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Catawba plans efforts to grow its endowment

Catawba College took another step toward moving from a select to a more select institution Tuesday, October 21, when its Board of Trustees authorized several actions intended to help grow the college's endowment.

At their semi-annual meeting, trustees heard from a newly formed endowment committee chaired by Catawba Trustee and Alumnus Dick Seiwel '67 of West Chester, Pa. Seiwel said his committee will manage investments of the endowment, and lend its expertise to planned giving and development efforts to grow the endowment of the College.

Catawba College President Robert Knott said "in strengthening Catawba, we must move forward in academic strength, recruit and maintain the best faculty possible, and add new scholarships to attract strong students, all of which directly depends on growth in the endowment." This new committee, he noted, "was formed to assist Catawba College toward becoming a more select academic institution."

In a related matter, trustees unanimously approved a feasibility study for an endowment effort to be conducted over the next several months by former Catawba College Development Officer John Mays. Mays, who served at Catawba between 1983 and 1989, now resides in Blairsville, Ga. and is a consultant in the area of obtaining new monies for institutional endowments. He will schedule confidential visits with potential endowment donors and report his findings to trustees at their February meeting. Mays will work closely with College Senior Vice President Tom Childress and his staff to assist the College with a vigorous effort to grow the endowment.

Other action items before the Board, all of which were unanimously approved, included the adoption of the college's 2002-2003 audit, prepared by McCoy, Hilliard

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Catawba's guest house to be Symphony Designer House

Catawba College's guest house, located at 2525 West Innes Street at the corner of North Park Drive on the College campus, is being renovated by the Salisbury-Rowan Symphony Guild and area interior designers. It will be featured as the



2004 Symphony Designer Show House. This house, along with a number of beautiful gardens in and around the city, will be open for tour in the spring of 2004 under the theme "Be Our Guest."

In conjunction with the tour, the Guild's Preview Patron's Party will be at the house from 6:30 until See DESIGNER HOUSE, page 8



Annual service is well-attended

Annual service of lessons and carols well-attended

The Catawba College Department of Music presented its sixteenth annual Christmas Choral Concert, A Service of Lessons and Carols, Tuesday and Thursday, December 2 and 4, in the college's Omwake-Dearborn Chapel. Both performances played to large audiences due to the high level of community interest.

Prelude music began each night at 6:30 p.m., with the Choral Procession starting at 7:00 p.m. Participants included the Catawba Chorale, Madrigals, and Singers, as well as the Catawba Brass, Handbells, Woodwind Ensemble; percussionists Jennie Brooks and Katie Bruton; and flautist Jack Murray. Special guests were members of the St. John's Men's Chorus. The program was directed by Rosemary C. Kinard, Director of Choral Ensembles at Catawba.

The service is based on the famous ritual that originated at King's College in Cambridge, England, which weaves beautiful carols of the season with Scriptures or lessons, relating to the story of Christmas from the prophecies to the mystery of the Holy Trinity. Readers were members of the Catawba community, and the final lesson was read by Catawba President Dr. Robert E. Knott. Liturgist was Dr. Kenneth Clapp, senior vice-president and chaplain of the college.



Catawba College Christmas tree



Dr. Robert Knott

President's Letter

The holiday season is once again upon us and we look forward to celebrating and remembering the rich tradition given us as participants in the Catawba College community. Our heritage is long and deep and its achievements are reflected in the many contributions that those of you reading this publication have made and do make to bettering the communities in which you live. In this season of gratitude and celebration, we give thanks for Catawba College and for all of you and what you each do to strengthen the common good.

At this time in which our world seems increasingly torn by divisions and hostilities, when we find ourselves yet again at war, it is important to remember what the Catawba College educational experience offers us in the way of hope. When we are at our best, we preserve an education in the liberal arts which the Roman educator Cicero defined as, "the arts which a free people need to govern themselves well." As we continue to emphasize the pursuit of scholarship, character, culture and service, we also seek to better ourselves and our students in understanding those with whom we differ significantly. We seek to live in community with a strong sense of personal and collective responsibility and to inculcate in our students the honor and integrity necessary to build strong communities of trust and hope.

Under the able and insightful leadership of the Catawba College Board of Trustees, we have set ourselves the tasks attendant to strengthening our rich educational traditions and experiences. The challenge to all of us associated with the College is to continue to strengthen dramatically in the days which lie immediately ahead, the vigorous blending of educational pursuits in the liberal arts with career preparation so that our graduates will be increasingly recognized for the preparation they have received and the contributions they make to our common life. In our world where we seem to increasingly be preoccupied with our own personal material well-being, at the College we have chosen to emphasize the qualities of our humanness which brings us closer together in a caring community.

We are able to offer this educational alternative because of the continued generous support of the many friends of Catawba College. In this spirit of hope for Catawba College and for gratitude to each of you individually, we wish you an enjoyable and meaningful holiday season.

Appreciatively,

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Brothers fund endowed scholarship in memory of parents

Two brothers, who are also alumni of Catawba College, have funded an Endowed Scholarship in memory of their parents.

Jeff Landreth '67 of Manteo and his brother, "Joe" Landreth '70 of Winston-Salem, have made a gift to fund the Dennis C. and Flora T. Landreth Memorial Scholarship Fund at the college. This scholarship will be awarded to deserving students who demonstrate financial need.

Speaking of his parents, Joe Landreth explained, "They were proud of the fact that Jeff was the first Landreth in the family to attend college. They didn't force us or pressure us, but they wanted that better life that a college education could provide us. They both had to work very hard to put us through college, but they never complained.

"They would be very pleased that they could have some lasting benefits to students of Catawba, and with an endowed account that benefit can be in perpetuity," Joe continued. "This is a lasting way for us to honor our parents and benefit the school, and it can go on long after we're gone."

Jeff Landreth echoed his brother's sentiments. "Mom and Dad both were exceptionally proud not just of the fact that we went to college, but that we went to Catawba," he said. "They had such a respect and an admiration for the college, for what it stood for, and for what it did for Joe and me. They

also liked Salisbury, so it was the total package to them - a wonderful composite of academia and Southern hospitality."

The late Dennis and Flora Tuttle Landreth grew up in the Walnut Cove area of North Carolina where they met. They moved to Winston-Salem when their sons were young and made their home there. Dennis Landreth, who died in April 1998, was employed in heavy truck sales, while his wife, Flora, who died in July 2003, was employed in retail sales.

The couple's oldest son, Jeff, majored in psychology and played football during his four years at Catawba. Following his graduation, he was employed in law enforcement and security. In the public sector, he worked for three years with the Winston-Salem Police Department, for seven years with the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a special agent, and for three years as director of public safety for the town of Hamilton, Ohio. In the private sector, he was employed by Borden, Inc. in Columbus, Ohio in security laboratory relations and human resources, and for Glaxo-Wellcome in Research Triangle Park, as vice-president of corporate security. He retired in 2001 after 16 years with Glaxo-Wellcome, and spent several years doing security consulting work. Today, he is employed as a senior vice president by Guardsmark, a private security company.

Jeff earned a master's degree in liberal studies

with focus on philosophy from Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, and a second master's degree in conflict resolution from Columbia College in Columbia, S.C. He is married to wife Margaret, and the couple has an adult daughter, Kendra, who is employed as a pharmaceutical sales representative by Glaxo Smith Kline. Jeff was honored by Catawba in 1998 with the Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Joe, a Certified Public Accountant, majored in accounting at Catawba and played intramural sports. Following his graduation, he worked in public accounting for nine years, two of which were in his own firm. He retired from his fulltime position of Controller in July 2003 after 25 years of service with Wake Forest University Health Sciences. Today, he is employed on a part-time basis as Financial Director, Subsidiaries of Wake Forest University Health Sciences.

Like his brother, Joe continued his education after his Catawba graduation, earning his associate's degree in electronic data processing from Forsyth Technical Community College in Winston-Salem. He is married to the former Bonnie Perrell.

Catawba College Senior Vice President Tom Childress called the Landreth brothers' gift "a wonderful tribute to their parents and their alma mater. We greatly appreciate their investment in current and future deserving students at Catawba College."

Catawba's Tower Society adds two new members

Retired Salisbury physician Dr. Alan Scott has made a \$100,000 gift to Catawba College in the form of a charitable remainder annuity trust. Dr. Scott and his wife Oliver, Catawba's special assistant to the president for special events, are long time benefactors of the college.

The Alan F. and Oliver G. Scott Trust will pass to the college upon their deaths, adding to their legacy of giving to the institution. The gift is designated for the endowment and support of the college's guest house. The Scotts had previously established the Alan F., Betty R. and Oliver G. Scott First Family Scholarship at the institution and are members of Catawba's President's Circle. This latest deferred gift adds the Scotts' names to the roster of Catawba's Tower Society members.

Established by Catawba in 1997 with 80 original charter members, the Tower Society recognizes and honors the generosity of all alumni and friends who have made a planned giving agreement with the college or who have provided for Catawba in their estate plans. Members' gifts include wills, gift annuities, life insurance, charitable remainder trusts and appreciated assets such as securities, real estate and pension plans. To date, there are 148 members of the Society, according to Bill Pieczynski, Catawba's director of planned giving and major gifts.

Catawba Senior Vice President Tom Childress noted that the Scotts' gift is typical of the kind made by Tower Society members. "One thing all Tower Society members have in common," Childress said, "is that they care about those who come after them. They want to make a difference and through planned estate giving they are able to do so."

Dr. Scott explained that in making the gift to Catawba "everybody is a benefactor." He encourages others "to examine their portfolios and see if they have 'endangered species' among their holdings.

"If people have a stock which is performing very poorly, they have a tendency to ride these thing down to the bottom," he continued. "I say that if you have a stock which I call an 'endangered species' (one which performed well over the long term but which is now in serious decline and on the verge of losing all of its value) like I did, make a gift of it while it still has value and salvage something.

"Also, many of us have stocks in portfolios that we have no idea of the

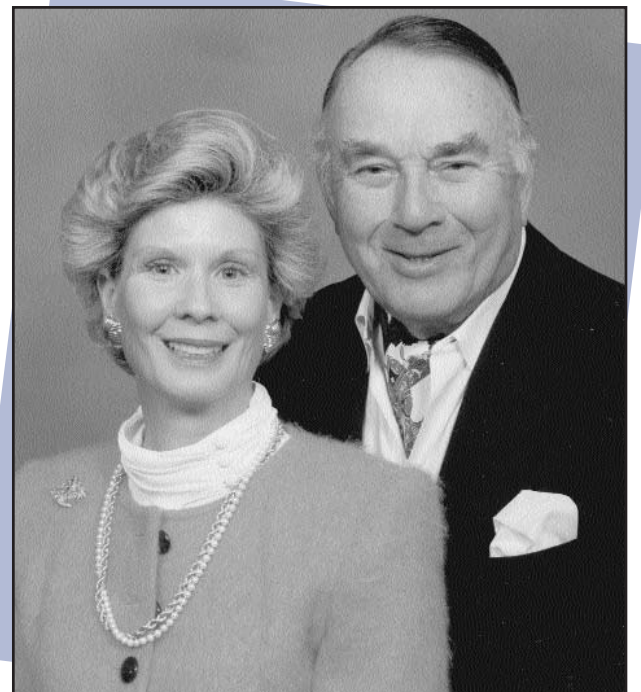
costs, thus we are reluctant to sell - so a gift to a charitable institution is the perfect solution. The charitable remainder trust benefits everyone - the donors, the institution, and the recipients."

"To whom much is given, a great deal is expected," Mrs. Scott said, quoting a premise that the couple lives by. She added that she and Dr. Scott are "happy to make this gift to such a fine institution."

A native of Goldsboro, N.C., Dr. Scott earned his undergraduate degree at Wake Forest University and completed medical school at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. He is a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served in France and Germany during World War II. Following his discharge from the military, he came to Salisbury "to build a house and go to work." He was a family practitioner in Salisbury for more than 40 years. He is an avid golfer, world traveler and outdoorsman, and he and Mrs. Scott walk everyday.

Mrs. Scott grew up in Elizabeth City, N.C. as Oliver Windsor Gilbert. She graduated from Salem Academy and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She taught English at Knox Middle School in Salisbury for 13 years before joining the staff at Catawba in 1981.

The Scotts are members of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Salisbury. The couple are parents to six children including Alan, Jr. of Stuart, Fla.; Stuart of Tampa, Fla.; Susan Winkler of Shreveport, La.; Elizabeth Poole of Greensboro; and Mary Henderson and Margaret Barber, both of Charlotte.



Dr. Alan F. & Oliver G. Scott

Ketner Scholarships benefit Catawba students from Rowan County

Thanks to scholarships provided by Ralph W. Ketner and his wife, Anne, a total of 96 students from Rowan County are able to attend Catawba College this academic year. Many of the recipients of the Ralph W. Ketner Rowan County Scholarships gathered Wednesday for an annual luncheon at which they were able to offer their personal appreciation to the Ketners.

"You have made it possible for me to attend this school," Sophomore Nicole Scheidt of China Grove said. "I am grateful for the opportunity because it is more than adequately preparing me for my future career as an elementary school teacher. The Princeton Review was right in rating Catawba as one of the 351 best institutions in the country."

Sophomore Matthew Causey of Faith echoed Scheidt's sentiments: "If it were not for the generosity and selfless actions of Mr. and Mrs. Ketner, I would not be able to be here."

Catawba College President Dr. Robert E. Knott told those gathered that the College "was deeply dependent on the generosity of folk like Ralph and Anne Ketner. They did not have to give us a dime," he said, "yet they've chosen to invest in you and your futures." He encouraged the scholarship recipients to repay the Ketners' generosity by exhibiting a "seriousness of purpose" in their academic studies.

The Ralph W. Ketner Rowan County Scholarships were first awarded in 2000 by Ketner, co-founder and chairman emeritus of Food Lion, and his wife Anne, as a way to show their gratitude to the people of Rowan County for their past support of Food Lion. In 2002, 65 Catawba students were scholarship recipients and this year, an additional 31 students were recipients.

"You've paid the price in getting good grades to

obtain these scholarships," Ketner said, noting that Catawba Senior Vice President Tom Childress had the original idea "to give these scholarships to students from Rowan County."

Ketner encouraged the students "to find something you enjoy doing and whether you make a lot of money at it or not, you'll be successful."

Ketner Scholarship recipients also include Megan Adcock, Johnathan Allen, Starla Allen, Gina Austin, Matthew Baker, Pennie Benton, Kevin Biles, Tanya Blankenship, Michelle Bradley, Hollie Bruce, Kelly Burdeau, Ryan Clancy, Phillip Closner, Lauren Corriher, James Davis, Tricia Denton, Rachel Derr, Justine Dionne, Austin Doby, Dacia Dryman, Amanda Durham, Eric Edmiston, Ashleigh Ervin, Sharon Everhart, Carl Finney, Zachary Foster, Elizabeth Gegorek, Jared Gordon, Laura Hartis, Steven Harvey, Brian Hatley, Angela Haynes, Jacob

Helms, Sherri Hill, Lindsay Hollifield, Amy Honeycutt, Elizabeth Ingle, Rachel Jackson, Sara Jones, Tifani Kerr, James Kesler, Jennifer Kidd, Kristen Kobylus, Sean Kramer, Nicholas Lefko, Paul Link, Alexander Lopez, Kristen McCachren, Amanda McDaniel, Michelle McIntosh, Justin McIntyre, Jonathan Menius, Carly Moore, Michael Moore, Edward Moyer, Gail Murph, Tatisha Muskelly, Steven Newton, Jacob Pace, Jennifer Pickler, David Pinkston, Jennifer Pitel, Kelly Poole, Aaron Rimer, Douglas Royce, Johnathan Rummage, Laura Sanders, Blake Scarce, Danielle Scarce, Stacy Smith, Travis Smith, Tyler Smith, Salem Snider, Steven Stamper, Taylor Steedley, David Stoner, Lyndsie Lee Tompkins, Shea Walker, Shelly Ward, Kacey Weaver, Lauren Weaver, Anthony Weddington, Robert White, Candace Williams, Amanda Wilson, Leslie Wilson and Aaron Young.



Ralph & Anne Ketner pose with scholarship recipients

Catawba fetes Endowed Scholars and their donors

Endowed Scholarship recipients at Catawba College and their scholarship donors or donor representatives were feted Wednesday, October 22 at an annual luncheon in Peeler Crystal Lounge on campus.

The donors of two newly created scholarships were recognized. A gift made by alumnae Mrs. Carolyn George Willis '37 of Sun City, Ariz., and her sister, Mary George Coughenour '43 of Winston-Salem were used to create the Arthur and Maude George Scholarship in memory of their parents. A gift made by J. Michael Thompson '65 and his wife Carolyn of Rockville, Md. was used to create the Betty and Julian "Duke" Thompson Scholarship, in honor of Michael's parents, both of whom are Catawba alumni.

Catawba College Senior Vice President Tom Childress noted that due to the generosity of these newest scholarship donors, Catawba is now able

to award 167 Endowed Scholarships annually. Six years ago, there were only 114 Endowed Scholarships established at the college.

Catawba Senior Christopher Slaughter of Whitsett, the recipient of the Betty Stansbury Lomax Scholarship, spoke to the donors on behalf of the other students attending the luncheon. He recalled that as he began his search for a college to attend, he was looking for two attributes: "a place where I would fit in, and a place which could offer me much-needed financial support." He said he found both of these at Catawba.

"Growing up, my parents encouraged me to take advantage of opportunities given to me and I've done just that at Catawba," he said. "Being here has given me a chance to demonstrate my leadership ability and to grow and mature as a young adult. I would personally like to thank the donors gathered here for their generous contributions to Catawba students."

Catawba College President Dr. Robert Knott thanked the scholarship donors "who have so generously given of your resources." These resources, he continued, are important to Catawba College students who are "dependent upon our endowment to make their education affordable. We give back each year over 34 percent of the tuition we charge in the form of assistance to our students."

Addressing the students who are recipients of the scholarships, Knott reminded them of the importance of expressing their appreciation. "To express gratitude is simple and an important thing to do, but it is not enough. What you do with the opportunity you have been given will be the measure of your appreciativeness.

"Not one of these donors had to give us these resources, but they chose to do so," he continued and admonished the students to figuratively, "Pay them back. Pay them back well."

First Family Scholars and donors honored at luncheon

"Never forget to thank those individuals who have blessed your life in some way or another," Senior Ashley Barrow, a Catawba College First Family Scholar, urged her fellow scholarship recipients. Barrow spoke on behalf of other scholars at a November 13 luncheon held to recognize scholarship donors and recipients in Peeler Crystal Lounge on campus.

Barrow, a senior theatre arts major from Hendersonville, N.C. and the recipient of the Harry and Frances Cannon Scholarship, lauded the donors. "You have found a place for generosity in your life and you've given more than what's required."

Catawba College President Dr. Robert E. Knott echoed Barrow's comments concerning thankfulness. "Your gratitude will be measured by what you do with what you've been given," he said, addressing the scholars who received the institution's most prestigious scholarships. "These donors at these tables believe in you and your futures."

Catawba College Senior Vice President Tom Childress recognized those individuals who over the past year had made possible the creation of new First Family Scholarships, bringing the college's total number of First Family Scholarships to 71. These new scholarships included the E.B. & Rebecca Black Frock Scholarship and the Schrumm First Family Scholarship.

The E.B. & Rebecca Black Frock Scholarship was originally established as an endowed scholarship by the now late Mr. and Mrs. E.B. Frock of Hanover, Pa. A generous gift through the estate of this couple brought this scholarship to the First Family level. E.B. Frock, a 1933 alumnus of the College, retired as chairman of the board of the Bank of Hanover. He served his alma mater as a member of the board of trustees from 1970 through 1992. Three of the couple's grandchildren are also alumni of Catawba, including Carole Baublitz-Frederick '82 of New Oxford, Pa., Julie Frock Crapster '87 of Charlotte, and John D. Frock '91 of Hanover, Pa.

The Schrumm First Family Scholarship was established by Dorothy Schrumm Hammond of Newton, N.C. in memory of her parents, Forest Franklin and Beth Knox Lore Schrumm. Dorothy, a 1947 graduate of Catawba, taught first grade in Kannapolis, Charlotte and Newton-Conover before her marriage to the late John Hyatt Hammond. Preference for the

Schrumm Scholarship will be given to students majoring in English who plan to teach in North Carolina.

Junior T. Anthony Johnson of Burlington, N.C., a musical theatre major and the recipient of the Adrian L., Jr. and Dorothy L. Shuford Scholarship, entertained those gathered by singing "C'est Moi" and "In a Restaurant by the Sea." Catawba College staff keyboardist, Angela Lowry, accompanied him.

In addition to Ashley Barrow and T. Anthony Johnson, other scholarship recipients included Cynthia Sopata, Jesse Howes, Christopher Slaughter, Steven Stamper, Ashley Holmes, Kristen Kobylus, Jeffrey Boyles, Carla Cortes, Kendall Prescott, Elizabeth Gill, Rebecca Goodman, J. Andrew Howe, Meagan Robinson, Taylor Hohman, Katherine Phelps, Laura Hartis, Daine Hedrick, Jennifer O'Connell, Stephen P. Long, J. Luke Samples, Eric Edminston, Kathryn Merrell, Jessica Rivera, Jennifer Kidd, Donna Tulloch, Ashley Wilhelm, Elizabeth Denton, Dustin Cox, Jennifer Pickler, Shawn Godsey, Amanda Holloway, Jessica Parker, Danielle Weber, Jeremiah Timmons, Laura Althaus, Emily Prochaska, Justin Buckwalter, Bernadette Simonis, Benjamin Caggiano, Carolyn Brannon, F. Mike Mueller, Charity O'Shields, Regina Scheidt, Erin Naumann, Tonya Bowman, Matthew Fairweather, Leah Fulford, Hope Anne Miller, Gabrielle Belcher, John Vernon, and Zachary Snyder.

Other recipients are Antonia Bowden, Tiffany Cox, Lauren Connolly, John Poulos, Joy Brandli, Rachel McCollum, Danielle Scarce, Chandra Lowe, Brian Messenger, Eva Manney, Jonathan Menius, David Loehr,

Lisa Ponce, Jennifer Reiff, Rachel Bahr, William Randall, Michael Roberts, Jordan Richards, David Pinkston, Kerri Conley, Kristen Phillips, Ryan Hudgins, Mary Attea, Lauren Ebersole, Kelly Burdeau, Amber Goshorn, Erin Phillips, Kacey

Weaver, Jessica Pruett-Barnett, Rebecca Wike, Jessica Fritts, Tal Brewer, Christopher Goff, Jessica Moretti, Victoria Hamilton, Jared Wietbrock, Hollie Bruce, Stephanie Valentine, Richard Bergeron, Rachel Alosky, Jennifer Mehl, Stephanie Brendel, Amy Guenther, Amanda Nantz, Brianna Raymond, Summer Zuck, John Sandman, Joseph Yow, Kristen Higgins, Catherine Balentine, Tonya Fuschetti, Kelly Geiler, and Elizabeth Hewitt.

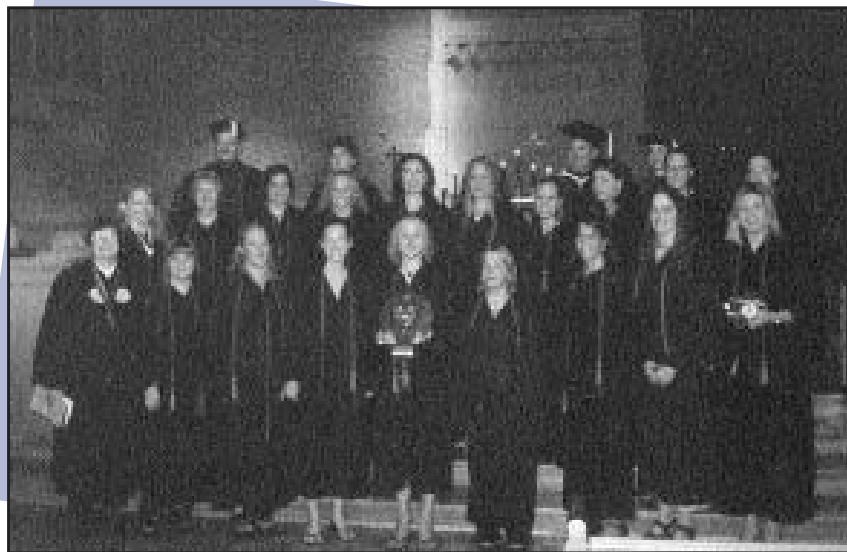
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believe in you and your futures."
- Dr. Robert Knott*

Catawba's Alpha Chi Chapter inducts new members

Catawba College's Omicron Chapter of Alpha Chi, the national college honor scholarship society, inducted 20 new members Friday, September 26, during a ceremony held in the Omwake-Dearborn Chapel on campus.

New inductees include juniors: Laura Jeann Althaus, Elizabeth Joy Denton, Kristen Elizabeth Kobylus, all of Salisbury; Mary Frances Attea of Kenmore, N.Y.; Stephanie Louise Brendel of Drexel; Cori Lyn Hilling of Centerville, Minn.; Cherish Hope Houghton of Sherrills Ford; Hope Anne Miller of Newton; Jennifer Eileen O'Connell of Jamesburg, N.J.; Katharine Marie Phelps of Frederick, Md.; and Ashley Jewel Wilhelm of Cleveland; seniors: Tricia Malia Denton, Sandra Sides Greene, and Jana Denise Jackson, all of Salisbury; Lauren Nicole Corriher and Angela Dawn James, both of Landis; Donna Sharpe Davis of Harmony; Cristyn Nichole Harrison and Elizabeth Aron Hewitt, both of Hickory; and Maryia Pilippovna Zhuk of Davidson. Dr. Bethany Sinnott, Chair of Catawba's Department of English, is the faculty sponsor for the honor society, while Drs. Maria Vandergriff-Avery and Phil Acree Cavalier serve as faculty advisors.

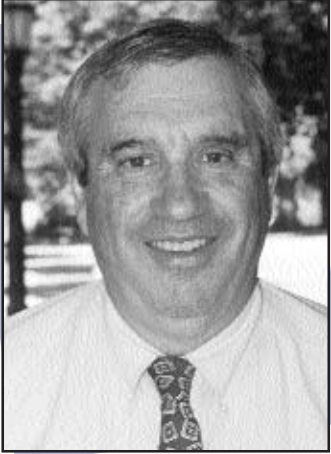
Alpha Chi inducts no more than the top 10 percent of juniors and seniors from all academic fields. Founded in 1922, the society has active chapters at more than 300 colleges and universities in 45 states and Puerto Rico. Catawba's chapter of Alpha Chi is one of 10 in the country marking its 25th anniversary this year.



Alpha Chi members

Catawba professor to study in Jordan

Dr. Sanford Silverburg, professor and chair of the political science department at Catawba College, is one of only 12 faculty members from across the country selected to spend three weeks in January studying at the American Center of Oriental Research in Amman, Jordan.



Dr. Sanford Silverburg

Silverburg was selected by a review committee from the Council of Independent Colleges and the Council of American Overseas Research Centers out of 135 full-time faculty members to participate in "Teaching About Islam and Middle Eastern Culture." The full cost of airfare between the U.S. and Jordan, along with room and board during the seminar, and seminar travel in Jordan is covered for participating faculty.

Silverburg, who holds a Ph.D. in international relations from The American University in Washington, D.C., is a specialist in Middle Eastern politics and Arab/Israeli Relations. He has written many articles on the Arab-Israeli conflict in the dimension of interna-

tional law. He is the editor of "Palestine and International Law," and on the editorial boards of a number of professional journals.

Epperson honored at annual theatre gathering

Jim Epperson was recently named the recipient of the Marian A. Smith Distinguished Career Award at the annual gathering of the North Carolina Theatre Conference in Raleigh. The North Carolina Theatre Conference represents all theatre practitioners in the state, to include professional, college and university theatre, community theatre, K-12 theatre educators, and theatre for youth. The Distinguished Career Award is the highest recognition accorded a theatre professional in the state by this organization.

Epperson, who began his theatre career at Appalachian State University in 1965, also taught at Western Carolina University, the University of Oklahoma, and Catawba College, where he is currently professor emeritus.

He served as president of the North Carolina Theatre Conference, chair of the college and university division of the Southeastern Theatre Conference, regional playwrighting chair of the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival, chair of the North Carolina American College Theatre Festival, and school of performing arts dean and theatre arts department chair at Catawba College. Locally he has also served on the Piedmont Players Community Theatre Board, directed for the Center for Faith and the Arts St. Thomas Players, and served on the Mecklenburg Arts and Sciences Council, among others. Epperson

received his Ph.D in theatre from Florida State University and holds the masters and bachelors degrees in theatre from the University of Arkansas.

Epperson was previously honored with the John F. Kennedy Gold Medallion Award, given by the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival; the Herman Middleton Service Award, presented by the North Carolina Theatre Conference; and the Catawba College Trustee Award.

The annual gathering of the North Carolina Conference was held October 30, 31, and November 1.

Two students from Alaska are Catawba freshman

"Do you live in an igloo?" "Is it always dark or always light where you live?" "Have you ever tasted blubber?" These are just a few of the questions being directed to two Catawba College freshmen who hail from Alaska by their college peers this year. And both students can do little more than grin and set the record straight when they respond.

Mike Stokes from North Pole, who refers to himself simply as "Alaska" to help his professors and classmates remember his name, and Katherine Fair from Anchorage came to Catawba to both get an education and to play NCAA Division II athletics. Mike is redshirted by Catawba's football team this year, practicing, but not traveling or playing, but with hopes of capitalizing on his four years of eligibility beginning next (his sophomore) year. Katherine was recruited to Catawba with a swimming scholarship, and she is with her teammates this year, working on her specialty, the breaststroke.

"My parents had grown up and lived in Wilmington, N.C. and they told me they wanted to move back there after my dad retired from the Air Force and after I graduated from high school," Mike explains. "In my college search, they wanted me to look for somewhere close to our home where I could have good opportunities to both study and play football.

"So over the summer, I went from glaciers to beaches, and came here to Catawba in August," he continues. "I've had a little culture shock with the humidity of the area and the accents - I can't keep a straight face when I hear some folks from the South talk."

Mike played football all through high school, but ironically, there are no collegiate football teams in his home state. He knew he wanted to continue to play competitively and he wanted a small school since "my graduating high school class had only 82 students in it and that was the biggest we had had in years." Catawba fit the bill.

"In Alaska, you could drive for 10 minutes and never see a building, here, you drive two minutes and see buildings," he says. "And back home, not a lot of people went outside, but here, I look outside and see tons of people. Prices are also ridiculous in Alaska, while things here are much cheaper."

Katherine, who lived for seven years in Valdez, Alaska, before moving to Anchorage, is the only child of parents employed by the petroleum industry in her home state. Her mother works for the pipeline service company, Alyeska, while her father works for the refinery, Petro Star.

She knew she wanted to go to small college in the South and that she wanted to swim competitively at a NCAA Division II school. She narrowed her college search with the help of a website, Recruit.com, and Catawba, she says, became the first college to recruit her during her freshman year of high school.

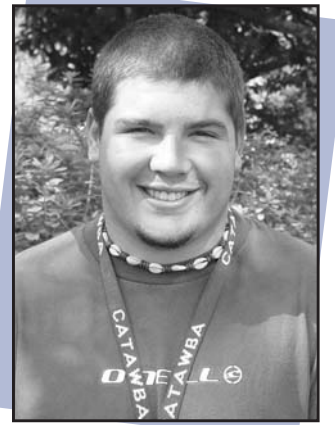
In August, she temporarily left behind the land of avalanche control, earthquakes, and deep snow (in the fishing village of Valdez up to 10 feet a year fell), and came South to Catawba. She was among those who participated in the freshmen retreat before classes began and that, she says, helped her meet people and get to know them early.

It's not the accents that are causing Katherine to do double takes, but rather the historic buildings. "There are no old buildings in Alaska," she explains. "It's more high tech and looks like the West Coast."

Ironically, both Mike and Katherine are interested in psychology. Mike plans to major in sports management and minor in psychology, while Katherine plans a psychology major and to eventually pursue a doctorate in that area.

And, as they look forward to North Carolina's mild winter, they'll both be remembering what they've left behind in the "Great Land" - car battery blankets, oil pan heaters, the winter solstice in which they received only 3 hours and 53 minutes of sunshine during a 24-hour period, the Northern Lights, combat fishing (elbow to elbow) for salmon....

"And, halibut looks like flounder on steroids, and what happens when you hit a moose can turn a car into a convertible," Mike adds as he heads back to his dorm, with his future plans and memories mingling.



Mike Stokes



Katherine Fair

Catawba professor pens libretto performed in France

Janice Fuller never expected to find herself writing a libretto, and she certainly never expected to be in France hearing her words performed as a part of musical composition written by German composer Knut Mueller. But that's exactly what happened in early November when Fuller, Catawba College's Writer-in-Residence and Professor of English, flew to Forbach, France to attend Rendez-Vous Musique Nouvelle, a new music festival.

When Fuller was an undergraduate at Duke University, her mother, the late Doris Moore of Salisbury, had urged her to add a music major to the English major she was already pursuing so that she "might have something practical to do when she graduated." And the major did prove practical. Fuller taught beginning piano lessons and performed vocal solos during the years she worked on her M.A. and Ph.D. in English at the University of North Carolina, but over the years music seemed to become less central as writing and teaching English came to dominate her life.

Fuller's writing in the past ten years has mainly involved poetry and plays. (Her second book of poems will appear in the spring, and her recent plays have been produced at Catawba's Florence Busby Corriher Theatre and at Charlotte's Bare Bones Theater.)

Writing for musical compositions hadn't really seemed an option until this past summer. In May and June, Fuller enjoyed two month-long residencies at artists' colonies in Europe—one at Fundacion Valparaiso in southern Spain with eight international visual artists and writers and another residency at Hawthornden Castle, south of Edinburgh, Scotland, with four writers from India, Italy, Canada, and the Philippines.

Fuller had planned to spend her residencies writing a new play set in the women's ward of Dorothea Dix Hospital and revising poems for her new book. But during her second week in Spain, she received an e-mail from Mueller, a composer she had met during a residency in 1999 at the Virginia Center for Creative Arts. During their stay at VCCA, Fuller and Mueller became friends, and Mueller translated some of Fuller's poems from her first book *Archeology Is a Destructive Science* into German.

In May, Mueller was e-mailing to ask if he could use poems from Fuller's book as the text for a composition for female voice and electronic music he was hoping to write entitled "Destructive Science." Fuller was delighted with the proposal and gave it her blessing. But Mueller e-mailed back a week later to say that his musical publisher didn't want to bother with the complications of securing copyright permission from Fuller's publisher. Mueller wondered if she would be willing to write a brand new text using the theme of destructive science around which he might build his composition.

Fuller was excited but terrified. "It is hard for me to say no," Fuller laughs. "And I am a sucker for any kind of adventure or new challenge." When Fuller asked Mueller for an approximate word-count for the libretto, he wrote back, "Between 5 and 5,000 words." "Thanks for the guidance," Fuller e-mailed. "Now the blank page yawning in front of me can be any size I want."

Fuller surprised herself by writing the text more easily than she expected. She worked on the libretto in Spain and Scotland and finished the text in time to read it to her fellow writers her final night at Hawthornden Castle. Her peers suggested the libretto had a certain artist logic, even though it was comprised of seemingly disjointed sections. One scenario in the text involves a doctor

who longs to become a potter. In another, a neurobiologist studying invertebrates announces, "If you tether a cockroach, it will fly."

As disjointed as the text itself is, nothing could have prepared Fuller for how much stranger and more experimental the libretto would become in the hands of Mueller and his musicians. A computer-generated voice spoke most of Fuller's words, while German singer Sigune von Osten sang and spoke others. The musical "accompaniment" was provided by four German musicians from Art Point-ensemble, who pushed machines in carefully choreographed patterns around the huge venue-Carreau Wendel, a coal-processing factory that has been converted into a museum. The "machines a musiques," created by German Erwin Stache, resembled floor polishers and emitted various samples of music depending on the velocity and direction of their movement. "It was as much a piece of theater as it was a musical composition," Fuller suggests.

The composition was the climax of a three-day festival of what her German friends called "the new music," including pieces by the most experimental contemporary European composers: Luciano Berio, Christian Wolff, Frederic Rzewski, Francois Rosse, Krzysztof Penderecki, Irinel Anghel, Zeynep Gedizlioglu, and festival founder Claude Lefebvre. Forbach is located in Lorraine, only five miles inside the border with Germany.

The festival in France was just the beginning of Fuller's collaboration with Mueller. Fuller has recently completed the text for "The Geometry of Desire," Mueller's composition for voice, flute, clarinet, violin and piano that will premiere in Tubingen, Germany in March.

Fuller wonders what her mother would have thought of this new development in her career: "I'm not sure this is the 'practical application' my mother had in mind when she encouraged me to pursue a music major, but I'm sure she would be pleased that I'm working hard, trying something new, and encountering such exciting people. Mother loved to travel, and she loved to meet new people and learn new things." In the later years of her mother's life, Fuller taught her piano lessons. Her mother found comfort in playing when her declining health forced her to stay at home. Fuller remembers, "Nothing stopped Mother from living fully right up until the end of her life." (Fuller's mother died in 1993.)



Dr. Janice Fuller

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Catawba collaborates with adult day care and helps seniors bridge the digital divide

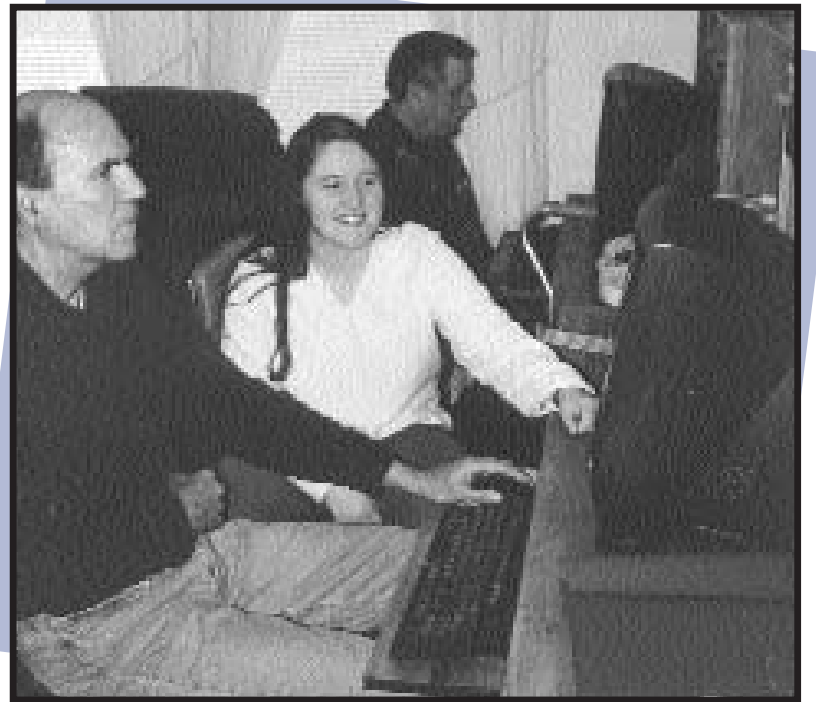
Thanks to the efforts of a Catawba College student and her professor and the benevolence of a local philanthropic foundation, clients at the two locations of Abundant Living Adult Day Care are stepping into the computer age. The collaborative quest to "Bridge the Senior Digital Divide" became reality in November when four computer stations, two at each location, went online and clients were able to aim a mouse into cyberspace.

The collaboration between Catawba College and Abundant Living Adult Day Care sprang from the personal friendship between Pamela Thompson, associate professor of Information Systems at the College, and her neighbor Mary Ann Johnson, director of Abundant Living. Over dinner, the two discussed ways that Thompson's students could incorporate service to the community into their coursework, and an unlikely partnership between information systems students and senior adults was born.

One of Thompson's students, Senior Ashley Holmes of Mocksville, spent her spring semester of 2003 completing an internship at Abundant Living. She assisted Johnson with creating a database and other "odds and ends." She also worked on a grant request to the Blanche and Julian Robertson Family Foundation, Inc. which asked for start-up funding to purchase the four computers and connect them to the Internet. The idea

was to use those computers to create a program which would pair "computer savvy students with receptive program participants." The Abundant Living participants, the program proposed, would learn "the rudiments of computer and Internet use, including communication via e-mail." Further, while conducting research for the grant, Holmes discovered that studies had shown that computer and Internet use among the elderly "keeps older minds active and combats depression."

After the grant was approved by the Robertson Foundation this fall, Holmes pur-



Ashley Holmes assists client at computer

chased and oversaw installation of the computers. Then, she and Professor Thompson corralled her fellow Information Systems students to volunteer a minimum of five hours during the fall semester to assist in training the Abundant Living participants. Other Catawba students who have participated in the program include Scott Searles of Charlotte, Kevin Petty of Rocky Mount, Chris Khatri of Fairfax Station, Va., Chris Harrison of Ocean City, Md., Lynn Morancie of Katy, Texas, and Rhonda Robinette of Harmony.

"Many of the individuals who attend our program are publicly funded. The limitation of their health and income make computing a luxury most would never experience unless provided to them here in a supported setting," Johnson notes. "Volunteer involvement always has a positive effect on the centers. The energy and excitement of the program has been contagious. I've been amazed at how fearless our participants have been. They are not at all intimidated by the technology. The bond created by this intergenerational activity strengthens both populations and the community."

"We have so much to offer, but we've got so much out of this project," Thompson explains. "My students have been exposed to procedures, software and the unfamiliar, and it's been great. Now, as Ashley looks forward to her graduation this December, she's looking for someone to fill her shoes and to take ownership of this project. She's very concerned about that."

"It was never in my thought plan to teach people how to use computers,"

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L-R: Pam Thompson & Mary Ann Johnson

DESIGNER HOUSE....

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9:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 29. To become a Salisbury-Rowan Symphony Guild Patron, contact Dotty Clement at 704-633-7329.

Tours open to the public will be held Saturday and Sunday, May 1-2, Wednesday through Sunday, May 5-9, and Wednesday through Sunday, May 12-16. Additional information will be available concerning the tour in the spring.

Area interior designers will select rooms in the house, decorating them with their own personal touches, ranging from new paint themes to special furniture, accessories, and wall and floor coverings. Also local landscapers will create gardens around the guest house to further enhance this renovation.

Following the tour, the refurbished house will be used as a guest facility for Catawba's visitors to campus and as a conference/meeting area for special college functions and student events. The house will offer a unique opportunity for College alumni and supporters of the Symphony to purchase furnishings and provide funding to maintain

the rooms and house as decorated by the designers. Additionally, appropriate plaques of designation will be provided for benefactors.

At this point in the renovation, the wall-to-wall carpet in the house is being removed and the hardwood floors are being refinished. And, the College has already purchased a Georgian mantel to install in the living room of the house, according to Oliver Scott, Catawba College's assistant to the president for special events.

Before 1940, the guest house was located in the deep cut beyond the Catawba College president's house. Between 1937 and 1940, Nell Hardin lived in the house with her brother and their parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Hardin. When 1940 road construction plans for U.S. Highway 601 caused the house to be condemned, Mr. Hardin bought the house for \$1,000 and had it moved to its present site.

The house move was completed in early fall of 1940 and was followed by a three-month, \$10,000

construction period during which the Hardins had the roof raised and the interior reconfigured. While the work was being completed, the Hardins lived next door with then Catawba College President and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. Howard R. Omwake. In December 1940, the Hardins were able to move into their newly renovated home.

Mrs. William Hardin died in 1956 and her husband died in December, 1960. After that, in early 1961, Nell Hardin sold the home to Dr. and Mrs. Wheeler. The Wheelers loved the home and spent the summer redecorating before moving in in the fall of 1961. Unfortunately, Dr. Wheeler passed away in the summer of 1962 following surgery, and thereafter, Mrs. Wheeler put the house up for sale.

Edward B. and Nancy G. McKenzie, now of Statesville, purchased the home in 1962, made extensive changes to it, and are responsible for its current layout. The McKenzies lived in the house for 36 years until they sold it to Catawba College in July of 1998.

Catawba professor studies literary fascination with Mars, the red planet

Dr. David Schroeder, an assistant professor of English at Catawba College, was interested in Mars long before that planet's close opposition to Earth this year. In fact, the 38-year-old has been pondering its impact on the literature of the Victorian age and modern day science fiction for much of his professional life.

Schroeder sees the renewed interest in the red planet as a renaissance of sorts and says today's thinking about that faraway world is very similar in many ways to that of the Victorians. "All we are today was fabricated during the Victorian era," he contends. "That's when all our big cultural issues gelled - evolution, Marxism versus capitalism, feminism and empire. I'm very interested in the big ideas that lie behind the literature of that period, and the idea of extraterrestrial life, on Mars and elsewhere, is one of those ideas."

Prior to 1850, Schroeder notes, it was common for scientists to contend that all worlds must be continuously inhabited, because "God wouldn't be so wasteful as to have created so many worlds without people to live on them. Then came the notion of "cradles and graves," the idea that all worlds are inhabited at some point, but not continuously. Only later followed the idea that we live in an essentially dead universe. Today, we're coming back around to the idea that there may be a fair amount of life out there somewhere, although most places -- planets, stars, moons -- are of course uninhabited."

Before 1877, the standard view of Mars was that it was essentially like Earth, with continents and oceans, only smaller, Schroeder says. In 1877, that view changed thanks to the discovery of "canali" on Mars by Italian astronomer Giovanni Schiaparelli. "He saw lines or channels stretching across the surface of Mars," Schroeder explains, and Schiaparelli's discovery was widely reported in the press at the time. "People in the English-speaking world translated "canali" as canals, which implies canal builders."

Others expounded on Schiaparelli's discovery during the late 1800s and the early 1900s,

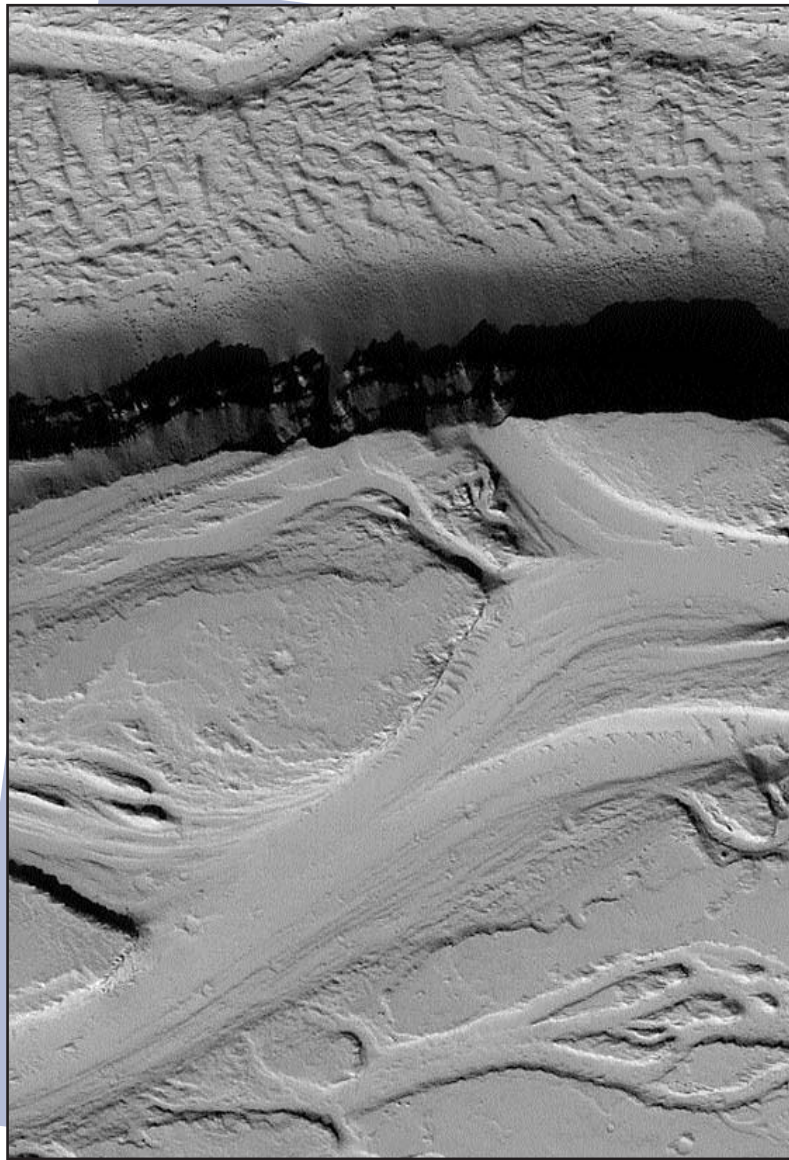
including American astronomer Percival Lowell. Lowell, in his publication, "Mars and Its Canals," propagated the idea that Mars was inhabited by creatures of advanced intelligence who had used their engineering skills to create gigantic canal networks which captured, channeled and carried water from Mars' polar caps to irrigate crops located along the canals. Mars, Lowell contended, was far older than Earth and was practically a desert planet from which most water had escaped.

"For his concept of the canals on Mars to work," Schroeder says, "one had to adopt a utopian view of that planet. All the Martians were politically unified, all spoke the same language, shared the same culture and could collaborate on projects of this magnitude. Many saw this as the future of Earth." Lowell's views became popular and sparked debates that have lasted more than a century.

"In the Victorian age, some people were afraid of Martians and some desperately wanted contact," Schroeder explains.

"Many thought contact with Martians would relieve our loneliness as a world. Some even argued that a Martian invasion, of sorts, would be to our societal advantage, since Martians were probably morally far in advance of Earthlings.

"On the other hand, the whole notion that in space things aren't grounded -- that there's no up or down and that everything's entirely relative -- scared some," Schroeder continues. "There was a fear of the moral and ethical relativism that might follow contact with Martians, which could undermine our culture and shake the fundamental ideas, like mathematical principles,



Canali on surface of Mars

that seemed so solid to us. That was disconcerting to the Victorians."

Lowell's Martian ideal influenced minds like that of H.G. Wells. The ideas he shares in his "The Things that Live on Mars," a March 1908 essay published in "Cosmopolitan Magazine," seem diametrically opposed to the views he detailed in his fictional "War of the Worlds." In the 1908 essay, Wells cites Lowell's theory of intelligent life on Mars and seems to buy into the possibility that Martians are "friendly, advanced, intellectual and very cooperative," Schroeder says.

Wells, using scientific reasoning, made speculations in his essay as to the physical appearance of Martians. See MARS, page 20

ENDOWMENT...

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and Parks of Salisbury; adoption of the current fund budget for 2003-2004; authorization for college administrators to locate a consulting source for development of a campus master plan; authorization for college administrators to invite three new members to join the Board of Trustees; and authorization for college administrators to update the bylaws governing the Board.

Trustees received a report on different aspects of the strategic planning process now underway at the institution. Dr. Jesse McCartney, executive assistant to the president, gave a broad overview on progress made to date in strategic planning. Dr. Edith Bolick, associate dean of the college for Lifelong Learning, shared that department's schedule for review and assessment of its program, information about the process and its anticipated outcomes. Dr. Barbara Hetrick, vice president and dean of the college, gave an update on various academic programs and departmental reviews and their

assessments that are underway. Dr. John Harer, director of Catawba's library, reported on plans for a new information and technology center on campus.

In addition to receiving committee reports, the Board also heard from Catawba College Senior Monisha Smith of Wilmington, Del., who serves as president of the student body this year, and Dr. Phil Acree-Cavalier, chair of the faculty senate. Both reported strong optimism on campus regarding initiatives taking place. Smith reported that the constitution was being rewritten and that student enthusiasm for the college and its offerings, in the area of academics and student affairs, was revitalizing the student body. Cavalier said the faculty was very positive about the leadership of Dr. Hetrick, the academic caliber of the new freshmen class, and the leadership of Catawba College President Dr. Robert Knott, whom he said "has worked to create consensus."

Two alumni honored with award during homecoming weekend

Two Catawba College alumni were honored Saturday, Oct. 25, as part of homecoming weekend activities when they received the college's Distinguished Alumnus Award. The presentations were made during a barbecue luncheon that preceded the college's 1:30 p.m. football game against Newberry College.

The Reverend Dr. Barbara Kershner Daniel '80 of Fleetwood, Pa., and Dr. Michael Joseph Mayhew '75 of Boone were recipients of the award that has been given annually since 1974 as part of Catawba's Homecoming activities. The award, made by the Catawba College Alumni Association Board of Directors, recognizes alumni who have distinguished themselves in their profession, in service to their local communities, and in service to the college community.

"Parents of new students increasingly ask us about the accomplishments of our alumni," Catawba College President Dr. Robert Knott explained, as he made the award presentations. "Since their graduations, these two we honor today have brought pride to their alma mater."

Kershner Daniel earned both her master's degree of divinity and her doctorate degree of ministry at the Lancaster Theological Seminary in Lancaster, Pa. She serves as senior pastor of St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Fleetwood, Pa., a position she has held since 1993. Between 1989 and 1993, she served as associate pastor at St. Paul's and from 1983 to 1989, she served as pastor of St. Luke's United Church of Christ, Kenhorst in Reading, Pa.

A member of the Lancaster Theological Seminary Board of Trustees since 1999, Kershner Daniel is currently serving as vice-chairperson of that board. She is a chairperson of the Chaplaincy Advisory Committee of the Reading Hospital and Medical Center, a member of Rotary International and the Fleetwood Community Bus Ministry. She volunteers at Tarsus Manor Senior Adult Housing and Tarsus, Inc. Senior Adult Workshop in Fleetwood, Pa., and is actively involved in the Boy Scouts of America.

A native of Philadelphia, she is married to The Rev. Kenneth V. Daniel, executive director of Retirement Housing at Phoebe Ministries in Allentown, Pa. The couple has two sons, Mark, 15,

and Christopher, 12.

In accepting her award, Kershner Daniel joked that her "longevity" at St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Fleetwood, Pa. was directly attributable to "a wonderful congregation and an even more wonderful family." She noted that when she was looking for a college, she wanted a small one which was affiliated with the United Church of Christ Church. When she first visited the Catawba campus on a March day, she recalled that while there was snow on the ground in Philadelphia, her hometown, students on the Catawba campus were playing Frisbee outdoors and lying in the sun.

She remembered how then Catawba College Admissions Director M.M. "Chub" Richards '41 of Salisbury met with her during her admissions interview process and "took the time to ask what I valued in life." That initial meeting, she said, "set the whole tone for my experience at Catawba."

Kershner Daniel also recalled how Catawba history professor, Dr. Bruce Griffith, shared with her his belief that "ministers should be the most well-rounded of all members of society," and thereby encouraged her to take classes she would never have taken otherwise.

"When I recall my experiences at Catawba, it is with love and care," she explained, "and I will continue to love Catawba with all my heart."

Mayhew, who graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry in 1979, also earned both his pediatric dental specialty and orthodontic dental specialty degrees from UNC-CH. He is the only dually trained and dually board certified dentist in North Carolina who practices both specialties. He is a current member of multiple dental organizations and has held various offices and served as past president of the N.C. Academy of Pediatric Dentistry and the UNC Orthodontic Alumni Association.

He is a member of the Catawba College Board of Visitors and the Catawba Chiefs Club, past member and officer in the Boone Jaycees, a former deacon



L-R: Dr. Michael Joseph Mayhew & The Rev. Dr. Barbara Kershner Daniel

at First Presbyterian Church of Boone, and the current campaign chair for Watauga Education Foundation's "Our Children - Our Future" Endowment Fund Campaign.

A native of Lexington, N.C., Mayhew is married to the former Sara Vetter of Rockingham. The couple has three children, Kelly, a senior at Appalachian State University; John, a freshman at Elon University; and Katherine, a sixth grader.

Mayhew, who attended college on a basketball scholarship, remembered the influence that former Catawba College Basketball Coach Sam Moir of Salisbury had on his life.

"When I came here as a 17-year-old freshman," Mayhew said, "I did not realize that the friendships we developed here are long-lasting. The individual relationships I had with faculty and staff well prepared me for graduate school at a large university. I think most of us here today would agree that our overall Catawba experience served us well."

"Catawba does a great job of preparing us for our futures," he continued, "and as more and more freshmen come here and graduate I think we'll be able to look at Catawba and say, 'She's done a good job.'"

Homecoming '03 numbers

They descended on campus just in time for a beautiful North Carolina October weekend. Friday visitors were greeted with crisp air and bright sunshine. Early tailgaters on Saturday morning were even seen bundled up in the parking lot, some huddled by a fire pit! Truly, a good time was had by all. We enjoyed an incredibly supported Homecoming Weekend this year and the Alumni Office thanks all who returned to campus to participate. When we calculate that there were 143 folks playing in our golf tournaments Friday, or 302 people eating Gary's barbecue at Saturday's luncheon, well, we get excited to see them all. And if you didn't notice the plethora of alumni reuniting in the stadium parking lot on Saturday before and after the football game, well then, you must not have been on campus yourself. The Class of 1953 had 42 people gather for dinner Saturday night and over 130 individuals boogied and/or gabbed the night away at the Alumni Dance Party. If you weren't here, you missed it. So be sure you can join us next year for Homecoming '04 on October 8-10th.

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All decades enjoy Homecoming 2003

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Golden Club



Catawba honors program students get a case of the blues

Eight travel to Mississippi on blues odyssey over fall break

On his fall break, Will Davis met 90-year-old blues pianist Pinetop Perkins. Perkins was sitting on the front porch of a shack on the plantation where he had once lived in rural Mississippi. And after a little coaxing, Perkins gave Davis, along with seven of his classmates and his professor, a 15-minute impromptu private concert on a piano inside the shack.

"We had just showed up and were being immersed in the culture, and there he was on the front porch," Davis, a Catawba College junior from Charlotte, remembers. "He was remarkably spry for someone 90 years old. He played very energetically, and he sang as well."

Davis and his Catawba College classmates, were participating in the field trip portion of an interdisciplinary topics course, Mississippi Delta Blues, jointly offered by the college's honors program and music department. Ethnomusicologist and Associate Professor of Music Dr. David Lee Fish teaches the course and planned the trip to the Mississippi's Yazoo Delta, the fabled "land where the blues began," Fish says.

While on their four-day blues odyssey, the group also enjoyed a catfish dinner and live blues at a Clarksdale juke, toured sites of historic importance to the blues, and ate a Delta delicacy at a hole-in-the-wall eatery whose single menu item was the subject of a recent feature in "Gourmet Magazine." Junior Taylor Hohman, a theatre major and a private guitar lesson student from Lexington, Ky.,

gain an appreciation for the high level of artistry found in the works of bluesmen like Charlie Patton, Son House, and Robert Johnson. And thirdly, that they consider how an unusual music from an obscure, isolated and impoverished area came to possess such worldwide musical influence."

The sojourn began Saturday, October 11 with a lecture by Judy Peiser at the Center for Southern Culture in Memphis. Peiser co-founded the Center, a hub of blues research, in 1970 with blues scholar and former chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities William Ferris. Much of the historical footage of blues artists recently seen in the PBS documentary series on the Blues hosted by Martin Scorsese came from material originally shot by Peiser and Ferris.

That Saturday evening, the class traveled to Helena, Arkansas for the King Biscuit Blues Festival, an annual event that draws over 40,000 people to a city of some 6,000 residents along the Mississippi River. Fish notes that, "for many years, the King Biscuit Flour Company hosted a blues radio program on a Helena station that featured live performances by Delta artists like Muddy Waters and Sonny Boy Williamson II. Helena is just across the river from the Yazoo Delta, and the King Biscuit program was very popular there."

Today's King Biscuit Blues Festival draws both fans and musicians from around the world. At this year's event, Catawba students were able to hear blues legend Robert "Junior" Lockwood, stepson of even more legendary bluesman, Robert Johnson.

"It was groovy!" exclaims Hohman about the festival. "There was music everywhere and it was very crowded. There was even a Japanese blues band."

On Sunday, October 12, the Catawba group toured Memphis, which lies directly to the north of the Yazoo Delta, and learned about how the blues developed. Many bluesmen, including B. B. King, migrated to Memphis and helped create there perhaps the most fertile musical melting pot of the 20th century, Fish says.

While in Memphis, the class visited the Smithsonian's Rock 'N' Soul Museum and Sun Studio, where Mississippi artists Ike Turner, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis and Elvis Presley created Rock 'N' Roll by mixing the blues with other musical elements. The groups also toured Beale Street and Elvis Presley's Graceland.

Leaving Memphis, Monday, October 13 brought the class to Clarksdale, the heart of the Delta, for a pilgrimage to historic blues sites. While there, the group happened upon an unexpected treat. In the morning, Fish and the students stopped



Students pose for photo in Mississippi Delta

by the Hopson Plantation, now converted into an award-winning inn, to drop off their bags.

In 1998, Bill Talbot and several partners purchased the heart of the plantation from its original owner, gathered sharecroppers' cabins from the area, and modernized these shacks to create an award-winning inn for blues tourists visiting Clarksdale. Hopson guests have included Clint Eastwood and Morgan Freeman.

While the Catawba group was depositing its luggage, Fish learned that the inn had just hosted a party the night before for Pinetop Perkins, who once worked and lived on Hopson. It turned out that Perkins had not yet left for the airport. The class found him sitting on the front porch of one of the converted shacks. With just a little coaxing, Pinetop agreed to play part of a song for the students on a piano that had been installed in the cabin.

"Crossing paths with Pinetop was a magical moment," Fish says. "Hardship, both physical and economic, was one of the primary forces that helped shape the blues. I can tell students that in a classroom, and they'll understand it on a certain level, but imagine how much more forceful it was for them to witness a revered bluesman sitting on the porch of a sharecroppers shack and remembering how he picked cotton 'from sun to sun' for fifty-cents a day in the surrounding fields."

During Monday's pilgrimage, the class visited the site of the Tutwiler Train Station where W.C. Handy first heard a young man singing and playing the blues. In a few short years, Handy would take what he described as "the weirdest music I ever heard" and turn it into an international sensation with his hit song, "St. Louis Blues." Handy, Fish notes, heard the blues in Tutwiler exactly one hundred years ago, the reason that the United States

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- Dr. David Fish

took a turn on a stage with the Delta blues band, the Deep Cuts, and earned from that band the blues moniker, Ice Pick for his guitar prowess during a set.

According to Fish, "Mississippi Delta Blues is one of only a very few college or university courses dedicated to a cultural and musical understanding of America's most seminal music. The blues blossomed throughout the South, including North Carolina and beyond, in the first decades of the 20th century. However, it's the blues from the Yazoo Delta, even more than jazz, that altered the fundamental direction of popular music."

Fish explains that his course has three primary goals. "First, that the students come to an understanding of the cultural and musical forces that helped create the Delta blues. Second, that they

Catawba student recalls life-changing mission trip

By Bronwen Hall

Going to a third world country halfway around the globe, may not be the ideal vacation destination for many people, however for Catawba College student Glen Lloyd it was the opportunity of a lifetime.

This past summer, Lloyd was part of a mission team composed of 40 African American volunteers, mainly ministers ranging in age from 14 to 70, who traveled to Uganda on a 14-day mission trip organized by Shalom Ministries. Shalom is an outreach ministry operating in Virginia, Ohio, Massachusetts, D.C. and North Carolina, which coordinates similar trips all over the globe.

Lloyd, a senior from Virginia, and his team spent over 10 hours flying from Dulles Airport in Washington, D.C. to Amsterdam, Holland for a short layover, before continuing for another 10 hours to Kenya, where their African adventure began. The team spent the night in Kenya before beginning the final part of their journey east, to Kapchorwa, a small town in Uganda.

When Lloyd and the others in his group arrived in the small town, they were greeted by the town's people who were overjoyed to see them. "They treated us like we were their people who had come back to help them and make sure they were alright," he said. The mission team was able to stay in the only hotel in the town, which only had running water for four of the days they were there.

"We couldn't drink the water," commented Lloyd, "but we were given a lot of bottled water and soda." The group, however, was more enthusiastic about the Ugandan food: "It was almost like Southern cuisine, lots of fried chicken and fish. It was wonderful," he said.

And, he claims the living conditions were made more tolerable by the reaction of the children.

"They showed so much interest in you, they wanted to know which state you were from, how old you were, and what you did. They were very inquisitive," he recalled. Many of the lessons the mission team shared with the townspeople took place outside in the blistering heat, but everyone was so enthusiastic and willing to listen and learn that, Lloyd said, it made the whole endeavor worthwhile.

The goal of the mission was to educate the townspeople and spread the word of God, however, he was surprised with the attitudes he encountered there. "The level of respect and tolerance they show to other religions and peoples is amazing," he explained.

Although shocked at the level of poverty displayed in the town, where the children made soccer balls out of old rags and tape, Lloyd contended that in other respects, the townspeople were much wealthier than many in Western nations. "Economically they were a very poor people in a very poor nation," he explained. "However morally, they are head and shoulders above other countries."

He said that they did not judge or show any animosity towards the mission team, but rather welcomed and greeted them with curiosity and warmth.

Given the chance, Lloyd would go back and visit the small town of Kapchorwa, Uganda. "I have made contacts out there that I fully intend to keep in touch with," he said, but now is looking for new



Glen Lloyd leads lesson in Uganda



Lloyd poses with new Ugandan friends

challenges and spiritual adventures in his future. He hopes one day soon to travel with Shalom Ministries to South America and other nations, and to continue to help make a difference in people's lives.

THE DIGITAL DIVIDE....

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Holmes says. "I've learned a lot about working with purchases, the elderly, Alzheimer's patients and stroke victims. It's all been very interesting and rewarding. The families of the participants tell me how much they enjoy the computers, being able to send an e-mail or to create and send an e-card - things we take for granted."

Another Catawba College Professor, Dr. Lyn Boulter of the psychology department, and one of her students, Heather Chocklett of Lexington, are currently conducting research with Abundant Living participants. They hope to discover if in fact the new computer access and use at the two locations do, as other studies have indicated, serve as preventive medicine, warding off depression for seniors.

Abundant Living Adult Day Care is a Ministry of Lutheran Services for the Aging and a United Way Agency. It offers opportunities for socialization and recreation to older adults and adults with disabilities. Its Cathey-Hanford House is located on S. Fulton Street, and its Haven House on W. Harrison Street. For additional information, call 704-637-3940.

Date changed for Catawba's Service of Praise and Thanksgiving

Catawba College officials say they plan to hold their annual Service of Praise and Thanksgiving in February instead of November. This is due to the growing number of holiday-related events impinging on the service, and an effort to allow more out-of-town College trustees to be involved in the event.

Catawba's Service of Praise and Thanksgiving has traditionally, since 1992, been scheduled on the Sunday evening before Thanksgiving Day. However, holiday travel plans and other conflicting events have in recent years begun to affect attendance.

"We're looking at a date in February when people will most likely not have a conflict and when this event can be well-received," said Catawba Senior Vice President Tom Childress. "This has been an opportunity for the College to publicly acknowledge the contributions of time, effort and resources of some of its key supporters. We did not want that opportunity to fade because of scheduling conflicts around the holiday season."

November 24, 2002, three Rowan-County based businesses were honored at the College's eleventh annual Service of Praise and Thanksgiving. Cheerwine Bottling Company, F & M Bank and Taylor Clay Products, Inc. were recognized for the roles they have played in the Rowan County area, as not only employers, but as corporate citizens with active civic participation. Representatives from each of these businesses accepted the awards for the exemplary life service their companies have provided to the area. Those representatives included Raymond Ritchie, Mark Ritchie, Cliff Ritchie and Mike Bauk of Cheerwine Bottling Company; Paul Fisher of F & M Bank; and Charles Taylor Jr. of Taylor Clay Products, Inc.

Plans for 18th annual Brady's Author's Symposium

On Veteran's Day, November 11, a new book by Author Rick Bragg, the scheduled speaker for Catawba College's 18th annual Brady Author's Symposium next spring, became available in bookstores. And predictions are that it will be one of the holiday season's biggest sellers.

"I'm a Soldier Too: The Jessica Lynch Story" was in the works since summer when Knopf Publishing Group closed a deal with 20-year-old Pvt. Jessica Lynch following her honorable discharge from the U.S. Army. Lynch was a supply clerk assigned to the 507th Maintenance Company when she and members of her unit were captured by Iraqi forces after their vehicles got lost March 23, 2003. She was a prisoner of war until April 1, 2003, when a special U.S. team rescued her, but found no other American soldiers alive.

According to a Sept. 8 article in Publishers Weekly, the Pulitzer Prize winning Bragg is being "paid as a writer-for-hire while receiving the sole author credit on the book jacket" for the project. He and Lynch, the article noted, "split the \$1 million advance," while "Lynch will retain all royalties from the book."



Rick Bragg

An NBC original movie, "Saving Jessica Lynch" aired two days prior to the release of the Lynch biography which Bragg is writing, filling a 9 p.m. time slot on that network on Sunday, November 9.

Bragg, author of the critically acclaimed and best-selling "All Over but the Shoutin'," "Ava's Man," and "Somebody Told Me," was employed as a reporter by the New York Times until his May 2003 resignation. He currently lives in Jacksonville, Alabama where he is working on another book about a mill town and what happens when the mill shuts down.

Born and raised in Alabama, he worked at several newspapers before joining the New York Times in 1994. He has written about the Oklahoma City bombing, the Jonesboro killings, the Susan Smith trial, and the Elian Gonzalez international custody battle.

Bragg says he learned to tell stories by listening to the masters, "the people of the foothills of the Appalachians." His first book, "Shoutin'," was autobiographical. It tells the story of his mother who endured the abuses of her alcoholic husband and gave her youth and her life over to hard work, including picking cotton, in order to make a living for her three sons. In "Ava's Man," he weaves the story of his mother's father, the grandfather he never saw, who was a whiskey man, poacher, roofer and folk legend. Bragg's "Somebody Told Me," is an acclaimed collection of his newspaper stories.

Bragg was awarded his Pulitzer Prize for feature writing in 1996 for what the judges called "elegantly written stories on contemporary America," he says. Twice the winner of the prestigious American Society of Newspaper Editors Distinguished Writing Award, he was also the recipient of a Nieman Fellowship at Harvard University in 1992. He has taught writing in colleges and in newspaper newsrooms.

He is scheduled to speak at Catawba's Brady Author's Symposium Wednesday, March 17. His visit to Salisbury will include an 11 a.m. lecture in Keppel Auditorium, a 12:15 p.m. seated luncheon in Peeler Crystal Lounge, followed by a book-signing in the lobby of Keppel Auditorium, and a special workshop Bragg will lead on creative writing. Tickets for the symposium will be available to the public in February.

Bragg will join an impressive group of authors who have spoken at previous Brady Author's Symposia, including Reynolds Price, Doris Betts, Lee Smith, Kay Gibbons, John Berendt, Pat Conroy, Gail Godwin, Ann Hood, Tim McLaurin, and Frances Mayes. For more details, call the Catawba College Public Relations Office at 704-637-4393.

Catawba announces changes for 2004 graduation weekend

Catawba College officials hope to take the uncertainty out of the college's May 8, 2004 commencement by creating two graduation exercises and moving these exercises indoors. Catawba's commencement has been held outdoors for the past five years and the threat of inclement weather has always loomed over the event.

In the decade prior to the move outdoors, the ceremony was held in Keppel Auditorium on campus. However, as the size of the graduating classes grew each year, thanks in large part to the growth in the College's Lifelong Learning Program, the number of seats available for family and friends of graduates decreased. The graduation exercise was moved outdoors in order to provide additional seating (an extra 1,600 seats) beyond the 1,400 available in Keppel Auditorium.

Plans for the May 8 graduation date are to hold a 10 a.m. ceremony for graduating seniors in the traditional or day program at the college, and a 2 p.m. ceremony for graduating seniors in the Lifelong Learning or evening program in Keppel Auditorium. Faculty members in full academic regalia will participate in each ceremony.

Graduating seniors in the day program will be

provided a maximum of seven tickets for seating family and friends, while seniors in the evening program can expect a maximum of 13 tickets for their guests. A ticket distribution system is planned so those needing less or more tickets than the maximum allocated for each graduate can be fairly accommodated. Tickets for graduates in the day program will be distributed in April and early May through the Office of Alumni Relations, while tickets for graduates in the evening program will be distributed during this same period through the Lifelong Learning Office.

"While the outdoor venue was lovely, the threat of inclement weather was always with us," said Dr. Jesse McCartney, Catawba's executive assistant to the president and a member of the College Commencement Committee. "The possibility of rain has always required us to be prepared to move the ceremonies indoors on short notice; and on several occasions, excessive heat has created great concern for the well-being of elderly guests and those with special needs.

"By hosting two graduating ceremonies, we hope to provide ample seating for the immediate family members of graduates, and everyone will be able to enjoy the ceremonies in air-conditioned

comfort."

Dr. Robert Knott, the College president, will deliver his charge to each group of graduates and the duration of each ceremony is expected to be two hours. The Whitener Awards, given annually to the top academic male and female in the traditional program's graduating class, will be presented during the 10 a.m. exercise, while the Barbara Andrews Award, given annually to the top academic student in the evening program, will be presented during the 2 p.m. exercise. The presentation of the O.B. Michael Award, given annually to an outstanding Catawba alumnus or alumna, and any honorary degree presentations will be made during the 10 a.m. ceremony.

Approximately 265 seniors are expected to participate in the graduation exercise, each taking their turn to walk across the stage and receive their degree. Of that number, 106 are expected to be graduates in Catawba's Lifelong Learning program.

Catawba's traditional Baccalaureate Service, including graduates of both the traditional and evening programs, is slated at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 7 in the Omwake-Dearborn Chapel. The speaker for this service is yet to be announced.

Fall review

Catawba College earned a pair of conference championships during the fall as football claimed a share of the title with its 9-2 record and 6-1 league mark, while the Men's Soccer team took its second league tournament title in the last three seasons.

The football team was led by quarterback Luke Samples, who was named the SAC Offensive Player of the Year. The junior set school records with 2,785 yards passing and 21 touchdowns. Against Carson-Newman, he passed for a record 492 yards in the 41-36 loss. Another record setter was wide out Corey Ready, also a first team All-SAC selection. The sophomore became the first receiver to eclipse the 1,000-yard receiving barrier, finishing with 1,043. He had a record 70 catches.

The Indians placed 11 players on the All-SAC teams. Joining Samples and Ready on the first team were running back Rodney Wallace, offensive linemen Joe Nixon and Cole Beane, defensive linemen Khanis Hubbard, linebacker SaMario Houston and defensive back Jamel Jackson. Second team honors went to running back Mario Crowe, tight end John Vernon, offensive lineman Daniel Lynch and defensive lineman Reggie Tucker. Defensive lineman Marcus Huntley was named the league's defensive Freshman of the Year.

Men's Soccer finished the season with a 14-5-1 mark and just missed a regional playoff



Men's soccer tournament championship photo

berth. The Indians defeated Carson-Newman 3-1 in the SAC Tournament final. Tournament MVP Brennan Regner scored a pair of goals in the win.

Sophomore defender Kenny Crowe was a first team All-SAC and All-Southeast Region selection. He led a defense that recorded six shutouts and he added six goals from his sweeper position. Forward Zay-Zay Gilewala led the team in goals with 15 and earned first team All-SAC and second team all-region honors. Both were selected the All-State team. Seniors Ross and Ryan Hudgins, along with freshman Nathan Zuzga earned second team All-SAC honors.

The Women's Soccer team was also in contention for a second straight regional berth until an injury to starting goalkeeper Cathrine Balentine. The Lady Indians posted a dozen shutouts on the year in recording a school-record 16 wins with just four losses and a tie.

Three players earned second team All-SAC honors; Kyley Thompson, Lindsay Albers and Jamie Fink. Thompson, the leading scorer with 14 goals, also earned All-State honors. Jen Lowe set a school record with 14 assists in 2004.

The Volleyball team recorded another 20-win season, finishing with a 21-12 record and was third in the SAC. Four players earned all-league honors. Erin Naumann, the lone senior, was a first team honoree, while Hope Miller, Crissi Harrison and Elizabeth Hewitt earned second team honors.

The men's Cross Country team ran to a second place SAC finish, while the women were sixth. Sophomore Ryan Willis was a first team All-SAC and All-Southeast Region performer and qualified for the Division II National Meet for the second straight year. Brad Heron was named to the second team for the men, while freshman Rori Godsey was named first team All-SAC and all-region for the women.

The Field Hockey team picked up its lone win late in the season with a 5-0 shutout over Randolph Macon Women's College. Goalkeeper Lauren Weitzel recorded 201 saves, third best in school history. Kristin Pannenbacker, Patty Zornio and Valerie Cullen shared the team lead with three goals each. Rachel Alosky had four assists.

WINTER SPORTS UPDATE

Catawba's three winter sports teams, swimming and men's and women's basketball are under way. The swim team has set four new individual school records and one relay mark in the early going. Freshman have set the four individual standards. Margeaux Dioron has set marks in the the 50 fly and 100 fly, while Katherine Fair swam to a record in the 100 breaststroke and Lauren Smith in the 200 breaststroke. Doiron and Smith combined with another freshman, Jamie Park and sophomore Erin Hyde to set a record in the 800 free relay.

The women's basketball team was around .500 to open the season and recorded a key regional win over USC-Aiken in early December. Senior Danyel Locklear has been the early leader, setting the pace in both scoring (18.4) and rebounding (12.1). Junior guard Ashley Cox and senior Aisha Stewart are also hitting for double figures, scoring 14.9 and 12.9, respectively. The team will host the Comfort Suites New Year's Classic in early January before beginning conference play against Lenoir-Rhyne on Jan. 10.

The Catawba men have also posted a .500 mark in its early pre-season schedule. The Indians are 4-1 at home, but have struggled to find wins on the road. Sophomore Helgi Magnusson is the leader in scoring (17.8) and rebounding (6.8). He recently converted 26 straight free throws and is 66 of 82 at the line in the first 10 games. He set a record last year with a streak of 44 consecutive made free throws.

Duke Phipps, the lone senior on the squad is averaging 10.8 points and leads the way with 33 assists and 25 steals. The men will tune up for conference play in Europe. The team will leave the day after Christmas for Iceland, facing the National and Junior National teams. The team will also play games in Belgium and Luxemburg before returning to on Jan. 5.



Junior Ashley Cox

Catawba volleyball team recognized for academic prowess

Catawba 2002 Volleyball Team recently received the 2002-03 American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Team Academic Award for the team's outstanding grade point average. The team, led by head coach Ginger Ashley, had a 3.6 GPA for the academic year.

An AVCA letter received by Catawba College President Robert Knott noted that the award "honors teams which have matched their dedication to the sport of volleyball with excellence in the classroom."

Each team member received a certificate from the organization, while the college received a commemorative plaque.

Team members of Catawba's 2002-2003 Volleyball team included Kelly Burdeau of Salisbury, Nicole Scheidt of China Grove, Stephanie Brendel of Drexel, Betsi O'Shields of Landrum, S.C., Katie Moore of Haymarket, Va., Rachel LaRoche of Wilmington, Del., Erin Naumann of Cave Creek, Ariz., Crystal Bonner of Yadkinville, Meredith Jones of Eden, Heather Hawkins of Troutman, Lettie Wilkes of Williamsport, Md., Summer Zuck of Kinston, Tenn., Elizabeth Hewitt and Crissi Harrison both of Hickory, and Hope Miller of Newton. The team's assistant coach was Barry Rymer, while Jerry Hancock served as student coach, and Latina Woolen and Jena Page were team managers.

In Memoriam

Old Catawba

Lois M. Yelton Smith of Newport News, Va. has died. She was preceded in death by husband Gordon Smith.

'33 Richard A. Faust, Sr. of Newton died Sept. 22. A former teacher at Catawba College, he was retired from the U.S. Government National Security Agency.

He was preceded in death by his parents, the late Dr. Allen Klein Faust and Mary Marden Faust. Like his son, Dr. Allen Klein Faust also served as a professor and Dean of Men at Catawba College from 1930-1944.

Survivors include his wife of 68 years, **Evelyn Whirlow Faust '35**, son Richard Allen Faust, a grandchild and great-grandchild.

Mary Ethel Beck of Lexington died Sept. 24.

She was retired as an elementary school teacher after having taught for 39 years in Davidson County at Wallburg and Silver Valley Schools. She was listed among Outstanding Teachers of America and was a member of Alpha Delta Kappa, Lexington Woman's Club, and the Lexington Davidson County Unit of Retired Teachers. A member of Memorial United Church of Christ, she also served there as a deacon, a Sunday school teacher and president of the Women's Guild.

She was preceded in death by husband Carlie F. Beck in 1989. Survivors include

son Richard C. Beck of Richmond, Va., daughter Jane Skabo of Lexington, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

'40 Mary Helen zumBrunnen Bach of Trent Woods, N.C. died Oct. 17.

Following her graduation, she went to New York City to study and sing professionally. She sang in oratorio, recitals, radio, at Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church and Marble Collegiate Church and was a member of the Robert Shaw Chorale. A member of the San Francisco Opera Company for two seasons, she had other engagements in California and the Carolinas. In 1947, she entered the master's program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. In the mid-1950s, she live in the Albany, N.Y. area and taught music in the Shenendehowa schools.

She moved to the New Bern area in the late 1980s and was a member of the New Bern Preservation Foundation, New Bern Historical Society, New Bern Woman's Club and the choir at Garber United Methodist Church. She was also a member and past president of Trent Woods Garden Club.

Survivors include husband Joseph Wells Bach; daughters Peggy Hipp of Atlanta, Ga., Laura Noble of Springfield, Va., Linda Crosby of Boca Raton, Fla., and Barbara Dockery of Kure Beach; brother **Richard zumBrunnen '50** of Churchville, Md.; and four grandchildren.

'41 Virginia Joseph of Washington, D.C. has died. She was retired as an administrative assistant with the

U.S. Government.

'43 Charles F. Kepner of Oxon Hill, Md. died Oct. 23.

A retired composer/conductor, his musical career began in the early 1940s when he was a pianist with the Penn Aces at Pen Mar. Following his graduation from Catawba, he attended the Julliard School of Music and the Manhattan School of Music, both in New York City.

A veteran of the U.S. Air Force and the U.S. Army Air Force, he retired as a chief warrant officer W4 after more than 20 years of service. He was a radio operator with the U.S. Army Air Corps between 1945 and 1946 and in 1947, joined the U.S. Air Force Band at Boiling Air Force Base in Washington, D.C. where he worked until his retirement in 1966. He was the chief arranger, pianist, composer and band leader. Following his retirement, he taught piano and music composition from his home and was a pianist with various civilian and military organizations in the Washington area.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Doris B. Kepner, son Thomas Kepner of Park Hall, Md., a sister, four grandchildren and two great-granddaughters.

Margaret Smith LeVan, formerly of Albemarle, died Oct. 25 in Knoxville, Tenn.

Following her graduation from Catawba, she completed graduate work in social work at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. During World War II, she worked with the USO - Travelers Aid Society and was at that time the youngest director in the U.S. for that organization of Portsmouth, Va. After moving to Knoxville in the 1950s,

she was involved in volunteer work for the American Red Cross and was a life member of the Knoxville ARC Board of Directors.

Survivors include her husband of 57 years, **George W. LeVan '49**, son Andrew LeVan and daughter Mary McCarthy, both of Knoxville, brother **Brady Smith '50** of St. Petersburg, Fla. and Albemarle, and three grandchildren.

'51 William W. Bradshaw of Asheville died Sept. 5.

A U.S. Army veteran, he attended by Catawba College and Lenoir-Rhyne College. He worked throughout his life in the electrical industry, primarily as a manufacturing representative. He was a principal with Electri-Products Group, Inc. in Greensboro and worked at Electric Supply Co. in Asheville.

A lifetime member of Hickory Lodge 343, a 32-degree Mason in the Scottish Rite and York Rite bodies and the Oasis Temple of the Shrine, he was also an active member of the Asheville Kiwanis Club. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Asheville and its Kingsmen Sunday school class.

Survivors include his wife of 21 years, Margie Locke Bradshaw, three sons, two stepdaughters, and nine grandchildren.

'54 The Reverend Donald R. Moul of Chambersburg, Pa. died Feb. 27, 2003

'63 Richard Lloyd Everhart died Nov. 17.

A member of the U.S. Army Reserved and Salisbury First Baptist Church, he was employed as an accountant for Blast-

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Survivors include his wife of 35 years, Patsy Roseman Everhart, his mother, Bertha Stilly Everhart of Salisbury, daughter Ashley Everhart of Myrtle Beach, S.C., and brother Henry "Sonny" Everhart of Salisbury.

'71 Pepper Peddicord Johnson of Lake Wylie, S.C. died Oct. 23.

She and her husband, Leonard Lawrence Johnson, moved to Boca Raton, Fla. in the mid-1970s and built their business, Gold Coast Lighting. While living there, she taught English as a second language to Haitian children. Following early retirement, she and her husband moved to Blowing Rock where they lived before moving to Lake Wylie where they resided for the past 13 years.

Survivors include her husband of 28 years, her mother, a brother, three step-children and two step-grandchildren.

'79 Mark T. Franklin of Charlotte died Nov. 30.

He was employed by the Charlotte Fire Department for 21 years.

Survivors include his wife of 18 years, Robin Franklin; his mother, Jean Franklin; two sons, Brock and Chance of the home; a brother, a sister and five nieces and nephews.

Dolomyne Walker Wlue of Spencer recently died.

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Class Notes

'49 William H. Weinel graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill Med School in 1959.

He practiced in Wilmington, N.C. from 1958-1992. He and his wife, Robbie Ashburn have been married 56 years. They have 3 children and 7 grand-children. He is retired now and enjoys traveling and golf.

'52 Joe Popp and his wife Peggy celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on October 17, 2003. They reaffirmed their wedding vows in the presence of family and friends. The couple plan a trip to the mountains and a two-month trip to Montreal to celebrate.

'58 Charlene Buford, widow of the late **Dr. John T.H. Buford** announces their daughter, Elizabeth "Beth," a current sophomore at Catawba College, was presented at the National Debutante Cotillion in Washington, D.C. on November 28, 2003. She was

presented by T.G. Daniel of Greensboro, N.C. and escorted by Calvin S. Koch IV of Miami, Fla. also a sophomore at Catawba College.

'58 R. Frank Sinclair is currently working part-time at Vance Granville Community College. He enjoys playing bridge, rockhounding, and attending concerts in his recreational time.

'59 Gary Rinehart and his wife, Connie recently traveled to Alaska in their motor home. They also returned to Catawba College for the first time since graduation and were very impressed with the beautiful campus.

'61 Elaine K. Honbarrier was awarded the N.C. District West Civitan International honor as "The Outstanding Humanitarian of the Year." This honor was presented at the District Convention held at the Holiday Select in Hickory, N.C. This award was given for unselfish dedication and service to her fellowman.

Ray Oxendine was elected as the new Commissioner of Maxton, N.C. on Tuesday, November 4, 2003.

'66 Jan Ross Williamson has retired after 34 years as an educator. You can reach her at 3750 Firestone Blvd., Pensacola, FL 32503 or e-mail Janrossw@hotmail.com.

'68 Robert "Bob" Weidner would love to hear from classmates ('64-'68ish) and from the theatre students that he taught at Catawba from 1971-1995. Since 1995, he has operated Stagelight Photography full-time and taught some classes at UNC-Wilmington. You can e-mail him at rweidner@ec.rr.com.

'70 Dr. Edith McCanless Bolick has assumed the position of Director of LifeLong Learning Program at Catawba College in August. Her husband, **Rev. Lawrence R. Bolick** became Director of Spiritual Life/Chaplain at Abernethy Center, United Church Retirement Homes, Inc. in Newton, N.C. in March, 2003. Their new home address is 118 Hidden Creek Dr., Salisbury, NC 28147.

'71 Dolan Hubbard spoke on *The Souls of Black Folk* by W.E.B. Du Bois at the Frank M. Gilliland Symposium Series which was held on November 3 and 4, 2003 at Rhodes College.

'73 Perry Bradshaw has been the pastor of Cooleemee United Methodist Church for the past three years. He is also a counselor at Mt. Pleasant

High School. He and his wife, Anna have three children.

'73 Phillip S. "Phil" McConchie has recently moved into a new home in Springfield, Va.

He has his own insurance agency in northern Virginia. He would love to hear from some of his old classmates. You can e-mail him at p32351@aol.com.

Mike McCracken and Pat are proud to report that their son, Adam, is following in his Dad's footsteps by pursuing a liberal arts education at Xavier University in Cincinnati. Adam is majoring in history with plans to become a high school social studies teacher.

'74 Ana Lucia "Lucy" Golcher visited Catawba with her daughter in November. Ana attended Catawba, from Costa Rica, in 1970-71. If you want any information of her country, write her at algolcher@hotmail.com.

Joseph R. Gorman has been named the new CEO and president of Newsprint Co. effective January 1, 2004.

Jeff Holden and wife, **Gail Williams Holden '72** live in Raleigh, N.C. They have one daughter, Jennifer, who recently graduated from Penn State and was married.

'76 Ron Hinebaugh and his wife Rose live in Columbia, Maryland. Ron can be reached at RPHine@aol.com.

'81 Leslie Mulhearn currently resides in Maine with her husband Peter and her six year old daughter, Anna. She is the Director of Clinical Services at Mid-Coast Mental Health Center.

'82 Pamela "Pam" Evans Davis would love to hear from friends. You can e-mail her at pedavis@wcpss.net.

'84 Bradd P. Eldridge just recently moved to Lake County, Illinois. He has been working for the Abbott Laboratories for over 13 years. He would like to hear from friends that he hasn't kept up with over the years. You can reach him at bradd.eldridge@abbott.com.

Julie Ramseur Lewis and husband Robert announce the birth of their second child on November 15, 2002. Ethan Gregory joins his sister who is seven years old.

David Reed would like to say hello to all his friends. He can be reached at catawba0005@netscape.net.

Lauren Linn Taylor and Nicholas Patrick Madigan were married on Sunday, October 5, 2003 at Malibu Lake Mountain Club. She is an actress and an informational technology professional. He is a reporter with the New York Times. The couple resides in Santa Monica, Calif.

'86 Benjamin "Benjy" Hamm has started working for Landmark Community Newspaper Inc. in Shelbyville, KY. He is now editorial director of the 53-newspaper group.

Tony Klubert just recently moved and would like to hear from friends. He is currently working for Merck & Co., Inc. as a Senior Cardiovascular Sales Representative. You can contact him at john_klubert@merck.com or 1260 5th Street NE, Apt. #6, Hickory, NC 28601.

'88 Jimmy "Shawn" Todd would like to say hey to all of his former classmates and welcomes any e-mail or snail mail. You can contact him at jstodd@northstate.net or 3141 Burton Road, Thomasville, NC 27360.

'89 David Miller received his Masters Degree in School Administration from East Carolina University.

Eddy Lee Snow Jr. married Elizabeth Grice "Betsy" Webb on Saturday, September 27, 2003, at Spencer Presbyterian Church. Eddy is self-employed at Snow Benefits Group/AXA Advisors. Betsy is a pharmaceutical sales representative for TAP Pharmaceuticals. The couple lives in Salisbury, N.C.

'91 Christie Ashley Canter has started a new business closing mortgage loans. She would love to hear from her classmates! You may contact her at deevahnc@aol.com.

Dale Ray is executive chef for the Charlotte location of Noble's Restaurants. His hope is to create a culinary and dining experience that his customers will enjoy.

'92 Tina Carter and **Lisa Davis '93** recently opened an Assist-2-Sell office in Salisbury, N.C. Assist-2-Sell is a national company that sells homes through a set fee.

Susan Jessup Donovan and husband Robert announce the birth of their second son on April 15, 2003. Rory Stewart joins his brother Jack who is six years old. She would love to hear from friends and classmates at patsfan139@msn.com.

'93 Malcolm Boone celebrated a new arrival, Malcolm Connor, he was born on October 16, 2003. He would love to hear from old friends at ZULUMACB@AOL.COM.

Brian Braxton opened Braxton Flooring in Chapel Hill, N.C. in May '03. He is married to Beth Gardner Braxton and they have 2 boys - Matt (9) and Ben (7). He can be reached at braxtonflooring@bellsouth.net.

Catherine Akers Greene and her husband Chuck would like to announce the arrival of their new baby, Samuel Greene on August 12, 2003.

'95 **Thomas Benton** and his wife Lori would like to announce the birth of their son, Thomas Edward Benton III. He joined his sister Allison which is four years old.

Elizabeth "Elli" Frank has been in NYC since graduation and launched a performance-based marketing company that is just beginning to expand to the West Coast. She is still pursuing an acting career as well, working regularly for "All My Children" and various commercial work. She would love to hear from any old friends who might be passing through the Big Apple! Please e-mail her at elli@nyceyecandy.com.

Richard "Rick" Allen Hopper and **Elaine "Doll" Hopper '94** wish to announce the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth May, on October 26, 2003. They continue to reside in Maryland, where Rick is a computer programmer and Elaine teaches first grade.

'96 **Meredith Knowles Abramson** completed her Master's degree in Middle School Language Arts at Catawba College. She was named Erwin Middle School's Teacher of the Year '03-'04 and Rowan County's Runner-Up Teacher of the Year '04-'05. She owes much of this to Catawba's Teacher Education program and its incredible professors. Her and Andy's daughter, Macy, is 18 months old and a pure joy. They highly recommend parenthood! Go Catawba! You can e-mail her at abramsmk@rss.k12.nc.us.

Marine Corps. Captain Ian C. Brinkley is currently on deployment while assigned to the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), home based in Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Nathan and Amy McLaughlin Hrinsin proudly announce the arrival of their son, Aidan. He was born on October 17, 2003. The Hrinsin family lives in Raleigh, N.C.

Steven B. Ryan and wife Susan announce the birth of their first child, Margaret Emily, on August 30, 2003. Steven has also been appointed Majority Leader, Tom Delay (R-TX) as an Honorary Chairman (from Connecticut) to the Business Advisory Council, for the National Republican Congressional Committee.

'97 **Gary James Bottomley Jr.** married Kimberly Nicole Osborne on Saturday, September 20,

2003 at Millers Creek Baptist Church. He is employed as a paramedic with Wilkes EMS. The couple resides in Wilkesboro, N.C.

Pam Guidry-Vollers is currently working at an insurance company. She also works with the Durham Savoyards on their Gilbert & Sullivan operettas each year. This will be her sixth year doing offstage and onstage work. Pam and her husband celebrated their fourth anniversary this year. Her son, James, is now three years old.

Gina Shuhala married Frank McCloskey on October 18, 2003. In attendance were **Sarah Slonaker Harper '97**, **Amy Tidmarsh Foster '97**, **Gil Valentin '97**, **John L. Williams '97**, and **George Faustino '97**. You can reach Gina at gshuhala@movadogroup.com.

Christina Ann Miller married Jason Paul Shropshire on Sunday, November 2, 2003, at Omwake-Dearborn Chapel. Christina is a teacher in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System. Jason is an IT analyst at Keller Technology Corp.

The couple resides in Huntersville, N.C.

'98 **Candace Alease Evans** married Christopher Alan Aman on Saturday, August 30, 2003. They are both employed by Rowan-Salisbury Schools. The couple resides in Kannapolis, N.C.

Valerie Davis Kiger and her husband Scott announce the arrival of their baby girl, Emma Victoria on January 13, 2003.

Rene J. "RJ" Krier III just wanted to say Hi! to all of his friends from Catawba. He just purchased a house in Greensboro, and has started school at Wake Forest University for his MBA. If anyone wants to drop him a line, you can reach him at rjkrier@hotmail.com.

Christine Lee Berna and Ken Link got married on October 18, 2003 in Providence, R.I. **Julie Rathwell '99** was a bridesmaid in the wedding.

Renee Ravenel and **Andrew Gaunt 2000** plan to be married on August 14, 2004 at St. Alban's in Washington, D.C. Renee is a Director's Assistant at a small private pre-school. Andrew is Head Men's Lacrosse coach and a Physical Education teacher at The Maret School. To find out more information on the wedding go to http://www.theknot.com/co_pwpa.htm?coupleid=107023815206208.

'99 **Christina Lynn Greene** and James H. Cooke III were married on Saturday, July 5, 2003, at Pleasant Garden Methodist Church. She is

employed by Kaydon Corporation. He is an F-16 Pilot serving in The U.S. Air Force. The couple resides in Sumter, S.C.

'00 **Chad Webster Correll** married Amanda Elizabeth Dwiggin on Saturday, September 20, 2003, at Omwake-Dearborn Chapel. The groom is an outside salesman at Mocksville Builder's Supply. The bride is a registered nurse at Forsyth Medical Center. The couple resides in Mocksville, N.C.

Kevin DePatie graduated from Nova Southeastern Shepard Broad Law School this past May and has successfully passed the Florida Bar Exam. He has accepted an offer from the law firm of Blalock, Landers, Walters, & Vogler, P.A. located in Bradenton, FL. He will be an associate in their real estate and corporate departments.

For all of his friends at Catawba please e-mail him at kevsesq@aol.com.

Kevin Christopher Myer and Melissa Kaye McGee were married on Saturday, September 27, 2003, at Severn Baptist Church. Kevin is receiving his master's degree in history from North Carolina State University and is employed as a store director with Footaction, USA. The couple resides in Tampa, Fla.

Jessica Lynn Spillman married Anthony Thomas Andrade on Saturday, October 11, 2003. She is employed by Ketchie Creek Bakery and is pursuing a master's in business administration at Gardner-Webb University. He is employed by Food Lion Distribution and is in partnership with Snider's Landscaping and Lawn Service. The couple resides in Mocksville, N.C.

1970s Close-up

On November 4, 2003 Catawba College Alumnus Pat McCrory '78 won an unprecedented fifth term as mayor of Charlotte, North Carolina. He is pictured here (top right) with his political science professor Dr. Sanford Silverburg (top left) and three Catawba College senior political science students (left to right) Virginia Summey, Regina Sims, and Kristen Prather. The celebration of his victory was held at the Fox and Hound in downtown Charlotte.



'01 **Steve Booth** is the shop foreman at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Emily Kathleen Ijames and Jeffrey Bryan Applewhite plan to be married January 3, 2004 at the Omwake-Dearborn Chapel. Emily is a legal assistant at Whitley & Jordan, Attorneys and Counselors at Law. He is a field sales representative with Masco Corporation.

Meghan Klein is Production Stage Manager at Kentucky Shakespeare Festival.

Ang Madaline is the female understudy Off-Broadway for "Golf, The Musical."

Anthony Spencer and Kristin would like to announce the birth of their first son, Taylor James, on August 26, 2003. He already has been a great blessing, and they are loving being parents. They hope everyone is doing well.

Sara Surkin is engaged to **Jody Widener '01**. Sara is currently working as a PE, health, 6th grade math, and dance teacher in Philadelphia. She is planning on attending nursing school next fall. Jody is employed at Staples as a sales manager in Philadelphia. He earned his MBA last August. The wedding is planned for August 21, 2004 in Philadelphia. Sara's e-mail is TRAINER217@aol.com. Jody's e-mail is JOEWIDENER@hotmail.com.

Amber Wagner is an actor/tech for the Gamut Theatre Group in Pennsylvania.

Ben Wheeler is attending graduate school at the University of Southern Mississippi.

'02 **Jeremy Aggers** is working with the Cincinnati Shakespeare.

Jason Burkett had his play "Saving the World" performed in '03 at the Chance Theatre in Anaheim Hills, CA.

Amy Lynn Cutshaw married Phillip Eugene Stallings on October 4, 2003, at Central United Methodist Church. Amy is a kindergarten teacher with the Rowan-Salisbury Schools and Phillip is the owner of Stallings Electric. The couple lives in Salisbury, N.C.

Sarah Drinkard is a theatre teacher for South Rowan High School.

Benjamin "Ben" Prater is busy wrapping up his final year at the Nicholas School of Environment at Duke University. This past summer he worked with The Southern Appalachian Biodiversity Project out of Asheville, N.C. He was Sponsored by Salisbury's very own Fred Stanback, through the Stanback Internship Program. During the summer he focused his efforts on forest conservation issues on NC public lands. As a result he was named the "North Carolina State Delegate for the National Forest Protection Alliance." As the delegate he will be organizing the grassroots effort to protect our National Forests. He is now a professional treehugger!

Heather Ann Underhill is engaged to be married to Mark J. Schmitz. The wedding is planned for June 5, 2004 in Raleigh, N.C. Both will be graduating in December with Master's Degrees from East Carolina University.

'03 **Christopher Lee Abernathy** married Connie Elizabeth Sigmon on September 20, 2003, at Bethel Lutheran Church. Christopher is employed with Vision Office Systems, Inc. in Charlotte. Connie is currently a 4th grade teacher at Oxford Elementary. The couple lives in Denver, N.C.

Tina Cerny is the Company Management Assistant of Riverside Theatre in Vero Beach, FL.

Jakie Wayne Fagan married Marti Jean Walker on Saturday, November 15, 2003 at Central Baptist Church. Jakie is employed with FedEx Corp. and Marti is employed with Cabarrus Family Medicine, PA.

Katherine Schmaus is the Stage Manager at the Chesapeake Shakespeare.

Robert "Bob" Walker is currently the title role in the show, "BatBoy, The Musical" with Actors Theatre Charlotte. The show opens January 14, 2004 and runs through the end of February.

MARS....

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ance of Martians. He wrote:

They will probably have heads and eyes and backboned bodies, and since they must have big brains, because of their high intelligence, and since almost all creatures with big brains tend to have them forward in their heads near their eyes, these Martian will probably have big shapely skulls. But they will in all likelihood be larger in size than humanity, two and two-thirds times the mass of a man, perhaps.

Wells also speculates in the essay about the "probable appearance of the Martian flora," that there are "no flies or sparrows nor dogs nor cats on Mars," that "we shall probably find a sort of insect life," and that "there are perhaps no fish or fishlike creatures on Mars at all."

Writer Joseph Conrad was familiar with the idea of Martians, alluding to it in his "Heart of Darkness," Schroeder notes, as did George du Maurier in his novel, "The Martian." And Schroeder's research has shown that a whole array of lesser-known writers in the early 1900s used Mars and the possibility of intelligent life there as textual fodder. The Reverend Mrs. Charles Wilder Glass, a spirit medium in Los Angeles, was a proponent of Lowell's canals-on-Mars theory and even claimed to have co-written her three novels, including "Ruth's Marriage in Mars," with the departed spirit of a doctor now living on the planet. And around this time, Victorian science fiction writer George Griffith penned his then-popular, but now obscure, "A Honeymoon in Space."

Even scientists of the period joined the Martian fervor. British hydrologist Charles Housden actually went so far as to explain the way the Martian water system worked in his

"Riddle of Mars, the Planet," Schroeder says. Lord Kelvin and Nicola Tesla were other internationally-known scientists who explored Mars in their own ways.

Perhaps the climax of the Martian furor came in the early 1900s, but interest remained well into the 1920s, when, Schroeder explains, the U.S. Navy imposed a day of radio silence "so they could listen for Martians. That was pretty indicative of the seriousness with which some elements in the government took the issue," he continues.

As the world moved deeper into the 20th century, the ideas of Mars and Martians waned for most. "Some scientists of the modern age looked at the old-fashioned Victorian ideas as an embarrassment, but today, NASA has been coming around to the idea that Mars is a place that has water and might have some form of very primitive life," Schroeder contends.

"The current attention to Mars I find exciting, although I still feel annoyed at the suppression of information and interest about Mars during the last century. I admire the Victorians' ability to see Mars in a romantic way, their ability to keep their minds open to speculation and not get entirely bogged down in a purely mechanical understanding of the universe.

"There is something terribly important about imagination. Philosophers have long recognized that the way we look at things is as important, or more important, than the things themselves. I'm ultimately very fond of the Victorian romanticization of Mars. It was daring, intelligent and wonderfully speculative -- and in many ways, it launched us," Schroeder says.

Schroeder, a native of Louisville, Ky., earned his undergraduate degree in English along with minors in creative writing and psychology from Oberlin College, and his graduate and doctorate degrees in English from Indiana University. He joined the faculty of Catawba College in 2002. He has recently written an article concerning Joseph Conrad and Martians and how contemporary ideas about Martians influenced Conrad's characters in "Heart of Darkness." That article is soon to be published in "Victorian Literature and Culture."



Dr. David Schroeder meets with students



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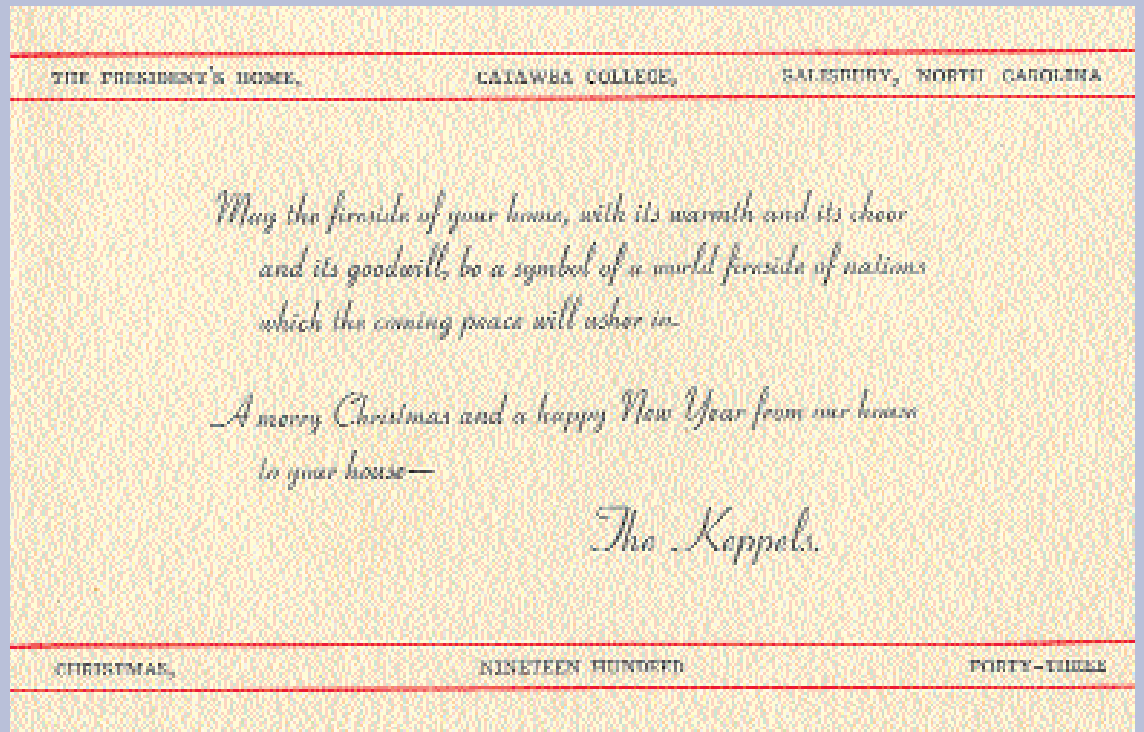
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A Catawba memento from 60 years ago

John and Rosalie Laughlin of Salisbury, friends of the College, recently shared with us a Catawba College Christmas card which Dr. and Mrs. Alvin R. Keppel, then president and first lady of the college, mailed out for Christmas in 1943. Rosalie wrote that she found it among her parents' (Rosalie and Bill Kizziah) possessions.

On the front of the card is a photograph of the Catawba College President's House as it looked at the time, but what struck us as most historically telling was the poignant verse contained therein. We decided to share that with our readers in this edition of CAMPUS and have attempted to be faithful to the both type-style and layout which were originally used.



BLUES ODYSSEY....

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Congress has proclaimed 2003 as the Year of Blues.

The class ate lunch on Monday between their stops at Joe Polk's White Front Café in Rosedale, Mississippi. Polk has been serving up hot tamales, a Delta delicacy, from a secret recipe for over 30 years.

"You could hear a collective, 'Eeeeew,' when we pulled up," Fish recalls. But for those adventurous students in the group, the White Front Café turned out to be something close to culinary heaven. The group bought approximately four dozen tamales and a soda each for around \$25, Fish says.

"I ate six of them," Antonia Bowden, a senior from Burlington, N.C. remembers. They were really spicy."

International student Melanie Goergmaier, a junior from Germany, also enjoyed the tamales although she admits the Café's appearance was off-putting. "Often you go somewhere and wouldn't expect from looking at the outside that they would have something delicious on the inside."

After lunch, students went on a tour of historic sites associated with fabled bluesman Robert Johnson. Johnson, who was poisoned

to death in 1938, has been dubbed the "Mozart of the blues." Like the Viennese master, Johnson possessed an extraordinary musical gift that was cut short at a tragically young age. Both Johnson and Mozart also died in relative obscurity, were buried in unmarked graves, and only in death came to enjoy international acclaim.

The students visited the country crossroads where fable tells that Robert Johnson sold his soul to the devil in exchange for his musical gift. They also stopped at all three graveyards where the bluesman may have been buried.

On the final evening of their trip, Fish and the students visited Sarah's Kitchen, a juke in Clarksdale, for an evening of Delta soul food and live blues. Roger Stolle, owner of a Clarksdale business dedicated to the perpetuation of the Delta blues, arranged the event for the class.

It was during a set by the Delta blues band, the Deep Cuts, that Catawba student Taylor Hohman took the stage to sit in on guitar, and earned the nickname, Ice Pick. Many Delta blues musicians, including Muddy Waters, Pinetop Perkins, and Howlin' Wolf, Fish notes, became better known by the monikers bestowed upon them by fellow musicians.

"It was very intimidating to play with them because those guys were amazing musicians," Hohman remembers. "The guitar player's student, a 12-year-old girl with the nickname of Butter Knife, had played the set before I did and she was excellent. But it was a lot of fun."

Standing at the Greensboro airport after the flight back to North Carolina, sophomore Terri Boyd from Jacksonville, Vermont, held a cotton boll she had picked at the plantation where Chicago blues master Muddy Waters had once lived and worked. An elderly black man who worked at the airport asked if she had "willingly" picked the boll herself. When she told him that she had, he laughed, in apparent disbelief that anyone would actually want to do such a thing.

"I'm from Vermont and we don't have cotton there," Boyd says. "I picked it so I would have proof of what cotton actually looks like to show my family."

Reflecting back on the trip and what she and her classmates had learned, senior Joy Brandli of Bonifay, Fla. made this succinct summation: "The blues are not over. They're still going on and people are still creating them."

Other students who made the blues trip, in addition to those aforementioned, include sophomore Julie Bahr of Uniontown, Ohio, and junior Jennifer O'Connell of Jamesburg, N.J.



Students pose with blues pianist Pinetop Perkins