba basketball players, many of whom Billings had written about during their college careers, were on hand for the announcement made during a basketball reunion weekend.

"We are privileged to be able to acknowledge Horace's contributions to Catawba in this way," said Catawba College senior vice president Tom Childress. "He has a better historic perspective of Catawba College athletics than almost any other individual. Game after game, he's followed the Catawba Indians through thick and thin, and we still count him among our most loyal supporters."

Billings, the son of the late Rev. and Mrs. R.L.

Billings of Winston-Salem, began his newspaper career working at the *Winston-Salem Journal* while a student at Old Town High School in Winston. While a student at High Point College, now High Point University, he continued reporting for the *High Point Enterprise*. After he graduated from college in 1948, he took a job at the *Salisbury Post* as a sports editor. It was a job he relished until he officially retired 15 years ago. But retirement is all relative, Billings will tell you, today, he continues to work part-time at the *Post*, covering Catawba College basketball and other special assignments.

"I've really enjoyed it," Billings said of his long career. "I'd like to go 50 more years. I'm certainly thrilled with this honor and have enjoyed reporting on Catawba athletics since 1948.

"I believe that Catawba is a fine institution with outstanding faculty, staff and students," he continued, "and I'd like to thank everyone who has contributed to this scholarship. I'm sure a future recipient will enjoy it and be thankful as well."

Although not an alumnus of Catawba,

Billings' late wife of 48 years, Joyce Clement Billings, was a 1950 honor graduate of the College. A scholarship was established in her memory in 2002 by the Billings' son, Bill, of Charlotte. Preference for that scholarship was given to female students from Rowan County.

Endowed scholarships at Catawba are established with gifts of \$10,000 or more. Those wishing to make contributions to the Horace Billings Scholarship should contact the Catawba College Development Office at 704-637-4394.



## CONSTRUCTION...

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ing requests for the new residence halls from upper-class students. College officials have decided not to charge a price differential for living in these halls, but rather to limit access to them to upper-class students.

### Corriher-Linn-Black Library

Environmental abatement in the now unoccupied Corriher-Linn-Black Library should be completed in late March. New stud walls have been installed on the library's first floor with sheetrock to follow in the next few weeks.

Haywood says the library renovation is also "on schedule" with staff and collections scheduled to move back into the facility over Christmas holidays of the '07-'08 academic year. This past December, while the College was closed for the holidays, the staff and resources of the Corriher-Linn-Black Library were temporarily relocated to the second floor of Hoke Hall. New computer and phone drops, along with enhanced electrical work, were completed prior to that move.

Four mobile units were brought onto campus to house library collections due to the weight of the library stacks and the fact that the existing floors in Hoke were not adequate to support that weight load.

The Salisbury architectural firm of Ramsey, Burgin and Smith Architects, Inc. has oversight for the library renovations which will capitalize on existing tall ceilings, large windows and spacious public spaces.

When the renovation is completed, almost 80 percent of the library's collections will be housed in high-density or compact shelving to capitalize on the

building's limited square footage. Additional features will include an information commons, more attractive seating, plenty of computers, a library instruction lab, a reading area, collaborative learning spaces, and a coffee and drink kiosk.

### The Cannon Student Center

A renovation of the existing building and a 7,000 square foot addition are on the horizon for the Cannon Student Center.

Haywood says administrators are working closely with Winston-Salem architect Larry Robb and project manager, Knoxville, Tennessee-based Lawler Wood, to incorporate the needs and desires of students and Student Affairs programming needs into finalized plans.

The main level of the building will be renovated space and will come off-line in mid-May so renovations can begin. A popular meeting space on campus, the Hurley Room, will be off-line through the renovation and construction of the new addition because it is being relocated in the new addition and will overlook Shuford Stadium and the Hurley Press Box.

The renovation will include reconfiguration of office space for Student Affairs, including counseling, testing and student government space on the south end of the Cannon Student Center. The Leonard Lounge in the center of the building will be renovated, while the bookstore will also be expanded and renovated.

In the new addition, there will be space for the new campus post office (which will be temporarily



relocated to a mobile unit during construction), a fitness center to include an aerobics space, the Hurley Room, an executive dining area, and a small kitchenette. The addition will come off the west side of the building.

Catawba's food service provider, Chartwells, a division of Compass, Inc., has a food service architect or space designer working with Larry Robb, the architect for the student center, Haywood explains, to come up with a new design and layout for McCorkle's, the snack bar on the main level, and to reconfigure the layout in the dining hall on the lower level of the building.

Haywood anticipates the work on the addition to begin in mid-summer and be completed less than a year later.



## HALL OF FAME....

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### Following are the achievements of this year's inductees:

#### ALLISON ANKERSON MAKOVEC



Makovec, who was inducted into the South Atlantic Conference Hall of Fame in 2003, was a two-time All-American in women's soccer, earning first team honors in 1993.

A four-year starter for the Lady Indians (1991-94) as a defensive sweeper, Makovec was also the team's co-captain during her last three years. She helped lead Catawba to the SAC championship in 1993 and the SAC Tournament title in 1993 and 1994. The Lady Indians had an overall record of 46-19-4 and a SAC record of 21-6 during Makovec's career.

Makovec was All-South Atlantic Conference and All-SAC Tournament during all four of her seasons. In addition to her All-American status, Makovec earned All-South Region honors in 1992-94. She was voted as the SAC Player of the Year in 1994.

Despite being a defensive player, Makovec also scored 10 goals and added 11 assists during her 69 career games.

Also an outstanding tennis player, Makovec earned All-SAC honors in 1993. She and doubles partner Kristen Leatherman won a SAC Doubles championship in 1993 and earned a runner-up finish in 1994.

Makovec won the Lomax Award in April 1995, having been voted the top senior female athlete at Catawba College.

Makovec is a teacher in Norfolk and resides in Virginia Beach with husband, Mark, and their three children.

#### RODNEY GOODINE

Goodine, originally from Seneca, SC, was a four-year starter (45 games) as a linebacker in football while at Catawba College.

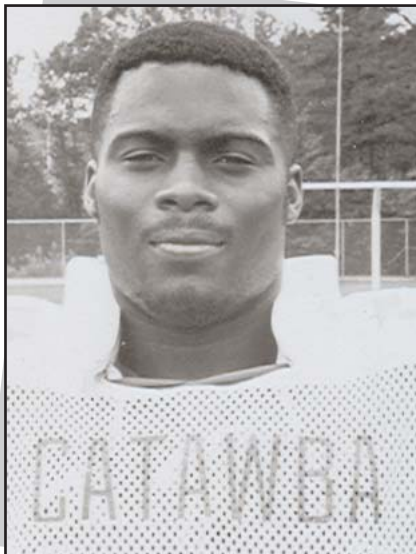
Goodine, who earned All-America honors in 1988 and 1989, helped lead the 1988 Indians to the South Atlantic Conference championship and a play-off berth to the NAIA playoffs.

Having also earned All-SAC first team honors in 1988 and 1989, Goodine was voted the top male athlete in the senior class, winning Catawba's Kirkland Award in April 1990.

Goodine ranks fourth all-time in solo tackles (176) and total tackles (392). He also set a single-game record with 21 tackles against Newberry in 1988. That mark was later eclipsed by fellow Hall of Famer Curtis Walker with 25 in a game against Wofford.

He later returned to Catawba, serving as a volunteer assistant coach in 1995-96 and 1998-99.

Goodine, who has served on Catawba College's Alumni Board, is an intervention specialist with the Rowan Salisbury Schools. He and his wife, Bridgette, reside in Salisbury with their two children.



#### MARTIN SMITH

Smith was the shortstop on the Catawba College baseball team for four years (1962-65), earning all-state honors from The Greensboro Daily News in 1963.

An All-Carolinas Conference selection for three straight years (1963-65), Smith was elected team captain as a senior. He batted .288 for his career with six home runs and 55 runs batted in, during an era when college baseball teams played much fewer games.

Smith's career-best season came in 1963, when he batted .390 with 21 RBI.

Smith also played basketball at Catawba, scoring 137 points in 39 career games. He won the Aycock Medal as the most outstanding athlete in the senior class in 1965.

Smith went on to a long, illustrious coaching and

teaching career at Asheboro High School. He coached basketball for 23 years, winning over 400 games. Smith coached baseball for 11 years, winning over 200 games and coached cross country for 17 years.

Smith received numerous conference Coach of the Year honors – six times in both basketball and baseball and 14 times for cross country.

Smith's teams won championships in basketball, baseball and cross country and he also won titles in the summer with Asheboro's American Legion baseball team. He was inducted into Asheboro High School's Hall of Fame in 2006.

Smith resides in Asheboro with his wife, Martha.

#### JACK WARD

Ward was an outstanding athlete in two sports at Catawba College, prior to graduation in 1951. He played football and baseball for four years, but baseball may have been his best sport.

Ward started every baseball game during his career compiling a .298 batting average, scoring 72 runs and batting in 54. This also was an era when college baseball played far fewer games than present day schedules.

Ward has a career-best .347 average in 1950 and went on to play two seasons of professional baseball.

During his football career, Ward played on the 1948 Tangerine Bowl team that defeated Marshall, 7-0.

After pro baseball, Ward began a teaching and coaching career at Cooleme High School (1951-56). Ward's football teams at Cooleme compiled a record of 42-3.

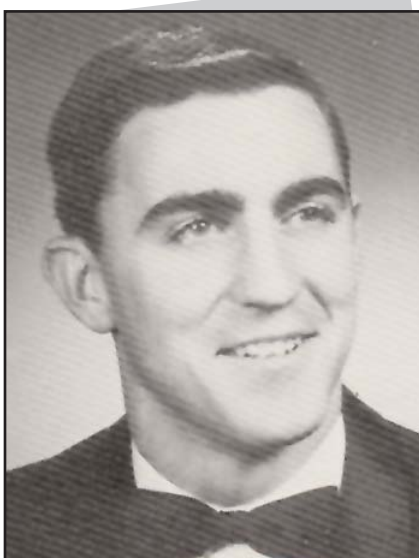
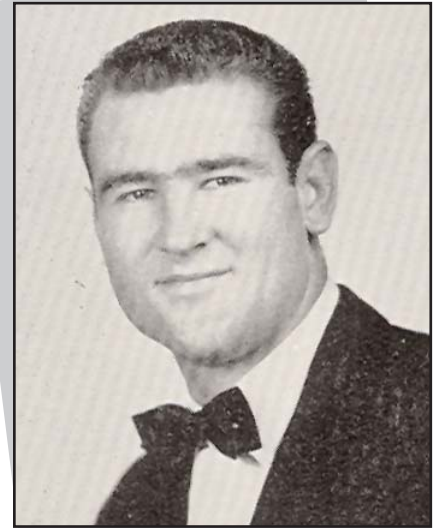
Ward then became football coach at Davie County High School for 12 years and his teams went 61-51-9. He was selected as the head coach of the West team in the annual East-West All-Star Football Game in Greensboro. Ward's career football coaching record was 103-54-10.

Ward was also athletic director at Davie High for 17 years and later was principal for 11 years.

Ward became superintendent of Davie County Schools in 1984, a position he held until retirement in 1989.

The Jack Ward Award, originated in 1980, is presented annually to the most outstanding male and female athletes at Davie High School. He also received Catawba College's Medal of Exemplary Life Service in 2001.

Ward, who still resides in Mocksville, was inducted into the Davie County Hall of Fame in 2006.



## Football Reunion

**September 7 & 8, 2007**

*(Same weekend as Catawba vs. Livingstone)*

**Final details will be mailed in June.**

**For questions,  
contact Gordon Kirkland at  
704-637-4394 or gakirkla@catawba.edu**



RITCHIE...

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after graduation.

“We have a wonderful teacher education program and the Shirley Peeler Ritchie Academy for Teaching will only enhance it,” Osterhus explains. “The need for excellent teachers is ongoing. Last year in North Carolina, there were 12,500 teachers hired and 100,000 are expected to be hired in the decade.”

Dr. Jim Stringfield, Chair of the Teacher Education Department, concurs with Osterhus. “We see these scholarships as a way to invest in our future educational leaders while helping meet the teacher shortage both in our state and the nation.”

By the 2010-2011 academic year, Osterhus predicts as many as 60 Martha Kirkland West Teaching Scholars will be enrolled in the Academy.

Osterhus plans to recruit almost two dozen of Catawba’s current teacher education students to serve as Education Advisors to both the Academy for Teaching and the new Teaching Scholars. “These students will help design some special parts of the program and will act as mentors to our new Teaching Scholars,” she says.

The Academy will focus on equipping its participants with 21st Century teaching skills. The number of field experiences offered to Teaching Scholars will increase, beginning in their first year. Teaching Scholars will be leaders who will work with professors on Blackboard or other technology in the classroom initiatives. Scholars will also be involved in the community in leadership development and service learning. Some regional travel is also planned, especially within the state of North Carolina. The hope is, Osterhus notes, to make stu-

dents aware of the cultural diversity in the state. A wellness program will also be part of the Academy – “part of the way we mentor and work with our students in the program.”

As part of Catawba’s Teacher Education program, additional licensure areas will be explored and offered. This year, Catawba’s faculty approved offering a four-year degree and licensure in Environmental Science Education. Other offerings being explored include a Birth-Kindergarten degree in Catawba’s day program (such a degree is currently offered in Catawba’s School of Evening and Graduate Studies).

Osterhus says that members of the Teacher Education Department faculty are also exploring ways to better serve the needs of lateral entry teachers.

Catawba’s Teacher Education Department offers a major in Elementary Education (K-6) or Middle School (6-9), as well as a minor in Secondary Education (9-12) with licensure in English, Mathematics, Science (Biology, Chemistry and Comprehensive Science, and Comprehensive Social Studies, and a minor in Special Subject Areas (K-12) with licensure in Music and Physical Education. A program leading to licensure in the special field of Reading (K-12) is also available.

Additionally, Teacher Education offers a graduate degree program. Practicing or in-service teachers having an initial or continuing license in Elementary Education may pursue a Master of Education degree in Elementary Education (K-6).

The Department currently has 80 students progressing through its program and all of its faculty

have public school experience. In addition to Drs. Osterhus and Stringfield, other faculty in the Department include Professor of Education, Dr. Lou Ann Kasias; Assistant Professor of Teacher Education Dr. Rhonda Truitt; Professor of Physical Education, Dr. William “Bill” Russell; Professor of Physical Education and Recreation, Dr. Patricia Whitley; Associate Professor of Music, Dr. Stephen Etters; and Director of Curriculum Materials Center, Ms. Amanda Bosch.

“We’re living up to the motto of the new Academy for Teaching,” Osterhus says. “We really are ‘Influencing Education, One Teacher at a Time.’”

For more details on Catawba’s Teacher Education program, the Shirley Peeler Ritchie Academy for Teaching or the Martha Kirkland West Teaching Scholars, visit [www.catawba.edu/academic/teachereducation](http://www.catawba.edu/academic/teachereducation).



Shirley Ritchie '52



Martha West '59



Cindy Osterhus '73

## Life-skills 101 a Success

**Question:** What do you get when you mix twenty forward-thinking Catawba students, two staff members, one professor, two trustees and seventeen members of the Alumni Association Board of Directors?

**Answer:** A wonderful life-skills series!

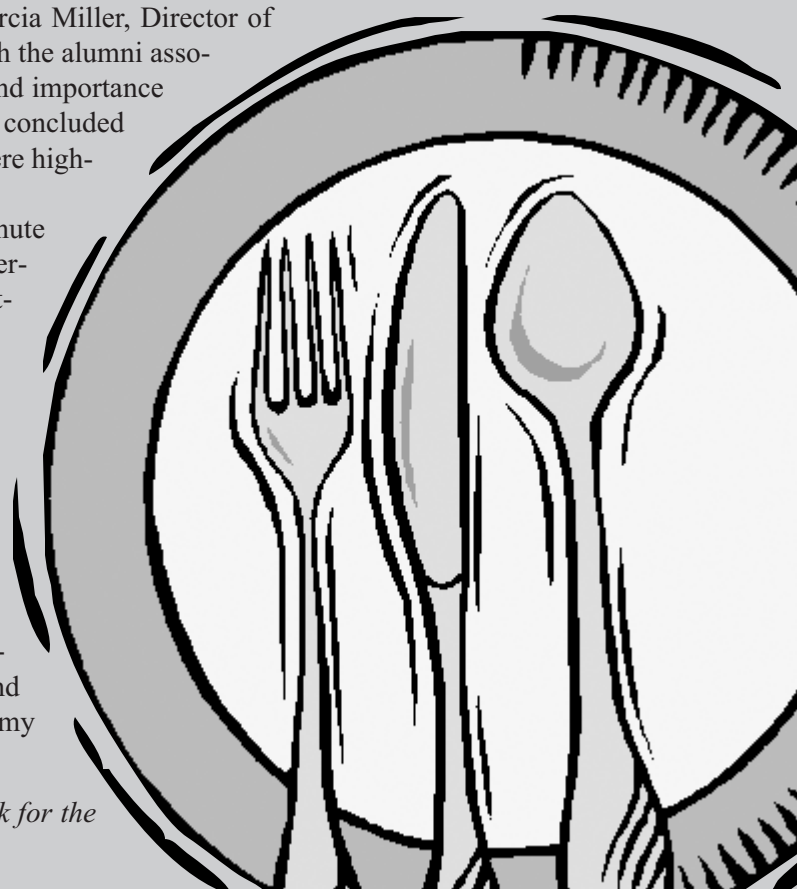
Jointly, the Alumni Office and the Office of Career Services hosted *Life-skills 101: Navigating Life After College*, open to students of any class year. Twenty students accepted the invitation to learn about Personal Finance from Professor Al Carter; transitioning from “Backpack to Briefcase” and business etiquette from Marcia Miller, Director of Career and Service Learning; and enjoyed the grand finale of networking with the alumni association board of directors and two trustees, as well as learn the finer points and importance of dining etiquette presented by Alumni Director Margaret Faust. The night concluded with a very nice meal at the Country Club of Salisbury where dining skills were highlighted.

The Life-skills series has evolved over the years. Originally a thirty minute seminar required for athletes, it has grown to be an open invitation to any interested students. This year’s three part series was met by eager participants wanting to polish the skills that may set them apart.

Elisa Alfieri, a senior Political Science major summed it up best “The Life-skills seminars were some of the most personally enriching activities that I have engaged in at Catawba. I couldn’t have been more impressed with the organization of the event or the variety of topics that were discussed. I would recommend this opportunity to anyone wishing to advance themselves both personally and professionally.”

Alumni Board President-Elect Kelly McKinley Kepley '87 added “The Life-skills program has provided not only an awesome well-rounded introduction into the working world, it has allowed Alumni to participate with students and share career experiences. I am very impressed with our students and their drive for success, and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to improve my own life skills.”

\* The College wishes to acknowledge the support of Alice and Fred Stanback for the Life-skills seminars. We are grateful!



# Individuals Recognized, Appointment Announced at Catawba College Trustees Meeting

Several individuals were recognized and several appointments announced at Catawba College's annual Board of Trustees Meeting held Feb. 19 and 20 on campus.

## Salisbury Man Named Trustee Emeritus

James G. Whitton of Salisbury, who has served for 20 years on Catawba's Board of Trustees, was recognized for his years of service and honored as a trustee emeritus with a unanimous vote by his fellow board members.

Whitton, former president of Whitton Distributors of Salisbury, joined the board in 1987 and served as chair of its buildings and ground committee. In that capacity, he proved an advocate for the College in the Salisbury-Rowan community, and offered sound advice on campus renovation and construction projects.

He serves as vice chairman and assistant secretary of the Blanche and Julian Robertson Family Foundation, Inc., board of directors. He also has served as a member of the Salisbury Community Foundation and the Foundation for the Carolinas. He is a member of the Salisbury Rotary Club and has been active in numerous civic organizations.

An alumnus of UNC-Chapel Hill, Whitton and his wife, the former Christine Peeler, are parents of three adult children and members of St. John's Lutheran Church.

## New Trustees Introduced

Three new trustees were introduced to their peers at the annual meeting. They were Bryan Jordan '84, Deborah Messinger '74, and Robert Wagner '76 and will all be members of the Class of 2011.

### Bryan Jordan

Bryan Jordan of Vestavia Hills, Ala., is employed as senior executive vice president and chief financial officer of Regions Financial Corporation in Birmingham. Prior to his current position, he was employed with Peat, Marwick, Main & Co. and then, First Union in Charlotte.

A member of Vestavia Hills United Methodist Church, Jordan has served as the United Way of Birmingham's corporate campaign co-chair, and has participated in both Leadership Charlotte and Leadership Birmingham. He is a member of NCACP and AICPA and has served on Catawba's Board of Visitors. In 2004, he was honored at Catawba's homecoming activities with the Distinguished Alumnus Award and that same year, was named to Birmingham Business Journal's Who's Who in Banking. He is married to wife Kimberly and the couple has three children.

### Deborah Messinger

Deborah Williams Messinger of Salisbury earned her master's degree in education from UNC-Charlotte following her Catawba College graduation.

She has served on Catawba's Board of Visitors and numerous other civic organizations in Salisbury. Married to husband Dyke, who serves as president of Power Curbers, Inc., the couple has two sons.

### Robert Wagner

Robert Wagner of Mooresville serves as senior vice president for store operations west for Lowes Companies, Inc. in Mooresville.

A past Rotary Director, he and wife Marilyn are parents of two sons and mem-

bers of Davidson United Methodist Church in Davidson.

## Catawba College Staff Member Recognized

Oliver Gilbert Scott of Salisbury, who has served for more than 25 years as Catawba College's assistant to the president for special events, was recognized by trustees for the many contributions she has made to the institution.

Catawba College President Dr. Robert Knott announced that donations made by trustees, as well as Scott's family and friends have funded the creation of Oliver's Way on Catawba's campus. Oliver's Way is a lighted, landscaped walkway between the Omwake-Dearborn Chapel and the Robertson College-Community Center on campus, but Knott explained, it is also a term used to describe Scott's way of doing things – "the right way."

Due to recent weather conditions, Oliver's Way is still a work in progress and a fountain, donated by Scott's daughters, Mary and Margaret, has yet to be installed. A formal dedication of Oliver's Way is planned for later this spring.

Every major function at Catawba, including dinners, receptions and retreats, is well-planned and executed thanks to Scott's touch. Her fine eye for detail and flair for entertaining, help in planning menus, entertainment and decorations for these special events. In the decorating which takes place on campus, Scott's touch is a very real part of the mix. She makes sure that there is continuity and consistency in the colors chosen and used in everything from the carpet and paint to the fabrics on various pieces of furniture. The Cloninger Guest House is an example of Scott's work.

## Faculty Promotions Announced and Tenure Approved

Promotions for four Catawba College faculty were announced at the trustees meeting. They include Dr. Karen Horner, from associate professor to professor of psychology; Dr. Jason Hunt, from assistant professor to associate professor of mathematics; Dr. Sharon Sullivan, assistant professor to associate professor of mathematics; and Dr. Maria Vandergriff-Avery, assistant professor to associate professor of sociology.

Dr. Horner joined the Catawba faculty in 1998. She holds a bachelor's degree from York University, and her master's degree and doctorate from the University of Western Ontario. Her teaching interests include the psychology of human sexuality, psychology of counseling, psychology of personality, and health psychology.

Dr. Hunt joined the Catawba faculty in 2001. He earned his undergraduate degree in mathematics from Wofford College, his master's from Wake Forest University, and his doctorate from Emory University.

Dr. Sullivan also joined the Catawba faculty in 2001. She holds a bachelor's degree from Trinity College in Hartford, Conn., her master's from the University of Vermont, and her Ph.D. from University of Kentucky.

Dr. Vandergriff-Avery, who joined Catawba in 2001, has chaired the College's Department of Sociology since 2003. She earned her bachelor's and master's degree from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, and her doctorate from the University of Maryland.

Trustees approved tenure recommendations made by the Catawba faculty for four faculty members including Drs. Hunt, Sullivan, Vandergriff-Avery, and Dr. Elizabeth Homan, an assistant professor of theatre arts.

Dr. Homan joined Catawba in 2003. She holds the bachelor of fine arts degree from the University of Florida, her master's degree from Miami University of Ohio, and her Ph.D. from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

# New Business Advisory Board Formed at Catawba

A new Catawba College Business Advisory Board has recently been formed which will offer assistance to the Ketner School of Business. The 31-member Board consists of local and regional business professionals.

According to Phillip J. Kirk, Jr., Catawba's vice president for external relations, this Board "will be a valuable addition to the exciting and changes and enhancements we are experiencing and planning for the Ketner School of Business. Having the input from 30 successful business people from throughout the region will be of tremendous benefit to us as we begin a four-month strategic planning process for the future of the Ketner School of Business." Kirk asked the group for its assistance in developing internships and evaluation mechanisms to measure

employer and student satisfaction with the School of Business. He also encouraged members to make time to speak to various classes at Catawba.

At the Business Advisory Board's initial meeting, Catawba College President Robert Knott updated members on ongoing campus construction designed to make the campus more "student friendly," and efforts to reshape the student body through higher admissions standards. He challenged the Board to look for ways to help make the Ketner School of Business "distinctive" from other business programs.

Pam Thompson, chair of the Ketner School of Business, provided members with an overview of her department, including staff, curriculum, online courses, and accreditation. Others who addressed the

Board included Marcia Miller, director of career services at Catawba, Dr. John Wear, director of Catawba's Center for the Environment, Dr. Edith Bolick, dean of Catawba's School of Evening and Graduate Studies, and Haley Bollinger, president of both Pi Sigma Epsilon, a marketing society, and Catawba's business honor society.

Ralph W. Ketner, one of the founders of Food Town (now Food Lion), and for whom the business school is named, serves as Honorary Chair of the Business Advisory Board. Other members include Jake Alexander, president of The Alexander Companies, Inc., Dr. Luanne Anderson of Anderson Dental Group, Lewis O. Campbell, Jr., vice president of category management at Food Lion, R.

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## Catawba Trustee Honored with N.C.'s Order of the Long Leaf Pine

Catawba College Trustee Newton O. Fowler, Jr. of Concord was honored with North Carolina's highest civilian honor, the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, during the annual College Board of Trustees Meeting Feb. 20.

The Order of the Long Leaf Pine is presented by the N.C. governor to individuals who have a proven record of extraordinary service to the state. Contributions to their communities, extra efforts in their careers, and many years of service to their organizations are some of the guidelines by which recipients are selected for this award.

Past recipients of the Order of the Long Leaf Pine include Charles Kuralt, Maya Angelou, Rev. Billy Graham, William C. Friday, poet Fred Chappell, and artist Bob Timberlake.

Catawba College President Dr. Robert Knott made the presentation to Fowler while his peers on the Board of Trustees and Fowler's wife, Nancy, looked on. Fowler joined Catawba's Board of Trustees in 1996 and is the former chairman of the Board's Development Committee. He also chaired Catawba's successful Campaign for Excellence, a multi-year capital fund-raising effort (1997-2002) which successfully raised more than \$59.6 million dollars for building and infrastructure improvements on campus.

A native of Mt. Airy, Fowler was employed by Philip Morris for 38 years before retiring in 1993 as general manager of Philip Morris' Cabarrus Manufacturing Center. In January, 1980, he was appointed to head the start-up operations at Philip Morris' newest facility in Concord, N.C. The facility became the most cost-effective plant and the leader in all manufacturing parameters. Under Fowler's leadership, the Cabarrus Manufacturing Center was the most technologically advanced cigarette manufacturing facility in the world.

At a local press conference on Feb. 1, 1991, national, state and Philip Morris officials announced plans for a major facility expansion at Cabarrus – the largest in the state's history. The expansion cost was estimated at more than \$400 million. In his remarks about Newton Fowler, John Campbell, the company's retired senior vice president, stated: "He was instrumental in making this expansion happen. The Cabarrus facility was constructed (in 1983) with the expansion in mind, but that's just plans...it took Newt to get the job done."

Fowler holds both his bachelor's degree in business administration and a master's degree in commerce from the University of Richmond. In 1980, he attended the executive program (TEP) at the Darden School at the University of Virginia.

In addition to his current service on Catawba's Board of Trustees, Fowler serves on the Cabarrus Bank and Trust Advisory Board, the Cabarrus County Fair Advisory Board, and the Board of Directors for the Foundation for Good Business, which he formerly chaired. He is a longtime, loyal member of the Catawba College Chiefs Club and the University of Richmond Spider Club. He is a member of the Concord Rotary Club and served on its board of directors, and is a member of the N.C. Citizens for Business and Industry (NCCBI). He holds honorary lifetime memberships in both the Concord-Cabarrus County Chamber of Commerce and the Kannapolis Chamber of Commerce.

His past community involvement is noteworthy. He has served on numerous boards, including the board of the N.C. School of Science and



*Board of Trustees Chairman Tom Smith, Trustee Newton Fowler and President Robert E. Knott*

Mathematics, the UNC-Charlotte Board of Visitors, the N.C. Secretary of State's Foundation for Good Business, all of which he has chaired, the N.C. Independent College Fund, and the Foundation of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. He has held membership on the boards of directors for NCCBI, the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, the United Way of Central Carolinas, Inc., First Union National Bank, the Cabarrus Civic Foundation, and the N.C. Center for World Languages and Cultures. He has chaired the Site Selection Committee for the Rowan-Cabarrus Community College's South Branch and the Building Committee for First Baptist Church's New Sanctuary, and has served as executive vice president of the Cabarrus County United Way. He was a campaign cabinet member of the N.C. Performing Arts Center at Charlotte Foundation, representing Cabarrus and Rowan counties, and served on the Business Advisory Council for the N.C. Secretary of State, the Advisory Council for the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame for N.C., and as a delegate for the Rowan County-Kannapolis Regional Sports Authority. He was instrumental in establishing a cyber campus at A.L. Brown High School in Kannapolis.

A multi-talented athlete, Fowler played baseball and football at Mt. Airy High, making All-Conference in football. He also played in two State Class A Championship football games in 1946 and 1947. He was awarded football scholarships to the University of Richmond, Duke University, Davidson College, George Washington University, and Lees-McRae College. He played freshman football at Duke University, one year at Lees-McRae, and two years at the University of Richmond. While at Lees-McRae, he played in the Junior College Sugar Bowl in Monroe, La. He was a member of Phi Kappa Sigma Fraternity at Richmond and he served on the institution's Business School Honor Council.

Fowler's honors and special recognitions are numerous. He received the Adrian L. Shuford, Jr. Award for Distinguished Service to Catawba

College in 2006 and was awarded an honorary doctorate of humanitarian service degree from Catawba in 1995. The Fowler Athletic Office Complex in Catawba's Mariam and Robert Hayes Field House is also named in his honor.

In 1993, he was presented the key to the cities of both Kannapolis and Concord with proclamations for his longtime service to both municipalities. The Newton O. Fowler, Jr. Lecture Hall at the N.C. School of Science and Mathematics is named in his honor. In 1984, he was the recipient of the Philip Morris Gold Ring Merit Award and in 1972, the recipients of the Personalities of the South Award. He was listed as a member of Who's Who Worldwide Registry in 1993-1994.

Fowler and his wife, the former Nancy Fling of Arlington, Va., have consistently supported the College in various capital efforts. During the mid-1990s, he spearheaded an effort to raise funds to upgrade the John Coble Training Room in the Abernethy Physical Education Center on campus in honor of his longtime friend, Catawba alumnus and Mt. Airy native, the late John Coble '52 of Concord. Fowler and Coble played high school football together.

Fowler and members of his family also have established the Fowler Family Endowed Scholarship Fund at Catawba. The scholarship is awarded annually to a student athlete who maintains a 2.75 grade point while majoring in teacher education. Other members of the Fowler family who participated in establishing the scholarship include Dr. Ed Fowler and wife Christina Daugherty Fowler of Greenwood, S.C., both 1985 alumni of Catawba College, and Mark and Margaret Fowler Porter of Concord. In addition to their two adult children, the Fowlers have four grandsons.

### Dates for Homecoming Weekend '07

Please mark your calendar now for the weekend of October 26 – 28th.

**Homecoming '07 is set and we want you to come join us!**

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## Catawba College Hosts Young Guns Battle of the Bands

Catawba College is now accepting entries for its first annual Carolina Young Guns Battle of the Bands for high-school musicians. Finalists will be invited to Catawba's Salisbury, N.C., campus for a Final Showdown on Saturday April 28, 2007.

The winners will receive a cash prize and serve as the opening act for an evening concert by the Catawba College Vernaculars. In addition, all entrants will receive consideration for music scholarships for study at Catawba ranging up to \$2,500 per year (\$10,000 if renewed over four years of study).

The Carolina Young Guns competition is jointly sponsored by Catawba College's Community Music Program and Catawba chapter of the Music and Entertainment Industry Students Association. The college is home to a young, thriving degree program in contemporary popular music, Catawba Rocks!, that draws students from across the United States.

A number of the students and recent graduates have already begun to distinguish themselves professionally. They include 2006 graduate Dennis Reed, who beat out nearly 1300 other college entrants from schools such as Berklee and Belmont to win the 9th annual BMI John Lennon Songwriting Scholarship. Reed is now also a finalist in the International Songwriting Competition, an event that drew 15,000 entries from around the world. In addition to Reed's achievements, a current Catawba student had the #1 alternative song on BroadJam.com during the summer of 2006, and a band made up of Catawba alumni held the same spot in online sales at Aware Records (John Mayer's label) during the same period.

The Catawba curriculum and the Carolina Young Guns competition both grow from the college's belief that students of popular music are woefully underserved by higher education. The Catawba Music Department not only welcomes students of popular music but has also taken major strides to increase the inclusiveness of its curriculum. The Vernaculars, a for-credit popular music ensemble, is a notable example. Each year, the group plays a variety of both old-school and new-school music to give students the artistic depth and breadth that will help ensure their professional success after graduation.

Among legacy works, the Vernaculars have performed numbers made famous by the Beatles (including the entire Abbey Road album), the Rolling Stones, Stevie Wonder, Stevie Ray Vaughn, Nirvana, Queen, Aretha Franklin, Wilson Pickett, Otis Redding, James Brown, Janis Joplin, Joni Mitchell, and others. Among songs of more recent vintage, they've performed numbers by John Mayer, Dave Matthews, Gavin DeGraw, the Goo Goo Dolls, Death Cab for Cutie, Snow Patrol, Hoobastank, the Foo Fighters, Switchfoot, Regina Spektor, Fiona Apple, and Gnarl's Barkley.

The Music Department has also established courses in music business, songwriting, music technology, etc., and is home to a state-of-the-art project studio.

For information about entering the competition as well as popular music at Catawba College, visit [www.music.catawba.edu/YoungGuns.htm](http://www.music.catawba.edu/YoungGuns.htm) or contact Dr. David Lee Fish at [dlfish@catawba.edu](mailto:dlfish@catawba.edu).

## SHONE....

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Visitors.

Thom Shone's college career was also interrupted by a call to arms. In 1971, the first year he arrived at Catawba, he received his draft number and realized he "was going to have to leave." He took a three-year break for service, serving as a medic with special tactical training as an airborne and Ranger trained Field Medical Expert. When he came back stateside, he went to work for a while before returning to Catawba to finish what he had started.

"I would never have come back and gotten it right if I didn't need to satisfy for both of us (me and my father) the requirement of a college education," Thom Shone remembered. Upon his return to Catawba, Thom said he had a life-changing event when Dr. (Dan) Brown, now a professor emeritus of

religion and philosophy, "asked us to write a mission statement for our lives."

"I remember writing that the American health system would be the focus of a great debate," Thom said. "I didn't know exactly how then, but I knew I wanted to be involved."

Today, Thom has realized his collegiate vision. His company is a consulting group which helps large employers design, implement and administer healthcare delivery to their employees, with a focus on alternate delivery systems.

"It's not too much to say that Catawba figured prominently in preparing me to work my career in a red hot issue," he continued. "I want to be doing something that matters and affects people and policy. I now have a voice in this debate and I like that; I like that a lot."

After Thom's graduation from Catawba, he has continued study in economics at Purdue University, related business studies at Wake Forest and public policy at Harvard University. His nephew and Howard Shone's grandson, Luke Griffith, also graduated from Catawba in 1999, earning his master's degree in public administration from Rutgers University, and is now completing his law degree at Rutgers University.

Among other notable educational achievements by Mr. Shone's family are the engineering degrees of grandsons Joshua and Jonathan.

It is the sincere wish of the entire Shone family that this gift will extend tangible support to deserving students at Catawba, much as they have enjoyed through Howard.

## BARANSKI....

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field botany, and plant systematics.

Baranski's publications range from technical botanical and ecological subjects to general articles on plants and environmental topics for the public at large. Through the years, he has authored many entries on woody plants for inclusion in The World Book Encyclopedia. With his students at Catawba College, he has conducted numerous research projects and presented papers on many subjects. Ten of his students have won awards for research papers given at N.C. Academy of Science annual meetings.

He has been an advocate for and activist in many environmental causes and issues, both locally and regionally, including the hazardous waste treatment facility and the low-level radioactive waste sites that were proposed for Rowan County. He served as the first chair of the Hurley Park Advisory Committee for the City of Salisbury. He recently served on the Land Use Plan Advisory Committee for the Rowan County Commission. Baranski actively assists the LandTrust for Central N.C. on its projects. He has been a fre-

quent participant and speaker on environmental issues in the Salisbury-Rowan community.

He was recognized by Catawba in 2002 when the lake located in the college's 189-acre Ecological Preserve was named Lake Baranski in his honor. It was largely thanks to Baranski's efforts that Catawba's Ecological Preserve was designated as part of North Carolina's Registry of Natural Heritage Areas in the late 1980s.

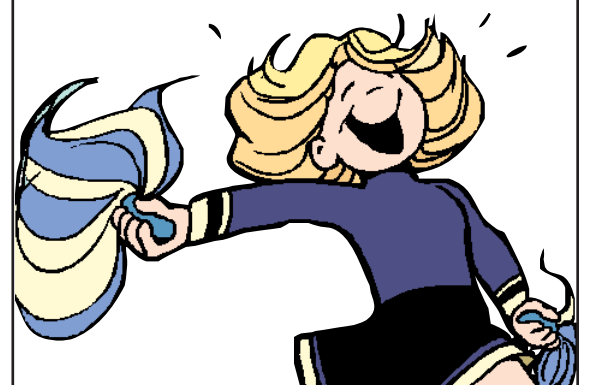
In August of this year at the college's opening convocation ceremony, it was announced that Baranski was the recipient of the Bashore Distinguished Professorship in Environmental Science. This endowed professorship is awarded for a two-year period to a faculty member in environmental science who is a high achiever as a scholar and teacher with outstanding qualifications and enthusiasm for his work and the students who are entrusted to him.

Baranski is married to wife Julia and they are parents of two adult children.

## Cheerleader Reunion

November 10, 2007  
(night of L-R football game)

For more information, contact Gordon Kirland at  
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[gakirkla@catawba.edu](mailto:gakirkla@catawba.edu)







## Basketball Reunion

Seventy-one former Catawba College basketball players returned to campus February 9 and 10, 2007 for a reunion.

The weekend began with a Friday evening reception in the Meyer Auxiliary Gymnasium that gave all a chance to catch up with old friends and meet new ones. Saturday featured lunch and several former players speaking to the group; their remarks evoked both laughter along with some tears as the gathering proved an emotional time for those attending.

Speaking were former players and Catawba Sports Hall of Fame members, Bob Flynn' 60 and Eric Harris' 78, along with two ex-players, Tom Bonebrake' 75

and Marvin Moore' 99, who offered the unique perspective of having played at Catawba as well as being assistant coaches at Catawba. Legendary former head Coach Sam Moir, made remarks recalling his lengthy, 34-year tenure at Catawba. He spoke with emotion of the many great teams, players and lives he had touched during his years at the College (1960-1994).

Those at the reunion also watched the Catawba men's basketball team battle Newberry after the luncheon. During halftime of the team's 89-80 win over Newberry, all 71 returning alumni were introduced to fans in attendance.



## 2007 GRADUATION EVENT SCHEDULE

**What:** Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Society Induction (Evening Studies program)  
**When:** Wednesday, April 18 7:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Tom Smith Auditorium  
**Attire:** Dressy/business casual

**What:** Evening Studies graduate's Senior Dinner  
**When:** Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Peeler Crystal Lounge  
**Attire:** Business Casual/ dressy

**What:** Senior Investiture  
**When:** Thursday, May 10 - begins at 5:30 (arrive at 5:15)  
**Who:** Seniors, families, guests, faculty and staff.  
**Where:** Assemble for procession, in any order, on sidewalk in front of library to go to Chapel.  
**Attire:** Cap, tassel, and gown, dressy attire or business casual underneath.  
 Seniors will receive hood at Investiture.

**What:** Day students' Senior Dinner  
**When:** Thursday, May 10 - begins at 7:00 pm (arrive just before 7:00)  
**Who:** Seniors only  
**Where:** Peeler-Crystal Lounge  
**Attire:** Dressy/business casual.

**What:** Commencement Rehearsal  
**When:** Friday, May 11 A = Day program @ 9:15 a.m. & B = Evening Studies graduates @ 11:45 a.m.  
**Who:** Seniors only  
**Where:** Keppel Auditorium  
**Attire:** Casual  
**Note:** A =Alpha Chi rehearsal will begin immediately following this rehearsal.

**What:** Alpha Chi Honor Society Spring Induction (Day program seniors)  
**When:** Friday, May 11 - begins at 1:30 pm (arrive at 1:15)  
**Who:** Inductees, existing members, faculty, families & guests  
**Where:** Omwake-Dearborn Chapel  
**Attire:** Dressy

**What:** Baccalaureate Service of Worship  
**When:** Friday, May 11 - begins at 7:30 pm (Seniors arrive at 7:00 pm)  
**Who:** Seniors, families, guests, faculty, staff, trustees  
**Where:** Omwake-Dearborn Chapel  
**Attire:** Cap, tassel, hoods, gown with business casual

**What:** Marshal's Walk and Reception  
**When:** Friday, May 11 - immediately following Baccalaureate  
**Who:** For all who attend Baccalaureate. Seniors will process with candles.  
**Where:** Begin in the chapel, process through Oliver's Way (arbor), reception in Peeler Crystal Lounge

**What:** Day Student Commencement Ceremony  
**When:** Saturday, May 12 - begins at 10:00 am (Seniors be outside the auditorium by 9:30 am)  
**Who:** Graduating Seniors and guests  
**Where:** Keppel Auditorium, Catawba College campus  
**Attire:** Caps, tassels, gowns & hoods with dressy attire/business casual

**What:** Evening & Graduate Studies Student Commencement Ceremony  
**When:** Saturday, May 12 - begins at 2:00 pm (Seniors be outside the auditorium by 1:30 pm)  
**Who:** Graduating Seniors, Master's Candidates and guests  
**Where:** Keppel Auditorium, Catawba College campus  
**Attire:** Caps, tassels, gowns & hoods with dressy attire



# Catawba College Sports Round-up



## Men's Basketball

The Catawba men's basketball team bulked up its pre-season schedule in 2006-07, playing one of the toughest schedules in the region. The young squad took its lumps early, but used those lessons learned to roll through the second half of league play and claimed the South Atlantic Conference Championship for the second time in three years.

The late season push earned the Tribe a spot in the NCAA II South Atlantic Regional Tournament for the third time in four years. At the regional, Catawba fell to third-seed Clayton State in overtime. The Catawba Indians rallied from a 12-point deficit in the final five minutes to force the extra period. Catawba had chances late to tie and force a second overtime, but missed some free throws.

Catawba won just two of its first eight games, but got a win over Lander just before the Christmas break and went on a roll after that. The Tribe lost three games during the first round of league games but finished the regular season on a nine-game winning streak that included a victory in a winner-take-all showdown with Presbyterian on the final day of the league schedule.

Catawba moved into a tie for the league lead with four games to play and after knocking off Lenoir-Rhyne for just the 17th time in 50 years in Hickory, the Tribe made it a two-team race with Presbyterian. The Catawba Indians showed it can play multiple styles as it stayed in first place with a free-scoring 112-107 win at Carson-Newman then took the title from PC with a 63-57 win in a half-court game.

Freshman Antonio Houston stepped in to lead the team in scoring at nearly 20 points per games, while seniors Chris Wooldridge, Brian Graves and Ahmad Murphy played steadily all season. Houston was named SAC Freshman of the Year, while Jim Baker claimed Coach of the Year honors. Wooldridge and Graves were selected as first team all-conference.

Wooldridge ranked among league leaders in scoring, rebounds and blocks, while Graves led the league and ranked among the top 10 in NCAA II in assists. Graves finished third all-time with 600 career assists at Catawba and became just the second to dish out 200 assists in a season, joining Art Rose.

## Women's Basketball

The Catawba women's team was the surprise of the league in 2006-07. The ladies were picked to finish in the lower half of the conference, but finished in a tie for second and posted a 20-win season for the fifth time in seven years.

The Lady Indians used a hot start to gain confidence as Catawba won eight of its first nine games. The ladies were also winners of five straight nail-biters late in the season to secure its spot near the top of the league.

Catawba rallied for an overtime win at Tusculum then outlasted Newberry 44-41 in a defensive battle. In a double-overtime win at Mars Hill, Catawba rallied from a five-point deficit in the final minute of overtime, getting to the second extra period on a buzzer-beating three-pointer by Hillary Hampton.

In the following game against Lincoln Memorial, Brittany Higgins was the hero, sinking a jumper with a mere second to play to grab the two-point win. The ladies finished the five-game run with a 58-54 win at Lenoir-Rhyne.

Catawba stumbled at the finish and just missed on a regional berth. Ne'Keithia Howard was the lone Lady Indian selection for All-South Atlantic Conference honors. The junior was a first team selection after leading the ladies in scoring at 10.3 per game. She added 5.2 rebounds a contest.

## Swimming

The Catawba College women's swim team was named to the CSCAA Academic Team for the Fall semester of 2006. The team compiled a 3.03 team grade point average for the semester. Three swimmers, Leigh Spada for the women, along with Patrik Drakes and Grant Gibson for the men, were named to the All-Bluegrass Mountain Conference team. Both the men's and women's teams finished seventh at the conference meet.

Spada swam to all-conference honors in both the 100 and 200 free. She also swam to NCAA "B" in three events with school-record swims in the 100 free (53.45) and the 200 free (1:56.45). She also had a school mark in the 50 free.

Drakes made all-conference in the 100 breast as he swam a "B" cut time of 58.31, which was also a school record. It was one of four school records for Drakes during the meet. He also set marks in the 50 breast (27.02), 200 breast (2:10.38) and the 100 back (56.11).

Gibson picked up all-conference honors in the both the 1650 and 1000 free. He set a total of nine school marks at the conference meet. He set six marks in freestyle events and also added marks in the 50 back (28.04), 100 fly (57.47) and the 200 fly (2:04.57). His freestyle marks were: 50 free (22.55), 100 free (49.52), 200 free (1:47.49), 500 free (4:52.98), 1000 free (10:25.68) and 1650 free (16:42.90).

Also setting school marks at the conference meet was Michael Biehl and Kevin Flebbe. Biehl had a swim of 2:10.75 in the 200 back, while Flebbe set his record in the 50 fly (27.11). The men also set a record in the 200 medley relay (1:56.12) which consisted of the team of Biehl, Eric Thornton, Justin Weller and Chad Collins.







*The 2006-07 South Atlantic Conference Regular Season Champion Catawba Indians celebrate their title-clinching 63-57 win over Presbyterian College on February 24th.*

## *Life Comes At You Fast....*

### **Real Estate**

At one time, real estate was an asset never considered appropriate for charitable giving. Now, with changes in federal and state tax laws, real estate is very often one of the best and least costly assets for people to consider gifting to Catawba College.

### **Gift Annuities**

With tax law and estate tax law changes over the last few years, charitable gift annuities and deferred gift annuities have become very beneficial to donors. Many donors with gift annuities can now increase income, reduce tax liabilities, and reduce their estates, minimizing their taxes while giving generously to Catawba College.

### **Appreciated Stock**

In today's world, most households own stocks, either outright or in mutual funds. With existing federal and state tax laws, gifting this type of asset, when appreciated in value greatly, is an excellent way to avoid capital gains and at the same time create a tax write off. These advantages make stock gifts an ideal way to support Catawba.

### **IRA/Retirement Accounts**

In the last twenty years, retirement accounts once only actively managed by companies are now routinely managed by households. These retirement accounts have grown in value to the point where these accounts are by far the most valuable asset in most households. State and federal tax laws are not favorable for passing these types of assets to heirs. Thus, these assets are now highly desirable when considering gifting to the college.

### **Insurance**

Many insurance policies were bought to support a spouse or family if an unforeseen death occurred to the household income earner. If there was no death, these policies are still in effect. In many cases these insurance policies, while of significant value, are not important to one's estate. The tax benefits of gifting these policies far outweigh any financial gain upon death. Therefore, these types of gifts are often considered when making gifts to the college.

*In today's world, like in the TV commercial, life does come at you fast. One day your getting ready for an 8:00am class and it seems the next day you're at Homecoming—your 10 year reunion! At Catawba College, just as in life, things come fast—even change! Support to Catawba College has reflected these changes. Here are a variety of approaches when considering gifts to Catawba College.*

If you are considering a special gift to Catawba College and have any questions about the many ways to give to Catawba College, or need information about ways to give to Catawba College, please contact me, Eric Nianouris, at 1.800.CATAWBA or e-mail [enianour@catawba.edu](mailto:enianour@catawba.edu) I will be glad to provide confidential assistance in developing specific plans to help achieve personal, financial, and charitable objectives.

## Catawba Students View Globalization from Many Perspectives

**N**early 250 First-year Seminar students at Catawba College are learning the value of approaching issues from multiple points of view: They are examining the topic of globalization from the perspectives of the social world, the natural world, culture and health.

The professors who are shepherding the students through this multi-pronged process look to renowned biologist E. O. Wilson and his concept of consilience as their guide. Wilson notes that a wide range of knowledge is necessary to truly understand an issue.

Emily Horton, a freshman from Salisbury, has already learned that the best solutions come from analyzing an issue from different perspectives. "If we look at a problem from just the scientific standpoint, then we might not take into account how it is going to affect human lives," she says. "If we look at it from just the social standpoint, we might not arrive at the best solution scientifically. We have to take into account all the different areas to get the best solution."

Students are collecting artifacts weekly about their chosen field of study as it relates to globalization. Caitlin Springs, a theatre major from Santa Clara, Calif., was surprised to find two articles for her first report. One was about World Theater Day and the other was about an organization that uses theater as a means of educating children and young adults about world issues. "I had no idea that an organization like that existed," she says. "I found it really, really interesting."

Student Rebecca Chinnis of Charlotte plans to become an accountant. "But I don't want that to define how I view the world," she says. "I am hoping this class will teach me to see through an alternative lens."

Students are currently studying global climate change – globalization from the perspective of the natural world. They are collecting data from the Internet and will make presentations on what they find, says Dr. Steve Coggin, chair of the Biology Department and the unit's curriculum designer. They are examining information on things like mean global temperatures, the increase in sea level and melting glaciers and ice caps.

They will examine information by scientists whose data suggest that global warming is a critical

issue and by skeptics who disagree. Then, imagining that they are on the staff of a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, they will recommend policy changes that they think the federal government should enact to address the problem.

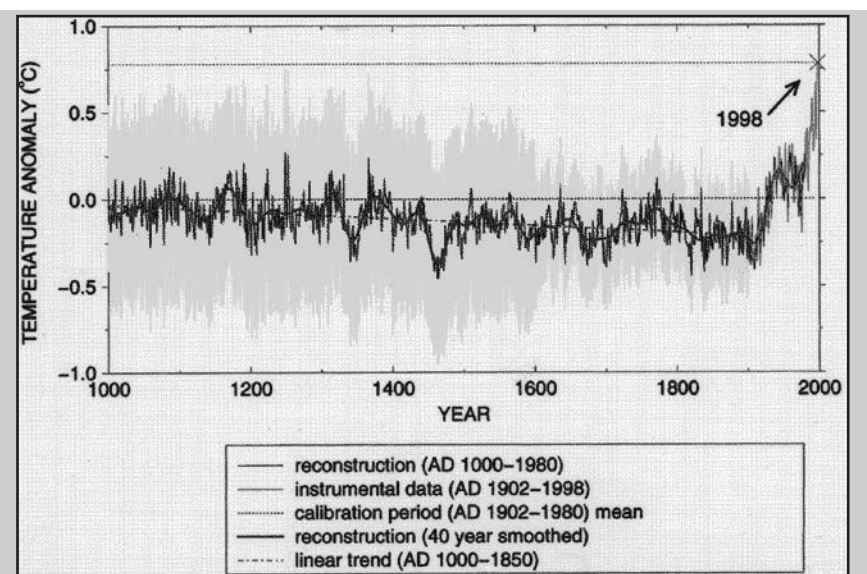
Student Kevin Flebbe of Vineland, N.J., has found the evidence of melting glaciers sobering. "When you look at pictures of the North Pole from 20 years ago and then view them now, you see how much has already melted," he says. "I had never realized before how rapidly it is all happening."

Chinnis says learning about global warming has made her more conscious of how much people impact the earth. "I think the biggest problem to tackle now is not proving that global warming exists," she says, "but researching and coming up with solutions to combat it."

### Applying Science

The seminar gives the students an opportunity to examine data critically, to think about what it means and what steps were necessary to garner the information. "Then we want them to go beyond the science," says Coggin. "We want them to apply the science to policy matters because global climate change can't be solved from just a political or scientific or social point of view."

Professors want the students to gain a number of things from this exercise, says Dr. Gordon Grant, chair of the English Department and First-Year Seminar director. "We want to make them aware of the mechanics of global warming," he says.



*Dr. Michael Mann and coworkers published the famous "hockey stick" graph of increased temperature over the last 1000 years. This graph shows a dramatic upswing in temperature over the last 50 years. It is one of many studies which suggest that the earth is experiencing a period of dramatic global climate change.*

*Mann et al, 1999, Geophysical Research Letters, Vol. 26, No. 6, p.759.*

"We want them to judge for themselves after they look at the evidence. We also want them to understand that when we talk about globalization, we have to think about the natural world, not just politics and economics or multi-cultural issues."

"I think it's important to approach subjects like globalization from different viewpoints," says freshman Katie Hill of Fayetteville. "Looking at subjects from another point of view may be uncomfortable and challenging, but it is when we think outside of ourselves – or out of the box – that we actually experience and learn new things."

Horton knows that she must learn all she can about global warming. "It's important that our age group is aware of what we as a society can do about the issue because we are the next generation of leaders and decision makers," she says. "It's important that we are knowledgeable about the facts so when it comes time for us to take over, we'll be able to make the best decisions."

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## Catawba Lecturer Shares Outdoor and Southern Cooking Online



Catawba College Communication Arts Lecturer Cyndi Allison Wittum was the designated dishwasher when she was growing up because she always burned the food.

"I put Pop Tarts in the toaster," said Wittum. "I ducked around the corner to watch cartoons. The corner of one of the breakfast pastries caught in the edge of the toaster, and my Pop Tarts were scorched black."

After Wittum completed her undergraduate degree at N.C. State University, she worked for a year to earn money to go to graduate school. She was hired to serve as a group home manager for mentally handicapped women in Mocksville, NC.

"I loved that job," remembered Wittum. "I didn't have a clue about how to run a household, but the ladies at the home didn't care. We had a gas card and a van, and I took my ladies everywhere. We went to the library, to fairs, festivals, plays, and to the mountains."

Wittum learned to cook at the group home.

"The board asked a lot of questions during the interview, but no one thought to ask if I could cook," said Wittum. "I guess they thought any Southern girl would know her way around a kitchen."

Wittum was expected to cook three meals a day as part of her duties at the group home. She checked out cookbooks at the library, called her mom on the phone, and experimented with the supplies in the kitchen.

"We had some awful meals for a while," said Wittum. "But the ladies didn't complain. When a pie didn't 'set,' I'd chop it up and call it cobbler, and everyone would tell me it was good."

By the time Wittum went on to graduate school at Southern Methodist University, she was a pretty good cook, and she continued to hone her skills.

"I discovered that other students would buy the food if someone could make a home-cooked meal," said Wittum. "Fellow students would call me and ask if I'd grill steak or bake a roast with potatoes and carrots."

Wittum completed her graduate degree, married and had two sons. As a military spouse, she lived in various cities across the United States, and in Greece and Japan. She learned new cooking techniques and played around with new dishes.

"The first time my older son saw a canned biscuit, he didn't know it was a biscuit," said Wittum. "I told him it was a biscuit, but he said that it didn't taste like a biscuit. I think my boys are spoiled when it comes to food. We do eat out occasionally, but I usually cook at home."

Wittum never thought about writing in the cooking and food arena. She began freelance writing professionally 15 years ago, but she considered cooking

a hobby. She wrote on many topics ranging from gardening and parenting to software development and high tech communication applications, but she didn't write on kitchen topics.

Garden and Hearth.com put out a request for writers, and Wittum looked over the topics. She noticed that the site owners wanted coverage of barbeque. North Carolina is BBQ country, so Wittum decided to apply for the position.

Wittum began covering outdoor cooking and then added a second space at Garden and Hearth with Southern recipes. She was promoted to a senior editor position to work with other online writers at the site and then was recruited to cover cooking at Suite 101 and at Consumer Help Web.

"I became a food writer when I wasn't looking," said Wittum. "It wasn't something I thought about. I shared a few ideas and recipes on grilling, and then I started getting e-mails asking how to thicken beans."

Wittum continues to write on modern communication, technology and software, but she carves out some time to share recipes, kitchen tips and to keep online readers abreast of the latest food news.

"It's relaxing to chat about new recipes and ideas for entertaining," said Wittum. "If I'd been born to an earlier generation, I'd probably be talking to my neighbors over the fence. In the new information age, I talk to many neighbors from many countries and share what I've learned about cooking. I also hear from home food enthusiasts. I'm just an e-mail away, and I'll click and find that someone wants to give me a favorite family recipe or would like my advice on buying a charcoal smoker."

### Links for Cyndi Allison Wittum's Cooking Websites

[Barbeque Master \(Garden and Hearth\)](http://www.gardenandhearth.com/BarbequeMaster.htm)  
Outdoor cooking including grilling, smoking, Dutch oven, and campfire cooking.  
<http://www.gardenandhearth.com/BarbequeMaster.htm>

[Southern Cooking \(Garden and Hearth\)](http://www.gardenandhearth.com/SouthernCooking.htm)  
Various southern and mountain favorites.  
<http://www.gardenandhearth.com/SouthernCooking.htm>

[Southern Cuisine \(Suite 101\)](http://www.gardenandhearth.com/SouthernCooking.htm)  
Various southern and mountain favorites.  
<http://www.gardenandhearth.com/SouthernCooking.htm>

[Cooking Help Web \(Consumer Help Web\)](http://www.cookinghelpweb.com/)  
Cooking Help Web is Cyndi's newest cooking space. The coverage is broad ranging from recipes to reviews on cookbooks. Cyndi posts reader recipes and reviews at Consumer Help Web, and readers are welcome to send information by email to: [cooking-publisher@consumerhelpweb.com](mailto:cooking-publisher@consumerhelpweb.com)  
<http://www.cookinghelpweb.com/>



### Easy Peanut Butter Fudge

3 cups sugar  
3/4 cups butter or margarine (1 1/2 sticks)  
2/3 cups evaporated milk (small can size)  
1 (10 oz) pack of peanut butter chips (Reese's brand come in this size)  
1 (7 oz) jar of marshmallow cream  
1 tsp vanilla flavoring  
M&Ms or chocolate chips (optional but very good)

Spray lightly a pan or casserole dish 9 x 13 with Pam or other vegetable cooking spray. The size can vary some. You do need a pretty good sized pan, though, or the fudge is awfully thick and harder to "set up."

Put the butter in a large size pan on the stove top. Let the butter start to melt and then put in the milk and sugar. Heat on a high medium until it's boiling lightly (but not popping out and burning your hand) and then boil 5 minutes. Time and make sure you're close to the 5 minutes. Don't have the heat too high (or you may scorch the mixture and also make the fudge too dry). Stir while boiling. This is really the only labor intensive part.

Pour in the peanut butter chips and then pull the pan off the heat. Stir until those are melted in or close. You stir more later, so it does not have to be totally mixed even.

Add the marshmallow cream and vanilla. Stir until this is well mixed. This is when you want to mix well.

Pour the mixture into the pan or casserole dish that you have ready and waiting that is sprayed with Pam. You'll probably want to wear oven mitts. The mix is pretty hot, and most pans will also be hot at this point.

The toppings are not critical (plain peanut butter fudge is fabulous), but they do add to the taste and also to the look of the dish. You've got to put those on immediately, or they will not stick. Once you pour the fudge in the pan, sprinkle the M&Ms or chocolate chips on top. With your hand, lightly press them down so they stick and stay on the fudge. This is just a tap-tap thing.

Let the fudge set (harden up) and then cut in squares. It's pretty rich, so small pieces are the best bet. I do them a bit larger than standard size dice. You can, if you like, cut them like brownie squares. But, that's a lot of sugar for one serving.

If you cut and store this treat, then put pieces of tin foil between layers of fudge. It can stick together if not separated. It's not a huge deal, but the layers with foil do help.



## Beloved Catawba Alumna and Longtime Employee Dies

Catawba College alumna and long-time College employee, Mary Emma Knox '40, died March 13 at Genesis Eldercare in Salisbury. She had been in declining health for several years.

Knox returned to her alma mater in 1942 after two years as a teacher in the public schools of Whitakers, N.C. She then dedicated her impressive career of 42 years to the betterment of the College and its many constituents.

She initially worked as Catawba's campus dietician, but quickly assumed the role of director of dining services. Twenty-six years later, she became director of campus residences and remained in that capacity during her 42 years with Catawba. She also served as a member of the home economics faculty.

She was fondly remembered for her wonderful cooking and beautiful flower arrangements. Her campus rose garden was transplanted from the back of campus to its current location on the green in front of Omwake-Dearborn Chapel and in 1981. Catawba Trustees honored Knox with the dedication of that rose garden in her name. Catawba also



Mary Emma Knox

recognized Knox with several other prestigious awards for her dedicated service to the College. She was honored in 1997 with an Exemplary Life Service Award at the Service of Praise and Thanksgiving, was given the O.B. Michael Outstanding Alumnus Award in 1983, and was awarded the Trustee Award for outstanding contribution to the College in

1978.

The Mary Emma Knox Endowed Scholarship at Catawba was established by the late Mrs. Margaret Jenkins Davis of Salisbury in her honor. Knox was a great friend of Davis' father, the late Dr. Raymond Jenkins, who was a former English professor at Catawba and a cultivator of camellias.

She was a member of Third Creek Presbyterian Church, the John Knox Chapter of the National Society of the DAR, the American Association of University Women and the Rowan Rose Society.

Survivors include brothers Robert H. Knox, Jr. of Cleveland and J. Allen Knox of Statesville, sisters Anna Lois Knox '55 of Salisbury and Catherine Knox Beam '49 of Rutherfordton, sisters-in-law Sue Haskins Knox '55 of Cleveland and Ruby Knox '60 of Salisbury, 11 devoted nieces and nephews and a number of loyal and longtime friends.

Memorials may be made to the Mary Emma Knox Scholarship at Catawba College or to the charity of one's choice.

### In Memoriam

**'32 Elsie Brillhart Arbaugh** of Hampstead, Md., died Oct. 9.

In addition to being a graduate of a Catawba College, she was also a graduate of the Baltimore Business College and the Baltimore School of Cosmetology. She owned and operated the Hampstead Beauty Salon. She had also worked with the Carroll County Social Services in the Foster Child and Food Stamp programs. Active in the local parent-teacher association, she was also a member of the Hampstead Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary, the Woman's Club of Hampstead, the Homemakers Club, and had been on the Board of Directors of Hoffman Home for Youth. She was a lifelong member of St. Mark's United Church of Christ in Syndersburg and was the first woman to serve there as a deacon, elder, and president of the Consistory.

She was predeceased by husband Ezra. Survivors include her son, Randy Arbaugh of Hampstead; sister Bertha I Schaefer of Hampstead; a grandson and a great-grandchild, along with numerous nieces and nephews.

**'36 The Rev. Terrell M. Shoffner** of Winston-Salem died Jan. 19.

After he graduated from Catawba College, he graduated from Lancaster Theological Seminary and preached in Faith, Newton, Charlotte, Lexington, and Winston-Salem. He served as editor of the

Southern Synod Standard, secretary of Nazareth Children's Home, an official delegate to the General Synod, and the merger of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Congregational Christian Churches. He was manager and registrar of John's River Camp and chairman of its board of trustees.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Pattye. Survivors include son T.M. Shoffner Jr. of Richmond, Va., daughter Bettye Anne Dunn of Winston-Salem, and three grandchildren.

**'38 Cora Lee Propst Ketner** of China Grove died Dec. 20.

She taught music at China Grove Elementary School and had given private piano lessons in her home for more than 30 years. She served as pianist at First Baptist Church of China Grove for 47 years, also taught Sunday school there, and was a member of WMU.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, C. Brown Ketner, Food Lion co-founder.

Survivors include son, Jeff B. Ketner of Salisbury, daughters Marsha L. Carter of China Grove and Betty A. Scruggs of Durham, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

**'40 Gorrell J. "Jiggs" Askew** of Burlington, N.C. died May 27, 2006.

He was the retired owner of Askew's Stoneworks, a monument shop.

Survivors include wife Josephine.

**'43 Marijane "Jinks" Chamberlain Hill** of

Carlisle, N.J., died Dec. 25.

After earning her bachelor's degree in home economics from Catawba, she earned her master's of science degree in elementary education from Rutgers University. She taught second and third grade in Brick Township, N.J., for 27 and resided there for 32 years. She had been an active member of Laurelton Park Baptist Church in Brick and Taylor Memorial Baptist Church in Avon, N.J. She was passionate about gardening.

Survivors include four children, Sheila Cavanaugh of Santa Fe, N.M., Michael Hill of Jersey City, N.J., Mark Hill of Leonia, N.J., and Donald Hill, Sr., of East Berlin, N.J.; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

**Clyde Gilmer Mayes** of Salisbury died Nov. 12.

A U.S. Army veteran of World War II, he retired from Duke Power in 1980 after 33 years of service. He was a member of Trading Ford Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Jeannette Long Mayes; son Kenneth Mayes of Salisbury; brother Thomas Mayes of Smithfield, Va.; a nephew and other extended family members.

The **Rev. Alfred G. Sandroock** of York, Pa., died Feb. 14.

Following his graduation from Catawba, he earned a bachelor and master of divinity degree from Lancaster Theological Seminary. He was ordained into the Evangelical Reformed Church in 1945 and completed 60 years of ordained ministry until his retirement in 2005 as pastor of The United Church of Christ in

Hellertown, Pa.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Helen L. Dickel Sandroock; son Stephen Eugene Sandroock of Fairfax, Va.; daughter Catherine Shoefelt of York Haven, Pa.; four sisters, Esther M. Snyder of Alexandria, Va., Beatrice A. Wagner of Weatherly, Pa., Viola Snyder of Silver Springs, Md., and Marjorie General of New Jersey; brother, the Rev. Curtis Sandroock '52 of Hellertown, Pa.; a grandson, a granddaughter, three step-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

**'44 Helen Stroud Winchester** of Richmond, Va., died May 1, 2006.

She was a retired teacher.

Survivors include husband Dewey H. Winchester.

**'46 Ralph T. Mathias** of Chambersburg, Pa., died Jan. 2, 2006.

He was retired as Chief of Supply at Letterkenny Army Depot.

**'48 John William "Lefty" Lisk** of Albemarle died March 11.

A U.S. Army veteran of World War II, he served from 1943 until 1946 with the Army's 114th AAA Gun Battalion. He played baseball in the Pittsburg Farm System and was inducted into the N.C. American Legion Hall of Fame, Stanly County Hall of Fame and Catawba College Hall of Fame. He was retired as a welder with Alcoa-Badin and was a member of St. Martin Lutheran Church.



Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Billie Dry Lisk; sons Marvin Lisk of Albemarle and John Lisk, Jr. of Atlanta, Ga., and three grandchildren.

**'49 Hillery Hudson Rink, Jr.** of Thomasville, died Feb. 9.

A native of Rowan County, he served in the Naval Air Corps during World War II. After the war, he acquired his commercial pilot's license. He was a former corporate office of Cannon Mills Co., Cannon Mills, Inc., Tavora Textile, Inc., Cannon Insurance Agency, Inc. and Towel City Theatres, Inc. He was secretary, treasurer and director of Amazon Cotton Mills Co. at the time it was sold to Parkdale Mills, Inc.

A member of Memorial United Methodist Church and the R.L. Pope Bible Class, he was also a past member of the Administrative board and Chancel Choir. He was a past member of the Salisbury Jaycees and past president of the Salisbury Community Chorus. He was a life member of Thomasville Masonic Lodge No. 214 A.F. & A.M., the Masonic Scottish Rite Bodies of which he was presiding officer of three of the Scottish Rites Bodies, the Oasis Shrine Temple, the Royal Order of Scotland, and the American Legion. In 1995, he was coronated a 33-degree Scottish Rite Master Mason. He was past president of the Thomasville Salvation Army Advisory Board and helped on fund drives for the Thomasville United Way, the hospital and other worthwhile causes. He was a member of the Thomasville Rotary Club for 34 years with perfect attendance.

Survivors include son Hillery Hudson Rink, III of Atlanta, Ga., sisters Carolene R. Peeler '44 of Chemsford, Mass., and Naomi R. Bernhardt '52 of Salisbury; brothers John F. Rink '49 of Salisbury and Don E. Rink of Harrisburg.

**Lillie "Lill" Hardiman Hoffman** of Salisbury died Nov. 5.

She was vice president and secretary of Hardiman and Son, Inc., and for a number of years was a homemaker and devoted wife and mother. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church. She was a charter member of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority and was an avid Duplicate Bridge Club member.

Survivors include her husband of 58 years, Charles "Al" Hoffman, Sr.; sons Charles Alfred Hoffman, Jr., of Wilson; Richard Scott Hoffman of Atlanta, Ga.; daughter Sharon H. Hampton of Salisbury; brother Herman P. Hardiman, Jr. '58 of Salisbury; five grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

**William Robert "Bill" Speacht** of Altoona, Pa., died Jan. 23.

He attended Catawba on an athletic scholarship and placed football, basketball and track. He was inducted into Catawba's Sports Hall of Fame. He served in the U.S. Army from

1954-56. His first job was as a teacher and assistant coach at New Hanover High School in Wilmington, N.C. Later, he worked for Kimberly Clark and then, Mobil Oil Corp. until his retirement. He was a member of the Sylvan Hills Golf Club, Juniata Civic Association, and VFW.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Nell Etheridge Speacht; son Stewart Speacht of Florida; sister Evenly Doss of Baltimore; and a nephew.

**Grady Cress Shoe** of Mooresville died March 11.

A U.S. Army veteran of World War II, he enjoyed a long career in the automobile business. He was part-owner of several Ford dealerships in Concord, Chapel Hill, Huntersville and Mooresville, before becoming sole owner of Mooresville Motor Company.

Active in the community, he was the first chairman of Mooresville's ABC Board and was serving on that board at the time of his death, the Kiwanis Club, where he served as president, the Chamber of Commerce where he served as president and vice president of economic development, and the Mooresville Merchant's Association. He served for 30 years from 1969 to 1999 as an elected commissioner for the Town of Mooresville. He served on the board of directors for BB&T of Mooresville and was a past member of the Carolina Transportation Company. He was past chair of Lowrance Hospital in Mooresville, past member of the Ford Consumer Appeals Board, the Selective Service System's Board #4 and the Better Business Bureau. He was both a member and a Sunday school teacher at St. Mark's Lutheran Church for 47 years, and served on its council.

In 2004, he was awarded the state of N.C.'s highest civilian honor, the Order of the Long Leaf Pine. His other honors included Jaycees Boss of the Year, Kiwanian of the Year, Mooresville Outstanding Citizenship Award, the Ford Motor Company's President's Award and the Time Magazine Quality Dealer Award (the only dealer in N.C. to receive this award), and most recently, at Homecoming '06 received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Catawba.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Frances Park Lippard Shoe; sons Ronald "Ronnie" N. Shoe of Asheville, Grady Jeffrey Shoe and Randal "Randy" Shoe of Mooresville; daughter Jane L. Beaver of Salisbury; brothers Art '50 and Dwight Shoe, both of China Grove, and Wayne Shoe of Nichols, S.C.; and five grandchildren.

**'50 Charles H. Wrenn** of Fayetteville died Jan. 1.

A U.S. Army veteran, he served during the Korean and Vietnam Wars and was stationed at Fort Bragg. After retirement, he taught at the Army Education Center there and at Southwood College in Salemburg. He earned his master's

degree and education specialist degrees at East Carolina University. He was employed in administration and as a principal with the Cumberland County School System until his retirement.

He was a member of Creasy Proctor Masonic Lodge and the Cumberland County Shrine Club. He was a faithful member of First Baptist Church in Fayetteville where he sang in the choir.

Survivors include his wife, the former Helen Rachel Smith '52, daughter Cindy Wrenn of Fayetteville, sister Gypsie Kepley of North Myrtle Beach, S.C., along with nieces and nephews.

**William D. "Bill" Billings** of Middletown, Del., died Feb. 5.

A U.S. Air Force veteran of World War II, he was employed as a teacher and coach for over 30 years in North Carolina and Delaware. He was noted for his football coaching expertise and won numerous state championships and coach of the year awards. He had 10 undefeated seasons in his tenure. While at Middletown High School, he led his first six teams to a 53-game winning streak, a record that still stands today. He was elected to the Catawba College Sports Hall of Fame in 1997 and to the Delaware Sports Hall of Fame in 1998.

Survivors include his college sweetheart and wife of 58 years, Carol Heatwol Billings '49; daughter Donna Nash of Charlottesville, Va.; three sons, Herky Billings of Lewes, Del., Ken Billings of Annapolis, Md., and Freddy Billings of Berlin, Md.; three sisters, Mabel Hicks of Richmond, Va., Helen Hatcher of Chesapeake, Va., and Evelyn Crisman of Chesapeake, Va.; 10 grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

**'51 James Murphy Scoggins, Sr.**, of Richmond, Va., died Feb. 13.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and was retired from Western Electric with more than 30 years of service. He was a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America.

Survivors include son James M. Scoggins, Jr. of Greensboro, daughter Kathy S. Scoggins of Raleigh, four grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

**The Rev. Lester D. Brown** of Lititz, Pa., died Jan. 13.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. After he received his bachelor's of divinity degree from Lancaster Theological Seminary, he was ordained and served as pastor at various churches in Lancaster, Berks and Perry County until his retirement in 1990. He was also retired from the Fleetwood School District in 1990. He was a member of St. Luke's United Church of Christ in Lititz where he served as a deacon.

He was preceded in death by daughter Sue Ann. Survivors include wife Ruth Neideigh Brown and son Scott D. Brown of Lititz.

**'53 William "Bill" Smoot Wagner** of Lenoir died Jan. 1.

He attended Catawba College and served as president of his freshman and sophomore classes. He served in the United States Air Force and earned his bachelor of arts degree from Furman University. In 1964, he was selected as one of the 45 civilians nationwide and one of four in the USAF, by the National Institute of Public Affairs, representing some of the nation's ablest young civil servants. He earned his master's degree in business from the University of Chicago and worked on his doctorate at Nova University.

Most recently he worked with the U.S. Government, with NASA at the Patrick Air Force Base in Cocoa Beach, Fla., as the comptroller of the Eastern Test Range. Upon his retirement, he returned to Lenoir as owner of Wagner Sand and Stone. He was instrumental in research and organization of the incorporation of the Village of Cedar Rock and served as councilman for more than 10 years since the Village's inception. He was a member of the Zion United Church of Christ and served as an Elder on the Consistory, and was on the outreach committee. He was also a Mason.

Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Elane Safford Wagner; son William Steven Wagner; daughter Dawn Wagner Still; brother James E. Wagner; four grandchildren; two nieces and one nephew.

**William Duane Peters** of Charleston, S.C. died Dec. 24.

A U.S. Naval veteran, he was host of a long-running talk radio show on WBEU in Beaufort, S.C.

Survivors include daughters Victoria Dowling and Sharon Burris of Beaufort.

**'56 David W. Griffin** of Davidson died Jan. 2.

Prior to attending Catawba, he has served in the U.S. Naval Air Reserve in Norfolk, Va., from 1951-1953. He earned his law degree from Washington University School of Law in Washington, D.C. in 1960. He was employed for 31 years by Southern Railway, which became Norfolk Southern Railway, in Washington until his retirement in 1987.

Survivors include his wife of 46 years, the former Geraldine "Gerry" Boswell; daughter Judith; son David; sisters Elaine Blackwelder of Concord; Mary Ellen Gordon of Winston-Salem; and Patricia Reed of Roanoke, Va.; along with numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

**'58 Donald Ray Stout** of Salisbury died Jan. 14.

After he graduated from Catawba College, he earned his master's degree in history from Appalachian State University. He taught school in Montgomery

County, Pilot Mountain, Thomasville, and Salisbury, before finally retiring from South Rowan High School. He served in both the U.S. Army and the Army Reserves for four years. He was a member of the First United Church of Christ where he taught Sunday school for over 20 years, was a member of the Men's Club, and the Prime Time Group. He was a member of the Harold B. Jarrett Post of the American Legion, assisted in many of the post programs, and directed its scholarship program. He was a member of the Salisbury Elks' Club, serving as chaplain and chair of the scholarship program. He had been a volunteer in charge of the Salisbury VA Hospital bingo program and worked with the Salvation Army Ringer club for several years.

Survivors include brother James A. Stout of Salisbury and three nephews.

**'60 W. Leonard Hunsucker** of Lexington, N.C., died Feb. 9.

A U.S. Navy Veteran, he served on the USS New Jersey during the Korean Conflict. He was retired from Union Carbide.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Anita Swing Hunsucker; son L. Mark Hunsucker of Greensboro; daughter Penny Thomson of Lexington; brother Jerry Hunsucker of Ocean Isle; and four grandchildren.

**'61 James B. Lyerly** of Salisbury died Dec. 25.

After his graduation from Catawba, he attended the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Columbia, S.C. and completed several internships at churches in South Carolina and Tennessee. He earned his master of arts degree from Appalachian State University.

He was an English teacher for many years and taught at Central Davidson High School and Davidson Community College in Lexington. He taught Sunday school for years and led and participated in many Biblical workshops. He was a member of Meadowview Presbyterian Church in Lexington.

He worked as a counselor and cook at Ambassador Camp in Lake Waccamaw and he owned and managed Miller Cove Campground at High Rock Lake in Rowan County.

Survivors include wife Paige Fowler Lyerly; his mother, Florence Pickler Miller of Salisbury; daughter Sara Draper of Apex and Laura Lyerly of Salisbury; brother Cicero Lyerly '60, sister Edith Cauble; granddaughter Sophia Elise Draper of Apex; along with nieces and nephews.

**'62 Alice Mitzi Zeger Swailes** of Mercersburg, Pa., died Dec. 2.

After her graduation from Catawba, she earned her master's degree in education from Shippensburg University. She was a retired school teacher who worked in

the Tuscarora School District.

Survivors include husband William, and adult children Jami and Billie.

**'64 Franklin Thomas Tadlock** of China Grove died Jan. 2.

He was president of Rank Corriher Beef and Sausage Co. for many years and also served as president of the N.C. Meat Processors Association, and as president and treasurer of the American Meat Processors Association. He served as a Rowan County Commissioner for 10 years, and during that time spent several years as chairman. He was active in the South Rowan YMCA, serving as chairman of the capital campaign committee for building it, and the Service Club. He was instrumental in the construction of the South Rowan Library which is named in his honor.

He was a longtime member of First Reformed Church in Landis and served as Sunday school superintendent, president of the Consistory, on the Long Range Planning Committee, Youth Adviser, Pastor Search Committee and was a Deacon.

Survivors include his wife of 45 years, Linda Sue Corriher Tadlock; sons Jon and Carl, both of Landis; brothers Gerald Tadlock of Murrells Inlet, S.C., and Harold Tadlock of Myrtle Beach, S.C.; sisters Eunice Gibson of Concord and Carolyn Terry of Badin; and five grandchildren.

**'68 Charles A. Noell** of Oak Ridge died Jan. 8.

He was a four-year varsity letterman during his time at Catawba. He earned his master's degree from Appalachian State University. His career included time as a teacher, coach and work in marketing and sales. He played the trumpet and participated in various band groups such as Mixed Emotions, Bethabara, Piedmont Wind Symphony, Phatt City, and Moravian bands. He was a member of Trinity Moravian Church in Kernersville.

Survivors include wife Elizabeth, son Bennett Charles Noell of Oak Ridge, his in-laws and numerous nieces and nephews.

**'69 Don Thompson Barnes**, 59, of Rocky Mount, died Dec. 31.

A veteran of the U.S. Navy, he was a member of the CB Band. He received a bachelor of arts degree at Catawba College and a master of fine arts from the University of North Carolina in Greensboro. While studying theater, he was managing director of Burnsville Playhouse in Burnsville. He was also associated with other theaters during his career, The Andy Griffith Theater, the Oak Ridge Theater in Tennessee and the Tank Theater in Rocky Mount. He was instrumental in the forming of Rocky Mount Theater in Rocky Mount, where he was managing director.

Survivors include his parents, Don

R. Barnes and Peggy Dulaney Barnes of High Point; sister Patricia B. Temple of Archdale; and several nephews and nieces.

**'74 Dr. Gudmundar S. Bodvarsson** of Berkeley, Calif., died in the fall of 2006.

He was employed as a hydrogeologist at Lawrence Berkeley Lab.

Survivors include wife Mary Gibson Bodvarsson '74.

**'79 Todd Gray Edmiston** of Hendersonville died Feb. 2.

Born in Salisbury, he grew up in Kannapolis and attended Kannapolis City Schools. He was an Eagle Scout and a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow. For many years, he was employed by Biggers Brothers Food Service in territory which included the Raleigh area. In 1996, he resigned from this business in order to run the food service and book store at Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute and earn his divinity degree there. He was ordained to the gospel ministry on Dec. 3, 2003 and served many churches as an interim and/or supply pastor while continuing to work fulltime at Fruitland in a number of capacities. He was an active member of Mud Creek Baptist Church in Flat Rock, where he was ordained, served on the staff, taught a Sunday school class and was a Deacon.

He was the son of Mrs. Rachel Kepley Edmiston of Kannapolis and the late Ed Gray Edmiston '49. Survivors include brother Gantt Edmiston, sister-in-law Ceci H. Edmiston, and nephew Robert Thomas Edmiston, all of Cary.

**'80 Benjamin Franklin "Benny" Callahan, III** of Concord died Jan. 9.

He was a two-sport star at Catawba, playing three years as a starter on the basketball team, and three seasons on the baseball team. After graduation, he reached the major leagues, playing for the New York Yankees and later the Oakland Athletics. A shoulder injury eventually cut his baseball career short. He was inducted into Catawba's Sports Hall of Fame in 1994.

He was employed as vice president of sales at the Resource Group/Telespectrum. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church and was an avid golfer and sports enthusiast.

Survivors include wife Robin Benson Callahan '80, daughter Caylan Noelle Callahan, son Denver Adair Callahan, brother James Newton Callahan of Dobson, and two half-sisters, Susan Atkins and Amanda Lichvar of Mount Airy.

**'95 Carrie Ann Egbert** of Haddon Heights, N.J. died Nov. 20.

Survivors include her parents, Don

Fla., died Nov. 21.

Survivors include husband Christopher.

## Class Notes

**'44 Vanda Lippert Crowell** enjoys hearing from long time friends by PO mail or e-mail [vanlipcro@bell-south.net](mailto:vanlipcro@bell-south.net). She loves attending the Salisbury-Rowan Symphony concerts event though she can't play anymore. Part of the joy of her life is substitute teaching Sunday School and being one of three who teach the senior ladies bible studies in church. God is so good to her. She is enjoying all of her grandchildren. As of January 2006 she has a grandson-in-law who loves flowers as much as she does and knows much more.

**'62 Al "Skip" Webb** retired from Eveready Battery Company, St. Louis in 1996 and now resides in Hampton, N.H. Al has served two terms as chairman of Hampton's Growth Management Oversight Board and one term on the Town's Budget Committee. Al is now serving on the Town's Recreation Advisory Council and the Aquarian Water Works Advisory Council. He is President of the James House Association, Inc. The organization is responsible for restoration of the 1705 homestead with a 1723 house having a 1705 el. The homestead is a National Historic Site. To see Al in his 1723 clothing and learn about the James House, access [jameshousemuseum.org](http://jameshousemuseum.org) You can contact Al through the James House website. Alumni living in New Hampshire and interested in becoming a director of the Association are asked to contact him. Al invites Catawba alumni to visit him and his wife at their Hampton home. While visiting they can enjoy the Hampton Beach Resort, the James House, and the nearby historic port city of Portsmouth.

**'63 Dolores "Dolly" Spanik Ayers** of Dallas, Texas is happy to announce the birth of her first grandchild, Ivan Gerrit. He was born in San Francisco, California on November 15, 2006. He weighed 7lbs 15 oz. and was 20" long. The proud parents are Dolly's only child, Linda "Kate," and husband David Austin-Groen. The delighted maternal grandfather is **Richard Ayers '60** of Little Rock, Arkansas. He was also a faculty member in Theatre at Catawba from 1963-1966. All persons related to baby Ivan are "over the moon." Please save him a place in the Class of 2024. Woo Woo!!

**'65 Carol A. Meyer nee Grogan** is enjoying her grandchildren, Cole, Ava, and Owen. You can write her at 132 Lafiya Drive, Palmyra, PA



17078. She would be happy to hear from friends.

**'66 Charles "Chuck" Call**, a retired Air Force Officer, retired again after 18 1/2 years at Kennedy Space Center on January 15, 2007. He and Marsha, his bride of two years, will travel and maintain their residence in Orlando, Fla. He would love to hear from his Catawba friends at [chuck-call@juno.com](mailto:chuck-call@juno.com).

**'68 John Elliott Joslin**, CFRE, Sr. Consultant with Donor2/Campus Management Corporation in Charlotte, N.C. has been elected to serve on the board of directors of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) in 2007.

**'70 Gerald "Jerry" Fuss** will soon begin his 12th year of ministry as Pastor of Emmanuel (Baust) United Church of Christ, Westminster, Md. Having lived and ministered in Carroll County, Md., for almost thirty years, he is active in the community in ecumenical, interfaith, and service-oriented groups. He has given particular leadership in the issue of access to health care for uninsured persons and helped generate the establishment of a community-based non-profit primary care service for lower-income, uninsured individuals. His wife, Libby is a senior practitioner in infection control at the University of Maryland Hospital in Baltimore and is a very active lay leader in their local church.

**Robert Turbyfill** is retired from the military as a Lieutenant Colonel. He is a former U.S. Marine and an Army National Guard Officer. Bob was a world-class athlete representing our nation seven times at World Orienteering Championship events. He was the Coach of the United States Orienteering Team at three World Championships. As a volunteer member on the USOF Coaching Committee, he currently serves as the Coaching Certifier for Olympic Levels 1, 2, and 3 coaches. He developed the criteria for this new certification and skills validation program. He is currently working as a contractor for an Alaskan native corporation "Bowhead Information Technology Service Incorporated" at the Department of Homeland Security in Washington, D.C. In his spare time, he teaches and coaches orienteering at Garrett College in Maryland and at the United States Military Academy in West Point, N.Y. For information on navigation certification contact Robert at (301) 705-7541 or e-mail at [turbyr300@bigplanet.com](mailto:turbyr300@bigplanet.com).

**'71 Elliott Bayer** retired after 31 plus years in management with Social Services for the City of Roanoke.

Now he is driving for Carilion Labs. He travels to clinics, hospitals, and doctor's offices to pick up specimens and deliver them to a lab for testing. **Kenna's '71** going to wait a few more years before she retires from her job.

**Carolyn Williford McDade** opened The McDade Gallery in Kennesaw, Ga. in November 2006. It is a place to show her work and those of other artists, and to teach drawing and painting classes. She has specialized in portrait painting for several years now, but she also paints landscapes and still lifes. See her website <http://www.carolynmcdade.com/> for more information and to see photos of the Gallery opening.

**Jenny Baskin Vanderford** is proud and relieved to announce that she has received her National Board Teaching Certification.

**'72 J. Mark Golding and I. Scott Johnson '73** took first place in the 2006 Mayberry Air Race. The aircraft was a Piper Arrow PA28R. All pilots and friends please visit MWK (Mt. Airy, N.C.).

**Pat McQuaid** is an Athletic Director and Head Baseball Coach at Nova High School in Davie, Fla. His baseball teams are 80-4 over the last three years, with back to back state championships on the class 5-A level in Florida against top competition.

**'74 Donald "Glenn" Elzey** married Cindy Sexton on June 17, 2006. They enjoyed their honeymoon in the Bahamas.

**Dail Harris Grimm, Cindy Rapp Julian '74, Sue Mensinger Stewart '74, Allison Grimes Wheeler '73, and Donna Dick Wiseman '73** met at Lake Lure, N.C. recently for a weekend reunion. These Catawba friends try to get together several times a year and would love to hear from other Catawba folks. You can e-mail any of them through [sustew@exchange.vt.edu](mailto:sustew@exchange.vt.edu).

**Leslie Linton** says hello to Catawba friends. Becky it was great to see you. The campus of Catawba looked so beautiful during her homecoming visit. Leslie works for a global real estate consulting firm in Atlanta and still plays a lot of tennis.

**'75 Kathryn "Kathi" Daylor** announces that the Four East Ladies of 1975 partied one more time at a recent gathering in Annandale, Va. In attendance were Kathi, **Martha MacKelcan '75, Susan Cassidy Murphy '75, and Carol Giles Kelly '75.** They were

## 1960s Close-up Salisbury-Rowan Dorm's "A" Section together again

Some of life's most meaningful relationships are created on the Catawba College campus and recently, a few were re-kindled. Gathering in Salisbury on January 27 were a few former residents of the dorms "Section of Distinguished Men since 1948". All members of the class of 1962, George Drum, Bruce Griffith, Verne Lanier, Alan Mizeras, and Bob Wilson returned for laughs and memories. Lunch at a local restaurant followed by dessert and visiting at Wilson's home made for a great day. While all five graduated in 1962, none have left Catawba far behind. Drum and Griffith are professors at Catawba College; Wilson and Lanier serve on the Board of Visitors; and Mizeras has retired to North Carolina and just might see more campus time in his future! These distinguished men had a great time together and encourage all Catawba alumni to reunite with their own special classmates.



Front row, left to right: Verne Lanier, Alan Mizeras, George Drum. Back row, left to right: Bob Wilson, Bruce Griffith

joined by **Mike Lineburg '75** and **Randy Loeb '75**. Kathi would love to hear from old friends at [kathidaylor@verizon.net](mailto:kathidaylor@verizon.net).

**Roseanne O'Mahony** teaches 11th grade special education chemistry at Pennwood High School in Lansdowne, Penn. Classmates can reach her at [omahonyrose@rcn.com](mailto:omahonyrose@rcn.com).

**'77 John Barton** has just completed 12 of 14 months working on the island of Oahu in Hawaii. As of February 19th he will be employed as a staff RN in the ICU at Banner Health Estrella Medical Center in Phoenix, Arizona. If you enjoy sunny, warm weather and golf, give him a call at (302)258-6307 or e-mail him at [alohajohnny@hotmail.com](mailto:alohajohnny@hotmail.com).

**'78 Scott Alexander** retired from SCEducation after 28 years. He is living in the small town of Venus, Texas, about 40 miles south of Ft. Worth. He has taken a computer lab job at the local middle school. Life is good!

**Harry Boone** now resides in Abingdon, Va. with his son, Walt (13). He teaches studio art and art history at The University of Virginia's College at Wise. You can contact him at 17421

Mahogany Drive, Abingdon, VA 24210 or [hboone@va.net](mailto:hboone@va.net).

**'79 William H. Duncan** has been named Chief Financial Officer at High Point University. He is responsible for all aspects of the University's finances.

**'80 Rick Riedel** has earned his Ph.D. in Business Administration after 28 years in ministry. He is taking a position as Dean of Students at Presentation College in Aberdeen, S.D.

**'81 Dale Waltman** is a Lieutenant Colonel in the Pennsylvania Army National. He serves in the Joint Force Headquarters at Ft. Indiantown Gap, Penn. Dale can be reached at [dale.waltman@us.army.mil](mailto:dale.waltman@us.army.mil).

**Janice Palmer Waltman** has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Army Reserve. She currently serves as a Division Chief in the Headquarters of the 99th Regional Readiness Command in Coraopolis, Penn. Janice was deployed to Kuwait in 2005 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. She can be reached at [janice.waltman@us.army.mil](mailto:janice.waltman@us.army.mil).

'84 **Laura "Libby" Beach Nessley** and her husband Martin welcomed the arrival of healthy twins (one boy/one girl) on January 31, 2007. Martin James "MJ," weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz. and his sister Morgan Lee weighed 5 lbs. 13 oz. The Nessley's are still living in Durham and are owners of the Sunset Grille, with locations in Durham and Cary. They would love to hear from their friends at Catawba at [lnessley@arcadis-us.com](mailto:lnessley@arcadis-us.com).

**T. Scott Robinson** and **Sandy Wilson Robinson '83** announce that 2006 was a big year for them. Scott was promoted to Colonel in the United States Army in August. He is currently attending the Industrial College of the Armed Forces at Fort McNair, Washington, D.C. and will graduate in June 2007. Sandy was promoted to Executive Director of United BioSource Corporations Center for Pricing and Reimbursement in October. They still enjoy living in the DC metro area.

'88 **Jon Leonard** was promoted on February 17, 2007 to Deputy Fire Marshal of the Charlotte Fire Department Fire Prevention Bureau. He can be reached at [jleonard@ci.charlotte.nc.us](mailto:jleonard@ci.charlotte.nc.us).

'90 **Jim Tomsula** has joined the San Francisco 49ers as the defensive line coach.

'91 **Julie Rummel O'Connor** and husband Brad would like to announce the birth of their third child, Samantha Jordan. She was born on September 29, 2006. She joins big brothers, Patrick (8) and Andrew (5). Julie continues to do administrative/human resource work from home which allows her to take care of their new daughter and also to volunteer at their childrens' school.

**Roderick Simmons** has been named the new director of the city of Asheville Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs.

**Patrick Wolter** would like to hear from former teammates and friends at [wolter4@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wolter4@sbcglobal.net).

'92 **Bill Flora** and wife Kristine would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Eleanor Mary. She was born on August 17, 2006.

'93 **Donna Grubbs Rymer** had two Catawba College professors visit her AIG classes. Dr. Kurt Corriher spoke about his book and Dr. Bethany Sinnott discussed the life and times of William Shakespeare. Donna tries to maintain a connection with past pro-

fessors by involving them in her students' learning. Her students also collaborated with Catawba by donating items to send to the orphans in Russia.

**Maria Yocum**, after completing a Master's of Sacred Theology at Yale Divinity, has accepted a call to serve as the pastor of Second Congregational Church in Coventry, Connecticut. She is currently living in Manchester, Connecticut and can be contacted at [meyocum@cox.net](mailto:meyocum@cox.net).

'94 **Elaine Doll Hopper** and **Rick Hopper '95** wish to announce the birth of their daughter, Caroline Grace. She was born on Thanksgiving Day, November 23, 2006. Elaine, Rick, Caroline, and three year old Elizabeth, continue to reside in Churchton, Md.

**April Horton Lambirth** and husband Jason are happy to announce the birth of their first child, Shawn Augustus. He was born December 6, 2006, weighing 7 lbs. 2 oz. Mother and baby are happy and healthy. They would love to hear from their Catawba friends at [april@lambirth.com](mailto:april@lambirth.com).

**Dr. John "Matt" McGrath, Jr.** became an ordained Baptist preacher of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus on February 4, 2007.

'95 **Allison Ankerson Makovec** and her husband Mark would like to introduce the birth of their third son, Mark Austin. Austin was born on January 2, 2007 weighing 10 lbs. 2 oz. and 21 1/4" long. Austin joins brothers; Mason Garrett (4 1/2) and Morgan John (2). Allison writes that she would like to hear from friends at [amakovec@juno.com](mailto:amakovec@juno.com) or [themakovecs@cox.net](mailto:themakovecs@cox.net).

**Megan Kelley Small** and **Tom Small '95** would like to announce that "yes, they are trying to take over the world!" Their latest addition was on March 7, 2006, a baby boy, Evan Thomas. He weighed 7lbs. and was 18 inches long at his birth. He joins his sisters Sophia (4) and Cora (8), and big brother Chandler (11). Tom is pursuing a Master's in Special Education. Megan is pursuing her nursing degree while also selling real estate in her spare time. Life is busy, but good! They hope all of their Catawba friends are doing well!

**Cheryl Stotsenburg St. Germain** would like to announce the recent adoption of her step-daughter, Andrea St. Germain, now as her legal daughter. The ceremony took place on November 15, 2006 in Toms River, N.J. She and her husband Garth would like to share the happiness with all of their friends. Friends are welcome to contact her at [princess08050@hotmail.com](mailto:princess08050@hotmail.com) or [Cheryl.st.germain@curascript.com](mailto:Cheryl.st.germain@curascript.com).

## "Guess Who" Quiz!



Who is this member of the class of 1970 . . . now proudly serving her alma mater as Dean of Evening and Graduate Studies?

(turn to the end of Class Notes for the answer)

'96 **Dawn Cook Gunn** and husband Brandon took a leap of faith and moved their life to east Texas to start a plumbing company in her husband's hometown. With much hard work and faith they are doing great and are successful. They love living in the county and don't miss city life. They would love to hear from other Catawba alumni at [gunnplumbing@bluebonnet.net](mailto:gunnplumbing@bluebonnet.net).

**Devane Harvey**, Kimelon, Brandi, and Breah would like to say Hello. Devane started working in April 2006 as an Account Executive Loan Officer with Countrywide Home Loans in Raleigh, N.C. It is the nation's largest mortgage company. If you need a home loan or looking to refinance, give him a call at 800-567-4936 ext.5986 or e-mail at [Devane\\_Harvey@countrywide.com](mailto:Devane_Harvey@countrywide.com). Go Indians! Any old friends give him a call or e-mail.

**Dr. Jolene Miller Henning** has been named the Educator of the Year by the NC Athletic Trainers' Association. She is the director of the graduate program in athletic training at UNC-Greensboro. Jolene and Keith live in Greensboro, N.C. and would love to hear from old friends at [jmhenni2@uncg.edu](mailto:jmhenni2@uncg.edu).

'97 **Melinda Driscoll Braun** is staying home with her two wonderful and energetic children, Ella (2) and Donovan "D"(1). She and her husband own their own business specializing in promotional and customized products, and may be reached at [www.goodsforgiving.com](http://www.goodsforgiving.com).

'98 **Cristin Stebbins Cox** and husband Fred would like to welcome the newest addition to the Cox household, Garrett Andrew. He was born September 5, 2006. Garrett joins his two older brothers, Carter (1) and Mason (4). Cristin would love to hear from some fellow alums at [Csstubby@carolina.rr.com](mailto:Csstubby@carolina.rr.com).

'99 **Heather Jordan** and Grey Hinshaw were married on November 11, 2006 in West Jefferson, N.C. Catawba alum **Ashlee Fisher '99** helped celebrate the day.

'00 **Kevin Auten** has been promoted to the Criminal Captain at the Rowan County Sheriff's Office. In this position he supervises the Patrol, Detective, Special Investigation and Child Abuse Divisions. He has been with the Sheriff's Office for 19 years. Friends can reach him at work (704) 216-8671 or by e-mail at [autenk1811@yahoo.com](mailto:autenk1811@yahoo.com).

**Jason "J.D." Davis** would like to announce that he has accepted a position as the Defensive Backs Coach and Special Teams Coordinator at Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond, Louisiana. Southeastern Louisiana is a division I school in the Southland Conference. He was most recently at Delta State University (2003-2006). This past season at Delta State they finished 12-3 and advanced to the Division II semifinal playoff game. He would love to hear from old friends at [coachjddavis@hotmail.com](mailto:coachjddavis@hotmail.com).

**Sean Hurley** married Megan in September 2006. They are living in South Jersey. He has started a new job with Automotive Resources International in Mt. Laurel, N.J. as an account administrator handling large fleets with various companies. He would love to hear from past classmates, please send an e-mail to [shurley1977@comcast.net](mailto:shurley1977@comcast.net).

**Ruth Taylor Wareham** and **Bryan Wareham '00** became sweethearts at Catawba and celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary on March 9, 2007. They live in Petersburg, Va. Ruth teaches Drama and Speech at Colonial Heights High School. Bryan teaches Culinary Arts at the Technical School.



'01 **Todd Bachman** announces his engagement to Trisha Davis. The wedding is planned for September 2, 2007 in Charleston, S.C. He is currently employed by Don King Productions, Inc. in Deerfield Beach, Fla. as the Director of Governmental Affairs. She currently teaches advertising and broadcasting at the Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale and started a company, Considering Your Career, producing career videos for high school and college students.

**Amit Chandra** recently graduated with a MBA with an emphasis in International Business and is looking for jobs nationwide.

**Claire Carson Kyser** and husband Shane were married in a beach ceremony on Jekyll Island on October 21, 2006. The couple resides in Brunswick, Ga. Claire has started a tennis academy and is a full-time tennis instructor. Friends can contact her at [clarie@ctassi.com](mailto:clarie@ctassi.com).

**Patricia Finch Love** just wanted to update everyone that she has started her very own business as a makeup artist. Her company's name is Perfection by Patricia. Her focus is on weddings, print, commercial, fashion shows, events, and photo shoots. She is also a part time model. Some of her work includes: Social Magazine as a makeup

artist and model, Southern Girls 2007 calendar, and she has worked very closely with G105/Clear Channel Radio and many other outstanding opportunities including working with the next Miss North Carolina pageant. If anyone would like to view her portfolio, please visit: [www.modelplace.com](http://www.modelplace.com); profile number 9187.

**Jess Conway Murphy** would like to announce that she was married on September 30th to Dan Murphy, a senior field engineer with Approva. Jess received her MA in elementary education and is teaching 1st grade in Maryland. She would love to hear from friends. Please e-mail her at [sweettjubean@att.net](mailto:sweettjubean@att.net).

**Anthony Spencer** and wife Kristin would like to welcome an addition to their family. Kristin gave birth to a baby girl on December 18, 2006, Kaleigh Victoria. They would love to hear from anyone at [spenceranthony@bellsouth.net](mailto:spenceranthony@bellsouth.net).

'03 **Kim Clayton Lewis** and husband Blake welcomed their first child, Theron Blake in January 2005. He is their little miracle and they feel very blessed to have him in their lives.

**Oshen Sands** and Jonathan Wallin would like to announce their engagement. They

wedding will take place May 26, 2007 in Mount Airy, N.C. Oshen has been promoted with the Natural Resources Conservation Service as a Watershed Conservationist for the Little Tennessee watershed basin. She now lives in Waynesville, N.C.

**Toby Stark** is now an account executive for a payroll company. He is responsible for acquiring over 100 businesses a year and generating over 100K in revenue for the company.

**Bob Walker** is currently living in NYC and starring in "Hedwig & the Angry Inch."

'04 **Laura Beth Hartis** is working at Lowe's Corporate Office in Mooresville as their Product Copy Editor, within the Merchandising Support division. She will be getting married on September 8, 2007 to Kelly Barnhart of Southmont, N.C. Along with a new husband, she will gain a step-son as well. They will live in her current residence in Salisbury.

'05 **Anthony Johnson**, who has been working as a performer for Universal Studios Japan since February 2006, writes to tell us that his contract has been extended and he will be staying in Osaka until March 2008.

**Carolyn Brannon Kramkowski** marched with the Murray State Racer Band this past fall. She is also the bands graduate assistant. Their season highlight was marching at Bands of America Grand Nationals as the exhibition band in Indianapolis, Indiana at the RCA Dome. They performed Friday night after Prelims at Celebrate America where they announced the semi-finalist. They also performed at the end of the semi-finals on Saturday. It was estimated at each performance there were 20,000 students, parents, teachers, and fans. Pictures and information on MSU Racer Band can be found at [www.racerband.com](http://www.racerband.com).

'06 **Tabitha Solomon** got engaged on November 17, 2006 to Charles Daniel Hall of Cullowhee, N.C. A wedding is planned for October 13, 2007.

## "Guess who" answer:

Meet

**Dr. Edith McCanless Bolick '70!**

## Former Catawba College First Lady Dies

Mary Omwake Dearborn, beloved former first lady of Catawba College, died December 6 after a short period of declining health. Mrs. Dearborn, 95, was the daughter of Catawba's 13th president, Dr. Howard R. Omwake (1931-42) and the wife of Catawba's 15th president, Dr. Donald Dearborn (1963-1967).

A memorial service for Mrs. Dearborn was held in the Omwake-Dearborn Chapel on campus at 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 9.

"The loss of Mary Dearborn will be felt throughout the fabric of the Catawba College community," said Catawba College President Dr. Robert Knott. "Mary was a lovely and gracious institution at the College. She not only carried with her a living memory of Catawba College and its people, but she embodied the very best qualities of who a Catawba person is."

Mrs. Dearborn was attending Middlebury College when her father became president of Catawba in 1931. After her graduation, she came to Salisbury and coached a variety of women's sports at Catawba, played the organ for chapel, and taught French. At Catawba, she met a young mathematics professor, Dr. Donald Dearborn, who would eventually become dean and then president of Catawba. The two were married on July 1, 1937.

Thereafter, Mrs. Dearborn "kept home" and raised the couple's three children, Katharine, Ralph and Betsy, while actively supporting her husband's burgeoning career at Catawba. Dr. Dearborn assumed the Catawba presidency on March 1, 1963 and Mrs. Dearborn became the institution's first lady.

Catawba College Trustee and Alumna Martha Kirkland West '59 grew up on the Catawba campus, the daughter of legendary coach and faculty member, the late Gordon Kirkland. She recalled with fondness her lifelong relationship with Mary Dearborn: "She was a part of my life from the day I was born. My family lived across the hall from her family for five years (in Newton Hall on the Catawba campus, faculty apartments, now Hurley Hall). I just always knew that she was interested in what I was doing.

"At age 95, she went to football games, to plays, and to concerts," West continued. "She played bridge at my house three weeks ago - to think that we had gone from her teaching me to sing little songs when I was two years old to us playing bridge in my bridge club together. She just was amazing in so many ways."

West remembered that when Mrs. Dearborn left her home on Summit Avenue to move to Trinity Oaks several years ago, she had "a house cooling." "It's the opposite of a house warming," West explained. "Mary wanted her friends to come and pick out something of hers to keep. I picked a Christmas decoration and I put it out every year."

Despite moving from her longtime home across the street from the Catawba campus to Trinity Oaks, "Mary went with such a positive attitude," West remembered.

Catawba College Senior Vice President Tom Childress shared this memory of Mrs. Dearborn: "She celebrated her 95th birthday on campus this year during the Carson-Newman football game. At the pre-game meal, she was serenaded with "Happy Birthday" by over 250 well-wishers. Later with birthday cake in the President's Box, she was ready for the contest. During the game when the crowd became a little quiet in the box, she instructed everyone to make some noise, and we did! With a thrilling victory, she again had a big hand in leading Catawba to another win."

On November 11, 1967, while sitting in the Shuford Stadium stands at another Catawba College football game with her mother, husband and friends, Mrs. Dearborn's life was forever changed. Dr. Dearborn suffered a fatal heart attack that afternoon while watching the contest between Catawba and Guilford. He was 57 years old and left behind Mrs. Dearborn and their three children, two of whom had completed their college degrees, and the youngest of whom was completing her senior year in college.

After her husband's death, Mrs. Dearborn cultivated and maintained her strong connections to Catawba. She worked in the alumni office of the college from 1968 through 1977.

"She was one of my best friends because we knew so many of the same people from both Catawba and the UCC," explained longtime Catawba employee and alumna Louise Tucker '44. "We could make connections between students who were at Catawba and their parents and probably, their grandparents."

Mrs. Dearborn was a longtime member of the Chiefs Club and actively supported events sponsored by the Shuford School of Performing Arts. Catawba awarded her an honorary doctorate in 1976, the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award in 1977, and the Catawba Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1988. In 1995, at Catawba's annual Service of Praise and Thanksgiving, she was one of five individuals recognized for their exemplary lives of service. She held leadership positions in a number of civic and professional clubs and was active on the local, conference and national levels of the United Church of Christ. She was president of Senior Citizens Prime Timers from 1986-1993 and volunteered with the United Way, Rowan Community Concert Association, Meals on Wheels and the Council on Aging. A voracious reader, she was a member of Mardi Book Club and Travelers Club and regularly attended Catawba's annual Brady Author's Symposium.

In addition to her three children, survivors include five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. The family requests that in lieu of flowers memorial gifts be made to the Omwake-Dearborn Scholarship fund at Catawba College, 2300 W. Innes Street, Salisbury, NC or the First United Church of Christ, 207 W. Horah Street, Salisbury, NC 28144.





## Photographer Displays Photos of Afghanistan during Residency at Catawba



*Photographer Luke Powell discusses his exhibit with Catawba students.*

World-renowned photographer Luke Powell, a native North Carolinian and UNC Chapel Hill alumnus who has traveled and worked extensively in Afghanistan spent a week-long residency on campus March 12-16. He exhibited his photographs in Peeler Crystal Lounge on campus, offered commentary in various classes, and offered several lectures focused on his own Afghan experiences.

Powell's residency was planned to help Catawba's first-year students further explore Khalid Hosseini's "Kite Runner." "Kite Runner," Hosseini's best selling first novel about coming of age in Afghanistan, is Catawba's common reading selection this year for all new students.

"Kite Runner" has provided both a starting point and a context for a year-long conversation between students and their faculty about globalization and consilience.

Singh is just one of several guests to campus whose visits have provided a common thread for intellectual discussion throughout the first-year experience.

"Kite Runner," written by Afghan immigrant Hosseini, was published in 2003. It is the tale of a friendship between two Afghan boys and how one's betrayal of the other affects their adult lives in Kabul and California.

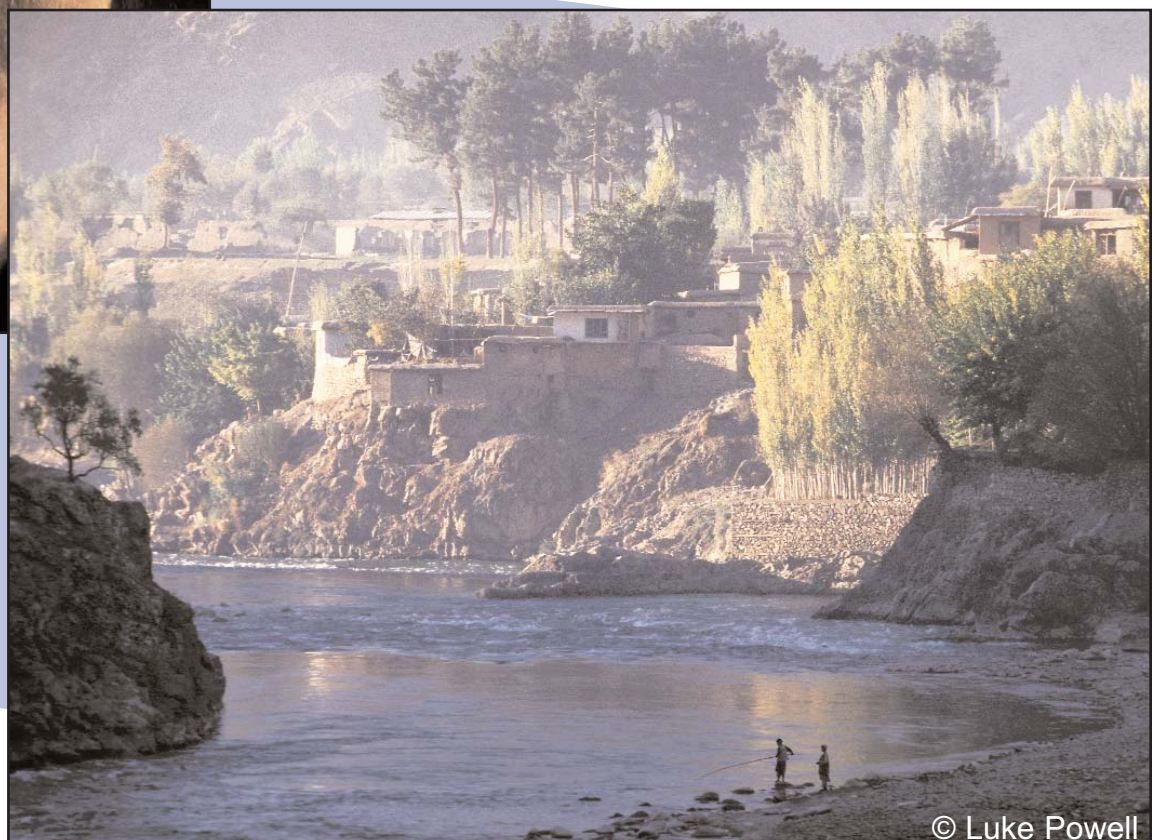
Incorporating universal themes, the novel's storyline stretches across several decades of Afghan history, from the monarchy of Mohammad Zahir Shah through the bloodless coup of 1973, the Communist takeover in 1978, the Soviet invasion in 1979 and the reign of the Taliban ending after the American invasion in 2001.



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