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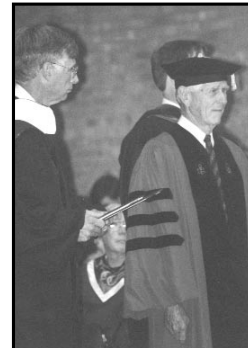
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## President J. Fred Corriher announces retirement

J. Fred Corriher, Jr. '60, the 19th president of Catawba College, told the campus community in a brief announcement September 25 that he was retiring from the post, the pinnacle of his career. Corriher announced his retirement at an 11 a.m. gathering of the campus community on Stanback Plaza in front of the Cannon Student Center. The announcement was made on the campus of the college where he was a student, then worked briefly as alumni affairs director, served as a trustee since 1975, and led as president for the past nine years.

Corriher told the assembled students, faculty, and staff that he felt this was the right time for him to step down, saying he would officially leave the post on September 1, 2002—exactly ten years since his appointment in 1992.

The Catawba presidency was a post Corriher, 63, never expected to hold. He was tapped by the board of trustees in September 1992 following the sudden death of Dr. Stephen H. Wurster. Corriher was then a trustee of the College and had served as board chairman for three years, 1984-

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President & Mrs. Fred Corriher following  
announcement

## Catawba's new Shuford Stadium project receives million-dollar boost

The new Shuford Stadium construction project at Catawba College has been given a one million-dollar boost thanks to a gift from the former publisher of the Salisbury Post, Jim Hurley III and his family.

Hurley said the gift is being made in memory of three people:

- J. F. Hurley, Jr., his father who was business manager, publisher or chairman of the Salisbury Post for 66 years;
- Dr. Stephen H. Wurster, the president of Catawba College from 1981-1992.

• Gordon Kirkland, successful football, baseball and basketball coach at Catawba during the late 1930s and '40s.

Catawba College Senior Vice President Tom Childress called the Hurleys' gift "a tremendous lead commitment" to the \$2.5 million stadium project. This upcoming football season will be the last played in the existing Shuford Stadium. Plans are for demolition in November, with construction slated to begin in January or February of 2002. It is hoped that the facility will be ready in August of 2002, before the football season.

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## Catawba's Center for the Environment Dedicated

The Catawba College Center for the Environment was dedicated September 20, 2001 before a standing room only group of invited guests. Mrs. Elizabeth Stanback and her family, who made the facility possible with their gift of more than \$6 million - the largest single gift in Catawba's history, were recognized during a brief ceremony.

During his remarks at the dedication, President J. Fred Corriher, Jr. suggested that the facility "may well be the most important building built in North Carolina in many years, for the way in which it celebrates mankind's efforts to preserve and protect our precious environment." He lauded the Stanback family for its vision and willingness to act to make the center a reality.

Explaining how the center came to be, Corriher quoted poet Carl Sandburg saying, "Nothing happens unless first a dream." He said Fred Stanback Jr. was one of the visionaries behind the project. "His dedication to this earth and its creatures and its plants and its air and its water is without parallel, not just in this state, but perhaps in the whole of our country."

Mrs. Stanback, Corriher explained, "helped this single part of Fred's dream come true. Through her generosity and her son's vision, we are brought to this time and to this place in a wonderful confluence of a crying need and of their ability to make things happen."

Chairman of the Catawba College Board of Trustees, Tom Smith, said that thanks to the center, "Catawba numbers among those few institutions which can boast that they practice what they preach. Because of this, it has become a leader in the environ-

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Mrs. Elizabeth Stanback, seated, L-R Fred Stanback,  
Mrs. George Brumley, President and Bonnie Corriher

## "...and miles to go before I sleep"

**D**espite my best efforts to remember, I can't place the exact date at which I first set foot on the Catawba College campus, but it was sometime in the early 1940's. My grandfather, the late Lotan A. Corriher, was heavily involved as a Trustee of the college at that time, and, from what people have told me, I was one of his traveling companions as he would come up to the Catawba campus. I do recall following him across the scaffolding of the rising Salisbury-Rowan Dormitory around 1947. But prior to that, as many of you have heard me say, I sat on the laps of Dr. and Mrs. A. R. Keppel as they would share Sunday lunch at my grandparents' home during the period when Dr. Keppel filled our church pulpit as a supply pastor.



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

### CORRIHER'S PRESIDENCY TO BE PROFILED IN NEXT CAMPUS

The past decade at Catawba College is another dramatic chapter in this College's on-going story. As President J. Fred Corriher, Jr.'60 concludes his service to the College, Campus will profile his presidency in its next edition.

President Corriher's occupancy of the presidency was characterized by fiscal challenges, as well as dramatic growth and changes in the College campus and its community of faculty, staff, and students. It also will be remembered as the presidency in which the largest capital campaign in the College's history was launched and successfully concluded.

Corriher's retirement brings to a close one of the longer presidential tenures in the College's 150-year history. Corriher will be one of only two living former presidents of the College. Dr. Martin L. Shotzberger, 1969-80, being the other.

Thus, I can safely say that Catawba College has had a presence in my life since my earliest recollections. After my grandmother died in 1946, my grandfather married Florence Busby, founder of the Blue Masque, in 1948. Thus began a new set of connections to Catawba College. I recall attending a Blue Masque performance of Shakespeare's Julius Caesar with them in the old auditorium.

As an entering freshman in the fall of 1956, I came with a heavy heart as my grandfather had died only about 8 months earlier, and everything on campus carried memories of our visits. Yet that connection, along with my father's role as a Trustee for the next 20 years, kept my association with the college alive long after my graduation in 1960.

After attending North Carolina State College to study textiles in 1960-61, I did my military service in the U. S. Army Reserve under the command of Captain Peter P. Cooper, one of my favorite professors at Catawba. Our unit, including quite a few Catawba alumni, was called up during the Berlin crisis, and we served for 10 months of active duty at Ft. Polk, Louisiana. After our unit's being de-activated, I was anxious to enter the family textile business in Landis, but Dr. Keppel persuasively asked me to join Catawba as her Alumni Director. Torn between the two opportunities, I got the best of both worlds and served both Catawba and our company for the next two years.

After my dad's retirement from the Board of Trustees in 1975, he had recommended that I be considered for his replacement, a request that the Board granted. Thus began yet another 17 year period of close ties to Catawba as a

trustee. A three year stint as Chairman of the Board of Trustees brought me even closer to the college. This was all interrupted by the tragic death of President Stephen H. Wurster, a leader to whom I felt was responsible for having moved Catawba so far during his tenure. Saddened by his loss, I agreed to serve as interim President until the search committee could complete the search for Dr. Wurster's replacement. As we all now know, the search committee turned to me after a few months to fill his shoes and I have been here nine full years.

Therefore, counting all the direct years of involvement as student, staff member, trustee and as president, I feel I have been here for 33 years, in one capacity or another. It is now time to move on and make a place for Catawba College's next leader.

The last nine years have been the most challenging, most gratifying and fulfilling years of my life. I can honestly say that I have never worked harder in my life, and those who knew me at Linn-Corriher Corporation will attest that I worked hard in that role as well.

The most gratifying part of all has been the marvelous support which has been provided by the Catawba College faculty and staff, our Board of Trustees, our alumni, the Rowan County community and other friends of the college throughout the nation. My own Cabinet has worked selflessly to support my efforts and have earned my undying gratitude. My wife, Bonnie, as well as our five children, have had to put up with a part-time husband and dad. To all of you who read this, please know how profoundly grateful I am for the constancy of your support during my tenure and the many kindnesses you have showered on Bonnie, me and our family.

Quite honestly, I feel that I have done as much for Catawba as my capacities allow. Our work has been primarily to bring fiscal stability to the college and to position its physical facilities for the next era. It is time for a new leader to emerge who can shape the academic vision for Catawba's future. We are an academic institution whose role it is to educate the young men and women who come to us as we shape their lives to serve as contributing citizens of the world. We must now direct our attentions to the strengthening of our academic programs to make them second to none among small colleges in our region. This is not an area to which I have much to contribute and I must make way for such a leader.

My work is not finished. We still have several millions of dollars to raise to conclude our capital campaign. We have another class to recruit for next fall. We have new friends to win for the college. And we must conclude our celebration of 150 years of Catawba's history and to position Catawba for an even brighter future. As much as I long to return to my home in Landis, I realize that the next year must be filled with unceasing effort to achieve all this. Robert Frost, once again, sums it up best:

"The woods are lovely, dark and deep.

But I have promises to keep,

And miles to go before I sleep."

So it is not "adieu", but only "à bientôt";

not goodbye or farewell, but only "until we meet again."

I have come to love all of you very much and I pray God's richest blessings on you and all others who love and serve Catawba College.

## Couple memorialized with Endowed Scholarship

An endowed scholarship has been established at Catawba College in memory of the late Clinton and Ruth Childress of Mount Airy. Preference for the scholarship will be given to students from Surry County who are the first in their families to attend college and who have demonstrated financial need.

The scholarship was established by the late couple's son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Childress of Salisbury. Tom Childress, who is a senior vice president at Catawba, and his wife Judy are both graduates of the institution, earning their degrees in 1964 and 1965, respectively.

Catawba College President J. Fred Corriher, Jr. said the Childress' gift to establish the scholarship "honors not only the parents, but their alma mater."

"The late Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Childress were a couple, who worked hard to put their children through college," Corriher explained. "This scholarship established in their memory may help ease the financial burden of future parents trying to give their child the same opportunity of a college education."

The late Mr. Childress was co-owner of Trio Knitting Mill in Mount Airy. The late Mrs. Childress was a homemaker who later in her life enjoyed serving as a teacher's assistant in the Mount Airy School System. Both were lifelong residents of Mount Airy.

Endowed scholarships at Catawba are established with gifts of \$10,000 or more. Those who wish to contribute to the Clinton and Ruth Childress Endowed Scholarship Fund should send their gifts to Catawba's Development Office.

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## Campaign for Catawba crosses \$51 million mark, needs \$5.5 million to reach goal

**F**our years into a five-year campaign, Catawba College has crossed the \$51 million mark in its effort to raise \$56.5 million, 90 percent of the goal. The Campaign for Catawba, which was begun in June 1997 has until May 31, 2002 to raise the remaining \$5.5 million. College officials indicate that they are now entering the remainder of the campaign much like a football team's two-minute drill.

"The college could not be in this position without the support of thousands of alumni and friends," said Catawba's Senior Vice President Tom Childress. "We are gratified by all of the gifts which helped put us where we are, but now it will take additional support from alumni and friends -- people coming on board -- to help us cross the finish line on time."

Childress said donors to the campaign are able to "see tangible benefits which result from their gifts." The monies raised to date have been put into facilities and the college's endowment.

New building projects include the Center for the Environment, a new athletic field house and a new Shuford Football Stadium. Funding for the \$6.5 million Center for the Environment was provided in part by the largest gift Catawba has ever received in its 150-year history. Mrs. Elizabeth Stanback and her family gave \$6 million to help construct the 20,000 square foot "green building" which overlooks Catawba's 189-acre wetlands preserve. Another anonymous Salisbury donor has also committed a \$1.2 million estate gift for the Center. The facility opened this fall.

Major renovations which have been funded from gifts made to the Campaign for Catawba include that of the Hedrick Administration Building, the Williams Music Building, Omwake-Dearborn Chapel, the Robertson

College-Community Center, Hurley Hall, several dormitories, and the Shuford Science Building. These renovations included making the facilities handicapped accessible, adding infrastructure improvements such as air-conditioning to several buildings and dormitories, as well as installing the appropriate fiber optics for computer access in all nine dormitories and other buildings on the campus. Hurley Hall and the Williams Music Building, two of the older buildings on campus, were stabilized and completely overhauled.

Catawba's endowment, which stood at \$21 million when the campaign began in 1997 has since increased to \$34.5 million today.

The last year of the campaign coincides with Catawba's sesquicentennial year and that is significant, according to Catawba President J. Fred Corriher, Jr. "This capital campaign has made a tremendous impact on the college, primarily through the improvement of facilities and adding more to our endowment. That endowment is really the future of the college. This year, as we celebrate our past, we can look forward to the future on secure footing.

"The campaign has allowed Catawba to become an even more competitive institution in attracting students and in preparing them to continue their education or begin their careers," Corriher continued. "We've seen an increased enrollment in both our day and Lifelong Learning programs. Thanks to generous gifts from our donors, we have been able to increase our scholarship aid to qualified students."

The last time Catawba undertook a capital campaign was in the 1980s, under the late Dr. Stephen Wurster's presidency. Twenty-eight million dollars was raised in that major building campaign which concluded in 1989.

## Alumni makes 125,000 gift to their Alma Mater

Two building projects on the Catawba College campus have been given a boost and an endowed scholarship has been established thanks to a \$125,000 gift made by two college alumni. Bryan and Helen Applefield of Dothan, Ala., who graduated from Catawba in 1966 and 1967, respectively, made the gift.

The couple committed \$50,000 of their gift to the Shuford Stadium construction project. This \$2.4 million project is scheduled to begin at the conclusion of Catawba's football season. The current stadium, constructed in 1928, will be razed and a new one built back on the site. Plans are for new bleachers to increase seating, new concession stands, a press box, more restroom facilities, a resurfaced track and an improved playing field.

The \$3 million athletic field house project, currently under construction, will receive \$50,000 from the Applefields. This 26,000 square foot facility is expected to be complete in March of 2002. It will contain dressing rooms for men and women's soccer, lacrosse, field hockey, football, and women's softball, as well as meeting and classroom space, offices for coaches, a rehab area, and a strength training room.

An endowed scholarship in honor of physical education and recreation professor, Dr. Pat Whitley, will be established thanks to a \$25,000 gift from the Applefields. This endowment recognizes Dr. Whitley's tireless dedication to Catawba and her students. Dr. Whitley, a member of the Catawba College faculty since 1964, is a graduate of Lenoir Rhyne College. She earned her master's degree at Appalachian State University and her Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Catawba Senior Vice President Tom Childress expressed his gratitude for the Applefields' gift saying, "Bryan and Helen have always supported their alma mater, but this most recent commitment speaks to just how deep their feelings are for the institution."

Bryan Applefield said the gift he and his wife made to Catawba was their

way of giving something back. "It's important to do whatever small part we can to provide support and nurturing for those students who come after us," he explained. "The magnitude of the gift is not as important as the spirit of the gift.

"Catawba was absolutely the right place for Helen and me, and in the ensuing years since we graduated, that's been reconfirmed," Applefield continued. "The years we spent there did give us a great gift, one that's added significantly to our lives.

"The college's mission has been preserved and replicated with such great integrity in the positive way student lives have been affected, and in the character of the faculty and staff members who are so dedicated to this institution. Catawba is well, it's healthy and it's delivering on its mission for young people."

Applefield, a business major, played football during his years at Catawba. Several years after graduating and earning his master's degree at the University of Georgia, he returned to his alma mater as Dean of Men and assistant football coach. He remained in that position for two years before relocating to Lenoir, N.C. to work for Broyhill Industries. He was inducted into the Catawba Hall of Fame in 1995.

Helen Applefield, who majored in physical education at Catawba, was also involved in athletics, playing field hockey, basketball and tennis, sports coached by Dr. Pat Whitley. She taught school for some years following her graduation before she and her husband started their own business.

Today, the Applefields are the owners and operators of Goldco, Inc., a holding company for 47 Burger King franchises in southeastern Alabama, the Florida Panhandle and southwest Georgia. The couple has one son, Scott, and are the proud grandparents of twins, Annabeth Walls and Bryan Alexander, born August 17.

## Catawba College Field House construction under way

Catawba College's new athletic field house now has a roof and masonry walls, and work is proceeding on the building's HVAC system. The 26,000 square foot facility is expected to be completed in March of 2002, according to Senior Vice President Dr. Kenneth Clapp.

The field house is located on property adjacent to the Shuford Football Stadium and Rowan Partnership for Children. It will contain dressing rooms for men and women's soccer, lacrosse, field hockey, football, and women's softball, as well as meeting and classroom space, offices for coaches, a rehab area, and a strength training room.

According to Catawba College Senior

Vice President Tom Childress, "Catawba has a first-class athletic program and this field house will meet the urgent need to provide dressing facilities for over 200 Catawba student athletes. It will also provide much needed accommodations when we host visiting teams."

The contractor for the project is Snipes Construction Company of Salisbury. Ramsey, Burgin and Smith of Salisbury is the architectural firm for the field house, with architect Bill Burgin serving as principal.

The \$3 million field house project is being funded by Catawba's Capital Campaign.



*New field house nearing completion*

## Local Catawba College Alumnus establishes endowed scholarship

Gerald R. Allen of Salisbury has established an endowed scholarship at Catawba College in memory of his late wife, Inez Bankett Allen, who died October 30, 2000. The Allens, 1950 graduates of the college, were married for 27 years and spent their careers in business and education.

Preference for the scholarship will be given to students enrolled in the Ralph W. Ketner School of Business who demonstrate need and have a high academic standing.

"Education was always important to me and my late wife," Allen said. "We saw the scholarship fund as a way to make a real difference in the lives of Catawba students."

Allen, who earned his master's degree in education from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, spent the early part of his career in sales finance, before shifting his focus to education. He served as an instructor, director of education, and dean of instruction at a private junior college until he moved into the North Carolina Community College system where he was employed as an instructor in business administration, marketing and management

until his retirement in 1988.

His late wife, a native of Rowan County, earned master's degrees in business education from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and in guidance and counseling from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She retired as a guidance counselor with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System in 1989.

Catawba College President J. Fred Corriher, Jr. called Allen's gift "a very tangible way that alumni give back to their alma mater."

"The Allens have always held a deep love for Catawba," Corriher said. "This gift to endow a scholarship allows future generations of students to benefit from a similar, life-shaping Catawba experience."

Endowed scholarships at Catawba are established with gifts of \$10,000 or more. Those who wish to contribute to the Gerald Reid and Inez Bankett Allen Endowed Scholarship should send their gifts to Catawba's Development Office.

## Former Catawba football player memorialized with establishment of Scholarship

An endowed scholarship at Catawba College has been established in memory of former Catawba College football player Gene Appler. The scholarship was established by friends and former teammates of the 1965 graduate who died June 9 in Mechanicsville, Virginia.

Preference for the scholarship will be given to students who play defensive line for the Catawba College football team and demonstrate financial need.

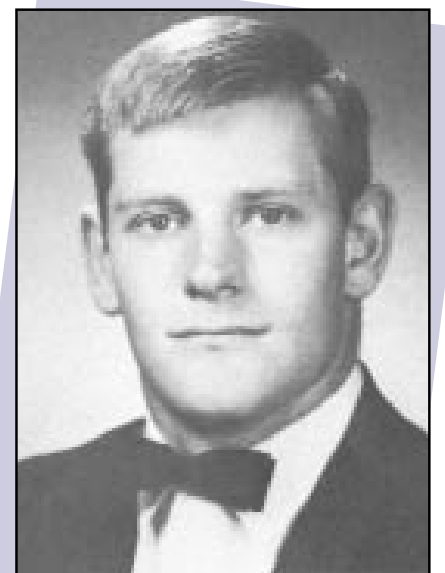
Appler, a native of Littlestown, Pennsylvania, was an outstanding defensive lineman for Catawba between 1961 and 1965, being twice named All Carolina Conference. He was awarded the Capitol Theatre Cup in 1964 as the most outstanding player on the team and was named to the NAIA District 26 Team. He never missed a single game in his career and was highly regarded and respected by his teammates and coaches.

A contract with the pro football team, the Richmond Rebels, took Appler to Virginia's capital in 1965. He later taught and coached at two high schools and a middle school in that area. For the past 20 years prior to his death, he was a real estate broker and owner of Appler Realty in Richmond, Virginia.

Catawba College President J. Fred Corriher, Jr. said the scholarship honoring Appler was "a fitting tribute to a legendary lineman."

"Gene thrilled us when he played football here at Catawba," Corriher remembered. "He helped define the phrase, 'hold the line.'"

Endowed scholarships at Catawba are established with gifts of \$10,000 or more. Those who wish to contribute to the Gene Appler Endowed Scholarship Fund should send their gifts to Catawba's Development Office.



*Gene Appler '65*

## Two Catawba Alumni Honored at East Mecklenburg High School Dedication

Two Catawba College alumni, the late Richard "Dick" Williams '57 and the late David E. Jones '58, were memorialized Friday, September 28 at East Mecklenburg High School in Charlotte. Two different athletic facilities at the high school were named in honor of these two men, who were not only Catawba alumni, but also lifelong friends.

During halftime of East Mecklenburg's football game, the new football stadium was dedicated in honor of Williams, and the new baseball field, in honor of David E. Jones. Both men had been long-time employees of the school. Williams served as athletic director and coach for a variety of sports at East Mecklenburg High School from 1957 through 1990. Jones was a teacher of World History at East Mecklenburg from 1958 until 1993, as well as head coach of baseball, girls' softball and assistant football coach.

The widows of both men, their children, as well as other family members and friends, were on hand for the dedications.

After their retirements from East Mecklenburg High School, both Williams and Jones found their way back to Catawba and employment as coaches. Williams served as Catawba's baseball coach from 1990 until 1994 and as head of the college's athletic booster club, the Chief's Club, from 1994 until his death December 16, 1999. Jones served from 1995 until 1998 as baseball coach at Catawba. He died August 9, 1999.



Dave and Shirley Jones



Dick and Paula Williams

## Retracing the path of a friendship

*Editor's Note: Shirley Jones, the widow of David Elwood Jones '58, wrote the following account of the lifelong friendship between her late husband and the late Richard "Dick" Williams '57. I thought it only appropriate that we print her account to accompany the story about the September 28th dedications at East Mecklenburg High School in Charlotte, N.C. which memorialized these men. As you read Mrs. Jones' account, I'm sure that you, like me, will be struck by just how deep and long-lasting friendships established at Catawba can be.*

Recently, while looking for a photograph of Dave to be used in a program for the East Mecklenburg High School dedications of the new baseball field in his memory and the new football stadium in Dick Williams' memory, I found a newspaper photo of the two of them attending a golf tournament. The photo appeared in what was then The Charlotte News, dated Monday, May 26, 1974. This newspaper no longer exists, however.

I have pulled the photo back out several times since I first found it. What I see is a profile of two young men who met at Catawba College in the mid-1950s. Both young men came to Catawba after serving in the U.S. military during the Korean Conflict. Both were from small North Carolina towns: Dave from Reidsville, and Dick from Morganton. And they both brought with them young wives who worked in the medical profession.

It is not known to me exactly when the friendship first started with these two men, and I really don't know what bonded them so closely. Perhaps it was their great interest in and love of sports, especially baseball and football. They both had participated in these in high school and they both played football and received a scholarship at Catawba.

Dave also was a pitcher on the Catawba baseball team. Dick, however, could not play on the baseball team at Catawba because he had been drafted out of high school by the New York Giants. That career ended for him when he was drafted into the military about two years later.

The two of them could stand or sit anywhere and discuss such events for hours and hours. They never seemed to tire of these discussions and attending events together. The friendship grew and grew.

Dick, who was several years older than Dave, completed his B.S. degree in physical education in 1957, one year before Dave. He was hired to be the athletic director, football coach, baseball coach and to teach the men's physical education classes at the rather new East Mecklenburg High School in Charlotte, N.C.

About the time of their move to Charlotte, Paula (better known as Boots or Bootie) presented Dick with their first child, a boy named after his dad; however, Paula called him "Chip" because she said he looked like "a chip off the old block."

By the time Dave completed his B.S. degree in education in 1958, East Mecklenburg needed a history teacher and an assistant football coach. Also, Coach Dick Williams was ready to be relieved as baseball coach. So, we packed up our very few belongings and moved to Charlotte so Dave could fill these positions.

Our place of residence would be none other than a duplex apartment on the same street where Dick and Paula lived. Later, a somewhat larger apartment became available next door to us, and the Williamses moved in. Early in 1959, we became the proud parents of our first child, a girl named Jody.

Within the next several years, Dave and Dick worked on their master's degrees at Appalachian State Teachers' College on weekends and during the summers. These they completed in 1962.

At about this time, both couples felt it was time to purchase that first home. We both decided to build, and chose lots on the same street. Without realizing it at the time, both couples decided on almost identical house plans.

Several years went by and then, the Williamses became parents again; a second son named Mark. It would be several more years before Dave and I were blessed with our second child, a girl named Pamela who was born on Mark's birthday! She

prefers to be called Pam.

Years went by and the Jones family and the Williams family continued to remain close. Although the nature of the two men and their personalities were

very different, their friendship appeared to be as strong as ever, and they continued to enjoy their positions at East Mecklenburg High School.

Perhaps I should refer to that age-old saying: "Opposites attract." Dave, who was born under the sign of Scorpio, married a Gemini; and Dick, who was born under the sign of Gemini, married his wife, Paula, who was born under the sign of Scorpio.

Although Dave was an only child, Dick was one of four boys. While the fathers of both died at a rather young age, their mothers maintained long lives. Dick's mother died at age 95 and Dave's mother is still living and is 91 years old.

As life should be, both Dick and Dave made new friends and developed new interests. Many times, however, Dick's friends would become Dave's friends and Dave's friends, Dick's.

Dick developed a real love for the game of golf and Dave became a great fan of college basketball and football. Also, he loved fishing and purchased his own bass boat. Dave also loved to play softball. During their 35 or so years in the high school coaching and teaching professions, each instructed, coached and mentored over 10,000 young men and women. Neither seemed to be too busy or to be too tired to talk with students, athletes or parents. Both remained devoted to their beloved East Mecklenburg High School and both served as role models in their community. Life was indeed busy for these two friends, but they each found time to be loving and devoted husbands and outstanding father figures to their children.

When it came time for Dick to retire in 1989, he

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## Margaret Mead's daughter speaks at Catawba

"Something fundamental has happened in our world," the daughter of anthropologist Margaret Mead, Dr. Mary Catherine Bateson, told the audience at Catawba College's Women's Symposium September 20. She was alluding to the terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C. which had shaken the nation.

"We're dealing with a national turning point of a certain kind," she continued, "and the way we tell our story will establish our potential for what we do next." Bateson recalled her mother telling her that after she heard that the atomic bomb had been dropped by the United States on Japan, "she threw away a completed manuscript she had written saying, 'At this point, we have to rethink everything given the capacity for destruction.'"

Bateson, who is also an anthropologist, a linguist, a scholar and a professor, has written and co-authored nine books, including *Composing a Life*, *Full Circles*, *Peripheral Vision* and a biography of her parents, *With a Daughter's Eye: A Memoir of Margaret Mead and Gregory Bateson*. The theme for the symposium, "Composing a Life," was taken from the title of her book.

She is currently a scholar in residence at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Studies at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and serves as president of the Institute for Intercultural Studies in New York City. Educated at Harvard, where she received a bachelor's degree and a Ph.D., Bateson has conducted research at Brandeis, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Harvard. She has taught at Harvard, Ateneo de Manila University, Damavand College in Tehran, Iran, Northeastern, and Amherst College (where she was dean of faculty).



Dr. Mary Catherine Bateson

Bateson said she was "interested in the discontinuities we face in our lives." She explained that as one looks to the future "you have to think both about points of continuity and points of discontinuity you've bridged in the past to reach new learning.

"We as a people in America," she continued, "are unusual in thinking of change positively. We have had changes and discontinuity in our country and that's how we became America." But that American way of looking at change is not universal, she cautioned. "Even in biblical times continuity and no change was a good thing, and change and discontinuity was a bad thing." She offered these suggestions for maintaining the capacity to respond to change: keep curiosity alive in the classroom; preserve, seek and look for diversity of all kinds; and tolerate ambiguity. "It is wonderful and revolutionary in the human experience that today the elders of the tribe have to listen to the children," Bateson said. "We don't have to conceal ignorance. We can ask whoever knows and today our children bring us up."

Harkening back to her opening remarks about the terrorist attacks on the

United States, she reasoned, "Every crisis in our lives and in our world is an invitation to new learning, even the ones that seem most terrible. Every invitation to new learning involves accepting vulnerability and ambiguity. I myself think that the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center is an invitation to rethink the deepest meaning of globalization.

"We need to know the world in a new way," Bateson explained. "It is a fact that in many societies change is seen as threatening and people react with rigidity and fear. We've seen that in our own country in the way that Southern communities reacted to integration - with fear.

"I believe that the world's great religions can be seen as recipes for human growth. People's understanding of their faith changes over their lifetime as they grow and mature. Our religious traditions are not a challenge to freeze things, but a challenge to deepen understanding about that religion.

"There are people for whom remaining faithful means to remain rigid," she said. "When people are scared they lose flexibility and become frightened by ambiguity."

In her closing remarks, Bateson explained why she used the word, composing, in the title of her book, *Composing a Life*. "It adds up to flexibility and lifelong learning, and a way of living in the world which is improvisational, like jazz," she said.

"It is important to try to live with grace and beauty and generosity, fitting things together in a way that works for a while and then has to be readjusted."

Bateson's remarks were followed by presentations from three women, all speaking from their individual point of view on the symposium's theme. Those three presenters included Catawba College alumna Melinda Melhorn Evans '77, a N.C. Civil Court mediator; Kendall Watkins Phills, the widow of Charlotte Hornets Player Bobby Phills; and Catawba College alumna Dr. Edith McCanless Bolick '70, chair of the college's sociology department.

This year's women's symposium was made possible in part by the generosity of Mona Lisa Wallace (president of the Catawba Board of Visitors) and William Marc Graham '83 (member of the Catawba College Board of Trustees) of Wallace and Graham, P.A., and Katharine W. Osborne (member of the Catawba College Board of Trustees).



Melinda Melhorn Evans '77



Kendall Watkins Phills



Dr. Edith McCanless Bolick '70



### EcoConnections!

Catawba College's Center for the Environment is doing more than helping to save the environment. It's offering to teach others how to do the same through its online magazine, located at [EcoConnections.catawba.edu](http://EcoConnections.catawba.edu).

Here, you will find the latest topics of interest not only to North Carolina, but the nation as a whole. The issues tackled range from local endangered species to technology used the world over in assisting conservation efforts. The site also provides a wealth of educational resources for teachers, students and the environmentally-minded in general. You'll learn about upcoming workshops and conferences to be held at Catawba College.

So visit [EcoConnections.catawba.edu](http://EcoConnections.catawba.edu) to learn what efforts are being made locally and regionally to make this earth a healthy home for us all.

## Catawba starts year with a record enrollment

**D**orms on the Catawba College campus are at full capacity thanks to a record enrollment for the 2001-2002 academic year. Fourteen hundred and fifty students are enrolled, of whom 1,409 are full-time. Seven hundred and seventy three of these students are boarding on the campus.

Catawba's Chief Enrollment Officer Brian Best said he was pleased with the efforts of the admissions counselors that brought in this large class. "We worked very hard to recruit students who were the right fit for Catawba," Best said. "Although we have a record enrollment, we did not have to lower our academic standards to get them here." The grade point average of the 415 new students is up from last academic year.

Catawba College President Fred Corriher, Jr. said that Catawba was blessed to have continuing success in attracting students. He credited not only the hard work of the admissions staff but also "the growing reputation of the college throughout the East Coast."

"Many things are coming together on campus," Corriher said. "Students coming to Catawba at this time will be able to enjoy the renovated Shuford Science Building and our new Center for the Environment."

Best said he was particularly pleased about the 35 entering freshmen from Rowan County. The SAT scores of these students average five percent higher than those of the rest of the freshmen class and their grade point averages are significantly higher.

Of the 35 entering freshmen from Rowan County, 19 of them are recipients of the Ralph W. Ketner Rowan County Scholarships. These scholarships were awarded for the first time last year. Ketner, co-founder and chairman emeritus of Food Lion, and his wife, Anne, established the scholarships for full-time day students as one way to show his gratitude to the people of Rowan County for their past support of Food Lion.

Catawba College Senior Vice President Tom Childress recalled how Ketner described the Rowan County Scholarships. "He said he always remembered that the parents and grandparents of these students were the ones who supported Food Lion," Childress explained.

## Enrollment in Lifelong Learning Program keeps growing

Catawba College's Lifelong Learning program has a record number of students enrolled this fall, according to program director Dr. Karl Rodabaugh. New faculty and staff members have been hired to support the 394 full-time students.

In February, Rodabaugh told the Catawba College Board of Trustees that he anticipated 375 full-time students, but the final totals exceeded even his expectations. "Our biggest challenge is to stay ahead of the rising tide of lifelong learning enrollment growth," Rodabaugh said. "We're now in the process of making plans and preparing for rapid expansion within our small campus environment."

The program grew from 185 students in the 1998-1999 academic year, to 340 students last aca-

demic year. By the year 2005, Rodabaugh surmised, the program could have an enrollment of 600 students.

"We continue to be one of the institutions with the highest ratios of full-time faculty teaching in our adult learning program," Rodabaugh explained. "I think that in itself has helped make ours one of the fastest-growing campus-based adult degree programs in the southeast."

Geared to full-time working adults, the evening program currently offers three bachelor's degrees, in business administration, information systems and administration of justice. Students pursue those degrees via a block course system, normally taking one course at a time during a one-month period.

Those degree offerings could be expanded as the program grows, Rodabaugh speculated, and there is a strong possibility that a master's degree in business administration could be added within five years. Last year, Catawba reached an articulation agreement with all of the community colleges in the area for the new administration of justice major. An on-campus Alpha Sigma Lambda chapter, a national honor society for non-traditional students at liberal arts colleges, was also chartered last spring.

To accommodate the expanded staffing, Lifelong Learning has relocated its headquarters on campus from the Cannon Student Center to renovated office space in Hoke Hall.

## Anxious Catawba Freshman move in

Parents, grandparents, siblings, aunts, uncles and other varieties of friends and relatives were on hand to help Catawba College's class of 2005 move into their dorm rooms. Most of the students were excited and nervous, while their parents expressed a range of emotions from bittersweet to relieved.

"I've already done my crying," said Mary Artiss, aunt of freshman Tahira Moody. But even as Artiss spoke, tears welled up in her eyes. "Tahira's everybody's child," she explained, and then joked, "She's my third daughter."

Tahira was just one of many Catawba freshmen with the large entourage. Family members drove from Newport News, Va. "in the rain and humidity," the family friend said, to transport Tahira and her belongings to college.

Freshman Megan Wilson of Stuart, Va. was accompanied by her parents and grandparents. Megan, who came to Catawba to play softball, was busy helping her roommate, freshman

Keely Litaker of Concord, set up her computer. Keely's father, James Litaker, a 1975 Catawba alumnus, and her mother Cassie were dry-eyed as they watch their daughter unpack her belongings. Forty-seven Alphas, Catawba upperclassmen, were on hand to assist the freshmen students move into their dorms.

Woodson Dormitory, traditionally the freshman dormitory on campus,

was alive with activity. Several residence assistants were in the lobby of Woodson to help check students into their rooms. "My R.A.s are amazing," Kathy Robey, Catawba's director of Residence Life, exclaimed as she looked around. "They made us all look great!"

"It's really going smoothly this year," R.A. Michelle Freshman said. "The biggest problem we've experienced is the occasional key that won't fit into the lock."

Robey said the dorms on campus were at full capacity when the upperclassmen moved in. Capacity translates into almost 760 beds filled with students. The boarding students, plus commuting day students and the more than 400 adults in the Lifelong Learning program will give Catawba a record enrollment this year of more than 1400 students.

Strangers to each other before Saturday, Freshmen Chris Nesbitt of Colonia, N.J. and his roommate, Mike Anthony of Rochester, Penn., share something more than a room. They are both on Catawba's golf team and that commonality probably landed them together. Mike's parents, along with his aunt, uncles, grandparents and sister, all came to Salisbury to help him settle in.

Mike's father, also Mike Anthony, stood in the hallway of Woodson watching as his son and the roommate unpacked and talked. He tried to be stoic. "I'll be fine until we get in the car to drive away," he said. "I thought I was worse about this a month ago, but you never know."



Tahira Moody and Megan Wilson



Chris Nesbitt and Mike Anthony

## Four honorary degrees awarded at Catawba

The State Superintendent of the Public Schools of North Carolina was the speaker at Catawba College's Opening Convocation for fall semester. Dr. Michael E. Ward, serving his second term as state superintendent, was one of four individuals who received an honorary doctorate at the event.

The convocation was held Thursday, Sept. 6 in

Rowan-Cabarrus Community College; Dr. G. Edward Hughes, a 1972 alumnus of Catawba and president of Hazard Community College in Kentucky; and Dr. John Donald Scarlett, a 1948 alumnus of Catawba and dean emeritus and professor of law at Wake Forest Law School.

Dr. Ward, a three-time graduate of North Carolina State University, is also a member of the Council of State which includes the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and eight other statewide elected officials. Prior to his election as State Superintendent, he served as executive director of the North Carolina Standards Board for Public School Administration. He also has served as superintendent of schools in Granville County, N.C. and as a principal and teacher in that system.

In 1997, Dr. Ward received the North Carolina State University's Distinguished Alumnus Award. Active in professional activities, he is an adjunct professor of educational leadership at both North Carolina State University and East Carolina University.

Prior to beginning his career in education, Dr. Brownell served for 20 years in the U.S. Marine corps where he commanded every size unit from squad to battalion. He retired as Lieutenant Colonel in 1970. Following his retirement, he earned his doctorate in higher education administration from Duke University.

Dr. Brownell has served as associate director of the National Laboratory for Higher Education, as vice president of planning and research for the South Carolina Two-Year College System, and as vice president of the Technical College of the Low Country in South Carolina. For the past 24 years, he has been president of Rowan-Cabarrus Community College. In 1988, he was selected as an outstanding president in a national survey of transformational leaders in American community colleges.

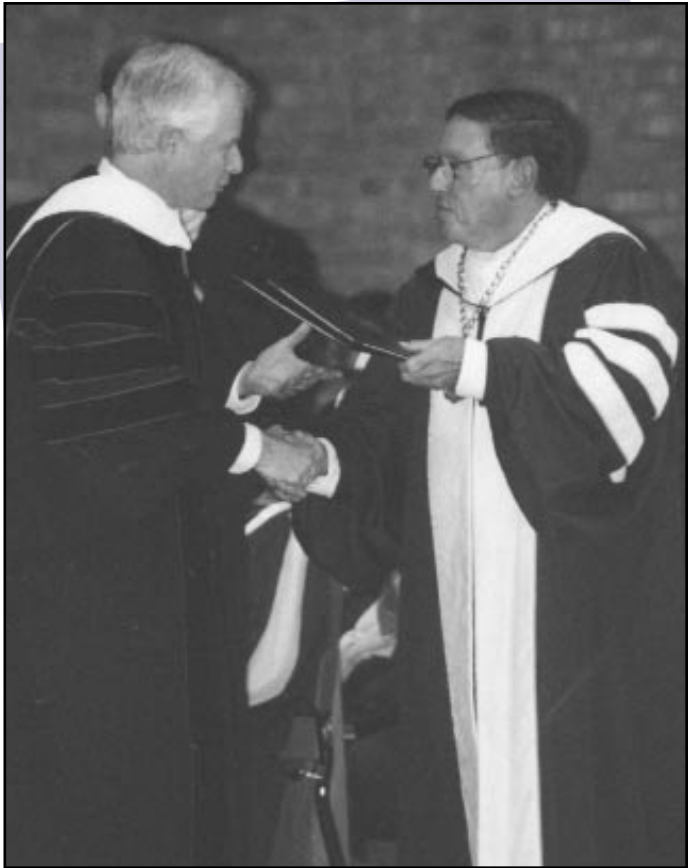
A native of Reading, Pennsylvania, Dr. Scarlett's undergraduate education at Catawba

College was interrupted by 32 months of military service during World War II. He received his bachelor's degree in English in 1948, and then went on to graduate from Harvard Law School in 1951. Following law school, he worked for a year as an associate for a small Wall Street litigation firm before accepting another yearlong position as assistant director of the Institute of Government at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

Dr. Scarlett entered legal education in 1954 and spent his career there. He served as a member of the faculty of Ohio Northern University Law School and Wake Forest Law School. He held the position of Dean of Drake University Law School from 1969 until 1979, before moving to North Carolina to spend the next ten years as Dean of the Wake Forest University School of Law.

Dr. Hughes, a native of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, graduated from Catawba in 1972 with a degree in psychology. He received his master's degree in psychology from Middle Tennessee State University and his Ph.D. in higher education from Southern Illinois University. Since 1975, he has taught psychology and served in various administrative roles in four community colleges. In 1985 at age 34, he was named the second president of Hazard Community College, becoming one of the youngest CEOs in American higher education at the time.

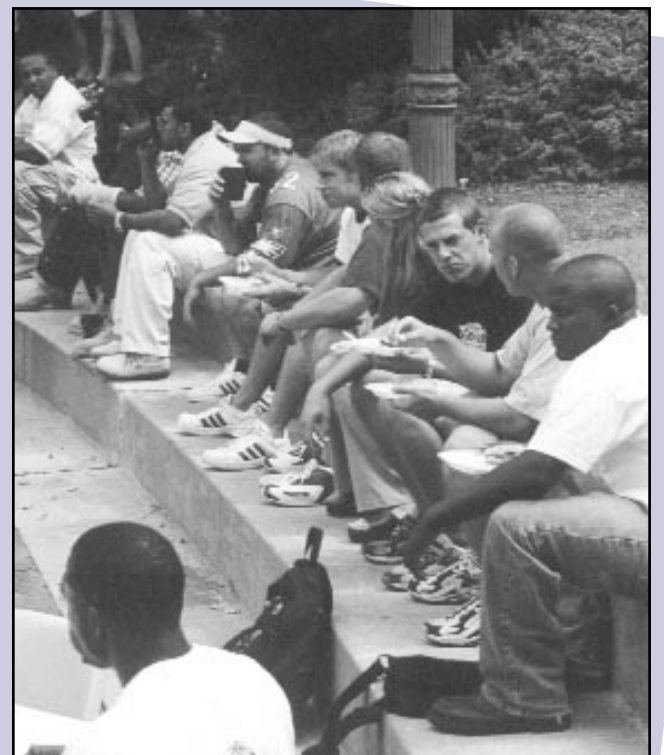
Under Dr. Hughes' leadership, the enrollment at Hazard Community College has grown from 604 students to over 3100 students served on five different campuses in the heart of Appalachian Kentucky. The college's endowment has grown from \$0 to over \$5 million. In 1996, under his direction, the college merged the private, two-year, Lees College into Hazard Community College, and now offers the only residential life campus among the 27 public community and technical colleges in Kentucky.



Dr. Michael Ward receives honorary degree from President Corriher

the Omwake-Dearborn Chapel. Both Catawba College faculty and members of the senior class robed in academic regalia and processed. During this ceremony, honorary doctorates were also awarded to Dr. Richard L. Brownell, president of

*A sesquicentennial birthday party was held on campus following the Sept. 6 convocation. Students faculty, staff and some invited guests celebrated during a cookout on Stanback Plaza*





# Terrorist attacks sadden campus community

Shock, disbelief, fear, sadness, empathy, grief, anger - were just some of the emotions experienced on our campus September 11, 2001 and in the days that followed the terrorist attacks on our nation. We all tried to go about business as usual, but it was very difficult, if not impossible. The radio, television and newspaper became our sources for news; and we became for each other sources of comfort and assurance.

Catawba College President Fred Corriher's response to our campus community was swift and stalwart and expressed typical and strong American sentiments which we all needed to hear. In a campus-wide e-mail he posted at 9:55 a.m. September 11, he wrote:

"We are all saddened by the horrible incidents which are being directed at the citizens of the United States. Until all the facts unfold, there is no way of determining the source of these attacks. Catawba College will continue to operate on a normal schedule in defiance of these efforts to rob our nation of its security and pride."

He encouraged us all to observe a moment of silence at noon to "pray for the families of those directly affected and for our country." As the United States, the North Carolina and the Catawba College flags flew at half-staff on our campus, many of us did.

It was in the afternoon of September 11 that we first gathered as a community in the sanctuary of Omwake-Dearborn Chapel, seeking solace. Scriptures were read, prayers said, and prayer requests made by members of the campus with friends and relatives in harm's way. Catawba Chaplain and Senior Vice President Dr. Kenneth Clapp and other faculty members were available after we gathered to counsel with our students.

September 12, again our campus community was encouraged to gather together in the chapel at three different times to pray for our nation, for the victims of the tragedy and members of their families. A table was set up in the Cannon Student Center on this day and students handed out bits of red, white and blue ribbons for community members to wear during the week as an outward sign of their empathy and mourning.

In an effort to understand the terrorism which had affected all Americans, Dr. Sanford Silverburg, an expert on international terrorism and chair of the col-

lege's political science department, gave a lecture on that subject on the evening of September 13. Students and members of the Salisbury community attended and perhaps gained deeper insights into the why's of the week.

Friday, September 14, as our nation marked a day of prayer and remembrance, our campus community gathered again in the chapel, showing our solidarity. The chimes tolled twelve times as the brief service began. The 100 or so of us gathered were comforted to be here. We took to heart the scripture from St. Matthew 6 that Dr. Clapp read. The words admonished, "...do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Let the day's own trouble be sufficient for the day."

Looking back now with some distance and less ache to September 11, I believe we all see that infamous day as a turning point in the lives of our students and campus community. Some of the security we all felt about being Americans and in America and some of students' innocence peeled away with those terrorist attacks. For those of us over 40, the events of September 11 were but further grievous incidents to file away along with the remembrances of the Vietnam War and its nightly death totals on the evening news; the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy, Dr. Martin Luther King and Robert Kennedy; the attempted assassination of President Ronald Reagan; the explosion of the Space Shuttle Challenger; and the Oklahoma City bombing. For our students, this was perhaps their first experience with national calamity.

Feeling fiercely American as I write this, I can say our campus community is stronger because we experienced these days together. For the loss of lives we continue to mourn, for the loss of innocence we continue to pine, and we are certain that the hard edge we feel around us all now is exactly the feeling that Americans get when they straighten their shoulders to press on.



Chapel service

## FRIENDSHIP...

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was ready to settle into some well-deserved relaxing time and to play a lot of golf. Unexpectedly, however, a call came from his alma mater, Catawba, for him to come coach the Catawba Indians baseball team. In 1989, Dick and Paula packed up and made the move back to Salisbury.

On the eve of their move, Dave and I (at his persistence) drove over to say goodbye to our long-time friends. It was a difficult task to coax Dave out of the house as he and Dick sat in the den carrying on one of their in-depth conversations among the stacks and stacks of boxes ready for the move. Knowing that his friend was moving away was so hard for Dave, and he was choked up all the way home. I tried to console him by telling him that Dick was only moving to Salisbury, about 50 miles away, and he would have many opportunities to see him. "But it would not be the same," Dave said. It was not too much later that I noticed that there seemed to be a lot of events going on at Catawba and that a lot of Saturday trips were being made to Salisbury.

In 1993, it was Dave's time to retire from his teaching and coaching professions. He too had plans to relax and do a lot of serious fishing. But then, unexpectedly, a call came from his friend Dick to invite him to come to Catawba to help with the baseball team.

Dave and I had plans to relocate outside of the Charlotte area when we retired. We had plans,

however, to live near a lake area. This had been one of Dave's long-time dreams. He wasn't interested in re-entering the coaching profession. But after much consideration, a decision was made to join his friend Dick, and the Joneses made the move back to Salisbury.

Once again, these two friends were reunited, and once again they were working together in the type of environment they loved the best - involved with young people and sports. The bond between these two was still so great, and there they were, back in the town and back on the same college campus where their friendship began.

In reflecting back, it almost seems that wherever Dick went, he always found an opportunity to call his friend Dave. And, it would appear that Dave would have followed his friend Dick to the end of the earth, so to speak!

However, that pattern was soon to change. This time, it would be Dave who made the next move. In late July of 1999, Dave became very ill and was called to join his Heavenly Father on August 9. This time, it would be Dick who followed Dave. In early December 1999, Dick was diagnosed with a serious illness and was called suddenly to join his Heavenly Father and Dave on December 16. While the nature of their illnesses were completely different, the two of them made their journey into the unknown only four months apart.

When both came to realize that death might be

close, they each displayed much strength, courage, calmness and dignity. Each reassured their families that they had no regrets in the way they had lived their lives and probably wouldn't make many changes if they had their lives to live over again. They both seemed to be at peace with their God and themselves and were ready to make the journey if they were called.

The two friends were buried in the same cemetery across the road from each other. Ironically, when I chose the site for Dave to be buried, I was unaware that only six months prior, the Williamses had already chosen and purchased their site.

We will never know, of course, if Dave needed Dick up there with him, or if Dick needed to be up there with Dave. What we do know is that two men who were closely bonded as friends will forever be together. I must ask myself; was it all just a matter of circumstances or just a matter of chance, or was this friendship planned, developed and shaped by design.

On Friday, September 28, during halftime of its football game, East Mecklenburg High School dedicates its new football stadium to the memory of Coach Dick Williams and its new baseball field to the memory of Coach Dave Jones. What a wonderful honor to bestow upon the names and memories of these two men and how very fitting that a dual ceremony should be held, ensuring that the legacies of these two friends will live on and on for

## Catawba's 1929 Summer School on Wheels

Taking classes at Catawba College during the summer was very different in 1929 than it is today. Back then, Catawba students who wanted to see the rest of the continental United States and take some summer classes had only to enroll in summer school.

During the summer of 1929, a large group of more than 100 students, faculty and staff members from the college headed out of Salisbury to participate in a Summer School on Wheels. They created a caravan of sedans and buses. The buses they used were built especially for the trip. According to a brochure from that time, the buses were "special semi-limousine closed cars with air-cushioned seats" and "sleeping quarters built to the cars" with both floor covering and electricity.

The trip took the students across the country to California and then back to Salisbury via a southerly route. It included stops in the Carolinas, Tennessee,

Kentucky, Indiana, Missouri, Kansas, Idaho, Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, California, Arizona, Texas, Mexico, Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia.

Each day of the 50-day trip, which began June 10 and ended August 6, started with three hours of coursework, followed by hours of traveling and nights of camping. A special cook car, "equipped with all modern conveniences" accompanied the caravan. "Fresh fruits and vegetables and the best of other foods" were served. "Modern camp grounds with toilet and bathroom facilities" were used "practically every night."

*cannot be verbalized passed musically from the Dixie students."*

The southern accent of the summer school students continued to be noted in the newspapers which sent reporters to interview the group. A June 19, 1929 story, which appeared in The Kansas City Star, gave this account as the group paused its "educational voyage," on U.S. Highway 40 on the outskirts of the Kansas City:

*"The Carolina collegiate caravan with its 110 soft spoken, drawlin' students and its faculty of three, moved on westward today, after having spent last night at the U-Smile tourist camp. ...This undeniably 'progressive' institution of education, representing Catawba College, Salisbury, N.C., and consisting of six motor busses and seven sedans, went on to Topeka after classes this morning, with the West Coast its ultimate object.*

*"...But the idea of Catawba College, which is a Reformed Church institution, in arranging this seven weeks' trip, was to give the students an opportunity to see the country. The people of the southeast part of the United States have a distressing reputation for provincialism, and such trips as this are designed to relieve that situation.*

*"...Anyway, the Carolinians, with their abundance of 'you-alls' and lack of 'r's,' have seen Missouri and have liked it, and have gone on to the Kansas wheat fields. They are eager to see the growing wheat, although one honey-voiced co-ed admitted today she had missed her corn pone this trip."*

June 20, 1929, the group spent the night in Manhattan, Kansas and The Morning Chronicle account of the stop described the travelers as being from "Charlotte, South Carolina...making a trip of eight thousand miles of the United States." It detailed how the group "attended the show at the Marshall as the guests" of the manager and "took advantage of the city swimming pool." This article explained how classes were arranged for the students:

*"The schedule for classes is from 7 o'clock until 9:30 in the morning with time off for breakfast whenever it is ready. Then if the work is not finished, arrangement is made so that the classes can be finished on the buses, but generally this is unnecessary. The day is spent in travel and they camp early in the evening so that it is possible for the individuals to spend their evening just as they wish.*

*"The subjects taught are Plant Ecology, where the students have the advantage of studying numerous plants in their native environment; Public Sanitation, where they study hygienic plants and sanitation systems of various cities; Geology; Economic Geography; and the two for which they receive the only academic credit: Community Development and Educational Psychology. They will take notes in class and will write a term paper for credit after they return from the trip.*

*"...One member of the trip carries with her some water from the Atlantic Ocean which she will pour into the Pacific Ocean upon her arrival there, thus symbolizing the uniting of the two oceans in their educational venture."*

It was without fanfare or celebration July 4, 1929 that the summer school on wheels rolled into Pocatello, Idaho. The Pocatello Tribune gave this account:

*"Rolling in two hours behind schedule, the big motor busses quickly organized into formation and the camp assistants had the baggage down and the tents pegged before the city visitors knew what it was all about. Much interest was manifest by the onlookers while*



Summer school makes camp

The cost for this educational sojourn was \$225, plus tuition.

A now defunct business, the Blanks Travel Bureau of Charlotte, provided the vehicles and planning. Catawba's Director of the Extension Division, B.K. Haworth, and a Catawba faculty member, Dr. Bruce Wentz, coordinated the academic side of the trip.

According to newspaper accounts at the time, this summer school on wheels caused a stir and created news in each place that it stopped for a night. More than a week into its trip, the group rolled into Vincennes, Indiana. The newspaper there reported the arrival with inflated prose:

*"Machine age education rolled into Vincennes yesterday from Louisville, in the form of the 'College on Wheels,' a thirteen-car motorcade of college students from North Carolina. ...The contingent from Dixie arrived at Harmony Park shortly after 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon. They had driven all night after weathering difficulties en route. The University of Louisville campus, which was to have been a camping place, was under water. When the group tried to camp at another place the Kentucky constabulary kindly told them to 'move on.' Advance information had evidently gone astray. At any rate the crew arrived in the city tired and sleepless.*

*"...A spirit of cordiality pervaded the group as it encamped last evening. The soft southern drawl contrasted markedly to the incisive snap of Hoosier vernacular. The accent of the south that*



Catawba group at a stop along the way - 1929

the camp was completed and the members of the party lined up behind the cook wagon without even the formality of being commanded to 'come and get it.'...the travelers formed a 'bread line' past the table where the food was dished in cafeteria styles.

"Mayor C. Ben Ross, Paul V. Nash and a committee representing the chamber of commerce as well as representatives of two newspapers were on hand to extend greetings from the one and only Pocatello, and in return received a royal welcome from the southerners.

"...To the reporter's query as to the ratio of men and women in the party, Dr. Haworth said laughingly, 'Two-thirds women and one-third men, just like heaven.'"

The college caravan arrived in Dallas, Texas July 31, 1929 and departed the next day on its homeward journey, according to a report in The Dallas Journal. This lengthy sentence in the opening line of the article describes the group's departure:

"The caravan of 100 college students and professors, which composes the transcontinental summer school on wheels of the Catawba College, Salisbury, N.C., wended its way out of Dallas Thursday morning after the regular class sessions toward Shreveport, La., the next stop on its journey to Salisbury, which will be completed by Sunday."

The Dallas Journal article noted that "the southern drawl of the local officials was the best thing the students have heard since Salisbury." It also made reference to the Catawba student who transferred water between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. In this article, however, the student, noted in an earlier newspaper account as a female, was described as a male: "One student in the group is carrying a bottle of water from the Pacific Ocean to dump into the Atlantic. He has already transferred water from the Atlantic to the Pacific."

Perhaps the most telling commentary on the summer school on wheels was written 30 years after the fact by one of the Catawba faculty members who participated in the 1929 trip, Dr. Bruce Wentz. He shared his recollections in an article he wrote for the February 1960 edition of Catawba's ALUMNEWS.

In a diary-like fashion, Wentz explained what had occurred on each day of the 50-day trip. With an insider's point of view, he recalled details of vehicle problems; difficulties with Mr. Blanks, the travel agent who put together the trip; sites along the way; and the heat and mosquitoes encountered. Following are some excerpts from Wentz' 1960 account:

#### June, 19, 1929

We left camp real early this morning, but paused long enough to have our pictures taken for the Kansas City Star. Later our pictures with a nice write-up appeared in that newspaper. We toured Topeka, Kan., and finally camped at Manhattan Kan., and were treated to a show here.

#### July 1, 1929

Several of us went fishing in the morning on the West Thumb of Yellowstone Lake. Each of the three in the boat caught three trout about 12 inches long. We saw the canyon and the falls of the Yellowstone River. We traveled on to Mammoth Hot springs in another section of the Park, and paused along the way to throw some snowballs. In the evening, we heard a lecture on the geology of Yellowstone Park, given by one of the rangers, a Mr. McDougal.

#### July 3, 1929

I took some pictures of Old Faithful in action. Mr. Blanks scolded the group because some of the folks were saying some unsatisfactory things about the way he was conducting the trip. We left Yellowstone Park and crossed a part of Montana and went on to Pocatello, Idaho, where we were given a nice

reception by a local band as we camped there.

#### July 9, 1929

We were detained in Reno, Nev., all day because they had to get a new engine for one of the buses. We were given passes to the racetrack and several of us went to the races. Two friends in our group wanted to bet on a horse and between them they bought a \$2.00 ticket on a horse they had asked me to select. The horse won, paying \$12. These friends thought I knew all about horse racing. Of course, I did not bet at all. We left Reno, Nev., about 10:00 P.M. and went onto Donner Lake, Cal., where we arrived about 1:00 A.M., July 10.

#### July 16, 1929

Mr. Blanks lectured the group again because he felt that the group was not co-operating very well. I think he was beginning to lose money on his part of the contract. Everybody was disgruntled all day. I suppose we were somewhat tired. We had a long trip today to Goleta Camping Ground. We saw the Mission Bells at San Louis Obispo, Cal. We were told that the mission was built in 1772.

#### July 18, 1929

Some of us slept out of doors last night. This morning I piloted some of our group to Santa Catalina Island in a large boat named Avalon. This was a very nice twenty-seven mile sidetrip. While on the island, we took two sight-seeing tours and one ride in a glass-bottomed boat. All this was wonderful. On the island, we saw the homes of Wm. Wrigley (of chewing fame), Gene Straton Porter, and Zane Grey. On the way back, on the boat, we saw sixty-five flying fish. This was interesting too. After supper, I took some of our group to Aimie McPherson's Angelus Temple at Echo Park. We attended her rather elaborate religious service. With the aid of her helpers, she baptized about ninety persons this evening.

#### July 24, 1929

We got up early this morning and traveled about fifty miles before breakfast at Ash Fork, Ariz. The Wyatt girls (students) treated Mr. Haworth and me to breakfast at the railroad station. We left Ash Fork, Ariz. to go to Williams, Ariz.

The axle on our baggage bus broke. We finally landed in Grand Canyon Park. Some of us took an auto trip along the rim of the Canyon. We attended the Park Campfire meeting in the evening. Mr. Johnson, of our group, helped to entertain us by playing his harmonica and drums.

#### August 4, 1929

I got up at 2:30 A.M. because of the mosquitoes which were chewing me up. They were quite small, but they could bite through a blanket if necessary. According to plans, I woke the others at 4:00 A.M. We paused at Marion Junction for lunch. Our journey today took us through Meridian, Ala., and Montgomery, Ala. We saw the state capital at a distance. We also passed by Tuskegee Negro College. We traveled on to Opelika, Ala, where we camped in a public school house. The Principal, Mr. Watson, was very nice to us but he next day the janitor was rather angry with us.

Wentz summarized the summer school on wheels experience like this in his final entry of August 6:

"...The tour was ended. It was a good experiment. Reasonably good school work was done and I think everyone was benefited by the whole trip. These notes were written thirty years after the trip. Some small details have been forgotten and some others were considered to be too insignificant to me to be mentioned here."

## ENVIRONMENT...

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mental movement."

Smith encouraged the faculty, students and partner "at the heart of the Center for the Environment to continue to fuel this environmental legacy for all of us."

Members of the Stanback family in attendance in addition to Mrs. Stanback and her son, Fred, included Fred's wife, Alice; his son, Brad; Brad's wife and children; Mrs. Stanback's daughter, Mrs. George Brumley; and Mrs. Stanback's, Bill Stanback. Many members of the Catawba Board of Trustees were present, as were elected officials, civic leaders and representatives from various environmental organizations.

Corriher also recognized other donors who directed gifts to the center. These included Wilson and Evelyen Smith, an anonymous Catawba alumna, the Proctor Foundation and the late Mrs. Mary A. Corriher.

On Sunday, an open house for the public was held between 2 and 5 p.m. at the facility and more than 500 people attended. Center Director, Dr. John Wear, along with architect Karen Alexander, contractor Bill Wagoner, interior furnishings planner Jeanne Mercer, and landscape architect Kevin McCorkle were on hand to field questions about the building.



Mrs. Elizabeth Stanback & her family were honored at dedication.

## The Catawba Connection: It's worldwide

By Dr. William Palmer '56 & Ron Hillard '57

Almost 50 years ago, a young man named Strati Hadjiyiannaki decided to come to the United States for his education. Before leaving his native Greece, he found information about Catawba College and decided to come to Salisbury and to Catawba. Ron Hillard was a local student from Salisbury. Ron and Strati became friends during their freshman year and remained roommates until Strati graduated in 1956. (Ron graduated in 1957.)

After graduating from Catawba, Strati obtained a law degree from Tulane University, and then returned to his native Greece and a career with the National Bank of Greece.

The Catawba connection is still strong. Strati and Ron stayed in touch with each other over the years. In 1984, Strati and his wife, Amelia (now deceased) came to the United States for a visit with Ron and his family and to tour the East Coast. In 1997, Strati paid a return visit to the Hilliard's home in Maryland. As part of this trip, they took an automobile trip to North Carolina and visited Catawba College, where they had been students over 40 years earlier. They visited some of the local "hangouts," with

Strati being recognized after all those years by the proprietor of one of the local restaurants.

Another classmate, Bill Palmer, guided him around for the short visit to

Salisbury that was part of a longer trip to the U. S.

Ron and his present wife Joye visited with Strati at his home in Mytilene, Greece, during the summer of 2000. Ron's visit brought out another side of Strati's life. Among other talents, he is a licensed sea-going freighter pilot, as well as a former investment banker.

Another Catawba alumnus has maintained the connection with Strati. Roger Gifford ('55) and his wife Leta visited with Strati during the summer of 1999, as part of trip to Greece. According to Roger, Strati kept them busy, showing them many of the historical (as well as modern) sites of Athens. During his stay at Catawba, Roger was a roommate of Bill Palmer.

Most recently, Bill ('56) and Anne Palmer, with daughter Katherine, were graciously hosted by Strati in his second home city of Salonica, Greece (the historical city of Paul's letter to the Thessalonians). Upon their arrival on May 12, 2001, they were ushered to a traditional Greek Orthodox wedding of one of Strati's close friends and the elaborate celebration afterwards. During the rest of the visit, Strati arranged a behind-the-scenes visit to the stock market and proved to be a most knowledgeable guide to local markets, museums, restaurants, and local nightlife. This part of the Palmer's trip to Greece was a whirlwind of activity that would never have been possible without the Catawba connection.

For all of these Catawba friends, Ron, Roger, and Bill, the long-time friendship with Strati almost half way around the world is an example of the life-long connections that Catawba friends make.

Strati has offered to help organize a class reunion in Greece. Anyone interested should contact Bill Palmer at [Palmer@vnet.net](mailto:Palmer@vnet.net) or by phone at 704-636-6154.

- Strati Hadjiyiannakis ('56) now lives in Mytilene, Greece, with a second home in Salonica, Greece.
- Ron Hillard ('57) now lives in California, Maryland.
- Roger Gifford ('55) now lives in Montrose, Colorado.
- William (Bill) Palmer ('56) now lives in Salisbury, North Carolina.



L-R: Strati Hadjiyiannaki '56 & Ron Hillard '57



L-R: Strati Hadjiyiannaki '56 & Dr. William Palmer '56

## SHUFORD...

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Gordon Kirkland



J. F. Hurley, Jr.



Dr. Stephen Wurster

Catawba College President Fred Corriher, Jr. said he is gratified by Hurley's ability to "solicit himself" when funds are needed for a particular project. "Jim Hurley is one of the most remarkable individuals ever to serve on Catawba College's Board of Trustees. He is in the habit of making lead gifts to jump-start projects which he feels will have a significant impact on the life of the college," Corriher explained.

"His and his family's gifts are behind many of the important and progressive projects in Rowan County, including Elizabeth Hurley Park, the Meroney Theatre, Ruffy-Holmes Senior Center, Spencer Shops, Dan Nicholas Park, four YMCAs and Livingstone College," Corriher continued.

"He and Gordon have heeded their father's directive to them to 'give something back' to the people of Rowan County who supported the Salisbury Post over the years. Life in Rowan County would be a lot poorer were it not for Jim and Gordon Hurley and their extended family."

Hurley said his family including his

brother Gordon and Jennifer Hurley, widow of Haden Hurley, will provide a portion of the million-dollar gift to fund building a new press box through the Hurley Foundation. That gift echoes one that his father made in 1973 to build the original Hurley Press Box at the existing stadium.

"He said, 'I'm going to give a pretty good size gift to Catawba for a press box, and I don't want you boys to be mad at me for giving away some of your inheritance.'"

Hurley and his wife, Gerry, will provide the funding for the President's Box at the new stadium in memory of Dr. Wurster. "Gerry and I were very close to Steve and Jean (Wurster)," Hurley explained. "Steve did a lot of the fund-raising for Catawba in that box. He had vision and charisma and raised millions of dollars to rejuvenate the college."

Hurley himself will provide the funding for a new and improved football field in memory of Coach Kirkland. "That field needs better contouring, irrigation and drainage," Hurley said. "I overheard Coach (David) Bennett saying that the University of Georgia had the best field he'd ever seen."

"Course Crafters, which built Georgia's field, was rebuilding the back nine at the Salisbury Country Club at that time. I thought that if this company could do such a good job at Georgia, it could certainly build a wonderful football field for Catawba."

Course Crafters has built golf courses, football and baseball fields throughout the country.

Examples include Turner Field in Atlanta, Candlestick Park in San Francisco and improvements at Augusta National, scene of The Masters' golf tournament.

Hurley spoke fondly of Coach Kirkland. "I learned to love sports following Coach Kirkland and the Catawba players he coached," he said. "My first football hero was Charlie Clark who played tailback in the '30s. I also followed the careers of Dwight Holshouser, Charlie Gabriel and the Bowen twins, Harold and Carroll, among others."

"I have had only two problems with Catawba athletics," Hurley joked. "My elementary class went to Winston Salem in the '40s to hear an opera, and I missed Lefty Lisk's no-hitter at Newman Park. I haven't felt the same about opera since then."

"My second problem was that Coach Kirkland underestimated Charlie Gabriel. Kirkland complained to President Truman that the U.S. Military Academy stole Gabriel from Catawba only because he was a good football player. But Gabriel proved that he was more than that. He shot down enemy planes in Korea, served in Vietnam, advanced to the rank of four-star general and became chief of staff for the U.S. Air Force."

The Hurleys' million-dollar gift is a major step in the fund-raising effort needed to replace the existing stadium which was constructed in 1928. The stadium project still needs to raise another million to meet its \$2.5 million commitment.

## RETIREMENT...

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87, during Wurster's 11-year tenure as president.

In his statement Corriher said, "serving Catawba College as her president for the past nine years has been the greatest honor and privilege one could ever receive. The support given to me by all of Catawba's constituencies during this period has been extraordinary. Even though I shall leave with a lot of unfinished goals, I do so with the sense that we have been successful through the cooperative efforts of all those who work here and all others who love Catawba College. I owe a special debt of gratitude to my wife, Bonnie, for her love and support through these years, as well as that of my five children.

"Despite the fact," Corriher continued, "that there are still challenges remaining I would have hoped to meet, it is time for me to make way for new leadership that can take Catawba College to the next level of excellence and greatness. There are many interests in my life that I want to pursue, including travel, gardening, cooking, and perhaps even renewing my teaching of wine appreciation. I especially look forward to renewing my voice in the world of politics, which has been silent for the past nine years.

"In leaving," Corriher said, "I want to express my thanks to the Board of Trustees for their incomparable generosity and support, and to my fine Cabinet officers who have served Catawba so well. My service to Catawba College is not yet over. The next eleven-plus months will see no diminution of effort on my part, and I hope to serve Catawba College, her next president, and the board of trustees in any capacity they might choose as long as I live."

Concluding his remarks, Corriher quoted poet Robert Frost, who wrote "The woods are lovely, dark and deep, But I have promises to keep, and miles to go before I sleep."

**WORK REMAINS**

The "miles" Corriher referred to his remarks could well be traveled in completing the largest capital campaign in the College's 150-year history. Corriher and his fund-raising team are heading into the final phase of a \$56.5 million campaign, which they hope to wrap up during the current academic year. This is also the year Catawba is celebrating its sesquicentennial, observing its founding 150 years ago in Newton, North Carolina, when classes opened December 3, 1851.

For some time, Corriher has planned to step down from the presidency at the conclusion of the campaign, the most ambitious and already the most successful in the College's history. The previous high for a campaign goal was \$28 million raised in the early 1980s. The current campaign total stands at approximately \$52,000,000.

**WHITTON LEADS SEARCH**

At the conclusion of Corriher's statement, Board of Trustees chairman Tom E. Smith '64 announced that he had named retired Salisbury businessman and trustee James G. Whitton to chair a presidential search committee which would begin a national search immediately for Corriher's successor.

Smith said members of the committee would be composed of representatives of the College's various constituencies in addition to a number of trustees. Assisting in the search process will be the consulting firm of Jon McRae & Associates of Atlanta, Ga. McRae will be the lead consultant for the Catawba search and work directly with the committee.

**NINE YEARS IN OFFICE**

Corriher's nine-year tenure is one of the longest in the history of the College. Only five presidents have served longer; 13 had terms that averaged just three and a half years each. The longest time in office was that of Dr. Jacob C. Clapp, who was president of Catawba for 39 years, when the College was located in Newton, NC. He was president during and after the Civil War, 1861-1900.

Among presidents of the College after its move to Salisbury, Corriher is fifth in

longevity. Dr. Howard R. Omwake served 11 years, 1931-42, and was succeeded by Dr. A. R. Keppel, who led the College for 21 years, 1942-63. Dr. Martin L. Sholtzberger, now retired and living in Elon College, NC, served 12 years, 1968-80; and Dr. Stephen H. Wurster served 11 years, 1981-92.

Corriher began his presidential career at Catawba as an interim, asked by the trustees to serve until a successor to Dr. Wurster was found. During the search process, the Board decided that they had their president already on board and in early January 1993 elected Corriher the school's 19th president.

When he was appointed interim president, Corriher told the trustee executive committee he felt that he "would not be doing my duty to Catawba College if I did not accept this position, and all the responsibilities that go with it."

He was an independent businessman on his election to the presidency. Following a long career in textile industry management, Corriher had been working in the areas of consulting in the yarn industry and the field of medical and dental practice consulting. His textile career goes back decades and follows his family's involvement in the industry for 80 years.

Corriher comes from a long line of textile executives, including his father, uncle, and grandfather, all of whom worked in and managed mills in the Landis area of Rowan County, finally merging to form the Linn-Corriher Corporation, which Fred Corriher joined in 1962 as a third generation family member. He held positions of corporate secretary, assistant to the president, executive vice-president, and president and chief executive officer. The corporation was sold in 1981 to Dominion Textiles of Canada.

**'TRUE BLUE' CATAWBA**

Fred Corriher has often said that if cut, his veins "would bleed blue, Catawba blue." The College has been a part of his life since he walked the construction platforms of Salisbury-Rowan Dormitory as boy accompanying his trustee grandfather, Lotan A. Corriher. Fred Corriher was a student leader at Catawba, starting with the freshman class presidency, serving as the campus photographer, vice-president and president of the student government association, winning a host of awards for service and leadership, and graduating cum laude in 1960. He went on to become an active and deeply committed alumnus, trustee, and president.

Corriher was elected to the Board of Trustees in 1975, filling a seat previously held by both his father and grandfather. He was a member of the Presidential Search Committee that brought Dr. Wurster to the campus in 1981. In 1979, he won the O.B. Michael Distinguished Alumnus Award and, in 1984 was awarded an honorary doctor of humanitarian services degree.

Corriher is an avid photographer, a collector and connoisseur of wines, and has had a life-long interest in rail transportation. These hobbies have kept him busy over the years. He served for 15 years as founding president of the North Carolina Transportation History Corporation, and is Grand Officer of the Confrérie des Chevaliers du Tastevin, an international organization devoted to the celebration of the wines of the Burgundy region of France.

He has also served on the Board of Governors of the South Rowan YMCA, which was named in his honor for his role in founding of this branch and the campaign for its new facility. Corriher has served on a number of other boards in the area and region, including banking, political groups, industrial, and service organizations.

He is a former chairman of the Rowan County and Eighth Congressional District Democratic Party organizations. He was manager of the Hefner for Congress campaigns in 1976 and 1980.

Corriher is married to the former Bonnie Thompson of Spencer, NC and is the father of three daughters, two sons, and has one granddaughter.

**HOMECOMING 2001 - Plans and Changes***By Margaret Wilsey, Catawba College Alumni Director*

Homecoming Weekend 2001, set for November 2-4, will celebrate Catawba College's sesquicentennial with some changes and additions to the traditional schedule.

We will continue to have the Golden Club gathering, the alumni golf tournament, the President's Reception, barbecue, athletic competition and worship. New to the weekend are Memory Lane and the Saturday night Alumni Dance Party. Reunion classes will be recognized at the party which is for alumni of all years.

Memory Lane will be set up in Goodman Gymnasium on the court opposite the barbecue luncheon. Wonderful displays of old Catawba photos, memorabilia and old Alpha Chi scrapbooks will be located there. The reunion classes of 1991, 1986, 1981, 1976, 1971, 1966, 1961 and 1956 can reconnect here over coffee before heading to lunch or the football game.

Saturday night, the aforementioned classes, as well as all alumni, will gather at the Homecoming Weekend Alumni Dance Party at the Salisbury Country Club. Put on your business casual attire in order to party with your friends from all classes. DJ music and reception style food is the order of the evening.

Your Catawba College Homecoming Brochure, with full schedule and reservation form, should have arrived at your home in early fall, but mark your calendar now and call your classmates. This very special Sesquicentennial Homecoming is not to be missed!

# McCachren plots course for Music Department

**A**round the time Catawba College President J. Fred Corriher, Jr. was a student at Catawba, Dr. Renee McCachren marched as the majorette mascot of Catawba's marching band. McCachren leading the marching band was perhaps a foreshadowing of her recent appointment at the college - Chair of its Music Department.

Today, McCachren has a sort of double vision of Catawba. She recalls its past from her childhood, since she grew up on the campus as the daughter of Theatre Arts Professor Emeritus Dr. Hoyt McCachren and former Director of Health Services Mrs. Minnie McCachren. Now, she sees Catawba's present and future through the eyes of a professional musician.

"I watched Catawba grow as an institution and I always felt at home here," McCachren says, laughing at her recollections. "I was here when they put the steeple on the chapel, and I remember when they built the College Community Center. In fact, I can tell you how to get to the

light booth of Hedrick Little Theatre by going through the men's room."

While McCachren has plenty of memories, her vision of Catawba's future occupies her most these days. One of her immediate challenges was to cover teaching responsibilities in the music department. Beyond this fall, the department is making aggressive plans to increase the number of stu-

building our enrollment in a personalized environment," she says. "We need to define our professional niche in a state that already has several very strong music programs on the college level. I hope we can go beyond simply training students to play instruments or to understand the details of music theory and history by creating for them the opportunity to develop a love of music as a lifelong passion."

"We're increasing activity in all areas," McCachren continues. "We're adding more variety in our ensembles. Recently we initiated the 'Pride of the Tribe' pep band, the Handbell Ensemble, and the brass quintet. This year, we'll add a string ensemble, a jazz combo, and a flute choir because our current students have strengths in those areas."

"We also plan to continue other successful activities that the Salisbury community supports and has come to anticipate. We'll still present our Service of Lessons and Carols in December and the jazz program in the spring, in addition to other concerts. When we sponsor such high caliber musical events each semester, we're meeting two needs - the community's desire for quality music and our students' need for educational performance opportunities." The department also plans to continue its successful early music series, which has brought to Catawba and the Salisbury community such internationally acclaimed musicians as the London Baroque, the Wrenn Baroque Soloists, and the King's Consort.

The department is now in the process of revitalizing its student organization, the Collegiate Music Educators National Conference (CMENC). It also continues to strengthen its historic ties with the Salisbury Symphony. According to McCachren, "The department and the symphony share the common goals of providing excellent music for the community and of training future musicians. Our collaboration is beneficial to both since it allows us to share facilities, equipment, instruments and personnel."

Another challenge facing McCachren in the years ahead is leading the department in preparation for accreditation by the National

Association of Schools of Music (NASM). "It will be a four or five-year process," she says, "and it will involve a constant cycle of recruiting new students as well as reviewing and revising our curriculum. NASM sets standards of professional excellence that will help us define our liberal arts education and our baccalaureate degree in music."

In preparation for accreditation by NASM, Catawba's music department will become more progressive by broadening the types and styles of music that students experience. McCachren sees this expansion as positive, since society as a whole is becoming more global. Technology in music is also becoming an even more vital force at Catawba. "Technologically, the field of music is on the verge of a revolution," McCachren explains with a smile. "The current controversy associated with copyright laws, the recording industry, and Napster has placed this discipline in the forefront of a debate that is challenging many of society's notions regarding transmission of information. Students need to be prepared to deal with the ethical challenges posed by such innovations."

Serving as Chair of Catawba's music department is a role that seems tailor-made for McCachren. "I have always wanted to be a teacher and I've always had a lifelong passion for music. When my high school piano teacher, Mrs. Lucile Epperson, suggested that I consider music as a college major, those two dreams merged into an exciting and challenging career as a professional music educator."

McCachren, Professor of Music, holds the Bachelor of Music degree in piano from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She earned the Master of Music degree in piano and the Ph.D. in music theory from the University of North Texas in Denton. She is a member of the Editorial Review Board for the *Journal of Music Theory Pedagogy* and is the immediate past President of Music Theory Southeast. A recipient of several grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities, she has presented her research at regional, national and international conferences. She has written articles for several music reference books.



Dr. Renee McCachren

dents involved in the program, especially as music majors.

"One of the challenges for our department is

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## Blue Masque Homecoming

Catawba College's Blue Masque will hold its Homecoming Saturday, October 27. The event will celebrate 75 years of the Blue Masque.

Blue Masque Alumni will get first preference on tickets to that weekend's three performances of "Godspell," if they reserve their tickets by Tuesday, October 16. "Godspell" performance dates and times are 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, October 26 and 27, and 2 p.m. Sunday, October 28. Reservations may be made by calling the Catawba Theatre Arts Box Office at 704-637-4481 or by e-mailing Linda Kesler at [lfkesler@catawba.edu](mailto:lfkesler@catawba.edu).

A Blue Masque Reception in Peeler-Crystal Lounge will follow Saturday night's performance. It will be an open-mic event for those alumni wishing to perform. Those who want to take a turn in the spotlight at the reception should also contact Linda Kesler.

## Football, women's soccer hold SAC lead

### FOOTBALL (4-0, 2-0)

Catawba's football team has opened the season with four wins and are ranked sixth in NCAA II. Despite losing 23 seniors off last season's SAC Championship squad, Catawba remains one of the top teams in the league. The defense is still one of the nation's best, ranking among the top 10 in run, total and scoring defense.

Freshman Rodney Wallace is one of the numerous new faces on offense. The tailback was recently named the conference Offensive Player of the Week after carving up Presbyterian for 145 yards and two scores in the Tribe's 28-14 win over the 22nd-ranked Blue Hose.

### WOMEN'S SOCCER (4-2-1, 3-0)

Women's Soccer raced to the top of the SAC standings after stunning #7 Tusculum 2-0 at Frock Field. After a tie and two losses to begin the year, Catawba has reeled off four straight wins.

Jamie Fink leads the team with three goals, while freshman Jessica Parker has added two. Six other players have scored one goal, while Jen Lowe and Kim O'Hagan have a pair of assists. Kim Clayton has a 1.57 goals against average with a pair of shutouts.

### MEN'S SOCCER (5-4, 0-1)

The Indians dropped a tough 4-3 decision to Mars Hill in its league opener after grabbing a quick 2-0 lead after 13 minutes. The Tribe had recorded three shutouts in four matches heading into the match with Newberry.

Three seniors lead the squad in scoring. Mike Delabar has four goals, while Jeff Shea and

Ben Foti each have three goals and two assists. Goalkeeper David Durham has a 1.83 goals against average with the three shutouts.

### VOLLEYBALL (2-8, 0-5)

After opening the season with a pair of wins, Catawba dropped its next eight. Three of the five league losses went to the maximum of five games.

Freshman Elizabeth Hewitt leads the attack with 107 kills and is hitting a 35.7%. Fellow freshman Hope Miller is one of the league leaders in digs with 125. Junior Rachel LaRoche leads the team in aces, ranks second in kills and blocks and is third in digs.

### FIELD HOCKEY (2-4)

The Lady Indians set a new school record with 17 goals in a win over Salem. Senior Meredith Davine had five of the goals, while Taryn Gordon, Kristin Pannenbacker and Kristen Zweigig all had three goals.

Catawba also got a shutout win over Washington & Lee. Gordon and Davine share the team lead with six goals. Goalies Krystal Griffith and Carolyn Brannon each have one shutout.

### CROSS COUNTRY

Jesse Howes continues to pace the Tribe men, finishing in the top 10 in every race. He set a school 8k record by running a time of 26:50 at the Catawba Invitational. Sophomore Rebecca DeFeo has led the women in the first four meets. She has a win and a second place this season.

## New Coaches

Catawba College has four new head coaches for the 2001-02 school year. They are John Cullen, for women's soccer, Nichole Fureman, for field hockey, Betsy Graham, for women's swimming, and Sheila Pace, for cheerleading. Cullen comes to Catawba after working with the Charlotte Soccer Club since 1992. He was the Charlotte Soccer Club Assistant Director of Coaching, helping plan, develop and administer the coaching program for a staff of 28 coaches. He recently oversaw the under 13 to under 19 age group. In 1996, he was named the Club's Coach of the Year.

Cullen was born in London, England and

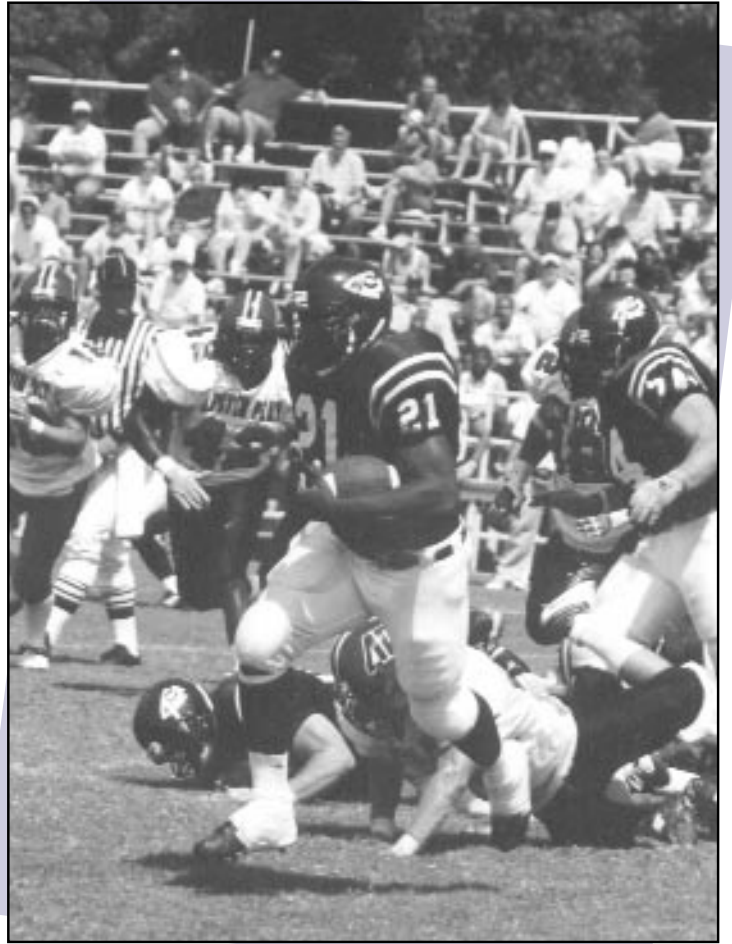
attended Cardinal-Newman Secondary School. He played four years at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, serving as captain for two seasons. In 1992, Cullen was named to the South Region Scholar Athlete Team. He was also a member of the Sun Belt Academic Honor Roll and the Dean's List, graduating in 1992 with a bachelor of arts degree in English.

Cullen has also worked with the girls Adidas Elite Soccer Program, the top 125 young players in the country. During his tenure with the Charlotte Soccer Club he coached teams to 14 tournament championships, including the U-14 and U-15 Ladies State Champions in 2000. He also earned a spot in the National Finals that season. In 1994, he coached North Mecklenburg High School to the MEGA Conference Championship.

Fureman, of Grantville, PA, comes to Catawba from Lynchburg College, where she has served as an assistant for the past two seasons while working on her master's degree in English. She also worked numerous camps, including the USFHA Super Camp at the University of Maryland.

Fureman was a starter on defense at Susquehanna University, helping the Crusaders to the NCAA Division III playoffs. She graduated in 1996 with a degree in political science, with minors in French and English, and was a member of the Dean's List. She played high school field hockey under highly respected Coach Linda Kreiser in the Lower Dauphin school district.

Graham, who was born in Richmond, VA, and attended high school in Kingsville, TX, comes to Catawba from the University of Arkansas, where she served as an assistant since 1996. She owns a Level Five certification. Prior to her stint at Arkansas, Graham served as the head coach of the Aqua-Tex Swim Team (ATEX) in Houston, TX, where she was named Gulf Swimming Coach of the Year in 1994. In 1996, Graham was an Olympic Developmental Coach. She has previously been an assistant at Ferris State and Northern Michigan univer-



Sophomore Tony Hawkins runs for yardage against Austin Peay.



Sophomore Rebecca DeFeo won the season-opening meet at Lander.

sities. She concluded her studies at Northern Michigan, earning a bachelor of science degree in recreation in 1989.

As head coach of the ATEX squad, Graham enjoyed many highlights including a swimming finalist at the 1996 Olympic trials. She also coached two Olympic Festival medalists as well as junior and senior national champions. Graham also coached a 1994 and 1996 male academic all-American and placed a swimmer on the national junior team.

Graham was a two-time team captain at the University of Wyoming in 1987-88 and a NCAA Nationals qualifier in 1986 while swimming at Texas Tech. She was a high school All-American at Kingsville (TX) High School in 1983-84. Graham was a senior national qualifier from 1984-88.

Pace, a native of Hendersonville, NC, is a teacher assistant at Isenberg Elementary School. She has also been with American Stars Gymnastics and Cheerleading for three years as preschool director and instructor.

With the American Stars, Pace created and developed a preschool curriculum as well as a gymnastics program for home school children in Rowan, Cabarrus and Iredell Counties. She is a USA Gymnastics Certified Teacher and has been meet director at many Women's USAG sanctioned events.



#### Catawba College Benefactress dies

Philanthropist Wyndolyn Royster Hollifield of Winston-Salem died September 20.

A native of Lincoln County, she and her family lived in Winston-Salem, Salisbury and Fayetteville. In her early years, she was employed as a secretary for several companies, including R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, Fairchild Aircraft and Firestone Tire and Rubber Company.

Mrs. Hollifield's husband, Hughy H. Hollifield, preceded her in death in 1996, and her only son, Forrest Hughy Hollifield, was killed in Vietnam in 1970 at the age of 24.

Her many gifts to Catawba included the establishment of a scholarship fund, and the renovation and dedication of a dormitory on campus known as the Forrest Hollifield Residence Hall.

## In Memoriam

'33 **Dr. Nancy Blanche Norman** of Eden died June 22.

A retired educator, she was the first female principal in North Carolina to receive a Ph.D. She received undergraduate degrees from both Catawba and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, before earning her doctorate degree in education from the UNC-CH.

She is survived by two brothers.

**Natalie Selser Freed** of Rochester, N.Y. died Jan. 23.

She had taught elementary school in Pennsylvania until her marriage in 1938 to the late Rev. Dr. Walter B. Freed. Thereafter, she was active as a volunteer.

Survivors include a son, two daughters, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

'34 **Toliver Harold Daniel** of Winston-Salem died July 15.

A veteran of World War II, he retired as traffic manager from Hanes Knitwear after 40 years of service.

Survivors include his wife, Catherine Welborn Daniel; three daughters; four grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; two brothers, **Dr. Frank Daniel '51** of Winston-Salem and **Bill Daniel** of Mocksville; and two sisters, **Helen Daniel Eaton '37** of Wilmington and **Betty Jean Riddle** of Farmington.

'37 **Mary Margaret Troutman Brawley** of Mooresville died July 15.

A retired teacher, she was active in her church, Central United Methodist. Her husband, William K. Brawley preceded her in death in 1986.

Survivors include two sons and two daughters.

'40 **Margaret Wagoner Davis** of Newton died Sept. 2.

A retired elementary school teacher, she taught in China Grove and Burlington schools. Her husband, the Rev. Hiram E. Davis, preceded her in death.

Survivors include two sons, Joseph H. Davis of Eden and Jonathan Davis of Lexington, S.C.; two daughters, Peggy Davis Wolfe of Broken Arrow, Okla., and Sally Davis Allen of Tulsa, Okla.; a sister, **Alma W. Leinbach '43** of Newton; and six grandchildren.

'42 **Dorothy "Dotty" Click Fesperman** of Salisbury died June 13.

A former substitute teacher in the Salisbury City Schools, she was an active volunteer with the Rowan County Public Library Outreach Program to nursing and rest homes and at the Lutheran Home at Trinity Oaks.

She was preceded in death by her husband, **James Fisher Fesperman '42**, in 1982.

**Mary Catherine Smith Clark** of Spencer died September 2.

Prior to her marriage, she was employed as a teacher in the Burlington Schools system. Her husband, John Foster Clark, preceded her in death in 1991.

Survivors include a son, four daughters, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

'45 **Harvey Hayes Rouzer** of Winter Park, Fla., died June 2.

A veteran aviator with the U.S. Navy, he was a retired commercial pilot.

Survivors include his wife, Lois Rouzer; four sons; a sister, **Margaret Rouzer Ingram '35** of Cary; a brother, **Charles A. Rouzer '41** of Salisbury; and 10 grandchildren.

'48 **Fred Sylvester Roseman, Jr.** of Salisbury died May 22.

A veteran of World War II, he served with the 1258 Engineers in the European Theater. He was employed as a finance officer at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C.; and as a dispatcher for the Railway Mail Service. He retired as a dispatcher with the U.S. Postal Service.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, **"Shirley" Gladys Bortner Roseman '44**; a son, **Phillip Roseman '75**, and daughter-in-law, **Linda Hammer Roseman of Salisbury '76**; a daughter, Yolanda Reavis; a brother, Robert L. Roseman; and four sisters, **Carrie Roseman '28** of Lincolnton, **Helen Snider '58** of Linwood, LaVerne Hand of Greensboro, and Emily Geiger of Hampton, Va.

**Ralph Alexander Bostian** of Granite Quarry died May 21.

A veteran of the U.S. Army, he served in World War II. He was retired after a career as a principal at three different schools in the Salisbury City School system.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, **Louise Lyerly Bostian '44**; two daughters;

two sisters, **Geneva B. Kirk '38** of Raleigh, and **Sadie B. Husbands** of Clearwater, Fla.; and one granddaughter.

**Glenn Haywood "Fuz" Weddington, Sr.** of Salisbury died August 3.

A U.S. Army veteran, he served during World War II and participated in the Normandy Invasion on D-Day. He retired in 1987 as a bleach house general foreman, after 41 years of employment with N.C. Finishing Co.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Jewel Cope Weddington; sons, Chip Weddington of Statesville, and Ed Weddington of Emerald Isle; a daughter, Glenda Pritchard of Mayodan; a sister, **Jean Weddington Dunham '49** of Salisbury; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

**Colt William Ruffy** of Stony Point died June 22.

A U.S. Army veteran of World War II, he was a retired school teacher and photographer.

Survivors include two daughters, two stepsons, one stepdaughter, two grandchildren, and seven step-grandchildren.

**Charles Hugh May** of Mount Pleasant, S.C. died August 10.

He began his career as a customer service representative with Stylecraft Corporation in Charlotte. He continued to serve that company in various capacities until it became Rospach Corp. In 1982, May became owner and president of the company which he named Venture Packaging and remained there until his retirement in 1993.

Survivors include his wife, Joan May; two daughters; a son; four grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

**Robert Bingham Miller, III** of Salisbury died September 15.

He was employed as the secretary-treasurer of Carolina Color Corp. in Salisbury and served as a member of Catawba's Chiefs Club Board.

Survivors include his wife, Xzantippa "Tippie"; son, Robert J. "Bobby" Miller of Salisbury; daughter, Sharon Miller Earnhardt '87 of Faith; three sisters, Mary Catherine Taylor '57 of Hickory, Elizabeth Horton '61 of Bethania, and Linda Price '64 of Hillsborough; and one grandson.

**Dr. John Terry Harvey Buford** of Houston, Texas died August 28.

A native of Salisbury, N.C., he served three years in the United States Marine Corps from 1951-1954. After receiving his bachelor's degree from Catawba, he went on to dentistry school at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, graduating in 1962. He spent his career practicing dental medicine in both N.C. and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Survivors include his wife, Charlene Buford; a daughter; and a son.

**Elaine Kleckner Barringer** of Salisbury died May 30.

'59 She was a retired elementary school teacher.

Survivors include her husband, **James Horah Barringer, Jr., '49**; three daughters; a brother; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

'65 **Gene F. Appler** of Mechanicsville, Va., died June 9.

He played defensive line for Catawba between 1961 and 1965 and was twice named All Carolina Conference. He was awarded the Capitol Theatre Cup in 1964 as the Most Outstanding Player and was named to the NAIA District 26 team. He was a member of the Catawba College Sports Hall of Fame. He played professional football for the Richmond Rebels and later became a teacher. For the past 20 years, he was broker/owner of Appler Realty.

Survivors include his wife, Kathy Appler; a daughter; his mother; and three sisters.

'69 **Karen Marie Whitener Ganyard** of Durham died June 17.

She worked at the National Institute of Health and several pharmaceutical companies. After her marriage in 1991, she was an associate in her husband's company, Environmental Technologies Institute. They established Ganyard Hill Farm in Durham.

Survivors include her husband, Milton C. Ganyard; a daughter, Michelle Berry Kaps of Apex; her parents, **Reverend Sterling and Barbara Whitener, '42 and '44**, respectively, of Greensboro; a brother, **Chris Whitener '71** of Boone; four sisters, **Katrina Townsend '74** of Raleigh, **Kim Whitener '74** of N.Y.C., **Bonnie Mole '77** of Wilmington, and Dana Froetschel of Athens, Ga.; a stepson, a stepdaughter and ten nieces and nephews.

'80 **Emily Willer Turner** of Norwood died May 12.

She attended Catawba in the 1950s, and then returned to complete her degree in English after raising four children. She was the retired owner of Turner Oil Co.

Her husband, **Henry Clay Turner, Jr. '51**, preceded her in death in 1982.

Survivors include a son, three daughters, a brother, 14 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

'97 **David Owen Mock** of Advance died July 7.

At the time of his death, he was employed at Wachovia Bank.

Survivors include his wife, Rebecca Cope Mock; his parents; and a brother.

'99 **Brenda Harris Finger** of Landis died August 19.

She was employed for 30 years by Duke Power Company as a team leader.

Survivors include a son, a brother, an uncle, and two grandchildren.



## Class Notes

'46 **Cathy Troxell** and **Bob Greene** announce the birth of a grandson, Ian Max McCall. Ian, the son of Amy and Craig McCall of Anderson, S.C. was born June 5. He weighed 8 lbs. 6 oz.

'56 **Dick Smith** married Peggy Stiller on May 26. Their address is 205 Sheridan Drive, Salisbury, NC 28144-8535.

'53 **Bobby Fesperman** expresses his excitement for our new sports domain [goindiansgo.com](http://goindiansgo.com).

'54 **David Schryer** retired May 31 from NASA's Langley Research Center in Hampton, Va., after 44 years of service. During his service, he authored or co-authored 55 technical papers and edited the book *Heterogeneous Atmospheric Chemistry*. He is the principle inventor or co-inventor on 7 patents and has received 16 awards. He writes that he continues to work at NASA's Langley Research Center as a volunteer. He and his wife, Jacqueline, have two children: Aubrina, 43, and Eric, 37. David's email address is [d.r.schryer@larc.nasa.gov](mailto:d.r.schryer@larc.nasa.gov).

'64 **Sarah Warnecke** is an elder of the Presbyterian church and will be president of the Dallas Theater Center. She is on the boards of several other Dallas cultural and civic organizations. Her son, Mike and his spouse, Diana, are attorneys in Dallas. Her daughter, Kindra, and her spouse are doctors in the Denver area. Sarah and her husband, Don, travel frequently and collect Asian art.

'65 **Jerry Poole** writes that he retired from IBM in 1997 after a 28-year career in sales and sales management. Jerry was recently appointed vice-president of sales at Parks and Co., a Charlotte-based business and technology consulting firm. He wife, **Glenda '63**, is assistant professor and coordinator of the Master of School Administration Program at UNC-Charlotte. Friends may contact the Pooles at [jpoole32@aol.com](mailto:jpoole32@aol.com).

'66 **Reverend William C. Mayes** was ordained a permanent deacon in the Roman Catholic Church in June by His Eminence, Anthony

Cardinal Bevilacqua. He is currently serving as the assistant to the vice-president for development of the Papal Foundation, with offices in Philadelphia. Reverend Mayes would like to hear from classmates. His address is 1648 S. Etting St., Philadelphia, PA 19145-1221.

'67 **Everette Owen Fulk** married Wanda Browder Sams on July 22.

'68 **Leslie Candith "Candy" Hord Leazer** is a retired teacher. She writes that she has always had a love for cooking and baking and recently decided to turn this love into a business. She has opened "Great Tastes...desserts for all occasions." She is baking for restaurants as well as general public customers. Candy can be reached at 158 Little Creek Road, Mooresville, NC 28115.

'70 **Marcia Dempster Amos** writes that she has retired from teaching and is currently doing clerical office work. She and husband, Kenner, reside in Wilmington, N.C.

'74 **Allan Denny** would like to introduce his musical CD, "*Milestones*", to his Catawba friends. "*Milestones*" is a collection of electronic and acoustic instrumentation. It can be found at Amazon, CDNow and other Internet music sites. He and his wife, Robin, live in Lexington. The couple has two daughters, Kate, 17, and Amanda, 24. When Allan is not writing music, he sells real estate and works in development and environmental affairs for an oil company. The Denny's address is 454 Ashmoor Lane, Lexington, NC 27295.

'73 **Stephen Sechriest** and wife, **Jessica Briggs Sechriest '73**, have recently relocated to Quakertown, Pa. Their new address is 532 Junction Lane, Quakertown, PA 18951-2536.

**Nancy Teel** has recently divorced. She has moved from North Carolina to Milford, Del. She says that she misses her Catawba friends. She can be reached at 112C Sussex Ave., Milford, DE 19963 or at [nbrooks49@hotmail.com](mailto:nbrooks49@hotmail.com).

'75 **Ron Kirk** writes that he is single, and would like to hear from any single female classmates. He can be reached at 2055 Organ Church Road, Rockwell, NC 28138 or at 704-279-7193.

**Susan Harris White** writes that she completed a master of divinity degree from Duke University Divinity School in May. She has been appointed to serve Helena United Methodist Church in Timberlake, N.C. Susan's husband, **Carlton '76** commutes to Durham and continues to work for Prudential Securities, Inc. Their son, Michael, graduated from Furman University May 2000 and their daughter, Lauren, is a senior at Furman. The Whites can be reached at 216 Helena-Moriah Road, Timberlake, NC 27583.

'76 **Ed Daly - Dekel, Yeomans, Feeley, Ulmer, Milling, Godley, Kolkebeck, Brummitt, Kerns, Hervochon, Smitty, Kerbaugh, Abbott, Townsend, Musumeci, Nichi** - See you on 11/2-4, let me know if you want to play golf on 11/2. **Daly.**

**Janet Leigh Hilker** is in Australia. She would like to hear from classmates at [jhilker@hotmail.com](mailto:jhilker@hotmail.com).

'78 **Scott Alexander** and his family have moved to Texas. Scott writes that he would like to hear from friends at [alecapps@juno.com](mailto:alecapps@juno.com).

'79 **Karen Pelech Giles** can be reached at [pelech111@yahoo.com](mailto:pelech111@yahoo.com).

'82 **Carole A. Baublitz-Frederick** married Brian Frederick Aug. 4, 2000. The couple lives in Hanover, Pa. Carole is the administrative assistant at Frock Bros. Trucking, Inc. she can be reached at [caf119@supenet.com](mailto:caf119@supenet.com).

'84 **Cynthia Morris Lee** writes that she would like to hear from friends. She can be reached at [scm-lee@earthlink.net](mailto:scm-lee@earthlink.net).

'85 **Daniel Dowdle** writes that he has worked for the past several years helping men and women find recovery from drug and alcohol addiction. Daniel can be reached at [ddowdle@hazelden.org](mailto:ddowdle@hazelden.org).

**Joseph Giunta, Jr.** was recently promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and will be assigned to Kuwait for a year as the

## 1960s Close-up

Graduate has two textbooks published



Dr. Charles T. Muse, Sr. '68 of Florence, S.C. has recently had two textbooks published by Prentice Hall. The *Prentice Hall Planner: A Time Management System for Student Success* was authored by Dr. Muse. It is a supplemental text that supports all of Prentice Hall's student success textbooks. *Roadways to Success* was co-authored by Dr. Muse, Dr. James Williamson and Ms. Debra McCandrew.

Dr. Muse is the Vice President for Academic Affairs at Florence-Darlington Technical College in Florence. He and his wife, Susan, have three sons, Thomas, 16; Alex, 14; and Matthew, 12.

Dr. Muse may be contacted by e-mail at [musec@flo.tec.sc.us](mailto:musec@flo.tec.sc.us) or at his home address, 2109 Damon Drive, Florence, SC 29505-3303.

Director of Contracting. Next year he will return to Orlando, Fla. to assume command at the U.S. Army Simulation, Training and Instrumentation Command for three years. Joseph and his wife, Denise, have two children: Brittany, 12, and Joey III, 9.

**Georgia M. Simonson** and husband, David, and their four sons live in Statesville. David is the owner of New Way Display & Sign. Georgia is the head administrator of Simonson Homeschool.

'86 **Major Chester "Trip" Buckenmaier III, MD** writes that he has temporarily moved back to his favorite state, North Carolina and is a teaching fellow in regional anesthesia at Duke University. He will be in North Carolina for one year before returning to Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. He would like to hear from friends at [docbuck@aol.com](mailto:docbuck@aol.com).

**Joan Canavaciol Gallager** was recently named Teacher of the Year at Isenberg Elementary School in Salisbury. Joan is a Long Island native who played field hockey while at Catawba. Joan and her husband, Ronnie, have two children: Jack, 7, and Mackie, 4.

'87 **Jeanne Caussin** would like to hear from friends at [caussinjean@aol.com](mailto:caussinjean@aol.com).

**Melody Dekle Lee** can be reached at 303 Ridge Creek Court, Salisbury, NC 28147-8870 or by e-mail at [mlee11@carolina.rr.com](mailto:mlee11@carolina.rr.com).

**June Tsuruta** was recently promoted from director of material planning to managing director of planning and procurement at Continental Airlines in Houston, Tx. and is pursuing his MBA at Texas A&M University.

'88 **Thomas and Mary Jane Roemer** announce the birth of a son. Hans Ian was born August 6 and weighed six lbs. 11 oz. The couple has two daughters, Morgan, 17, and Jessica, 14. Hans' paternal grandparents are Penny Roemer of Salisbury and the late Dr. Hans Roemer, a German language professor at Catawba. His maternal grandparents are Mary Kate Shinault and Chester Shinault of Yadkinville.

**Timothy Smith** married Amy Pardew on June 23. The couple resides in Mooresville.

'89 **Lorianne Forgione-Francis** married Jason Sword on July 13. Lorianne is currently directing a summer tour of the award-winning children's theater troupe, Dreamers Against Drugs. She has

also co-written a musical entitled Dr. Jekyll and Mr. High, a drug prevention theme production designed to entertain and educate today's youth about the dangers of drug use.

'90 **Cynthia Steward Brand** and husband, Greg, announce the birth of a daughter. Lauren Nicole was born May 9. She weighed 5 lbs. 11 oz. Cindy is still practicing family medicine as a physician assistant and Greg partnered a courier company in the metro Atlanta area.

**Lisa Baker Clark** and husband, Bill, announce the birth of a son. Joseph Luke was born March 2. He weighed 9 lbs. 3/4 oz. and was 22 in. long. The Clarks also have a 2-year-old son, William Thomas. The Clarks can be reached at [bakerclark@aol.com](mailto:bakerclark@aol.com).

'91 **Gregg Beck** and wife, Abigail, announce the birth of a son. Cody Mason was born March 29. The Beck's also have a five-year-old daughter, Emily Elizabeth and a three-year-old son, Zachary Paul.

**Angela Gilbert Corriher** and husband, Jeff, announce the birth of a daughter. Camryn Alyse was born January 24. The Corriher's also have a four-year-old daughter, Bayley Nicole.

**John Frock II** writes that he has recently assumed the duties of Vice-President - Sales/Operations with Frock Bros. Trucking, Inc. located in New Oxford, Pa. Frock Bros. Trucking, Inc. operates 100 company owned Kenworth trucks which provide dry and refrigerated service to all contiguous 48 states and Canada. John is responsible for the management of sales and customer relations as well as the daily management of the business. John resides in Littleton, Pa. with his wife, Bonnie, and their three children. John can be reached at [john@frockbros.com](mailto:john@frockbros.com).

'92 **Laura Elizondo** is studying at a university in Mexico City, majoring in administration of institutions. Laura can be reached at [elizondo@mexis.com](mailto:elizondo@mexis.com).

'93 **Susan Sylvester Denny** and husband, Kurwin, announce the birth of a daughter. Allison Dawn was born April 29.

**Dana Orchoff Gencarelli** and husband, Brian, were married July 14. **Heather Wilson '94** and **Valerie Tomaini '95** attended as bridesmaids. **Christie Grantham '95** and **Eaton Morris '95** were also in attendance. Dana and Brian can be reached at [beamandclawdie@aol.com](mailto:beamandclawdie@aol.com).

**Amy Price Peters** and husband, Gary, announce the birth of a daughter. Katelyn Grace was born April 10. She weighed 7 lbs. 9 oz. and was 18 in. long. Amy and Gary have two other children: Price, 6, and Reagan, 2. The family recently relocated to the North Metro Atlanta area. Amy can be reached at [amypeters@yahoo.com](mailto:amypeters@yahoo.com).

'94 **Kathryn Krueger Allen** and husband, Gary, announce the birth of a son. Jacob Zachary was born April 16. He weighed 9 lbs. 7 oz. Kathryn would like to hear from friends and can be reached at [inkatiable@aol.com](mailto:inkatiable@aol.com)

**Erin Hicks** married Greg Dixon on May 26. **Alejandra Alvarez Sanderson '95** was a bridesmaid. In attendance were **Don and Karen Maury '95**, **Kori Burkholder '95**, **Dina Shaneberger Gerrald '95** and **Amy Leonard Smith '94**.

**Rebecca Evans Maser** and husband, **Mark**, announce the birth of a daughter. Kathryn Elizabeth was born May 3. She weighed 6 lbs. 13 1/2 oz. The Masers can be reached at 178 Marie Drive, King, NC 27021.

**Reuben Wright** and wife, Susan, announce the birth of a daughter. Kennedy Bailey was born June 19 and weighed 8 lbs. 5 oz.

'95 **J. Heath Atchley** graduated from Syracuse University with a Ph.D. in religion. He has accepted a position as Visiting Assistant Professor of Human Studies at Alfred University in Alfred, N.Y. He can be reached at [jhatchle@yahoo.com](mailto:jhatchle@yahoo.com).

**Nicki Geluso Coburn** and husband, Sean, were married June 16. **Allison Ankerson Makovec '95**, was one of the bridesmaids. The Coburns live in Savannah, Ga.

**Jennifer Gelien Beermann** and husband, **Chris**, have moved. Their new address is 264 Shawnee Dr., East Stroudsburg, PA 18301. They are expecting their second child in October. Jennifer and Chris can be reached at [jbeermann@webtv.net](mailto:jbeermann@webtv.net).

Dear Editor--

As always, I read the most recent issue of Campus with pleasure and with a great deal of pride in what Catawba still is and has become.

I did, however, think it was a shame that in the article about the visit of the Mayor of Salisbury, England, you did not mention that the Catawba College Concert Choir once sang in the Salisbury Cathedral. It was our first stop on a three-week tour in June of 1970, for some of us, one of the truly great graduation presents. It was a thrilling and beautiful place to sing, made even more special by the link between it and Catawba.

Thank you for a good and informative publication. I am always pleased to receive it.

- Lynda Fairbanks Atkins '70

**Allison Ankerson Makovec** was married to her husband, Mark, June 30. **Nicole Geluso Coburn '95** was a bridesmaid in her wedding and many Catawba friends were in attendance. The Makovecs live in Virginia Beach, Va.

'96 **James Deaton** married Sarah Anne Stith on March 24. The couple is making their home in Mooresville.

**Nathan Hrsinsin** and wife, **Amy McLaughlin Hrsinsin**, have recently moved. Their new address is 8905 Cub Trail, Raleigh, NC 27612. They would like to hear from friends. They can be reached at the above address or at [nhrinsin@deloitte.com](mailto:nhrinsin@deloitte.com).

**Jennifer Moore** married Lance Carroll on June 23. The couple resides in Troutman.

**Ryan Shearer** is employed as a financial advisor with Raymond James Financial Services in Salisbury, N.C. Ryan can be reached at 1021 Faith Rd., Salisbury, NC 28146 or by e-mail at [rshearer@rjfs.com](mailto:rshearer@rjfs.com).

'97 **Valeree Gordon Adams** writes that she is currently working as an associate attorney in the litigation section at Tate, Young, Morphis, Bach & Taylor in Hickory, N.C. She and husband, Matthew, recently purchased a house. Their new address is 1932 Stratford Dr., Conover, NC 28613.

**Gerald "Jerry" Capraro** married Jessica Hamilton, a graduate of Pfeiffer University, on July 6. Jerry is finishing his MS degree in molecular biology/biotechnology at East Carolina University.

## 1970s Close-up

*Alumnus runs for fourth term as Charlotte Mayor*

Patrick L. McCrory '78, a Republican, is running for his fourth term as mayor of the City of Charlotte, N.C. The election for the two-year term will be held in November.



McCrory, who majored in political science, at Catawba, has been employed since 1978 as manager of business relations for Duke Energy Corp. in Charlotte. His political career began in 1989 when he was elected to fill an at-large seat on the Charlotte City Council. In 1995, he was elected to his first term as Charlotte mayor.

His affiliations include serving as chairman of the environmental committee of the U.S. Conference of Mayors; chairman of the international task force of the U.S. League of Cities; a member of the board of directors for the Partner for Livable Communities; and chairman of the N.C. Coalition for Public Transportation.

He and his wife, Ann Gordon McCrory, make their home in Charlotte.

For more information on McCrory, visit his website at [www.pmcrcory.com](http://www.pmcrcory.com)

**Beth Crofts** would like to hear from friends. She can be reached at [bscrofts@earthlink.net](mailto:bscrofts@earthlink.net).

**Katherine O'Brien Hendricks** and husband, Robert, announce the birth of a son. Robert Jackson Hendricks II was born May 30. Katherine and Robert can be reached at [katienjackson@aol.com](mailto:katienjackson@aol.com)

**Gina Shuhala** has taken the position of independent account coordinator for the Concord Branch of the Movado Group, Inc. Her new address is 675A Shaler Blvd., Ridgefield, NJ 07657. You can e-mail her at [gshuhala@movadogroup.com](mailto:gshuhala@movadogroup.com).

**Heather Steele** married Robert Greenleaf on July 7. The couple resides in Columbia, S.C.

'98 **Christine Lee Berna** recently accepted a lab technician position for the Biology and Health Science Department with Meredith College in Raleigh, N.C. Her new e-mail address is [nashibae@hotmail.com](mailto:nashibae@hotmail.com).

**Evan Buckaleer** writes that he recently opened his third personal training firm in Monmouth County, N.J. He continues to hold the position of head strength and conditioning coach at Brookdale College where each of his teams reached the national finals in their sport. Evan would like to hear from friends at [evan@nrg-fitness.com](mailto:evan@nrg-fitness.com).

**Kristen Koontz Carmitchel** writes that she and husband, Jason, have two daughters: Cora, 22-months, and Alyssa Jewell, 2-months. Kristen is staying at home with her children but hopes to return to part-time teaching at Rowan Cabarrus Community College as a composition instructor and writing center tutor. She would like to hear from friends. She can be reached at [jlcksk@juno.com](mailto:jlcksk@juno.com).

**Anthony Ching** announces his engagement to Krista Olson. The couple plans to wed on June 15, 2002.

**Amanda Deal** married John Lyall on June 30. The couple lives in Greenville.

**Valerie Davis Kiger** can be reached at [valerie\\_kiger@rsmi.com](mailto:valerie_kiger@rsmi.com).

**Michael Partridge** married Jessica O'Shields April 21. The couple is making their home in Easley, S.C.

**Kristie Reges** and **Gregory Elder** were married on June 16.

'99 **Jessica Tolbert Dill** and husband, Chad, were married on August 11. The couple resides in Amory, Miss.

**Chrissy Green** is working for

Professional Temporary Services as the sales marketing manager. Chrissy can be reached at [chrissygreene@triad.rr.com](mailto:chrissygreene@triad.rr.com).

**LaTrease Hines-Rich** has recently relocated and would like to hear from friends. She can be reached at [latreaserich@hotmail.com](mailto:latreaserich@hotmail.com) or at 565 Wilson Bridge Drive #C-2, Oxon Hill, MD 20745.

**Laurie Storie** announced her engagement to Randy Crainshaw of Kannapolis. The couple wed Sept. 22 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Landis. Laurie can be reached at [lstorie@cardlog.com](mailto:lstorie@cardlog.com).

**Amy Tidmarsh Foster** and husband, Charles, were married June 9.

**Shanna Wagoner** writes that she is attending High Point University to work on her MBA.

'00 **Cybil Dyson** recently made North Carolina Medical Society history by becoming one of the first two physician assistant students to become members of the society. Dyson is currently enrolled in East Carolina University's Physician Assistant Program. She is the daughter of Carol Dyson of Salisbury and Barry Dyson of Granite Quarry.

**Kim Hodges** is working full-time in China Grove at Mt. Zion as a Christian education coordinator. Kim can be reached at [kimejean78@yahoo.com](mailto:kimejean78@yahoo.com).

**Holly Myers** writes that she is attending Wake Forest University to obtain her Ph.D. in biochemistry and molecular biology. She also announces her engagement to Mike Weir '99. Holly and Mike are both living in Winston-Salem and plan to marry in May 2002. Holly can be reached at [hmyers@wfubmc.edu](mailto:hmyers@wfubmc.edu). Mike can be reached at [weirmc@hotmail.com](mailto:weirmc@hotmail.com).

'01 **Shanna Rae Bailey** married Tony Nichols on May 26 in Omwake-Dearborn Chapel. The couple is making their home in Mooresville.

**Allison Dupree** is working as a physical education/health teacher at Erwin Middle School in Salisbury. She is coaching girls basketball and girls track. She is residing in Salisbury and invites her friends to write her at [runorjog@hotmail.com](mailto:runorjog@hotmail.com).

**Patricia Finch** is working as an executive manager for Lord & Taylor in Raleigh. She can be reached at 3411 Bremer Hall Court, Apt. 203, Raleigh, NC 27615.

**Meredith Jones Glassman** and husband, Justin, were married May 26. The couple lives in Greenwood, Ind.

**Christy Naylor** married James Cornatzer on June 23. The couple resides in Mocksville.

**Rebekah Thompson Wzikowski** and husband, Paul, were wed on August 4. The couple resides in Tulsa, Okla.



Gail Rodger '74



Becky Lipe Morris '73



Diane Owen Fisher '74

## 1970s Close-up

*Alumna makes musical return to alma mater*

*EDITOR'S NOTE: Before you read the following story, you first must realize that there's a story behind this story. It's a story about friendship and staying in touch and taking true and unadulterated pride in the accomplishments of others.*

*While you won't be able to directly discern it from the text which follows, the friends involved in this story behind the story include three alumnae, Diane Owen Fisher '74 of Charlotte, N.C.; Gail Rodger '74 of Cape May Court House, N.J.; and Becky Lipe Morris '73 of Salisbury, N.C. These three became friends while at Catawba and have maintained contact in the years that have passed since their graduation. Diane was so proud of Gail's accomplishments that she felt compelled to write and submit the following story. As you will read, Becky also played a supporting role.*

*By Diane Owen Fisher '74*

Beautiful voices filled the sacred stillness of Omwake-Dearborn Chapel on Tuesday night, June 23. This young and talented group of girls, ages 9 to 16, sent melodious, well articulated words of song out into a small but most appreciative audience.

Gail E. Rodger '74 founded and continues to direct this group of 32 young singers who call Cape May, N.J. home. Although vocalists have come and gone since the choir's beginning in 1997, the voices are beautifully disciplined through Gail's vivacious and professional conducting.

The choir prepares weekly for local concerts and yearly tours. Repertoire for this year's tour consisted of a variety of sacred and secular music including the classics, American, international folk music, spirituals, jazz and Broadway selections. Barbara Miller is the piano accompanist for the Young Cape Singers. Elizabeth Cook, flautist from Salisbury, N.C., performed with the choir as they sang "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" by J.S. Bach. Becky Lipe Morris '74 of Salisbury accompanied the choir on piano in their last selection, "Praise His Holy Name" by Keith Hampton.

The choir continued their tour in Charlotte, N.C. and concluded with concerts in Asheville, N.C. A European tour is scheduled for 2002.

Gail received a bachelor of arts in music theatre from Catawba. She teaches elementary and junior high school music at Sea Isle City and Avalon Schools in New Jersey. She is licensed and has taught Kindermusik. She also directs the Calvary Baptist Church in Ocean View, N.J.

Gail has received many honors through the years. She has served as part of the summer faculty at Westminster Choir College in Princeton, N.J. In 1991, she was presented the Governor's Teacher Recognition Award and selected as the Cape May County Teacher of the Year. She was listed in the "Who's Who Among America's Teachers" in 2000.

If you would like to contact Gail, her address is 324 Kings Highway, Cape May Court House, N.J. 08210. Her phone number is 609-624-0471.

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## Center for Environment is wave of the future

North Carolina environmental officials say they know of no other structure in the state like Catawba College's new Center for the Environment. "It's the wave of the future in resource and energy efficiency," says Bill Holman, former secretary of the state Department of Environment and Natural Resources. "They're setting a terrific example, not just for other colleges, but for government and industry."

The new classroom and laboratory building on the edge of Catawba's Ecological Preserve was the focus of an environmental award even before it opened for classes this fall. Dr. John Wear, the center's director, received the Green Builder of the Year Award last spring from the Carolinas Recycling Association for his leadership in the construction of this environmentally responsible structure. CRA is the largest recycling organization in the nation.

Wear notes that the building symbolizes the essence of Catawba's environmental science program. "I think that in many ways what we've tried to do with our program is essentially bring together people with our environment to teach them how to be better stewards," he says. "We have started that at home, with our building."



Lobby of the Environmental Center

For Wear and architect Karen Alexander, this facility is far more than a completed construction project. It is quite literally a dream come true.

"It is extremely important for an architect to feel that you have captured the essence of what the client needed and desired," Alexander says, "that you have designed a structure that is ultimately an expression of their dreams and vision for the project."

Wear notes that Alexander successfully merged the criteria for Catawba's environmental program with complex sustainability issues as she planned and executed this project. "She came up with a beautiful design that harmonizes with the environment," he says.

Alexander confides that people who visit the facility use the word "spiritual" to describe it. "I think on every project, but particularly on this one, I really wanted to achieve a building that had soul," she says. The building's integration into the natural environment clearly encourages that connection for many people.

### COLLABORATION

Wear and Alexander took care to involve all the stakeholders in the planning process. Alexander

worked closely with students and faculty in the environmental program to design the facility. She and Wear team-taught a class in sustainable design that allowed students to research recycled and recyclable construction materials as well as environmentally friendly technology. They solicited input from officials in organizations that work with the center in conservation efforts; and they considered ways to use the technology in the building as applied examples in courses and seminars.

"This building is actually a reflection of the curriculum and the mission of the Center for the Environment," Alexander says. "Both the building and the surrounding landscape will be used as teaching tools."

Students are already learning about horticulture as they helped landscape the facility. "We're developing the area not only for aesthetics but also for education, for wildlife and for water conservation," Wear says. "The students helped prepare the soil and were involved in planting a large variety of native plants. They'll also help in cataloging and maintaining the gardens."

Catawba students are also assisting the LandTrust for Central North Carolina with mapping projects and baseline inventories in the new Proctor GIS technology laboratory. State environmental officials are scheduled to conduct seminars for budding environmental educators in the new nature education room that overlooks the ecological preserve. And children from Horizons Unlimited in Salisbury will soon dip their nets in the ponds at the base of the facility to study frogs and turtles and aquatic insects.

The facility is a powerful teacher, but it taught valuable lessons long before it was completed. Catawba students John Gust and Ben Prater learned firsthand about recycling when they reclaimed 86 percent of the construction debris from the project. As they implemented the waste management program specified by the architect, they discovered it was cheaper to recycle drywall than to dump it in the county landfill. They also found ways to recycle steel, cardboard, plastic and other materials.

### RECYCLED AND RECYCLABLE

The building models good stewardship of the earth's resources. It uses shredded newspaper for insulation, crushed sunflower seed hulls for conference room tabletops and recycled plastic Coke bottles for chairs. In addition, the 20,000-square-foot structure has walls of glass to take advantage of heat from the sun. Water passing through underground wells absorbs heat and coolness from the earth, providing environmentally friendly heating and air-conditioning.

The sun and the rain are also being harnessed to produce energy for the building and irrigate the plants around the facility. The structure is designed so that rain falling from the roof is guided into a river-rock bed, which funnels the water into cisterns. "We want to set an example -- to demonstrate to others that this is a way you can conserve water," says Wear. This rainwater will fill ponds around the building and irrigate the native plants that surround the structure. Pumps for the ponds and the irrigation will be powered by solar energy captured in photovoltaic panels on the roof.

In addition, the center captures water from the system that removes moisture from the air inside the building and saves water through conservation sensors on the plumbing fixtures. "We're conserving water from both outside and inside the building," Wear says.

In an additional effort to harmonize with the environment, the landscaping showcases only native plants. Mountain laurel and hemlocks are planted on the northern bluff. Elderberry trees that are indigenous to Piedmont North Carolina will provide food for birds and small animals. Sweet bay magnolia and coastal leucothoe will offer habitat for butterflies and bees.

The \$6 million building costs somewhat more than a conventional structure, but operating costs will be much lower because of the energy-saving features. The heating and air-conditioning system and light fixtures have occupancy sensors that automatically turn off the systems in a space if no one is present. Photocells also control the artificial light. "As natural light comes in, the artificial light goes down," Alexander says.

Consultants project that Catawba will spend 30-40 percent less on energy costs during the life of the building. "We looked at life-cycle costs as well as initial costs," Alexander says. "We also looked at what happens to products after their useful life has ended. We made sure that products could be recycled."

The building epitomizes the mission of the Catawba Center for the Environment: to involve the college and its students in programs and activities that foster environmental stewardship.

"Catawba has made a substantial commitment to the environment with this facility," Wear says. "We hope our students and the community see it as a powerful statement promoting conservation and the sustainable use of the earth's resources."



Environmental Center building