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Trustees elect new president

The Catawba College Board of Trustees has elected Dr. Robert E. Knott as the 20th President of Catawba College. That unanimous action came March 20th during a called meeting of the Trustees in the Hurley Room on campus. Trustee James G. Whitton, chair of the 16-member Presidential Search Committee, made the formal motion to elect Dr. Knott.

Dr. Knott was one of the two finalists for the Catawba College Presidency. He will succeed Catawba's 19th President J. Fred Corriher, Jr. who last September announced his intention to retire after 10 years in the post. He will take the helm from Corriher after a transition period. Catawba's President-Elect is now completing his faculty responsibilities for spring semester at Mars Hill College.

Since 1999, Dr. Knott has served as Chancellor of Mars Hill College where he has been the chief operating officer responsible for all programs and personnel of the College. During his term as Chancellor, he led

the SACS reaccreditation process to successful reaffirmation; administered the implementation of a new three-school structure and recruited and appointed Deans; coordinated the process for strategic planning of facilities development and securing of \$10 million bond to initiate renovation of facilities; and, coordinated planning and adoption of a new General Studies Curriculum, securing a \$400,000 grant for its implementation.

Dr. Knott made the following statement after his election by the Catawba College Trustees:

"The opportunity to return to Catawba College and Salisbury comes to Brenda and myself as an honor and a challenge. We are honored to be asked to rejoin the many good people of the College and community - people whom we have come to know, like and respect.

The challenge is to build on the good work done by Bonnie and Fred Corriher and carry Catawba College to an ever strengthened level of academic distinction.

We are encouraged by the excitement and expectations

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New head football coach

Chip Hester will succeed David Bennett as head coach of the Catawba College football program. He becomes the 20th football coach in school history.

In December of 2001, Bennett announced he was resigning to accept a position as head coach at Costal Carolina University in Conway, S.C. Hester, who joined the Catawba football staff in 1995 and served under Bennett for seven seasons, was viewed as a natural successor to him.

For three of his seven years at Catawba, Hester was part of the South Atlantic Conference Coaching Staff of the Year. The Indians won back-to-back conference titles in 2000 and 2001 and have qualified for the NCAA II Playoffs for the past three seasons, advancing to the semifinals in 2001.



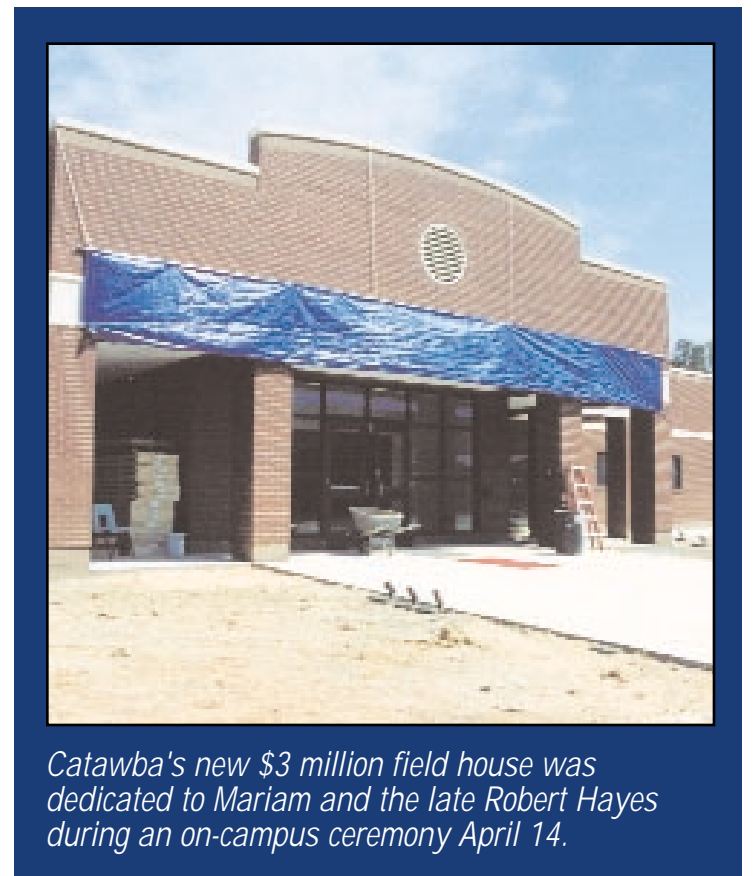
Coach Hester with his daughter

"Eight years ago, Catawba took a chance and appointed a young assistant coach as Catawba's head football coach," stated Catawba College President J. Fred Corriher, Jr. "That decision proved to be a wise one, and so again Catawba is looking to youth in the appointment of Chip Hester as head football coach, effective immediately."

"It is a great honor to be named the next head coach at Catawba College," said Hester. "I hope to continue the excellent tradition that has grown here at Catawba. The formula that is in place is a successful one. The priorities of faith, family and education, followed by football, will remain in place."

"It takes a man of strong character to want to follow David Bennett," said Catawba Athletic Director Dennis Davidson. "We believe that Chip Hester is that man. Coach Hester is an outstanding young football coach, but just as important, is a great young man who

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Catawba's new \$3 million field house was dedicated to Mariam and the late Robert Hayes during an on-campus ceremony April 14.

Parting is such sweet sorrow

A It may come as no surprise to you that my final Presidential article for CAMPUS has been hard to get on paper. A lot of thoughts have been swirling around my head for weeks now, but the editor tells me it is time to get on with it.

There is something that makes me want to hold on tenaciously to Catawba College. It was a part of my life long before I became President nearly ten years ago. This campus had its impact on my life long before I became a student in the fall of 1956; long before I worked as Alumni Director in the 1960s; and long before I joined the Board of Trustees in 1976. It has shaped my life in ways that cannot be measured and for that I shall be eternally grateful, and it will forever be remembered in my thoughts and prayers.

I owe a debt of gratitude to a lot of wonderful people. The Board of Trustees, from which I claim I was demoted to become President, is and has been a constant source of inspiration, support and comfort. As a body, they have never wavered in their support of my efforts, probably far more than has been deserved. Their incomparable generosity is the envy of every college president

in the universe. And their uncommon love of Catawba College as evidenced by their dedicated and committed service cannot be matched.

To the President's Cabinet and my administrative staff who have served with me, I will be forever grateful. Their sometimes unquestioning obedience to my whims and quirks has been gratifying, and to a large degree, has spoiled me forever. Their dedication can only be compared to that of our Board's. They are professionals in the very best sense of the word, and deserve the plaudits of all who love Catawba.

The faculty welcomed me as a non-academic into their special realm of intellectual pursuits with an appropriate degree of skepticism. We have often disagreed, but have tried to do so agreeably. I appreciate their tolerance of my impatience with the leisurely pace of academic decision-making. The Catawba College faculty is without peer in terms of their potential and their capability. There is no doubt in my mind that Dr. Knott will be able to appropriately challenge them to

rise to fulfill that potential in ways that I have failed.

The large body of staff members, from the housekeeping and maintenance staff to the middle-level management team, has been a pleasure to work with. Many of them go about their daily tasks in a quiet, unobtrusive manner, neither seeking nor receiving much recognition. They are the silent heroes of Catawba, and I can't thank them enough for their hard work and loyalty.

The students at Catawba College have been a joy. Their unbridled enthusiasm for life is awesome, but it is their mental and social maturation that takes place during their years here that is truly awe inspiring. To watch them enter as freshmen and flower and grow in front of our very eyes reminds us of why Catawba College exists. For their exuberance, their openness and their friendship, my family and I are deeply indebted.

The Salisbury-Rowan community could not have been more supportive. Their backing of Catawba has never been at a higher level and their deep concern for the well-being of this college is gratifying.

In the past months, there have been some plaudits to come my way of which I am deeply appreciative. Over the coming weeks, I suspect that there might be even more. However, I am always reminded of the four previous Catawba College Presidents who were untimely taken from this life while still serving as president. Presidents Elmer Hoke, Howard Omwake, Donald Dearborn and Stephen Wurster all did not live to hear the plaudits they each had so richly earned. It will be on their behalf that I accept any words of commendation or praise. Their lives and their service to Catawba College have contributed so much to the rich fabric of our history that anything I might have done pales by comparison.

Finally, I must save my most fervent thanks for my wonderful family. When I accepted the presidency, I told the Board of Trustees that I would do anything for Catawba except sacrifice my family life. It was a commitment that has been honored more in the breach than in the observance. My wonderful wife, Bonnie, I cannot praise highly enough for the constancy of her support, her friendship and her love. She has been the head of our family by default, and has done a marvelous job as wife, mother and First Lady. Each of my five children, Susan, Charlotte, Frederick, Mary and John Lotan, have been without a full-time father for all too long. I owe them a special part of the rest of my life.

To Dr. Robert Knott, my long-time friend and mentor, I offer my most genuine and heartfelt support as he assumes this job as head of a wonderful institution. Keep it well, my friend.

To all the rest of you, may God continue to bless each of you and keep you safe. And I pray that God may also continue to pour out His blessings on Catawba College and all who labor and learn on her campus.



*J. Fred Corriher, Jr.
President of the College*



*To honor retiring nineteenth President and Mrs. J. Fred
Corriher, Jr.,
the Catawba College Board of Trustees
and
the Faculty and Staff
invite you to a reception*

*on Sunday, the twenty-first of April
from three until five o'clock*

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A brief program of appreciation will begin at four o'clock



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College set to meet and exceed Capital Campaign goal of \$56.5 Million

The Catawba College Board of Trustees learned February 19 that the college's capital campaign will likely reach and exceed its goal of \$56.5 million dollars by the May 31 deadline. Catawba's Senior Vice President Tom Childress told the board at its annual meeting on campus that funds raised in the campaign stood at \$54 million as of January 1.

The five-year capital campaign began in 1997 and funds raised have been designated for infrastructure improvements, building renovations, scholarships and to fund the college's endowment.

Catawba President J. Fred Corriher, Jr., attending his last regular Board of Trustees meeting as college president, spoke of the success of the campaign and the college's need to move beyond the two tragedies which have shaken it during this academic year. Corriher said, "Despite all our grief, we must now, perhaps more than ever before, keep our eyes set on the tasks at hand and move forward with a fervor and passion worthy of our calling. We must finish the capital campaign and do so with a goodly margin of victory.

"We must keep our eyes focused on the strategic planning process which should be the measuring stick by which all our decisions are gauged. We must greet our new President and his or her family as one of our own, and begin the process of steeping them in the rich history and traditions of Catawba College. Finally we must, above all, keep an abiding faith in Almighty God who has brought us thus far."

The trustees were unanimous in their decision to raise tuition and fees and room and board by 6.1 percent for the 2002-2003 academic year. Catawba's tuition and fees and room and board costs will increase from the current \$19,220 to \$20,400 annually.

The college's boarding students are not the only ones affected by a price increase. Students currently enrolled in the Catawba's Lifelong Learning program will see their tuition rates increase by \$10 per credit hour, from \$180 to \$190. New students enrolling in the Lifelong Learning program after May 31, 2002 will pay an additional \$40 per credit hour, from the current \$180 to \$220.

Despite the increases, Chief Enrollment Officer Brian Best told trustees that the goal of Catawba's Office of Admissions is to bring in 400 new students this fall. He predicts that nine new major specific scholarships, in teacher education, chemistry, music, foreign language, environmental science, athletic training, psychology, mathematics and theatre arts will assist recruiting efforts. "These scholarships allow the faculty to be involved in recruiting," Best said, "and help us bring in the best and brightest students."

Catawba's Office of Admissions has also recently reworked its scholarship awards and merit grants matrix "to try and raise the bar on the students we bring in," Best explained. The new minimum criteria students must have to be awarded a merit grant include a grade point average of 2.5 and a minimum score of 860 on the SAT. With the new matrix, awards made to students with lower overall scores will decrease, while awards made to students with higher

scores will increase. Awards made from this matrix are also based on leadership and character.

Trustees were apprised of the work of several sub-committees chaired by their fellow trustees. Greg Alcorn, chair of the Admissions and Retention Sub-Committee, reported that the goal of his committee was "to eliminate ourselves as a committee." Alcorn's sub-committee is studying how to increase Catawba's rate of retention, how to achieve better satisfaction among the students, and how to raise standards in recruiting new students. Alcorn said this committee would be working closely with the College's Strategic Planning Committee to make sure that the admissions and retention goals it sets are addressed incrementally within a new five-year strategic plan.

Trustee Sara Cook, chair of a sub-committee on Enhancing and Strengthening Student Life, reported that her group will be studying and making recommendations to the Board and college administrators about the type of policy that needs to be in place on campus regarding alcohol and substance abuse issues. Components of this policy, she explained, would include "education awareness, assistance for high-risk students, consequences of use, support for non-use students and support for a comprehensive program of change."

Trustee Bill Graham reported on the work of a sub-committee he chairs that is studying the possible relocation of the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Hall of Fame to the Catawba College campus. He said the Salisbury-Rowan Merchants Association had approached the college about such a move that could involve the sale of that organization's current location on Innes Street and additional fund-raising to construct a new facility on Catawba's campus. This new facility could become the property of the college and house not only the NSSA Hall of Fame, but also the college's Communications Department and Lifelong Learning program. The Board of Trustees voted to allow the Executive and Finance Committee to study the proposal further and make the decision about whether or not to pursue this endeavor with the Salisbury-Rowan Merchants Association.

The Board of Trustees learned that a committee chaired by Trustee Shuford Abernethy is working with the executive search firm of Jon McRae and Associates to seek a new Dean of Students for Catawba. This committee consists of three faculty, three staff, and three student members. Its goal, Abernethy said, is to identify two unranked candidates from its search process and make recommendations of these two candidates to both President Fred Corriher and Catawba's new president. The committee's goal is to have this position filled by July 1.

The trustees learned from Dr. Ken Clapp, Catawba's Senior Vice President, that the new athletic field house should be completed within 30 to 45 days and that the new stadium project was also proceeding with few setbacks.

In other action, the board voted unanimously to designate Trustee Robert Keppel as Trustee Emeritus.

Capital Campaign
\$56.5 MILLION

Tom Smith scholarship recipients honored

Recipients of Tom Smith Scholarships at Catawba College were honored March 5 at a luncheon in the Hurley Room of the Cannon Student Center.

Senior Amy Foley of China Grove, speaking on behalf of all the student scholars gathered, said, "Thank you Tom Smith for helping us all with the cost of college and for helping make our dreams come true."

Foley explained that she had first discovered and come to love Catawba while attending basketball and tennis camps during her childhood. "Looking back, I'm kind of surprised," she joked, "that my parents kept sending me back (to camps) because I honestly didn't think we would be able to afford the cost of me attending college here." Being a Tom Smith Scholarship recipient,



Amy Foley

Foley said, allowed her to focus more on her studies while at Catawba and discover new interests such as creative writing. The first in her family to attend college, Foley will graduate from Catawba in May and is planning to attend Duke Divinity School this fall on a full scholarship.

Senior Adam Tomer of Danville, Virginia also addressed his remarks of appreciation to Smith, a 1964 Catawba alumnus and the current chairman of its board of trustees. Tomer said that as a child he used to search for Smith when he shopped at the local Food Lion with his family. It was only while at Catawba, Tomer explained, that he had the opportunity to actually meet him.

He described Smith as "a hard worker and someone who remembers his roots." He also encouraged his peers to follow Smith's example. "It's important that we don't forget our roots," Tomer said, "and that we give back to the college years from now. We'll be better because of Mr. and Mrs. Smith, but we need to ask ourselves, 'Will this institution be better because of us?'"

Tomer said that receiving a Tom Smith Scholarship allowed him to focus on his studies

and become "a leader for the first time."

Attending his last Tom Smith Scholarship Luncheon as Catawba College President, J. Fred Corriher, Jr., who is retiring, told the students that it was an honor to receive a Tom Smith Scholarship. He described Smith as "a successful businessman and Catawba's most recognizable alumnus." He lauded him for being "an active and efficient chairman of the board of trustees."

During closing remarks, Smith brought the students up-to-date on Catawba's Presidential Search that is underway. He discussed the planning and preparation that began even before Corriher's retirement was announced last September. He said the 17-member presidential search committee had narrowed the field of candidates to three individuals. Those candidates were in the process of visiting Catawba's campus and meeting with various constituencies. Following these visits and after the committee received feedback from the various campus constituencies, it met to determine which candidate it wanted to submit to Catawba's Board of Trustees for approval.

Annual Scholarship Recipients, Donors feted

Twenty-five Catawba College annual scholarship recipients and their donors were feted March 22 at a luncheon in Hurley Room of the Cannon Student Center on campus.

Forrest Hollifield Scholar Vanessa Randazzo of Matthews, a senior theatre arts major, told the group that she had transferred to Catawba as a sophomore after unsuccessfully trying to find her niche at two other colleges. "It's a struggle to know if you fit in in the theatre. It is so hard to know if you're good enough, but when I succeeded here at Catawba, my professors revealed in that success with me.

"Thank you to my peers for your hard work and dedication and thank you to the scholarship donors for making a difference to us."

President J. Fred Corriher, Jr., serving as host of his last annual scholarship luncheon as college president, said "Bonnie and I are very proud of all of you and when we leave, the students are going to be what miss the most about Catawba. Know how proud we are of your achievements and how proud of you we will continue to be in the future."

In addition to Randazzo, other annual scholars and their scholarships are Matthew R. Millspaugh of Salisbury, Brown Adopt-A-Scholar; Michael J. Macht of Pittsfield, Mass., Kristen M. Prather of Alliance, Ohio, and Michael J. Roberts of Fletcher, Gilbert B. Benson Scholars; Angela Stancar of Sanford, Gay T. Duncan Scholar; Kimberly Butler of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., Derek Camps of Sanford, Fla., Richard Motsinger of Kernersville, and Heather Pichette, Manchester, N.H., Forrest Hollifield Scholars; Jessica Rivera of Key West, Fla., James G. and Jean L. Hudson Scholar; Rachel McCollum of Yadkinville and Damon McDougald of Longwood, Fla., Jordan Scholars; Justin Garzone of Hopatcong, N.J. and Benjamin Prater of Pacolet, S.C., National Starch Scholars; Emily Cline of Burgettstown, Penn. and William Davis of Charlotte, Marian Peterson Scholars; Kristyn Benincasa of Waterbury, Conn., Christopher Bullers of Hickory, Rachel Farmer of China Grove and Megan Mainer of Raleigh, Rendleman Scholars; Christopher Goff of Raleigh, Edwin Rohrbaugh Scholars; Aimee Davis of Salisbury, Rowan Human Resources Scholars; Carl Finney of China Grove, Shane Stone Scholar; and Jason Dalton of Winston-Salem, Evelyn and Walter Wagoner Scholar.



Vanessa Randazzo

Seventeen students honored at Delhaize luncheon

Seventeen Catawba College students were honored March 21 at a luncheon for recipients of Delhaize scholarships. Catawba sponsored the event in the Hurley Room of the Cannon Student Center.

Rowan County native Bill McCanless, chief executive officer of Delhaize America, parent company of Food Lion, congratulated the scholarship recipients. He told them that Catawba was "a special place" especially for his sister Dr. Edith Bolick, chair of the sociology department at the college. She graduated from Catawba and then later came back as a member of the faculty. "It seems like she came here and never left," he joked.

Junior Dawn West of Salisbury, a Delhaize scholarship recipient, spoke to the those gathered on behalf of her fellow recipients. She said, "I never imagined attending a small private college because I didn't think that I would be able to afford its tuition." The Delhaize scholarship, she said, helped her to be in a financial position to choose Catawba. She thanked the Delhaize Group "for assisting in the costs of our education."

Delhaize Group of Belgium has a 130-year history of success. In 1974, Delhaize Group of Belgium came to the United States and bought a 17-store chain of supermarkets called Food Town. That acquisition, plus others including Hannaford and Kash n' Karry, has grown into Delhaize America with 1400 stores nationwide.

Delhaize scholars who were recognized at the luncheon in addition to West included Megan Bowman of Hagerstown, Md.; Thomas Carswell of Kernersville; Michelle Durham of Rockwell; Summer Eagle of China Grove; Belinda Ellis of Middlesex; Heather Hadley of Rockwell; Howard "T.J." Lawson of Lexington; Joanie Morris of Salisbury; Cynthia Murphy of Salisbury; Jennifer Parker of Indian Trail; Ashley Quinones of Salisbury; Darrell Smith of Salisbury; Jennifer Smith of Mt. Ulla; and Nicholas Wallace of Cheraw, S.C.

College receives grant to plan program to educate new generation of religious community leaders

Catawba College has received a \$49,000 planning grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. to develop programming which will identify and educate a new generation of pastors and religiously informed lay leaders. Efforts to create such a program will integrate several constituencies from the Rowan-Salisbury area, including Hood Theological Seminary and the United Church of Christ, as well as other Christian denominational agencies and volunteer service organizations.

The Endowment, in providing funding to institutions like Catawba, seeks to address the decline in the number of young American men and women pursuing careers in the ministry or related religious fields of service. The title of the Endowment grant program is "Programs for the Theological Exploration of Vocation 2002."

Literature from the Endowment describes the program like this:

"We seek to support church-related, liberal arts colleges and universities in establishing or strengthening program that 1) assist students in examining the relationship between their faith and vocational choices, 2) provide opportunities for young people to explore Christian ministry as their life's work and 3) enhance the capacity of a school's faculty and staff to teach and mentor students effectively in this arena."

Catawba College Professor and Chair of the Religion and Philosophy Department Dr. Barry R. Sang explained that the next step in the process will be to convene a program planning committee. In addition to Sang, its members will include Rev. Dr. Kenneth Clapp, Catawba Chaplain and Senior Vice President; Dr. Seth M. Holtzman, Catawba Assistant Professor of Philosophy; Dr. J. Michael Wilson, Catawba Professor of Modern Foreign Languages; Rev. Dr. Albert E. Aymer, Vice President and Dean of Hood Theological Seminary; Rev. Allen Miller, Associate Conference Minister of the Western Conference of the United Church of Christ; Dr. Nancy A. Zimmerman, Director of Volunteer Catawba and Personal Counselor; Dr. William M. Christie, Catawba College Dean and Chief Academic Officer; along with a Catawba College student.

The program planning committee will meet during the spring and summer months to develop a program proposal which will be submitted to the Lilly Endowment by September 1.

Incorporated in 1937, the Endowment is based in Indianapolis, Indiana. Its purpose is to provide support for religion, education, and community development, with special concentration on programs that benefit youth and develop leadership.

Salisbury native establishes scholarship

Bill Billings has established an endowed scholarship in honor of his mother, Mrs. Horace (Joyce Clement) Billings, a 1950 honor graduate of the college. Preference for this scholarship will be given to female students from Rowan County. Billings' gift is for \$20,000 -- \$10,000 now and an annual \$1,000 scholarship for at least the next 10 years.

"We know what a wonderful college Catawba is and what an excellent job it does preparing its students for the future," said Billings. "My mother is a perfect example. She was well prepared to perform in her field of study. She began her career as a business college instructor and later moved to government service. She retired in 1987 after 25 years as claims representative with the Social Security Administration." She suffered two strokes six years ago and has been a patient at the Brian Center since that time.

"My mother is a super mom," Billings added. "She taught me to be a good student and person. I followed her instructions and got a great deal of satisfaction out of what I've done."

Billings graduated at the head of his class at Salisbury High School and won North Carolina Press Awards with The Salisbury Post while a student in high school and with The Charlotte Observer while a student at Davidson College. He was a member of The Observer team, which won a Pulitzer Prize in 1981. He has operated his own realty company in Charlotte for the past 15 years.

"My family has been closely associated with Catawba, and we have enjoyed that association. We followed Catawba's athletic teams closely since my father covered them for The Post for more than 52 years.

Catawba College Senior Vice President Tom

Childress called the Joyce C. Billings Endowed Scholarship "a wonderful way to honor a parent."

"Most parents want the best possible education for their children and they want them to be able to make a difference in the world with that education," Childress said. "Through the years, this scholarship will aid worthy students, allowing them to make that difference while continuing to honor Mrs. Billings and the difference she made with her education."

Billings and his wife Lesley live in Charlotte. Horace Billings, who covered Catawba sports news for 53 years while working for The Salisbury Post, still resides in Salisbury. Horace and his wife Joyce have been married for 48 years.

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

2002 Catawba College Graduation Event Schedule

April 17	Lifelong Learners' Honor Society Induction	May 10	Alpha Chi Honor Society Spring Induction (Day program seniors)
April 19	Lifelong Learners' Senior Dinner	May 10	Baccalaureate Service of Worship 7:30 p.m. Omwake-Dearborn Chapel
May 9	Senior Investiture 5:30 p.m. Omwake-Dearborn Chapel	May 10	Marshal's Walk and Reception - immediately following Baccalaureate
May 9	Day Students' Senior Dinner	May 11	Commencement Ceremony 10:30 a.m. Abernethy Quadrangle, Catawba College Campus
May 10	Commencement Rehearsal		

Note: times and locations have been provided for events which are open to the public.

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for the future we find among all constituencies of the college. We are deeply grateful to the members of the Search Committee and the Board of Trustees for choosing us to participate in the building of Catawba College's future."

Tom E. Smith, Chair of the Catawba College Board of Trustees, lauded the work of the search committee saying, "I would like to commend the members of the Presidential Search Committee on their dedication in performing a very thorough search. Throughout the process, they kept the needs of Catawba always in mind and were determined to find the best candidate to meet those needs. Their recommendation of Dr. Bob Knott was received very favorably by the Board of Trustees. His character, qualifications and credentials definitely fit Catawba's needs."

"The future looks bright for Catawba," Smith continued. "President Corriher has served Catawba well and has brought the school to a new level of excellence. I am sure with all constituencies working together, Dr. Knott can continue to build on this base and achieve even higher levels."

Whitton also had high praise for the work of the presidential search committee that he chaired. "I want to say how much I appreciate the dedication and diligence applied by the members of the Presidential Search Committee to their very important task. Their energies and insights enabled us to achieve a recommendation for the Board of Trustees that will provide inspired and experienced leadership for Catawba College. It was a pleasure to have served with them."

"The selection of Dr. Robert Knott to be Catawba's 20th president," Whitton said, "comes at a pivotal time in the school's history. It brings to the campus experience in higher education administration and a proven ability to lead which provides an environment for qualitative development. The College has enjoyed a decade of significant growth under President Fred Corriher and is now poised to receive further direction and renewed thrust from a new president. We are grateful to President Corriher for his leadership and look forward to the achievements of President Knott."

Corriher commended the trustees on Dr. Knott's election. "The selection of Dr. Robert Knott as the 20th President of Catawba College pleases me greatly," he said. "His strong personal qualities and

intellectual abilities are just right for Catawba College at this point in her history. Bonnie and I have admired Bob and Brenda Knott for many years, and have followed their successes at Tusculum and Mars Hill with great interest and admiration."

"Bob and Brenda know that they have our complete support," Corriher explained, "and that Bonnie and I are ready to assist them during the transition period as well as in any capacity they might see fit in the years to come. This appointment opens up a bright new era for Catawba College. We are both delighted at this selection and look forward to watching Catawba continue to grow and prosper under Bob Knott's leadership."

Dr. Knott earned a B.S. in Mathematics and Physics/Education from Wake Forest University, a B.D. in Social Ethics from Southeastern Seminary, an M.A. in Religion and Philosophy from Wake Forest University, and a Ph.D. in Philosophy/Higher Education from SUNY/Buffalo. He has also completed additional Graduate Study in Mathematics and Physics at North Carolina State University and Mathematics at Wake Forest University.

Prior to his service at Mars Hill College, Dr. Knott served from 1989-1999 as President of Tusculum College. During his tenure as President he rebuilt the Board of Trustees with 36 new members (Trustee annual giving increased from \$50,000 to \$435,000), led the implementation of a distinctive curriculum with a distinctive academic calendar, and shared academic governance structure and led an increase in enrollment from 564 to 1,516 students while increasing average ACT scores by five points. All residence halls were renovated, a new all-purpose center was constructed, a new gymnasium was built, all classrooms were upgraded and library holdings were computerized. He also led a strategic planning process that resulted in a reformulated institutional mission/purpose statement.

Dr. Knott has held several other administrative positions, including Provost of Catawba College from 1982-1989, Dean of the College at Arkansas College, and Academic Vice President and Dean of the College at Gardner-Webb College. He has taught Philosophy at Catawba College, Tusculum College and Mars Hill College, and Mathematics



Dr. Robert Knott addresses faculty and staff

at Wake Forest University.

Dr. Knott is professionally active and in recent years has led Southern Association of Colleges and Schools reaccreditation team visits, has served on the Kettering Foundation panel of college presidents reviewing the state of higher education, and has served as a Board member for the Tennessee Foundation of Independent Colleges and for the Appalachian College Association. He serves on the Board of the Greene County Partnership for Business and Economic Development, has led the Greene County Leadership Development Committee, is a member of the Exchange Club of Greeneville, is a Board member of the Educational Partnership Program in Green County, was a member of the organizing committee to introduce character education to Greeneville City Schools, and has taught several enrichment programs for Greeneville area adults.

Dr. Knott is married to Brenda Sue Harris who is a librarian and archivist. She served as librarian in the Salisbury Schools and as archivist of Tusculum College. They have two children: Andrea Knott Brewer, a classicist and collectible bear artist, and Robert Knott, Jr., a student personnel officer with a graduate degree in Asian studies.

Now accepting gifts online

Catawba College hopes its new online gift center will make it easier for friends and alumni to make donations to the institution via a secure server. The online gift center, accessed via Catawba's website, www.catawba.edu, was activated in mid-January.

Donations can be made from the site now using Visa, MasterCard or Discover cards. Eventually, American Express cards will be accepted on the site.

On one of the first days after the gift center was up and running, the college received a gift of \$1,000. With that initial gift, officials in Catawba's Development Office knew they had made the right decision about adding an online giving page to their cadre of giving venues.

"The cost of telephone or telemarketing solicitations and direct mail, plus the widespread use of the Internet, prompted us to explore online giving as an option," explained Catawba's Senior Vice President of Development Tom Childress. "We hope friends and alumni see this as a convenience and that we will be able to

cut back on the amount of mailing and telemarketing we do.

"We don't know what the response will be, but we feel in the future online giving will be the main way people make donations. Especially among our younger constituencies, online giving will be a comfortable arrangement for them."

Catawba is one of the first Division II schools to offer online giving as an option. The college worked with an outside firm, OpenConsult, to design the gift center page and acquire a secure gateway for its implementation.

The Development Office will respond via e-mail to online donors, acknowledging receipt of their gift. This e-mail will be followed by a mailed gift acknowledgement which donors can use for their tax records.

"We still welcome walk-in gifts," Childress said, "and we never want to replace the personal contact with our donors. We hope, however, that this new option for them will be a matter of simple convenience."

Theatre chair to retire after 26 years of service

The Jim Epperson story could be a play in itself, an inspiring story of a man who followed his heart and managed to do what he set out to do.

Born in Tennessee and growing up in Arkansas, the only child of James Edward and Fanny Mary Register Epperson, James Register Epperson always had the urge to act. By third grade, he was already singing and acting in church and school plays, as well as taking private voice lessons and "expression" classes, where he learned to memorize pieces from drama or literature and present them in front of an audience.

"I think acting just came naturally to me," Epperson says. "Maybe it stemmed from being an only child and just getting used to being the center of attention. I can't remember ever having any stage fright whatsoever."

While he eventually went on to become an actor, teacher, director, playwright, journalist/publisher and even a broadcast specialist while serving with the United States Army, Dr. Jim Epperson doesn't intend to rest on his laurels when he retires in August as chairman of the Catawba College Theatre Arts Department.

While he'll step down as department chair, "Epp," as he's affectionately known to faculty and students alike, plans to teach courses, take on some guest directing and delve back into one of his longtime passions: writing. "I have not written in a very long time, and that's one of my major objectives when I can call my own shots," says Epperson. Instead of scripts, he says, he wants to take a little break and then kick off his "next phase" by trying his hand at short stories.

Although Epperson is still full of energy, the time seemed right to pass the torch, he says - in this case, to Dr. Woodrow Hood, who comes to Catawba from High Point University.

"At some point, we all have to leave," he says. "It seemed like this year was the pinnacle for me, like everything was where it should be - the sesquicentennial, 75 year anniversary of the theatre department - it was all just fantastic."

"He knows he's done it," says Epperson's wife, Lucinda, who works with the Rowan Public Library and reminds him often these days, as he talks about traveling and filling his free time, that she will still be working.

"I think he'll be great at retirement," she says. "He will have something to do all the time. He's not going around saying, 'I can't wait to quit.'"

Epperson's childhood interest in the arts continued into junior high and high school, but he was far from just a "theatre rat." He played sports, worked in the school library, played drums in the band, served as president of his senior class and helped his parents with the small hotel and restaurant they owned.

After high school, Epperson studied speech and theatre at the University of Arkansas, thinking he wanted to be a television director. But his first job after graduation, as a production assistant at the CBS affiliate in Little Rock, taught him that this wasn't the kind of directing he really wanted to do. Instead, he went back to earn his master's degree in theatre from the University of Arkansas and then tackled his

first teaching job, at Appalachian State University. There, his path became clearer - not only did he find that teaching truly suited him, he met his future wife and soul mate, Lucinda.

"I found excitement in teaching," he remembers. "The exchange of ideas, and seeing the fire within me light within students, was wonderful. I thought, 'Yes, this is what I hoped it would be.'"

While pursuing his master's degree at the University of Arkansas in the 1960s, Epperson met Karl Hales, who would become his lifelong friend and, eventually, his longtime co-worker at Catawba. Hales, who is chairman of the college's communication arts department, calls Epperson a "rare breed." "The thing that sets him apart, I think, is his genuine interest in other people. He cares, and that becomes evident shortly after you meet him. He's a listener and a gentleman. He does not talk ill of other people, but instead has a way of making everyone feel important."

Epperson left his teaching job at Appalachian State and went on to direct the drama education program at the University of Oklahoma until 1970, when Hales told him about an opening for a director of the performance program at Catawba. Epperson got the job and stayed at Catawba for nine years, until, as Hales puts it, "he had his midlife crisis." Although by this time he held a doctorate in theatre from Florida State University and had established himself as a respected theatre professor, he decided to strike out and try a whole new career. In 1979, he entered journalism, becoming assistant publisher of the Las Cruces Sun-News in Las Cruces, New Mexico, and later working as publisher and president of the Smyth County News in Marion, Va.

But the theatre bug still nagged at him. By the early 1980s, he was back teaching theatre, this time at Western Carolina University. And in 1985, he came home again, returning to Catawba as a professor of theatre arts and chairman of the department.

It seemed fitting that Epperson finally settled in to call North Carolina home. Lucinda was a North Carolina native, and his own father's Rowan County ancestors, the Catheys, had started a settlement around Millbridge as early as 1740.

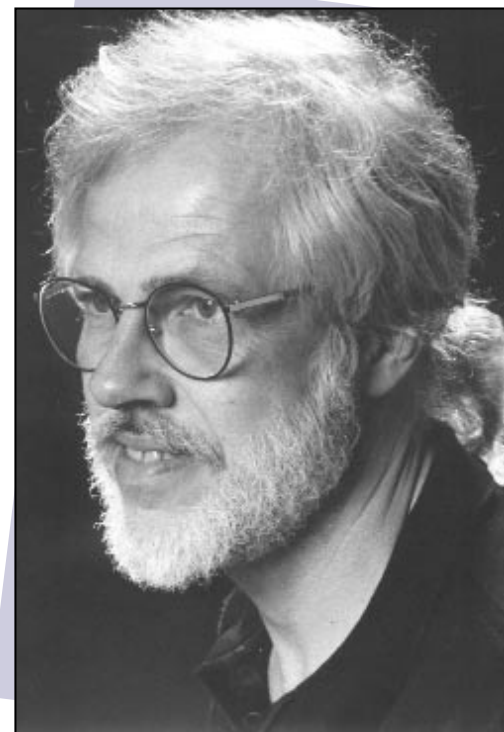
Under Epperson's leadership, the theatre arts program at Catawba achieved national recognition, rising to become noted by the Princeton Review as one of America's top 20 undergraduate theatre programs. Unlike the "service-type" theatre programs at many small colleges, which expose students to drama as an extension of their major courses of study, Catawba's program is "pre-professional," meaning it is specifically designed to prepare students to work in the industry.

Although he insists he's proud of each and every student who graduates from his program, Epperson does have success stories that stand out, such as Fred Inkley, who played Jean Valjean in a Broadway touring company of "Les Miserables" and acted in "The Lion King" on Broadway.

Helping give birth to new plays is another of Epperson's loves. At Catawba, he started the Peterson Playwriting Competition, now a

nationwide program for new scripts.

In addition to being named as the prestigious Jefferson-Pilot Professor while at Catawba, Epperson also has been very involved with numerous professional theatre organizations over the years. A former president of the N.C. Theatre Conference, in 1998, he received the Herman D. Middleton Service Award from the NCTC, the highest award



Jim Epperson

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the organization gives to a North Carolina theater professional. In 2000, he received the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival's highest award, which is given yearly to one individual in a 10-state region for exceptional service to the organization.

A humble Epperson says he could not have achieved what he has at Catawba without his predecessors and his staff. Theatre at Catawba is blessed with a long history, he notes, and a firm foundation established before him by Dr. Hoyt McCachren.

"When I came along, everything was already functioning," Epperson says. "You do have to have your own sort of vision, but I have been extremely fortunate to have faculty members who work very hard and come to the table with great ideas to complement my ideas."

The decision to move on, says Epperson, who will turn 63 in July, had to do not only with the sense that he had accomplished what he set out to do at Catawba, but with "feeling it was time to be a little selfish and do something for myself."

He plans to travel, particularly to visit daughter Heather and her family, including his two grandchildren, in California, and his son, Robert, in Atlanta.

Jim Epperson, says his wife, is simply a teacher at heart. "I was telling somebody just recently about something he said that I thought really spoke to who he is. He was telling me about his philosophy on teaching, and he said it all has to do with being able to see the potential in people. I had never heard him say that before, and I thought to myself, 'You know, I buy that. That's exactly who he is - a person who can see the potential.'"

New theatre art chair named

Seeing Catawba College's recent production of "Triumph of Love" convinced Dr. Woodrow B. Hood that he had made the right decision in accepting his new job as chairman of the college's theatre arts department.

When he sent his credentials to Catawba, Hood, who is currently head of the theatre arts department at High Point University, says he was "thinking there wasn't a snowball's chance, just figuring I would see what happened."

Before he knew it, he had gotten a call from Professor Dayna Anderson of the Catawba theatre arts faculty, inviting him to begin the intense interview process. The snowball's chance had snowballed into a series of conversations and meetings that would lead to a job offer.

"When they offered it to me, I snatched it up," says Hood. "After I saw the ad, I started looking around and talking to people about the program, and I heard the most wonderful and amazing things. This is only my third year living in North Carolina, so I didn't know an awful lot about the schools around here. I was astonished by the good things I heard. I got a real sense that the program was flourishing and was truly a vital force."

After "snatching up" the job, Hood, who goes by "Woody," began realizing how much his life was about to change. Even now, he is still in rehearsal for a play and facing the challenge of leaving his own program in the hands of someone else. On the home front, he and wife Cindy Gendrich are looking for a place to live somewhere between Salisbury and Winston-Salem, where they currently live and where she teaches theatre at Wake Forest University.

Seeing "Triumph of Love" on the Catawba stage gave him a sense of relief, Hood says. "It was a defining moment in the midst of all this," he says. "It was absolutely lovely in all respects, and I thought, 'This is going to be fine. This is going to be what I wanted it to be.'"

If he and Cindy don't find the perfect house before he succeeds Dr. Jim

Epperson at Catawba in August, Hood says it won't really bother him. "I actually enjoy drive time," he says.

One of his hobbies is cooking, although he doesn't consider himself a gourmet by any means. He and Cindy also like spending time outdoors with their two rescued mutts, Tucker and Trudy.

Hood grew up in Louisiana, with his interest in the theatre sprouting while he was studying television and film at Northwestern State University there. He was producing his own work, mostly short films and videos, and suddenly became interested in comparing film to live theatre.

"I found that live theatre was infinitely more interesting to me," he says. "Although I'm still and always will be a huge film buff, I love live theatre. Many people go from the theatre into doing films and commercials because that's where the money is. But I felt, as I was finishing up my undergraduate work, that I did not want to live in 'professional film land.' There are too many restrictions and too many 'no's,' and the scripts are often very hard to come by. I wanted to be more productive than that."

He met Cindy while both were pursuing doctorates at the University of Missouri, and they moved to North Carolina when she got her job at Wake Forest.

Hood's resume, or "vita" as it's called in the theatre world, is extensive. He is director, designer, teacher and researcher, interested in everything from how computer-based technology can enhance live theatre to the details of his own ancestry and the history of theatre. In addition to having taught at Wake Forest, Pfeiffer University, the University of Texas-Pan American, Illinois Wesleyan University and Illinois State, he has directed a host of productions, written numerous articles and co-authored a book, "Theatre: Its Art and Craft."

"I think the draw of Catawba for me was that it is already an established, functioning program," Hood says. "My job is to help my faculty and students get where they need to go."

"Fort Lauderdale and Our More than a Spring Break"

By

Catawba College Senior Alice Sanderson, an English major from Cartersville, Virginia

For most college students, the terms "Fort Lauderdale" and "spring break" would conjure up thoughts of warm, sunny beaches and plenty of partying. However, for eight students and faculty from Catawba College, these two terms had a much different meaning.

Students Lin Yan, Rachael Shankle, Anna Gregory, Jennifer Pickler, and Alice Sanderson along with Volunteer Catawba Director Nan Zimmerman, Catawba Business Professor Dr. Andrew Morris, and Catawba Director of Residence Life Kathy Robey traveled to sunny Ft. Lauderdale March 10-15, 2002 to join Habitat for Humanity's Collegiate Challenge. This program is designed to challenge college students to volunteer their spring break in order to help others. Tasks included roofing, organizing materials, inside framing on one of the houses, working at the Habitat warehouse, and working at the Habitat for Humanity Re-Store. The Re-Store is a store where companies as well as individuals may donate hardware goods and furniture that the store then sells for discounted prices.

Habitat for Humanity International and its affiliates work to eliminate poverty housing and have helped people in more than 2,000 communities and 83 nations by building and selling more than 100,000 homes to partner families with no-profit, zero-interest mortgages. The family that the house is being built for is required to work a set number of hours on their home. Many times neighbors, family, and friends of these people also chip in to help out. The Collegiate Challenge

in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. was only one of many sites nationwide where students could help out as an alternative to their "normal" spring break.

During the week of March 11-15, there were groups from three colleges at the Ft. Lauderdale site. Students from Miami University of Ohio, University of Virginia, and Catawba College came together to help those in need. We stayed in cabins at Hugh Taylor Birch State Park. We arrived in Florida on Sunday and had Sunday as well as Monday to do as we wished. Our group spent much of this time relaxing and taking advantage of the gorgeous weather on the beach.

Our group worked Tuesday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. The day began with a morning circle where we were given any announcements along with our group assignments for the day. Also during this time there was a short prayer or time of reflection. Then, we set to work on our daily tasks. Most of the groups worked on roofing the entire week. For those who were wary of heights, there was plenty to be done on the ground including moving and organizing materials. There was also work to be done at the warehouse and the Re-Store that included cleaning up and organizing goods for easy access.

We did have late afternoons and evenings to do as we pleased. However, we were so tired by that point that we just relaxed. We did venture out two evenings in a row. Wednesday night half of our group went to a professional hockey game between the Panthers and the Calgary Flames, while the other half went to a movie. Thursday evening, we were graciously invited to dinner at the home of a fellow student, an offer that we gladly and gratefully accepted.

When we arrived back in Salisbury at about 1 a.m. Saturday morning with aching bones and tired eyes, we were very thankful for our own beds and showers, but we also knew that our spring break had been well-spent.

Senior Rachael Shankle sums up our experience by saying, "In my four years at Catawba, it was the most fun spring break I'd ever had and at the same time I feel really good about what I went and did. I also enjoyed the company and getting to know the other people on the trip. I wish more students would do it."



From L to R: Alice Sanderson, Kathy Robey and Jennifer Pickler

The Revenuer Remembers

Editor's Note: Catawba Alumnus Haywood Weddle '49 of Winston-Salem has a wealth of stories, many of which are the result of his real-life experiences as a "revenuer" in the North Carolina mountains. He graciously agreed that we could share one of these stories in our alumni publication. It is our hope that you enjoy it as much as we did.

Intro

In the spring of 1949, several Catawba College seniors took civil service exams at the post office in Salisbury, North Carolina. Three students, including myself, completed and passed the exam for US Treasury Enforcement Agent. We were hired as Special Agents assigned to different posts of duty.

I was interviewed at the Baltimore, Maryland ATF Office and ordered to Bryson City, NC ATF Office. The government must have been low on training funds because I was sent directly to the field with the only Marine Corps experience. I was issued a 38-caliber revolver with no holster, a box of ammo, credentials with a badge and a stack of manuals. I was directed to meet an old agent at a service station near the county court house.

Here is one of my first encounters with the bootleggers; it is one which I will never forget.

Moonshiners and a Bear

During the night, the rain had stopped and a soft quietness returned to the forest. The warmth of the daybreak would be soon. Maybe the old black bear could find the sunlight and dry out his heavy fur.

Down below, a family farmhouse could be seen tucked back in the head of a mountain cove. Sheltered from the winds and weather, it had survived much abuse from many generations; a bristling place with stories to tell. Visitors were limited.

A well-worn footpath led from the rear of the farmhouse up the deep cove as it followed a cold mountain stream. The laurel and rhododendron became heavy and thick as the footpath wound over the ridges for a long distance of a mile or more. The path ended at the head of the mountain stream where moonshine still had been set up.

The old bear's cave and home was nearby overlooking the still site. Although the forest had been tainted with the smell of fermenting mash, the beauty and splendor of the western mountains were still there. It was summertime in Clay County, North Carolina, in the early 50's. But, the ancient ways and customs of the mountain folks had not changed.

Back in Bryson City, the telephone rang in the federal office at the county courthouse. A citizen had called and reported the distillery location at the top of the mountain cove. Arrangements were made to meet a local deputy sheriff at 2:00 am the following day.

A small raiding group of two men headed out through the woods and over the mountain range tops. At about daylight, the men found the still site located in the rhododendron. The fermenting mash was determined to be ready for distilling within several days. The deputy sheriff decided to stay until the moonshiners came to operate the still; which was four days later. The young agent had no choice but to start looking for a homestead nearby.

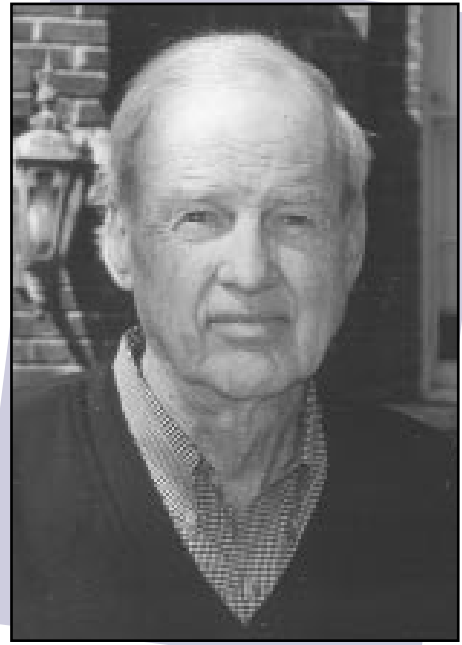
The first day went by quickly as we were both tired. Cold water and berries were the menu for a supper. As "first dark" approached, the young agent remembered the warning about snakes feeding at night.

A small level area was found in the foliage where the still site and the bear's cave could be observed. The young agent found a tree where he could sit against and get some protection from the snakes. The secret to sleeping in the woods is simple. Try and identify all of the calls and sounds from the wildlife. Sometimes it seems as though every creature is sounding off and trying to be identified.

One of our visitors to the campsite was a blue racer. Maybe he was an ordinary snake that ran so fast that we saw the blue blur. Copperheads were killed at random. No special effort was made to hunt them because they were so plentiful. The dangerous areas were in the rocks, behind falling logs, or in the mountain ferns. The rains were welcomed because of the coolness that followed.

The night of the second day was very interesting. The rains started with the darkness. We could use no light or fires. The mountain coldness set in and chilled the bones of every creature. The young agent told the deputy that he was going to the bear's cave to dry out. The agent found a comfortable dry

place inside the front of the cave. Sleep and the much-needed rest came quickly. Around midnight the old black bear came home. The agent heard him breaking brush as he climbed up the ridge. He knew it was the bear because of the terrible odor. As the bear started into the mouth of the cave, the agent could see his outline. The agent was planning to shoot for the bear's eyes, but he turned and fled toward the sleeping deputy. The deputy never woke up and the



Haywood Weddle '49

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went to sleep trying to identify the fox,
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bear ran out of the brush.

The third day was normal with no moonshiners visiting the still site. More snakes were killed, but the weather was fair. The food supply was running out and the officers were becoming discouraged and doubting

if the moonshiners would return. The day was spent drying clothes and trying to stay warm in the summer dampness. The young agent began to wonder just how he would handle everything if there were a shooting or a fight. The bootleggers were tough mountain people. They might beat us up and throw us off the mountain. When should the agent use his revolver? How much authority did he have? What were the odds if they had shotguns? Most of the day was spent worrying over the situation. The deputy sheriff brought some relief when he identified most of the wildlife sounds and calls. On the third night, the young agent went to sleep trying to identify the fox, the whippoorwill, the turkey, the bobcat, the snorting of the bear, the nighthawk, or just the wind blowing through the tall oak trees.

On the fourth day, all of the food was gone. They filled up on the cold mountain stream. The agent set up position on the foot trails about 50 yards from the distillery site. The deputy was nearer the site. At about 9am, the owner of the still came up the path carrying still equipment. No shotgun! The agent arrested him without any difficulty and handcuffed him to a tree. Shortly afterwards, another one came up the footpath and the agent arrested him without any trouble.

All of the distilling equipment and mash were destroyed and the agent said farewell to his house in the forest. The agent and the deputy sheriff with the bootleggers then walked down the path toward the home of the bootlegger. The wife and the family welcomed us into the house where she served us a hearty breakfast. The men changed clothes and were taken to jail.

Later the two bootleggers were tried in Federal Court at the county courthouse in Bryson City. The families were sitting in the front row in the courtroom. All of them were wailing and crying as the men were given prison sentences.

As the bootleggers were taken away by the US Marshal and the families went back home, the young agent with tears in his eyes began to age and wonder if he had chosen the right occupation.

Fifty years later, the young agent was now an old agent. He visited western North Carolina. The county courthouse was now a museum and he was told it was open on special occasions. He continued into Clay County where he visited an old general store he remembered. He joined the old mountaineers in the rocking chairs on the front porch. He asked about the moonshine days and how a certain bootlegger was doing. They told him a long story about this fellow who made the best whiskey in the country. They told him that the feds sent in a young whippersnapper who lived in the woods until he caught him. They told him the bootlegger would not have been caught if his toes had not been frozen off one winter. I told them I was the young whippersnapper. The general store suddenly got very quiet.

Reflections on J. Fred Corriher, Jr.

From Jim Hurley, member and former Chairman of the Catawba College Board of Trustees

Steve Webster's sudden death in 1992 left a huge void in the leadership at Catawba because the president of Catawba has the toughest job in town.

He must raise two to three million dollars each year to meet the payroll. He must lead a faculty with wide ranging interests and priorities. He must maintain some \$50 million worth of buildings. He must make dozens of speeches. Not only must he educate students, but also satisfy students and parents, any one of whom can stir up hours, even months, of public relations problems.

As Chairman of the Board, I certainly wasn't up to the job, even on a temporary basis. Having just had a laryngectomy, I could barely make a noise, much less speeches. I looked quickly for help.

Fred Corriher was my best hope. He loved Catawba. He'd managed a multi-million textile business. He was a versatile leader with a wide range of interests, especially in education. And since his family had sold their business, he was busy building another one.

Fortunately for me and more fortunately for Catawba, Fred realized our predicament: a chairman who couldn't talk and no one to fill the shoes of the visionary leader who'd meant so much to the college.

Fred accepted our challenge. He dropped all he was doing and agreed to take the reins for six months or until a search committee could find someone to take such a difficult job.

He did such good work that the search committee asked him to take the presidency on a permanent basis. He accepted and Catawba was in good hands for ten more years.

I shall always appreciate his accepting a most difficult assignment under such trying circumstances. And I shall always admire his love of and leadership at Catawba. We all owe him a debt of gratitude.

Editor's note: For this edition of Campus, we thought it would be appropriate to share with you some reflections on J. Fred Corriher, Jr. These have been shared with us by some people who have known him best.



L - R: J. Fred Corriher, Jr., with Trustees Claude Hampton, Tom Smith and Jim Hurley

From Louise Tucker '42, former Catawba College Secretary to the Registrar, Associate Registrar and Assistant to the Vice President for Planning and Academic Services

I first knew Fred Corriher in September, 1957 as a thin freshman with large glasses, a crew cut and a camera. He was constantly running in all directions because there were so many people to meet, so much to be learned, and so many extra-curricular activities just waiting to be found. He became a disciple of

Commander Greene and Mr. Cooper, and quickly added United Nations and the World Federalist organization to his list of interests.

Over the years, his list of interests multiplied, and he added horse shows and eventually the NC Transportation Museum and his love for and knowledge of wine. Fred is a lover of history, and during his Catawba presidency, he has made every effort to preserve the history of Catawba while reaching out to bring the College into the 21st century with dignity and success.

Fred, I will miss you and Bonnie, but I know that retirement will be a great adventure for you.



L - R: Former Catawba First Lady Mary Dearborn & President Corriher

From Marion M. "Chub" Richards '41, former Catawba Director of Admissions, Registrar, Director of the Career Planning and Placement Office, Assistant Dean of the College, Chief Marshal, Professor and Coach

President Corriher's life has been influenced and tempered by his association with Catawba College....

visiting with his grandfather Lotan Corriher, listening

to what was said by his grandmother....accompanying his grandfather and later his father to the campus....becoming very much aware of what was taking place....absorbing why this was important to his family....selecting Catawba as the college he wished to attend and to earn his undergraduate degree....serving as Alumni Director....a member of the Board of Trustees....observing growth, financial and physical....learning more about life and the importance of an education not just for himself but the multitudes of those about him. His presidency reflects a genuine love for and understanding of this College.

We have been blessed with many outstanding College presidents. Each has left his mark on the growth of Catawba. Some were visionaries, others were church-connected men, others, builders, and still others, educators. These things can also be said about Fred J. Corriher, Jr., however, the mold which impacted his life and his presidency was layer after layer, year after year of "what is best for Catawba and how do we achieve it."

He cares about tradition, history, people, and the total environment which impacts the education of students.

He will have written an outstanding chapter in the history of this institution.

From Rev. John F. Callahan '60, President Corriher's College Roommate

I met "Freddie" in the Fall of 1956. We have been friends ever since.

We were roommates for about two years in the Ad Building and Salisbury-Rowan Dorm. While roommates, we decided to reverse the spelling of our names and called each other "Nhoj" and "Derf". We still do.

Catawba's President is a remarkable human being. For as long as anyone can remember, the Corrihers have been associated with Catawba College. Fred took a lot of good-natured ribbing about his name being on the Library. He always accepted it with aplomb and in the affectionate spirit in which it was meant.

For as long as I have know Fred Corriher, Jr., he has always kept an eye on the goal of doing what's best for the College. I think he still does that.

FCjr graduated from Catawba (Magna cum laude, as I recall). He served with distinction as SGA President ('59-'60). During his presidency, he reached out to the day students and made sure their concerns were taken seriously. I remember how Fred helped a student who was confined to a wheelchair and often was late for class because of the three flights of steps up to the classroom. He spoke with her Professors and helped them understand it takes longer to negotiate the stairs and they should not mark her late for class.

We were students at Catawba on the cusp of the Civil Rights movement. There was some turmoil in the South about integration. Behind the scenes, President Corriher helped integrate Catawba College. This is characteristic of Fred Corriher, he used his considerable influence quietly and behind-the-scenes to bring about change. These were difficult times and Fred helped make the transition smoothly.

While we were students, Fred was Campus Photographer. He scouted the event while I carried the equipment. We attended sporting events and college and community meetings free of charge. Fred believed in 'saving a few bucks' when we could.

Fred Corriher has always been a cheerleader for the College. I remember Fred cheering on the Indians -- even to the end -- when Catawba's archrival, Lenoir-Rhyne, scaled us in the 1959 Thanksgiving Day game. In victory and in defeat, Fred Corriher has cheered Catawba on.

Freddie Corriher's powder blue Cadillac convertible was a familiar sight on campus. Once he got a ticket for parking illegally. He paid it and then, as usual, picked up a couple students hitchhiking into town. We had a lot of fun in that old car!!

I have lived in Cambridge, Massachusetts, for 25 years in the midst of Harvard University and MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology). President Corriher has ably represented the College to the wider academic community. His administrative skills and fundraising ability have guided Catawba towards his goal of making it one of the best small, private colleges in the south.

Fred helped raise extra funds so we could get the best band for the Sophomore-Senior Prom. He put up some money and got some of his friends to match it.

There are so many things I recall, but these are the kernels that mark the man and his presidencies. Thanks for the opportunity to add to a word portrait of Derf Rehirroc.

John Callahan (Nhoj Nahallac)



From David Setzer, Retired Executive Assistant to the President

"You are Catawba!"

These words were a mantra for President A.R. Keppel during his 21-year tenure as Catawba's 14th President between 1942 and 1963. He said them often and he said them with gusto, speaking all three words with same stentorian emphasis. It became clearly his vocal trademark and a phrase he will always be remembered by among those who knew him.

And there are few people, if any, who embody more of what Dr. Keppel had in mind than Fred Corriher. Fred has become Catawba. The institution and he are one in the same. And I don't think that is particularly what Fred had in mind as he moved through the various stages and events of his life, but that is how it turned out.

In the beginning, Catawba was a place Fred went as a child with his grandfather, Lotan A. Corriher-textile magnet, trustee, and philanthropist. Fred climbed in, over, and under construction that was underway on the campus as Mr. Lotan made his inspections. It was just after World War II and Salisbury-Rowan Dormitory was being built with funds raised by Corriher and other community leaders.

Catawba was the subject of frequent conversations at the Corriher dinner table. Fred sat on President Keppel's lap when the Keppels visited grandfather Lotan's home for Sunday lunch. Fred would grow up to enter Catawba, become freshman class and later, student body president, and, after graduating, return in a few short months to be hired by President Keppel as director of alumni affairs.

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It was about this time, in fact 1961, that I drifted onto the Catawba campus, looking into employment possibilities. I found them, in public relations, and found a lifelong friend with whom I would share office space, be in his wedding, and plan homecoming events. He left Catawba after a few years to join the textile mill operation that his family had run for generations. And it wasn't too much later that he became one of my bosses, having been elected trustee, taking the seat once held by his grandfather and later by his father. But we never stopped being friends.

Fred has been my "boss" ever since, but never has he treated me with anything but personal respect and dignity. I appreciate that and always will. Fred served on the Board of Trustees with energy and great devotion, even serving as chairman of the Board for several years. The tragic death of Stephen Wurster thrust Fred back into the leadership spotlight. The Board asked him to serve as interim president while a search was undertaken for Wurster's successor. The search focused on our own backyard and Fred was asked to accept the challenge of his life-the presidency of Catawba College.

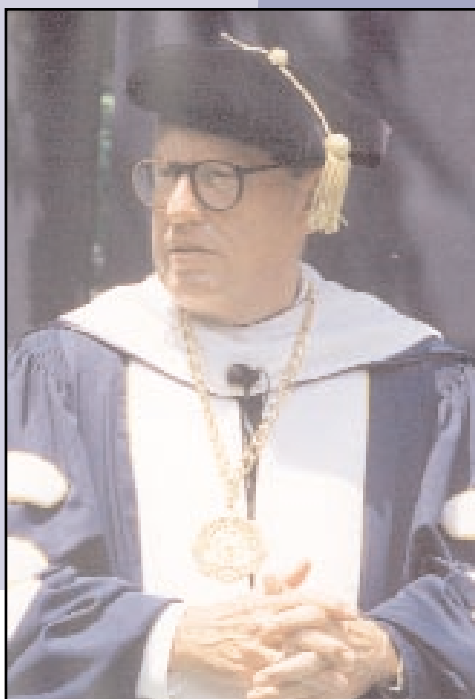
A dream he dared not dream had become reality. It was an opportunity and challenge of enormous responsibility. He accepted the call, and he has led the College these ten years with passion and a personal sense of mission. But Fred has served his alma mater with feeling, sincerity, vigor, and a significant amount of success. Possessing a keen and knowledgeable sense of institutional history and tradition, he has been motivated to add substantively to the legacies of those presidents who preceded him.

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Fred and I have worked well together over the years, my time concluding as his executive assistant. And I was pleased that he asked for my help as he prepared to announce his retirement from a job and an institution he clearly loves. It has been a pleasure. It remains a pleasure, and even though I am retired from Catawba, he is still my boss. I work for a private family foundation and Fred is on the foundation's board of directors. In fact, he recommended me to the board when they were discussing hiring an executive director.

I worked for six presidents during my 36 years at Catawba-Keppel, Dearborn, Sholtzberger, Leonard, Wurster, Corriher. They were all good and managed to achieve and advance the institution in various ways. They were also at times very frustrating and, at others, exhilarating. In a word, human. President Fred Corriher was no different from his predecessors. They all loved Catawba and devoted their whole being to her. She is a tough mistress, but worth the effort and the devotion, as Fred Corriher discovered-as student, alumnus, staff member, trustee, chairman, and president. Thanks, Fred!

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Campus Tragedy

Tragedy struck the Catawba College campus Jan. 25. Salisbury Police Deputy Chief Mark Wilhelm issued the following statement at approximately 4 a.m. Saturday morning, Jan. 26, regarding a Friday night, Jan. 25, shooting which occurred on the campus of Catawba College.

"At 11:19 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25, Salisbury Police were summoned to Summit Avenue at Catawba College to investigate a shooting. Upon arrival, officers discovered that several students had gunshot wounds.

"A few minutes later, officers were summoned to Livingstone College in reference to a wounded student at that location. Upon arrival at Livingstone, officers discovered that a student had been dropped off at the Security Office and had a gunshot wound. All of the injured students were transported to Rowan Regional Medical Center where a Catawba student later died. Darris Morris, age 21 and a Catawba senior from Batesburg, S.C. was fatally wounded.

"Further investigation has revealed the following: An altercation broke out between Livingstone College students and Catawba College students while they attended a party at Pine Knot residence hall at Catawba College. The altercation moved from the dorm onto Summit Avenue near the Catawba gym. Livingstone students went to a vehicle parked on the street, and then at least one of the students produced a handgun. Shots were fired and Catawba College Security exchanged gunfire with occupants of the vehicle, hitting two Livingstone College students who were not severely injured.

"Injured Catawba students were: Demetrius Phipps, 19, a Catawba College student - Abernethy residence hall - gunshot wound to right hand and leg, treated and released from Rowan Regional; and Bradley McCrary, 20, a Catawba College student - Pine Knot residence hall, gunshot wound to left leg, admitted to Rowan Regional."

Police originally charged six Livingstone College students with homicide in connection with this incident. Later, a Rowan County Grand Jury handed down true bills of indictment, charging only three of those six suspects from Livingstone with Morris' murder, and the remaining three with lesser offenses, including accessory after the fact to murder. No trial date has been set for these accused.

Although Morris was buried in his hometown of Batesburg, S.C., a memorial service for him was held on campus in February and members of his family, as well as his fellow students, faculty and staff attended to pay tribute. On campus, counseling services were and continue to be made available to affected Catawba students.

Approximately a week after the incident and following much media attention on campus, President J. Fred Corriher, Jr. wrote the following editorial which ran in the "Salisbury Post:"

"The events of Friday evening, January 25, were tragic in their own right. The loss of life and the injuries that resulted should never have taken place and leave our entire community searching for answers. There are no easy answers, because I'm not certain we know all the questions that must be asked. However, a tragedy of equal magnitude would be if two fine institu-

tions of higher education, both with long and distinguished histories, allows these events to tarnish their reputations or their relationships.

"I am not convinced that public posturing or the staging of events of a superficial nature will address any of the issues faced by either of our colleges. We need to move substantively to find long-range solutions to these issues rather than to move precipitously just to assuage those who call for instant solutions. Catawba College is committed to working cooperatively with Livingstone College to address these issues in a timely fashion and in a forum designed to bring about a long term improvement in the relations between our colleges. But first, passions must subside and angers must wane, and then, the conversations should begin.

"It is very good of (Livingstone College President) Dr. Algernia Freeman to suggest some avenues of approach which we will, of course, consider. However, we are not inclined to accept her solutions *carte blanche* as there may be other approaches to consider. For example, there has never been a problem in the relations between college administrators nor our faculties. If problems exist, they are probably best resolved at the student level, and I am confident that there are student leaders on both campuses who can deal with these issues more appropriately than can administrators.

"In the meantime, I feel compelled to address some of the misunderstandings that have arisen out of media reports and the comments of individuals hundreds and even thousands of miles from the scene of the incident who have no clue as to what has happened. Specifically, we have been dismayed at reports of negligence on the part of our resident assistants as well as reports of underage drinking at the party which preceded the violence.

"We are pleased to confirm that there were student resident assistants on the scene who did all they could to quell the outbreak of fighting and urged all the students involved to return to their respective residence halls. Many came from other parts of campus to assist their peers in bringing calm to the campus. They are not policemen nor are they charged with discipline. They called in area coordinators and other residence life personnel at the first sign of violence. Many of them acted correctly, even courageously, in trying to bring events under control.

"The large majority of Catawba students who were participants in the party in Pine Knot Residence Hall were 21 years old or older, and under campus rules, were legally entitled to consume alcohol. The organizers made a conscious effort to exclude any one who was underage from entering the area.

"I want to commend our Security Officer Allen Hinson who put his life on the line to deter the students with guns. He placed himself in harm's way and his actions perhaps saved other lives. He deserves the thanks and admiration of the entire campus community.

"It is not our role to render judgements of wrongdoing, as the final determination of guilt or innocence will be left to our judicial system. In the meantime, our heart goes out to the family of Darris Morris, to the others injured at the scene, and to the families of the young men who are incarcerated."

Seniors' gift to create memorial to slain student

Catawba College's graduating class of 2002 will dedicate their senior class gift to the creation of a memorial for fellow senior Darris Morris, who was killed in an on-campus tragedy in January.

Their plans are to use the funds they have raised plus additional gifts to construct an outdoor basketball court in Morris' memory. The court will be located in the interior of the campus adjacent to the Forrest Pridgen Volleyball Courts.

Senior Class President Ben Prater called his class' gift "a way to establish a living memorial to a fellow classmate. Anyone who knew Darris, knew of his love for football as well as basketball and it has been said that when Darris wasn't on the football field, you could find him on a bas-

ketball court.

"Too often, memorials are made of cold stone and steel, but we wanted to leave something behind that would be a living testament to the life of Darris Morris."

Chrissy Thomas, a senior class senator, said "We all agree that this a great way to remember Darris. It's something that students who come after us will use and in their using it, Darris won't be forgotten. If he had lived to graduate with us, he would have left behind a very different legacy, but in a small way, this court will be that legacy."

The senior class would welcome and appreciate any donations to the Darris Morris Memorial Fund that they have established.

Monetary donations will be used for the construction of the court and then to create an endowment for its continuing maintenance. Additionally, if enough funds are raised, Prater said, plans are to establish a scholarship in Morris' memory.

Checks, made payable to Catawba College, should be mailed to the Development Office, Catawba College, 2300 W. Innes Street, Salisbury, N.C. 28144. Please specify on the check that the gift is for the Darris Morris Memorial Fund. All gifts are tax deductible.

For additional information, contact Margaret Wilsey, director of parent and alumni relations, in the Catawba Development Office at 703-637-4394.

More than 'guys who wrap ankles'

When most people think of athletic trainers, they think of the guys who rush out to wrap players' sprained ankles during professional football or basketball games.

In reality, a certified athletic trainer spends only about 20 minutes of a typical day taping ankles. The remainder is spent conducting physical therapy and rehabilitation, making medical referrals and talking with doctors.

"We're trying to make 'certified athletic trainer' a household term," says Bob Casmus, head athletic trainer at Catawba College. This sentiment echoes the public relations campaign of the National Athletic Trainers Association (NATA). Most people have no idea that an athletic trainer is a highly educated professional who specializes in the prevention, treatment and rehabilitation of athletic injuries. Instead, the word "trainer" is batted around freely and often confused with a number of other occupations, such as personal fitness trainers and even horse trainers.

Currently 42 states have regulatory acts in place regarding the practice of athletic training. These states require that the athletic trainer be NATA Board Certified in order to attain licensure. Salisbury Mayor Susan Kluttz recently proclaimed March as National Athletic Training Month locally, as an invitation for area residents to learn more about athletic trainers and what they do.

Athletic training was recognized by the American Medical Association in 1990 as an allied health care profession, and more than 22,000 athletic trainers nationwide are employed in professional sports, colleges and universities, high schools, dance companies, clinics and hospitals, corporate settings, and military and law enforcement training centers.

Catawba College's athletic training program has roots dating back to 1974, when Dr. Frank Meyers taught the first classes dealing with injury prevention and care. By 1984, Athletic Training officially had become an academic major and, by 1999,

the Athletic Training major was nationally accredited. Since 1984, approximately 120 students have graduated from the program.

"Athletic Training is an allied health specialty dealing with injuries to athletes," Casmus says, taking a few minutes out of a busy day to chat in his "office," which looks like a cross between a rehabilitation center and a doctor's office. Exam tables line one wall, and higher tables across the room await athletes who do need a knee or ankle taped and wrapped. Detailed physiology posters decorate the walls, and elsewhere in the room, a variety of equipment stands ready to provide electrical muscle stimulation, heat treatments and even ultrasound.

"You have to improve strength of the muscle to try to avoid re-injury," Casmus explains. "It's a specialized field. Our business is to work with the physically active."

Besides Casmus, Catawba employs four other certified athletic trainers, each covering different sports and also teaching classes at the college. Holly Stump, Mike Eden, Ashley Noble and Cynthia Schrauder are the four other certified athletic trainers that work with Casmus in the care of Catawba College student athletes. He and his staff will be on the cutting edge of athletic training technology when the new 26,000-square-foot Mariam and Robert Hayes Field House is dedicated on April 14. The center's high-tech equipment will help both in educating students and caring for athletes, Casmus says in the tone of a proud father-to-be. After 12 years with Catawba, the christening of the new center will be his and the staff's moment to shine.

The highlight, he says, will be the new Biodex system, an isokinetic testing machine useful in rehabilitation and testing strength in muscles and joints. In addition, the new facility will include whirlpools, physician exam rooms, rehabilitation equipment and therapeutic modalities.

But even as his own program thrives, Casmus wonders why more employers haven't recognized



From L to R: Salisbury Mayor, Susan Kluttz, Catawba Athletic Training Education Director, Holly Stump and Head Athletic Trainer, Bob Casmus

his profession - specifically, he questions why there aren't more certified athletic trainers at the high school level, where he thinks they could make as much or more difference as they do at colleges and in pro sports.

More than half the injuries to high school athletes in nine sports were found to occur during practice sessions, according to a study by the National Athletic Trainers' Association. The three-year project investigated injuries in selected high school sports during the 1995-1997 academic years. The sports studied were baseball (boys), softball (girls), football (boys), field hockey (girls), soccer (both), basketball (both), volleyball (girls) and wrestling (boys). The data came from 246 certified athletic trainers from different-sized schools across the country.

"Who's looking after the high school injuries?" Casmus wants to know. "So many of the injuries are happening at the high school and junior high levels. Certified athletic trainers could help these athletes avoid re-injury and possibly prevent future problems, which is especially important in that age group."

NEW FOOTBALL COACH...

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will continue to have Catawba student athletes committed to academics, community service and playing winning football."



Hester gives a Catawba player a pat on the helmet for job well-done

Hester came to Catawba from Guilford College. His duties this past season was to coordinate the passing game, coach the wide receivers and coordinate all football recruiting. In addition to his football duties, Hester also serves as assistant athletic director for compliance and advisor for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes program.

For two seasons, 1996-98, Hester served as the head coach for the Catawba College men's golf program. As with football, he followed in the footsteps of Bennett, who led the golf team to the 1995 conference title and the NCAA II National Tournament. Hester guided the team to the 1998 South Atlantic Conference Championship and to NCAA II Regional berths in both seasons. He coached two All-Americans, a SAC Player of the Year and a SAC Freshman of the Year.

A 1992 graduate of Guilford College, Hester earned a bachelor's degree in business management. He completed a master's degree in sports management at Georgia Southern in 1993. While completing his master's degree, Hester worked as an intern

at Catawba, assisting football, sports information and athletic operations. He graduated from Millbrook High School in Raleigh in 1988.

Hester was a standout athlete in football and track at Millbrook. He earned honorable mention all-conference honors in football. At Guilford, Hester was a four-year football letterman (wide receiver), earning the Golden Helmet Award and Leadership Award as a senior. He was also a member of the Varsity Athletic Council and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

He began his coaching career as a volunteer assistant coach at Millbrook High School, working with receivers. He followed as a graduate assistant coach (receivers) at Catawba in 1993.

Born and reared in Raleigh, N.C., Hester resides in Salisbury with his wife Trish. Trish is a mathematics teacher at North Rowan High School and coaches volleyball. The couple has a daughter, Morgan Claire (4), and are expecting another daughter in April. The Hesters are active members of First Baptist Church in Salisbury.

Winter recap/Spring outlook

Senior Melissa Schiffel highlighted the close of a successful winter sports season for Catawba. Schiffel returned to the NCAA II National Swimming Championships for the second time in her career and set school records at the meet. The senior set two new standards in the the 500 free and the 1000 free. She placed in the top 20 in three of her four events. Schiffel was named to the All-Southern States Conference team after winning the 1650 freestyle event in a school record time of 17:29.35.

The Catawba women's basketball team made history by posting a 21-7 record this season. It marked the first time in school history that the program had produced consecutive 20-win seasons. A major feat considering the team returned only four players from last year's SAC Championship squad. Catawba just missed on a second trip to the NCAA II Regionals, finishing in a tie for second in the conference.

Post players Dorthell Little, a junior, and Danyel Locklear, a sophomore, paced the women this season and were both named first team All-SAC. Little was also named to the

all-region team after averaging 14.5 points and 10.1 rebounds a game. Locklear posted a 15.4 scoring average and pulled down 8.0 rebounds per contest. Of the many newcomers, Ashley Cox and Isiaette Darden stood out, earning SAC All-Freshman honors. Cox averaged nearly eight points and four assists a game, while Darden averaged just over seven points per contest.

The men's team posted a 19-8 record and placed third in the SAC. Terrence Hamilton and junior Brian Carter were named first team All-SAC. Hamilton, one of five seniors, averaged 13.1 points and 7.6 rebounds per game. Carter led the team with a 16.9 scoring averaged and also pulled down 7.6 rebounds a game.

The Catawba spring sports have got off to a good start. The baseball team is near the top of the league standings, while softball matched last year's win total by winning 10 of its first 15 games. Both tennis teams are ranked among the top 10 in the region, while the men's golf team is also in the running for a regional playoff berth. The women's team continues to improve, while lacrosse has split its first six games.

Several players have had record breaking seasons to date. Senior Isreal Morrow has set a new standard for hits in a career, while Blair Reynolds and Spence Southard became the first players to hit for the cycle in 54 years. Reynolds is off to a phenomenal start as he has already set a new mark for doubles in a season with over 20 games remaining. The junior hat 20 in just 27 games.



Dorthell Little, Junior

Sports Hall of Fame Weekend

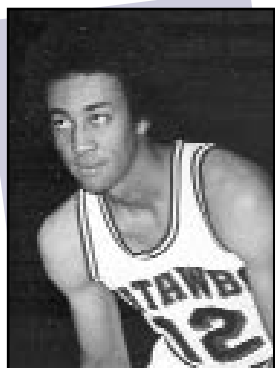
Catawba College's 25th Annual Sports Hall of Fame Weekend began Friday, April 5 with the traditional golf tournament at Crescent Golf Club and also featured the second edition of a successful 5K and Fun Run.

The golf tournament was again filled to capacity. Approximately 80 golfers participated and enjoyed a barbecue dinner following their rounds of play.

The next morning at 8:30 a.m., participants for the Fun Run met in the Catawba's athletic parking lot. Activities included a stroller mile (a predicted time event), a one-mile run for children 12 and under, a 5K for ages 13 to 16, and another 5K for ages 17 and older. Prizes were awarded in each category. Proceeds from the Fun Run benefited Rowan Helping Ministries and Catawba cross country teams.

Following the Fun Run, four former Catawba student athletes were inducted into the college's Sports Hall of Fame. Inductees included Cyrus Alexander ('75) of Orangeburg, S.C., Dr. Edward Fowler ('85) of Greenwood, S.C., Leslie Bradway Poteat ('90) of Salisbury and Richard "Dick" Smith ('56) of Salisbury. The induction ceremony and luncheon were sponsored by the Catawba College Chiefs Club.

Cy Alexander, a basketball player at Catawba from 1971-75, is well known for his coaching career at South Carolina State University. Head coach since 1987, he has led his teams to five regular-season division titles, as well as tournament championships and NCAA tournament berths. Prior to coaching at S.C. State, Alexander was an assistant coach at Howard University.



Cy Alexander

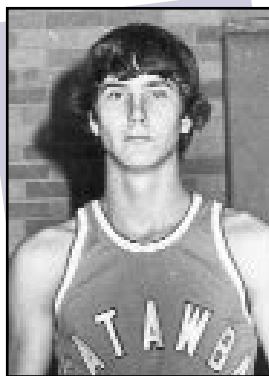
At Catawba Alexander played for Coach Sam Moir and was a member of the 1973 Carolinas Conference championship team. He scored 125 career points and will always be remembered for his free throw that gave the Indians a win over nationally ranked Gardner-Webb.

Originally from Winston-Salem, Alexander now resides in Orangeburg with his wife, Cecelia.

Dr. Ed Fowler also played basketball under Moir at Catawba, from 1981 through 1985. A two-time NAIA Academic All-American, Fowler also achieved greatness on the court, earning All-Carolinas Conference honors in 1985, when he served as a senior captain. He also earned All-Carolinas Tournament honors that year, before concluding his career with 1,164 points scored, still 26th all-time at Catawba. He also ranks 10th all-time with 260 career assists. Also in 1985, he was named team most valuable player and won the Kirkland Award as top male athlete in his senior class.

Fowler is currently a physician in Greenwood, where he lives with his wife, Sissy, and sons Brett and Bryce.

Leslie Poteat was a four-year volleyball starter at Catawba from 1986 through 1989, earning honorable mention All-American honors in 1989. Also as a senior, she was NAIA District Player of the Year, All-South Atlantic Conference, all-district and a member of the NAIA East Region team. That season, Poteat led the Lady Indians to a 38-3 record, the District 26 championship and a



Ed Fowler

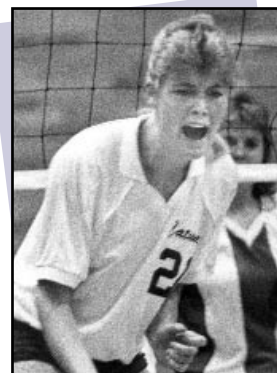
trip to Hawaii for the NAIA National Tournament.

Poteat is still first all-time at Catawba in blocks, with 1,170 total, 445 of which came in 1989 and stand as a school record. Her 34 blocks in one match is second best all-time. She also played on the women's basketball team and earned the Lomax Award, presented to the top female athlete in the senior class.

Poteat is a homemaker, residing in Salisbury with her husband, Rodney, & sons Wood & Lee.

Dick Smith was a four-year starter in football, starting at both fullback and linebacker. Co-captain as a senior and defensive captain for two seasons, Smith started all but two games during his four seasons. As a senior, he earned All-North State Conference honors and honorable mention All-State recognition. He was Catawba's leading rusher and scorer from 1953 to 1955.

After graduation from Catawba, Smith enjoyed a 32-year career with Southern Bell/BellSouth, retiring in 1987 as a network general manager. Smith, who resides in Salisbury with his wife, Peggy, has two children, Cristy and Lynn. He is a member of the Catawba College Alumni Board and the Chiefs Club Board of Directors and is a captain in the Shuford Stadium project.



Leslie Poteat



Dick Smith

Catawba College Trustee Emeritus and Benefactor Dies

Salisbury native Archibald "Archie" Caldwell Ruffy '35 died Mar. 5 at his home in Las Vegas, Nev. After graduating from Catawba, he earned his law degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and practiced law in Salisbury until he was drafted into the U.S. Army at the beginning of World War II. He rose to the rank of captain, serving from 1942 until 1945 in counter-intelligence work.

After his discharge from the military, he returned to his law practice and worked in it until he moved to Las Vegas in 1989. He served three terms as solicitor and two terms as judge of the Rowan County Court in North Carolina and was also president of the Rowan Bar Association. He was a member of the Catawba Chiefs Club board of directors, having helped draw up the by-laws for that organization.

He and his wife Frances were known as benefactors in many areas of Salisbury and Rowan County, including the Ruffy-Holmes Senior Center, Horizons Unlimited and Catawba College. In addition to the two Catawba First Family Scholarships of \$150,000 which the couple established, handsome donations to Catawba have consistently been made. Ruffy also instructed his heirs to continue his tradition of giving to Catawba, even after his death.

Survivors, in addition to his wife Frances Fulk Ruffy, include sons Bruce Ross Ruffy of Salisbury and Archibald Ruffy, Jr. of Las Vegas, daughter Frances Ruffy Parkton of Las Vegas, and six grandchildren.

Richard James Rendleman '41 died Jan 1.

During World War II, he was a lieutenant with the U.S. Navy at Port Chicago, Calif. And in the Pacific Theatre. He was on the board of directors and vice president of sales with Proctor Chemical Co. and later with National Starch and chemical Co. until his retirement. Active in commercial real estate development, he was a member of the board of director of Merritt Innes Corp.

Rendleman was honored by Catawba in 1987, becoming the first golfer to ever be inducted into the Catawba College Sports Hall of Fame, and again in 1993, receiving the distinguished Alumnus Award.

While a student at Catawba, Rendleman was a member of the college golf team and led that team to the conference championship in 1940. He qualified for the U.S. Open championship in 1948 and advanced to the third round to match play in the USGA Amateur Championship in 1951. A long-time supporter of Catawba's men's golf team, the college named its annual tournament in his honor.

He served as president of the Country Club of Salisbury and had recently completed a term on its board of directors. Since 1974, he had also served as a member of the board of directors of the Proctor Foundation.

Survivors include wife Patricia Proctor Rendleman '47, a Catawba College Trustee; sons Richard J. Rendleman, Jr. of Raleigh, and John Proctor Rendleman of Wilmington; daughter Patricia Proctor Rendleman '75 of New York City; sister Allie B. Carty '37 of Rosemont, Pa.; brother William Jacob Rendleman '40 of Tampa, Fla.; and two grandchildren.

Former Catawba Faculty Members Die

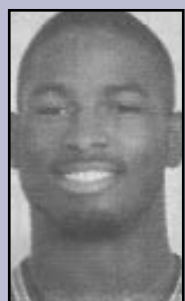
Dr. Richard McMath Mears of Springfield, Mo., who served at Catawba between 1954-1958 as an English professor, died Dec. 19.

After leaving Catawba, Dr. Mears taught English literature and the study of Japanese culture through Japanese film at Drury University in Springfield from 1958 until his retirement in 1991. He continued to teach as an emeritus faculty member until Dec. 2001.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years Harriet Murray Mears, a son, a daughter, a sister, a brothers and two grandchildren.

John T. Fesperman, former member of the Catawba College Music Department faculty and director of the Catawba choir, died June 2, 2001 in Michaelville, Md.

He was retired from the Smithsonian Museum as a curator of old instruments.



Catawba College Student Dies

Senior Darris Roshun Morris died Jan. 25 as a result of injuries sustained in a shooting incident on the Catawba College campus.

Born April 2, 1980 in Lexington County, South Carolina, he was a business administration major. He was an outside linebacker on the Catawba College football team, and while at Batesburg-Leesville High School in Batesburg, S.C., he was an All-State Player. He also played basketball in high school and was All-Regional and MVP.

Darris' well-attended funeral was held Jan. 30 in the gymnasium of Batesburg-Leesville High. He is survived by his mother Cleavie Mae Morris of Batesburg, S.C. and two siblings.

In Memoriam

'30 **Esther Gordon Shepherd** of Raleigh, formerly of Spencer, died Jan. 8.

She earned her master's degree from Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y. and was awarded the Ana Cora Smith Fellowship while there. She spent part of her career as a home economics teacher in Alexander County and Raleigh. She also operated a lunchroom for underprivileged children while teaching in Alexander County.

Her husband Marshal LeRoyce Shepherd preceded her in death. Survivors include son M. Gordon Shepherd of Jamestown, daughters Sarah Shepherd Lyon of Manassas, Va. and Mary Shepherd Seith of Irvin, Calif., six grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, four step-great-grandchildren, and one step-great-great-grandson.

'36 **Hazel Elizabeth McSwain** Woolfolk of Greensboro died Jan. 2.

She earned her master's degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and spent her career teaching in schools in Gastonia, High Point and Greensboro.

Her husband William Ross Woolfolk preceded her in death. Survivors include her daughter Sallie Smith of Greensboro, sister **Evelyn McSwain Shinn '36** of Gaffney, S.C., and two grandchildren.

Christine Wagoner Ludwig of Traphill, formerly of Gold Hill, died March 24

She attended Appalachian State Teacher's College before graduating from Catawba. She was a retired elementary school teacher with 38 years of service.

Survivors include a daughter, a brother, three sisters, two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

'38 **Mary Ludwig Lyerly** of Washington, D.C., formerly of Granite Quarry, died Jan. 20.

A homemaker, she was active in her church's youth organizations and activities.

Her husband Dr. Paul Junior Lyerly preceded her in death in 1974. Survivors include daughters Mrs. Vicki Lyerly LaPointe of Washington, D.C. and Mrs. Bonnie Lyerly Fowler of Arlington, Va., two grandsons, and three sisters.

'41 **Thomas R. Marshall** of Fairfield Glade, Tenn., formerly of Royal Center, Ind., died Jan. 1.

A veteran of the U.S. Navy, he served on an LST in the European Theatre during World War II and was part of the landing at Omaha Beach. He was also a 1952 graduate of Valparaiso University. Before becoming business manager at Texaco and Phillips 66 Service Stations and Tom's Lil General Store, he worked for General Motors as a Chevrolet dealer and manager.

Preceded in death in 1994 by his first wife Sarah L. Hollyday Marshall, he is survived by his second wife Rosemary H. Hobbs Cheney Marshall, son **Philip T. Marshall '71** of Salem, Ind., daughters **Barbara L. Marshall '72** of Cary and **Nancy s. Marshall '76** of Logansport, Ind., and two grandchildren.

Class Notes

'42 **Evelyn Mabel Wright** of Surfside Beach died Jan. 8.

A retired teacher with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, she had attended Drexel Institution of Technology in Philadelphia and East Carolina College in Greenville.

Survivors include a sister, **Doris D. Hurley '44** of Waynesville, and a brother, **Vernon J. Dreibelbis '50** of Charlotte.

Martha Agnew Trotter of Salisbury died Feb. 7.

She was a retired teacher with the Salisbury City Schools

Survivors include two brothers **James Trotter '44** of Raleigh and **Dr. John Trotter '47** of Atlanta, Ga.

'43 **Dorothy Morrison Warlick** of Newton died March 5

She served as an American Red Cross Staff Assistant from 1945-1946 in the Philippines and in Japan. She was employed by the City of Conover until her retirement in 1990.

She was preceded in death by her husband George Andrew Warlick, a son, a daughter and a stepson. Survivors include one stepson and two sisters.

'44 [CORRECTION: Listed in last edition as Ina Berea Culture]

Ina Berrier Cutler of Raleigh died Nov. 22.

A retired elementary education teacher, she taught for more than 25 years in Davidson County, Martinsville, Va., and the Wake County Public Schools. She met her husband of 57 years, Martin A. Cutler, formerly of Butler, Pa. while she was a student at Catawba.

Survivors, in addition to her husband, include three sons and a daughter.

Hilda Kennedy Vaughn of High Point died Jan. 5.

Active in her church, she was involved in the Parson's Table for 22 and started the 11 a.m. Wednesday morning Bible Study 40 years prior to her death.

Survivors include her husband of 50 years, Clyde C. Vaughn, a sister and a brother.

'46 **Sister Lucille Lyerly** of Salisbury died March 9.

A graduate of the Lutheran Deaconess Training School in Baltimore, Md., she was a registered parliamentarian and served as parish deaconess for Lutheran churches in Ohio, Pennsylvania and Virginia. She was later employed with the Albemarle and Salisbury units of the N.C. Lutheran Homes. In July 2001, she was honored on the 65th anniversary of her consecration as deaconess at a special service at the Salisbury Lutheran Home.

Survivors include her brother the Rev. Dr. J. Wilford Lyerly of Mount Airy and her sister Katherine E. Lyerly of Salisbury.

'46 **Doris Swicegood Beaver** of Charlotte died Dec. 27.

A graduate of both Catawba and Mars Hill Colleges, she and her husband of 55 years, Edgar

Swicegood, established scholarships at both institutions to assist needy students with the cost of a college education. She was an active volunteer at Presbyterian Hospital and a member of the Myers Park Country Club and the Providence United Methodist Church.

In addition to her husband, survivors include daughter Patty Rocklage of Lincoln, Mass., son William Beaver of Charlotte, five grandchildren, and two brothers, George Swicegood of New Bern and **Lloyd Swicegood '56** of Charlotte.

Thomas F. Hudson of Salisbury died Feb. 13.

He served as a radio operator for the battalion commander off the 63rd Infantry Division during World War II and saw combat in France and Germany. He was awarded a Bronze Star. He was one of the partners with Hudson and Almond Surveying, Mapping, and Engineering Co.

Survivors include his wife Martha Dell Purvis Hudson, son John T. Hudson of Salisbury, daughters Belle "Bee" H. Piper of Greensboro, Laura H. Kesler of Greenville and Martha "Dell" H. Strayhorn of Raleigh, sister **Ann Almond '49** of Salisbury and seven grandchildren.

'48 **Walter Lee Spear** of Conway, S.C. died Feb. 22.

A retired U.S. Army Colonel, he was also a graduate of Duke University. He had a long career in education, serving as principal of Mt. Holly Elementary School in Mt. Holly, N.C., academic dean of Belmont Abbey College in Belmont, N.C., and as an active volunteer with Coastal Carolina University's Elderhost and Third Quarter Programs.

Survivors include his wife Geri Spear, sons Terry Spear of Lafayette, Colo. and Will Spear of Garden City, daughter Carolyn Spear of Myrtle Beach, S.C., and two grandsons.

'49 **Robert O'Neil Williams, Sr.** of Pinnacle died Jan. 20.

A World War II veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, Williams participated in the battles of Bougainville, Guam and Iwo Jima. In 1949, he joined the N.C. Army National Guard and rose through the ranks to the position of Lieutenant Colonel. Williams served as director of administration services at Armtex for 20 years and was active with both the Mount Airy Rescue Squad and the American Red Cross of Surry County.

Survivors include his wife **Anna Foil Richardson Williams '47**, two daughters, a son and eight grandchildren.

Peggy Boger Neill of Spencer died Feb. 21.

A homemaker, she was of the Methodist faith.

Survivors include her husband of 53 years, **T.C. Neill, Jr. '50**, son **T.C. Neill, III '79** of Spencer, daughters Julie Barchfield of Louisville, Ky. and Cindy Neill of Dallas, Texas, and one grandchild.

'52 **O. Ray Floyd of Spencer** died Feb. 19.

A B-25 pilot, he served in the U.S. Army during World War II. An independent life insurance agent, he owned and operated O. Ray Floyd Insurance Agency from 1963 until his retirement in 1988.

His wife Evelyn Gooch Floyd preceded him in death in 1993. Survivors include two sons, two brothers, a sister and four grandchildren.

'59 **John Wayne Clark** of Lexington died Dec. 14.

A veteran of the U.S. Air Force, he was a retired accountant with Hewlett-Packard.

Survivors include a brother and two nieces.

'60 **William "Bill Vance Long, Jr.** of Asheboro died Feb. 17.

A retired banker, he was a graduate of both Catawba and Campbell Colleges and attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He was active in the Lions Club, the Jaycees, the N.C. Wildlife Federation, and his church, First Baptist Church of Randleman.

Survivors include his wife Sylvia Kennedy Long, three sons and six grandchildren.

'62 **Richard F. Sellers, Jr.** of Swansboro died Jan. 14.

In addition to Catawba, Seller attended the University of Arizona and Ohio State University, where he earned his master's degree in microbiology. A retired major from the U.S. Air Force, he was director of a drug rehabilitation program at Piedmont Correction Facility. He also worked as TASC coordinator at Day Reporting Center in New Bern.

Survivors include his wife **Karen Reumann Sellers '63**, a son, three daughters, a brother, 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

'66 **John "Jack" Hanby Foard, Jr.** of Concord died Feb. 9.

A graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, he was retired as a Lt. Col. in the Infantry Division of the U.S. Army Reserves after serving 25 years. Prior pursuing a career in teaching with the Cabarrus County School System, he was employed for 30 years by Fieldcrest Cannon Inc./ Cannon Mills Company as a general manager of sales and marketing.

Survivors include his wife **Donna Summers Foard '67**, daughter Kathryn Foard Patterson of Fayetteville, son John Hanby Foard III of Concord and a brother, William Sandusky Foard of Newton, N.C.

'43 **Betty Jane Purcell** writes that she has a Catawba College Alumni sticker on her car in hopes that someone will come up and say, "I went to Catawba College also."

'58 Although retired, the **Rev. Paul R. Peters** of Avon Lake, Ohio, is serving as a consultant for the Center

for New Community based in Chicago, Ill. This organization, which he helped found, is primarily engaged in revitalizing local church and communities, and addressing far right hate groups in the Midwest. Peters is also busy writing a book of Revitalizing the Church and Community. He would like to hear from former classmates and can be reached via e-mail at prdpeters@aol.com.

'62 **Rev. Doyle A. Luckenbaugh** and wife, Marian, have recently moved. Their new address

is 4521 Noble Loon Street, Massillon, OH 44646. Their e-mail address is mardoy@redrose.net. Rev. Luckenbaugh recently retired as Senior Pastor of Bethany UCC, Ephrata, Pa.

'63 **Janie Bonds Allen** and husband, **Sonny '53**, write that they enjoy reading *Campus*. Janie recently

attended her 50th class reunion at Burlington High School and received their Humanitarian Bulldog Award for service. The Allen's have three children. Laura Allen Bowler, who works at the family business, Allen Mortgage, Inc.; David Lee, who is married to Angie Davis and is owner and operator of Gunworks in Salisbury; and Edward Christian, who is employed with ABC Credit Union in New York City. Janie and Sonny have one grandchild, Haley.

'65 **Paul Haring and wife, Sharon Martin Haring '66** have moved to 1561 Bay Point Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23454. Sharon has retired after 35 years of teaching high school English in Virginia Beach.

Dan Leonard retired from the teaching labs at UNC Medical School in 1995. He is currently working 2-4 days a week as a psychiatric nurse at Durham Regional Hospital in Durham, N.C. He completed his associate degree for nursing at Alamance Community College in 1997, and worked 2 1/2 years as a medical/ surgical nurse before switching to psychiatric nursing in early 2000.

'66 **Capt. Dave Wentling** is looking forward to another great fishing season off N.C. Outerbanks. The 57'

1940s Close-up

Two 1947 graduates, both of whom are also members of Catawba's Hall of Fame, were honored this year when a high school stadium in Delaware, was renamed for them. Tony Georgiana and Dan Hanley, of Newark and Lewes, Del. respectively, coached in Cape Henlopen School District after graduating from Catawba.

Georgiana and Hanley, along with two other former high school coaches from Cape Henlopen School District, shared the honor when Cape Stadium was officially renamed Legends Stadium in December as a tribute to them. A commemorative monument planned for Legends Stadium will list the names of all four coaches who were honored, their respective high schools, and years of service. That monument will read:

"Legends are born in the hearts of those who witness their greatness. For all time, Cape's Legends will live in the hearts of All they inspired by their leadership."

Editor's Note: When the Legends Stadium dedication date is set, we will share that with our readers in CAMPUS.

1960s Close-up

Group of Catawba friends stays in touch

A group of Catawba alumnae, who all graduated in the 1960s, have continued to stay in touch long after their graduations. Six friends, who began their bond in September 1958 while students in Zartman Hall, recently met for a reunion of sorts at one friend's home on the Outer Banks of N.C. The group, which had not been together as such since 1959, included Dixie Draughn England '60 of State Road, N.C., Sharon Gentry Thornhill '60 of Greensboro, N.C., Peggy Davis Taylor '61 of Boone, N.C., Elizabeth "Lib" Brinkley Holland '62 of Rockville, Md., Mitizi Zeger Swailes '62 of Mercersberg, Penn. and Kill Devil Hills, N.C., and Kathy Penn Hodl '62 of Lakewood, N.J.

If the photograph is any indication of what a good time this group had, it will not be 40 years before its next reunion. Pictured left to right are Lib, Kathy, Dixie, Peggy, Mitzi and Sharon.



1960s Close-up

Alumna tapped for presidential advisory panel

Dr. Martha Winters Gilliland '66, chancellor of the University of Missouri-Kansas City, was recently appointed by President George W. Bush to the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST). That panel, within the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, is composed of leaders from industry, education and technology who are selected for their diverse perspectives and strong credentials as experts in their fields.

Gilliland, along with 21 other PCAST members, met at the White House in December with President Bush.

Gilliland, a Lancaster, Penn. native who became UMKC chancellor in April 2000, has published numerous articles and books on energy and environmental policy. She authored the book, "Energy Analysis: A New Public Policy Tool."

After earning her degree in geology and mathematics at Catawba, she went on to Rice University and earned her master's degree in geophysics. She holds a Ph.D. in environmental engineering/systems ecology from the University of Florida.

Prior to joining the UMKC, Gilliland served as provost at Tulane University.

1970s Close-up

Alumnus locates lost mug after 30 years

Kevin Foley '73 of Pennsville, N.J. had almost forgotten all about his high school coffee mug that commemorated his 1969 graduation. The last he remembered, he had had it while a student at Catawba living in Hedrick #212.

In mid-January while on business in the area, Foley stopped by to visit his alma mater. In addition to a stop by the bookstore, he just had to get a look at his now much-renovated college dorm room. He climbed the steps to the second floor of Hedrick and learned that his dorm room was now the office of Dr. Bethany Sinnott, a professor of English at Catawba. He introduced himself to Dr. Sinnott, who promptly rummaged around in her office and located a mug that read:

"Pennsville Memorial High School
Kevin Foley 1969"

She explained to him that when heating renovations were completed in the building several years earlier, ceiling tiles were removed and his mug was discovered by workmen in the ceiling of his old dorm room. Foley was surprised and pleased to learn that Dr. Sinnott had held on to his missing mug, awaiting the day that it might be reunited with its owner.

Foley, who is employed by American Express Credit Corporation in Wilmington, Del., promised to visit the campus again soon.



Instigator is still available for the Big Rock Blue Marlin Tournament in June.

'70 **Edward Higgins** completed his fourth year as chairman of New Hanover County Board of Education. He is the Eastern Regional Director of the North Carolina Community College Faculty Association.

C.A. "Junie" Michael, III, president and CEO of Parkway Ford, Inc. was named a recipient of the 2002 TIME Magazine Quality Dealer Award in January. He is one of only 66 dealers, from more than 19,400 nationwide, nominated for this annual award. The award recognized outstanding new car dealers for exceptional performance in their dealership and distinguished community service. Michael, who serves as a Catawba College Trustee, makes his home in Winston-Salem, N.C. with his wife, Teresa. The couple has a daughter.

'73 **Thomas Burdette** married Wendy Bain Dixon of Burke, Va., Oct. 28.

Deborah Ann Wilson Lesley and her children - son, Blair 23, daughter, Erin 20, and son, Ryan 18, have moved to the Ellis Graded School Historic District in Salisbury. They have purchased an early 1900's home that they are remodeling. Debbie is currently teaching elementary AIG at Overton Elementary School in Salisbury.

Mike McCracken and his wife, Pat, announce that their, Adam, was selected for the 2000-2001 edition Who's Who Among American High School Students. Adam is in the class of 2003 at Kings High School in Kings Mills, Ohio.

'74 **D. Glenn Elzey** was recently promoted to CFO of Zacky Farms, LLC in Fresno, Calif.

Diane Dillon Hooper has one grandson, Tyler 3, and another grandchild due in June.

Leslie L. "Rusty" Jester was recently named the Charlotte Observer's Coach of the Year for leading his Monroe's Piedmont High School football team to an unbeaten regular season, a playoff bid and a conference championship. Jester was selected out of all the coaches in the newspaper's 103-school coverage area which includes North and South Carolina.

According to the Observer's printed account, Jester "engineered several things this season that hadn't happened in Monroe Piedmont's 41-year football history."

Jester and his wife Cynthia make their home in Charlotte, N.C.

Capt. Kenneth Keane retired from the U.S. Coast Guard in Aug. 2000 after more than 25 years of service. He is currently the Director of Maritime

Safety and Security for Pasha Stevedoring & Terminals L.P. and Pasha Maritime Services, Inc. in the California Ports of Los Angeles, Long Beach and San Diego. His wife, Teresa and his daughter.

Carole Deardorff Deane '75, remains busy working with small children and managing the activities of their son, Matthew, a high school sophomore. Ken and Carole can be reached at kkeane148@earthlink.com.

'76 **Joan Barringer** is an artist and writer as well as publications chair for Women's Art Caucus of Washington, D.C.

Ruth Hurst writes that she is a fourth year graduate student at UNCG in the clinical psychology Ph.D. program doing research with a mouse model of schizophrenia. She is living in Chapel Hill with her husband and son, Parker.

'78 **Stephen Head**, IT Security Senior Technology Consultant at Royal & SunAlliance, was elected as ISACA International Officer, to serve as International Vice President. In addition to holding the following certifications: CPA, CITP, CMA, CISA, CFE, CPCU, CISSP and CBCP, he also holds a MBA degree from the Babcock Graduate School of Management at Wake Forest University. Stephen and his wife, Sarah, and their daughter, Elizabeth, reside at 8230 Lansford Road, Charlotte, NC.

'79 **Dr. Jeffery Hartman** and wife, Wendy, announce the birth of a son. Robert Williams "Will" Hartman was born Oct. 21. Jeff practices restorative and re-constructive dentistry in Lansdale, Pa.

'83 **Calvin Hudgins** has gotten out of football and is now the head cross-country coach at Northwestern High School in Rock Hill, S.C. He is also the head coach for both the boys' and girls' track programs.

'84 **Catherine Boon Camacho** would like to say hello to friends. She and her husband, Christopher, and daughter, Mary Catherine, and son, Christopher, Jr., live in Hunt Valley, Md. Cathy can be reached at 410-229-9954.

'85 **Stephen Flood**, and wife, Robin Ashe Flood '84, live at the Jersey shore with their five children: daughter, Shea 11; son, Quinton 9; daughter, Keely 5; and twin sons, Ian and Colin 1. Steve owns a pharmaceutical sales and marketing organization and Robin is the CEO of the Flood Household. The Floods can be reached at sflood@granardrx.com.

Ralph Shipley, Jr. and family have recently relocated from Illinois to Florida. He can be reached at 1601 Cherry Lake Way, Heathrow, FL 32746.

'87 **Patrick Orndorff's** new e-mail address is patordorff@mac.com. 1988

'88 **Rhonda Smith Elliott** was a recent honor graduate from the Wake Forest University Physician Assistant Program

I Winston-Salem, N.C. During the two-year program, she was a member of the American Academy of PA, the NC Association of PA and the Katherine Anderson Society. She became certified upon passing the Physician Assistant National Certification of Physician Assistants. She has accepted a position with Dr. Ranjan S. Roy at Piedmont Neurosurgery and Spine. She and her husband, John, live in Gold Hill with their son, Corbin.

'89 **Tracy Hill Abernethy** and husband, Weidner, and their two children, Olivia and McMilliam "Mic" have moved to Weidner's childhood home. They can be reached at 330 S College Avenue, Newton, NC 28658. They would love to hear from their "not so old" friends.

Kathy Eagle Fogleman, and husband, **Barry '90**, announce the birth of their third child. Carly Elizabeth was born Jan. 21. The Foglemans have a son, Jake 6, and a daughter, Emily 4. The Fogleman family lives in Liberty, N.C.

Christopher Frye is interested in hearing from former biology major classmates. He can be reached at fryfloc@shore.intercom.net.

'90 **Linda Tutterow** has retired after 29 years of teaching in the Kannapolis Schools. She is now working as office administrator at Milford Hills United Methodist Church in Salisbury.

Susan Goodwin Wildman and husband, Graeme, announce the birth of a son. Timothy Franklin was born Feb. 12. The Wildmans also have a 19 1/2-month-old daughter, Anna.

'91 **Sarah Mitchum** and husband, **James Kennedy '93**, have separated. James has moved back to his home in New Jersey. He can be reached at 68 West Broad St., Hopewell, NJ 08525.

Julie Rummel O'Connor and husband, Brad, recently opened their own business in Greencastle, Pa. called The Percussion Center.

'92 **Robert "Chris" Felix** and wife, Kimberly, are expecting their second child in July.

Ashley Lamb-Smith and her husband, Ron, announce the birth of a son. Blaise Alexander was born Dec. 24. Ashley and Ron reside in Charlotte, N.C. Ashley can

be reached at ashatc@aol.com.

'93 **Lisa Rotolo Thompson**, and husband, **Kale '92**, announce the birth of their third child. Sophia Glen was born Jan. 14, weighing 9 lbs. The couple has two older daughters, Jenna Lynn, age 5, and Olivia Blaine, age 3. The Thompsons live in Huntersville, NC. They can be reached at 12902 Fallcross Ct., Huntersville, NC 28078 or at lrlthompson@carolina.rr.com.

'94 **Jennifer Friedman Carlson** and husband, Phil, announce the birth of a son. Riley Philip was born Dec. 14. The Carlsons moved to Charlotte in January. They can be reached at 14312 Crown Harbor Dr., Charlotte, NC 28278.

Rebecca Smith married Rick Davis in Eureka Springs, Ark. on Sept. 15, 2001. The couple resides in Tulsa, Okla. with their two dogs, Buddy and Mac.

Dena Fraley Najarian and husband, **David '97**, announce the birth of a son. Joseph David was born Feb. 9, weighing 6 lbs. 3 oz.

Katherine DeVitto O'Connor and husband, **Colin '92**, announce the birth of a daughter. Delaney Isabella was born Feb. 16, weighing 6lbs. 7oz.

'95 **Stephen "Patrick" Hayes** and wife, Tracy, announce the birth of a son. Aidan Gardner was born April 16, 2001. He shares a birthday with his father.

'96 **Ian Brinkley** is currently deployed to Okinawa, Japan with HMLA-369 attack helicopter squadron in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Jason Duke is currently on tour with Cirque du Soleil's production of "Quidam" in North America. Jason can be reached at jasonbduke@hotmail.com.

Erin Ryan Gillis and husband, **Jamie '97**, announce the birth of a son. Conner James was born Nov. 26.

Steven Ryan has been appointed as treasurer for Republican candidate Ross Garber 2002 State Treasurer for Connecticut campaign.

'97 **Michael Civitello, Jr.** has recently relocated to Conshohocken, Pa. He writes that he would like to hear from friends at civ333@hotmail.com

Ethan Herb writes that he has left the Queen City to tap the rockies. He has accepted a position with a satellite radio network hosting a nationally syndicated morning program in Vail, Colorado. He writes that if anyone is interested in a place to stay while enjoying "God's country", e-mail him at ethanherb@aol.com. He also writes that if you were someone who picked on him while at Catawba, he doesn't want to hear from you.

Jennifer Molloy is married to **Troy McConchie '94**. The couple resides in Lexington, N.C. Troy is employed with Lexmark, and Jennifer is the press secretary for the Lt. Governor. Jennifer and Troy can be reached at jhmconchie@yahoo.com.

Audrey Reitz graduated from Cumberland School of Law in Birmingham, Ala. in May 2000. She is currently an associate attorney with Gordon, Silberman, Wiggins & Childs and practices employment law. She resides in Birmingham, Ala. and can be reached at aereitz@hotmail.com.

Christy Tarlton Wilson and husband, **Jason '97**, celebrated their two-year wedding anniversary on Jan. 15. Jason received his MBA in 2000 and is the inventory accounting manager at Food Lion, Inc. Christy is the marketing associate for Trinity Oaks Retirement Community in Salisbury. Jason and

Christy's new address is 498 Maple Ridge Circle, Salisbury, NC 28147. You can reach the Wilsons by e-mail at jlwilson@salisbury.net and cwilson@trinityoaks.net.

'98 Cristin Stebbins Cox and her husband are living in Matthews, N.C. They are expecting their first son in April. Cristin is working in downtown Charlotte at the corporate headquarters of First Union (soon to be Wachovia), in sales. Cristin can be reached at csstubby@aol.com.

Kristina Kjome announces her engagement to Marty Nohe. The couple plans to wed Sept. 14 in Woodbridge, Va. Kristina can be reached at kshalott@hotmail.com.

Heather Ries married Ron LaBau on Oct. 20 in Bordentown, N.J. The bridal party included **Janay Austin '98, Kelly Green '98, Stephanie Mauk '98, Sue**

Malicki '98 and Abby Day '02. Heather is working as a NJDOC social worker in New Jersey State Prison. She is also attending Rider University for her masters in human services administration. The LaBaus are residing in Chesterfield, N.J.

Jessica Norris married **Brian Drumwright '98**, Oct. 13, 2001.

Kelly Taylor announces her engagement to Anthony Esposito of Hudson, N.Y. The couple plans to wed in the spring of 2003 in Charlotte.

'99 Heather Gallimore Koonts received her Masters in Library Science from UNC in Greensboro in December. She and her husband, Adam, recently moved. Their new address is 27 Living Water Drive, Cullowhee, NC 28723.

John Lanni announces his engagement to Mary Myrick of Franklin, Ind. John

has also recently accepted a position at Marsh Affinity Group Services in Washington, D.C. as a professional liability associate working for their NASD program. John can be reached at phsh-head99@cs.com.

'00 Kristin Saunders and Tom Lapke '01 announce their engagement. Kristin plans to receive her M.A. in experimental psychology from Appalachian State University this fall.

'01 Mandy Mullis and Jay Chalk '00 announce their engagement. The couple plans to wed Dec. 7. Mandy can be reached at mandycallie@yadtel.net.

Bookstore Bob to retire

After 15 years of faithful service to Catawba, her students and faculty, Bob Greene, better known as "Bookstore Bob," will retire at the end of May. He and his wife Kathy will be moving to Anderson, S.C. in September to be close to their daughter, son-in-law and new grandson.

Catawba College President J. Fred Corriher, Jr. called Bob "a fixture in our bookstore as well as in our hearts." Corriher cited the number of students Bob has "adopted" over the years and the innumerable photographs of students and visitors he "generously shares with his subjects."

Bob expressed mixed emotions at his decision to retire, saying he would most miss "his kids."

Bob, a Philadelphia native, received his degree from Levitan Business College. He worked in management at WSTP radio station in Salisbury and Burger King before joining the staff at Catawba.



Bob Greene, "Bookstore Bob"

1970s Close-up Alumnus gets new career challenge

Dr. G. Edward Hughes has been named the founding president of a comprehensive community and technical college that the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) is establishing in northern Kentucky. Hughes is now the president and chief executive officer of the Northern Kentucky Community and Technical College. For 10 years prior to this appointment, he was president of Hazard Community College and chief executive officers of the Kentucky River Community and Technical College District. Hughes earned his master's degree in psychology from Middle Tennessee State University and his Ph.D. in higher education from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. He and his wife Sarah have three daughters.



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In his words: Dr. Robert Knott speaks

Dr. Robert Knott, Catawba's President-Elect, spoke to many constituencies of the college as well as to members of the media following his unanimous election March 20 by the Catawba College Trustees. His words were so compelling, his messages so reassuring and his vision of Catawba's future so clear that we thought that a compilation of many of the comments he made throughout the day would be well worth sharing.

On learning of his unanimous election by Catawba Trustees:

"Today has been a marvelously rewarding and uplifting day for Brenda and myself. We have received a warm reception and we are very appreciative of the opportunity to come back."

On returning to Catawba College:

I always thought that Catawba had enormous potential as an academic institution. I was convinced of that the first time when I was here and I am even more convinced now."

On how Catawba has changed since the late 1980s:

"The biggest difference I see is the improvement in the physical facilities -- the new Environmental Science Center is an enormous asset, the improvement of the athletic facilities, the new geo-thermal heating system and the dorm and building renovations.

My estimation it that 55 to 60 percent of the faces are new around campus and the opportunity to work with new folk, as well as with the people I worked with before, is exciting."

On his partnership with his wife Brenda, Catawba's new First Lady:

"We look at this as a joint enterprise. Both of us come to give you whatever we have to help build Catawba College."



Dr. Knott after Trustees' unanimous vote

On his three major goals for Catawba:

"We need to pursue academic excellence, live with a balanced budget and strengthen our sense of community."

On helping Catawba reach her next level:

"Our greatest challenge will be to raise the academic level of the institution while holding and growing our enrollment."

"We, as a college community, will engage in a process of identifying six to eight institutions which we think have reached a level to which we aspire. We would seek to emulate them while preserving, cherishing and honoring our past.

"We will increase the expectations of ourselves so that the accomplishments by which we and our students are measured continue to rise.

"Institutions which do not distinguish themselves academically in the state of North Carolina will have very difficult times in the near future."

On his leadership style:

"I would describe my leadership style as collaborative, emphasizing collegiality, shared governance and collective reasoning. It gives me great satisfaction to get everyone affected by decisions to the table to discuss issues.

My pledge to all of you is that I will do everything I can do to make sure each of you have a place at the table to help shape the future.

On his relationships with students:

"I got into education because of what some professors and coaches meant to me when I was a student. You might describe this as my pay-back, or payforward. I want to teach while I am here at Catawba - there is something intangible and irreplaceable which happens when faculty and students get together."

On the deaths of two Catawba students:

"It has been a difficult year for the college due to these tragic occurrences. The community has lost members of its family and like any family is struggling with the loss of those it loved.

"Events like these can, on the other side, have the very positive effect of refocusing attention on the things that matter most. We can either buckle under to the disturbing events or rally and come back with renewed strength and vision."



Dr & Mrs. Robert Knott



Dr. Knott shakes hands with Trustee Ralph Ketner and Jon McRae of Jon McRae & Associates looks on.

On the college/community relationship

"A strong relationship with the community is critical to the college's well-being. I will continue to work at solidifying the strong relationships which President Corriher has established in the community."

Welcome Back Dr. Knott