

# Catawba College CAMPUS

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## College receives Lilly Endowment Grant

Catawba College is one of 39 colleges and universities in the country to receive a grant from Lilly Endowment, Inc. that begins or enhances programs that help prepare a new generation of leaders for church and society.

These four-year, church-related liberal arts colleges have devised programs that encourage their students to reflect on how their faith commitments are related to their career choices and what it means to be "called" to lives of service. The programs also provide opportunities for students to explore the rewards and demands of Christian ministry and consider a career as a minister.

Catawba College received \$1,999,503 for implementation of its on-campus program, You Can Make a Difference! A Lilly Program for the Theological Exploration of Vocation. This program will facilitate the search for an authentic life among students, faculty, staff, and the larger college community, and will help them discover and use their gifts in ways that serve others. Its special focus is to encourage students to consider seriously how they can make a real difference in today's world through the Christian ministry. A new Center for Vocation and Values will coordinate a multi-faceted program operating through the college's curricular and co-curricular activities including new courses, scholarships, internships, and a seminary mentoring program; along with a lecture series, retreats, dinners and information focused on vocational



Dr. Barry Sang

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Catawba Chorale performers

## Full house at annual Service of Lessons & Carols

The Catawba College Department of Music presented its fifteenth annual Christmas Choral Concert, A Service of Lessons and Carols, Tuesday, December 3 in the college's Omwake-Dearborn Chapel. Due to a power outage caused by an icy winter storm, a second performance of the service scheduled December 5 was cancelled.

Prelude music began at 6:30 p.m., with the Choral  
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## Early ice storm affects Catawba's final exams



A power outage caused by an icy winter storm delayed the final exam schedule for fall semester at Catawba College. More than 700 boarding students spent more than 30 hours in the residence halls on campus without electricity as utility crews worked to restore power to the Salisbury area.

The on-campus power outage, which also affected the on-campus telephone system, began at 3:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 5 and continued until 1:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6. Final exams, scheduled to begin Dec. 6 were shifted forward a day and took place Dec. 7-10.

Damage on campus was confined to snapped trees and broken tree limbs. Several student vehicles parked in the lot at Abernethy Residence Hall were damaged severely when a tree fell across them from the weight of the ice.

Dorms closed for fall semester Dec. 11 and will reopen Jan. 12 for spring semester.

## Rowan-County businesses honored at Service of Praise & Thanksgiving

Three Rowan-County based businesses were honored Sunday, November 24 at Catawba College's eleventh annual Service of Praise and Thanksgiving.

Approximately 400 people gathered for the service that was held in Omwake-Dearborn Chapel on campus.

Cheerwine Bottling Company, F & M Bank and Taylor Clay Products, Inc. were honored 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.

Homilist for the Service was Salisbury native David E. Setzer, currently executive director of the Blanche & Julian Robertson Family Foundation, Inc. In his remarks, he called those businesses that were honored "prime

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Representatives of Cheerwine Bottling Company honored.



*Dr. Robert Knott*

## President's Letter

**T**he Christmas Season brings with it a time for celebration and reflection on the many gifts that have come to us, individually and collectively. Our Christmas celebration at the College began on December 2 with a college-wide gathering on Stanback Plaza at which we sang Christmas carols and lit our community Christmas Tree. That service was followed by a dinner for our students and all members of the College community, at which the faculty and staff served the meal.

On the next night, a wonderfully uplifting Christmas ceremony of Lessons and Carols was provided for members of the College community and guests who filled Omwake-Dearborn Chapel. Mrs. Rosemary Kinard coordinated, directed and produced a joyous experience for all of us and one which has come to be the official beginning of the Christmas season for members of the College and the Salisbury community.

We, members of the Catawba College community, are mindful of the generous and thoughtful support which we receive from the many alumni and friends of Catawba College. Your gifts of time, talent and resources strengthen us immeasurably in carrying out our educational tasks. We are grateful to and for you as we reflect upon how important you are to the life of Catawba College. We are also grateful for the treasure given us which we have come to know as a Catawba College educational experience. We are mindful, especially during this season of celebration, of the gift of this educational treasure with its distinctive qualities of caring and thirst for understanding. As we grow to value and celebrate even more this gift of an educational tradition which binds us together in community, may that appreciation undergird our efforts to improve and perfect where possible that which we have been given.

In the spirit of Christmas, we give of ourselves to each other and give voice to our deep gratitude for that which we have been given.

Merry Christmas to all.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Knott  
President

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## Congratulations are in order!

*Elsie Brillhart Arbaugh and Anita Rouzer Lower, both 1932 Catawba alumnae, celebrated their 70th Class Reunion remotely in Hanover, Penn. They received a cake from their alma mater and a phone call from Catawba College President Robert Knott to mark the auspicious occasion.*

*The two friends and former classmates are both residents of Homewood at Plum Creek in Hanover and enjoy recalling their life and times at Catawba.*



## Alumni establish Endowed Scholarship

David '70 and Lynne '71 Eastburn of Columbus, Ohio have made a gift to Catawba College to establish an Endowed Scholarship in memory of Lynne's parents. The Robert W. and Florence W. Cramer Endowed Scholarship will be awarded to students majoring in music education on the basis of financial need and academic achievements.

Catawba Senior Vice President Tom Childress called the Eastburn's gift "a wonderful tribute and generous gift to their alma mater."

The Cramers made their home in Pitman, N. J. Mr. Cramer was employed by Mobil Oil Corp., while Mrs. Cramer was a housewife. In recent years, the couple had made their home in Calabash and Wilmington, N.C. Neither attended Catawba, but rather their efforts made it possible for both Lynne and her sister Roberta '76 to attend. Lynne received an A.B. in Music Education from Catawba and did graduate work at The Ohio State University. She has taught music and been a substitute teacher in Columbus, Ohio. Today, she teaches private piano

lessons in her home.

David, originally from Wilmington, Del., majored in mathematics at Catawba, earned a master's degree in Computer Science at The Ohio State University '72 and completed MBA coursework at Xavier University. He was a senior executive with CompuServe for 22 years and vice president and general manager for Time Warner. Today, he is Chairman of NuvoCom, Inc., and a self-employed patent litigation consultant.

According to Lynne, establishing this scholarship in her parents' memory will help other deserving students realize their dreams, just as her parents' generosity help her realize hers.

The Eastburns are the parents of three children: David W. of Hinesville, Ga., Robert S. of Columbus, Ohio, and Sarah, a senior at Upper Arlington High School in Columbus, Ohio.

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

## Alumna establishes First Family Scholarship

Catawba College Alumna Dorothy Schrumm Hammond '47 of Newton has made a commitment to establish a First Family Scholarship at the college. The Forest Franklin and Beth Knox Lore Schrumm First Family Scholarship was created in memory of Hammond's parents.

"I wanted to do something in memory of mom and dad," Hammond said, "and this was the nicest thing I could think of." The scholarship will be awarded to students majoring in English at Catawba who plan to teach in North Carolina for at least two years.

The late Mr. Schrumm was the manager of Newton Oil and Fertilizer Company. Prior to her marriage, the late Mrs. Schrumm was a private secretary to the superintendent of Lincolnton City Schools.

Hammond, herself an English major at Catawba, taught first grade for a half dozen years after her graduation in Kannapolis, Charlotte and Newton-Conover. She devoted herself to her family after her marriage to the late John Hyatt Hammond and to raising her daughter, Elizabeth Hammond of Pensacola, Fla.

Catawba College Senior Vice President Tom Childress said Hammond's establishment of a First Family Scholarship at the college is evidence of "her continued strong commitment to her alma mater."

Hammond concedes that Catawba holds a special place in her heart. "I transferred from UNC-G to Catawba, and I think coming from there made me appreciate Catawba all the more. Over there, I was just a number and I came to Catawba and not only did they know me, but they trusted me and treated me more like a friend and a young adult even though I was a student."

First Family Scholarships at Catawba are the most prestigious scholarships offered by the college and are awarded to the most qualified students based on leadership and academic merit.



2002 Ketner Scholarship recipients gather with Ralph and Anne Ketner.

## Ketner Scholarships benefit Catawba Students from Rowan County

A total of 65 students at Catawba College this year are the recipients of the Ralph W. Ketner Rowan County Scholarships. Many of these scholarship recipients gathered Wednesday, November 13 for an annual luncheon at which they were able to say a personal "Thank you" to Ralph and Anne Ketner.

"I would like to thank Mr. Ketner for his donation to my scholarships which helped me come to Catawba," Junior Steven Stamper of Salisbury said. "It's a great thing that you can help such a variety of people. When I graduate in May of 2004, I look forward to putting my education to work and to show that I was worth the money you've given me - that I earned it."

Mr. Ketner admonished the students not to believe that "if you want something badly enough you can attain it. That's not true," he said. "My philosophy and what made Food Lion great was based on four letter words - hard work, home work, team work, good idea and good luck. Success is a byproduct of those four letter words.

"You can best thank Anne and me by pay-

ing back something to Catawba College for what they've made possible for you."

Catawba College President Dr. Robert E. Knott told those gathered that the Ketners "in many ways, behind the scenes, have helped transform the community in which we live." He urged the scholarship recipients to repay the Ketners' generosity by being successful in their academic and future endeavors. "Our sense of purpose comes from our gratitude to others," he noted.

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.

According to Catawba's Chief Enrollment Officer Brian Best, 22 new students from Rowan County were awarded Ketner Scholarships for the 2002-2003 academic year. These students had an average grade point average of 3.5 and an average S.A.T. score of 1080.

Anne Ketner said she and Mr. Ketner were "so proud to be able to help you because I

## First Family Scholars and Donors honored

Catawba College students, who are the recipients of First Family Scholarships, and their donors were recognized at an October 23 luncheon held in Peeler-Crystal Lounge on campus. Echoing a line from the movie, "Saving Private Ryan", President Dr. Robert E. Knott encouraged the students who were awarded a scholarship to "Earn it."

"We're proud of you and proud of what you have accomplished that has led you to receive our most prestigious scholarships," Knott said to the students. He offered thanks to the scholarship donors gathered for their generosity in making the scholarships possible and said, "We hope that you take the same pride that we take in these students. You are seated among our very best."

Catawba College Senior Vice President Tom Childress recognized those individuals who through their estates over the past year had made possible the creation of new First Family Scholarships. These persons included the late Mr. and Mrs. Hughy H. Hollifield of Winston-Salem, establishing the Forrest H. Hollifield Scholarship in memory of



*First Family Scholars and Donors break bread.*

their son Forrest, a Wake Forest University graduate who was killed in Vietnam, and the late Arnold H. Snider, Jr., establishing the Arnold H. Snider Jr. Scholarship in honor of J. Fred Corriher, Jr., Catawba's recently retired 19th president.

Antonia Bowden of Burlington, a junior English major at Catawba and the recipient of the Rose E. and



*Junior Antonia Bowden*

Philip S. Levenson Scholarship, told the donors gathered "how important your donations are to all of us here today." She recalled applying to attend Catawba while still in high school "not knowing if my family would be able to come up with money for tuition I needed to attend." Thanks to her First Family Scholarship, she said, "I've had an opportunity to live, learn and grown in an amazing environment."

"Thanks in part to my scholarship, made possible through Mrs. (Bernice) Lerner, I've become someone who matters," Bowden continued. She concluded her remarks by thanking all of the donors for the "generous contributions you've made to our lives."

Junior Cynthia Sopata of Monroe, a musical theatre major and the recipient of the Wade H, Jr. and JoAnne Shuford Scholarship, was accompanied by Laurie Klaus of Salisbury on the piano as she entertained the group by singing, "I'm in Love with a Wonderful Guy," from Rodgers & Hammerstein's "South Pacific."

In addition to Antonia Bowden and Cynthia Sopata, other scholarship recipients included Jesse Howes, Rachel LaRoche, Christopher Slaughter and Steven Stamper, Ashley Holmes, Kristen Kobylus, Jeffrey Boyles, Carla Cortes, Kendall Prescott, Elizabeth Gill, John McKnight, Rebecca Perrell, Taylor Steedley, Ashley Barrow, Katherine Himes, Taylor Hohman, Katherine Phelps, Laura Hartis, Sarah Gibson Harbison, Jennifer O'Connell, Stephen Long, Justin Samples, Eric Edmiston, Kathryn Merrell, Jessica Rivera, Regina Sims, Jennifer Kidd, Heather Kerner, Donna Tulloch, Karen Shepherd, Ashley Wilhelm, Elizabeth Denton, David Dunnick, Megan Harrell, Dustin Cox, Jennifer Pickler, Kristen Prather, Shawn Godsey, Amanda Holloway, Jessica Parker, Danielle Weber, Meredith Jones, Emily Prochaska, Justin Buckwalter, Bernadette Simonis, Lynette Bembry, Benjamin Caggioano, Carolyn Brannon, Frederick Mueller, Charity O'Shields, Regina Scheidt, Erin Naumann, Kelly Booe, Tonya Bowman, Maria Ayala, Matthew Fairweather, Jacob Hoots, Leah Fulford, Hope Anne Miller, Gabrielle Belcher, Shannon Davenport, John Vernon, Daine Hedrick, and Zachary Snyder.

Other recipients are Ashley Helms, Daniel Shissler, Joy Brandli, Rachel McCollum, Danielle Scarce, Chandra Lowe, Brian Messenger, Jonathan Menius, David Loehr, Jennifer Reiff, Rachel Bahr, Michael Roberts, Toni Shepard, David Pinkston, Kerri Conley, Michelle Kowalsky, Ryan Hudgins, Christina Romanelli, Mary Attea, Sara Lovelace, Danielle Thomas, Kelly Burdeau, Amber Goshorn, Erin Phillips, Kacey Weaver, Rebecca Wike, Jessica Fritts, Brittin Stevens, Tal Brewer, Christopher Goff, Thomas Johnson, Hollie Bruce, Stephanie Valentine, Richard Bergeron, Rachel Alosky, Evan Bowling, Stephanie Brendel, Jennifer Elium, Lindsay Hughes, Brianna Raymond, Summer Zuck, John Sandman, Sally Head, Kristen Higgins, Catherine Balentine, Tonya Fuschetti, Alice Sanderson, Kelly Geiler, and Elizabeth Hewitt.

## College fetes Endowed Scholars and their donors

Endowed Scholarship recipients at Catawba College and their scholarship donors or donor representatives were feted Thursday, November 21 at an annual luncheon in Peeler Crystal Lounge on campus.

Catawba College Senior Vice President Tom Childress welcomed those gathered and noted that thanks to the generosity of the donors, Catawba is now able to award 165 Endowed Scholarships annually. Five years ago, there were only 114 Endowed Scholarships established at the college.

Five new scholarships were established over the past year. These included the Joyce C. Billings Scholarship, the Rose B. and J.W. Byers Scholarship, the Robert and Florence W. Cramer Scholarship, the Hoyt and Minnie McCachren Scholarship and the Catherine McAllister Wayland Scholarship.

Catawba Senior Michael J. Beber, the recipient of the Alumni Association Board of Directors and the Wilbert R. and Helen B. Lesser Scholarships, spoke to the donors on behalf of the other students attending the luncheon. "You've invested in our futures," he said, "and we as students can best say 'Thank You' by continuing to be successful and by not allowing any of our talents to go to waste."

Catawba College President Dr. Robert E. Knott thanked both the new endowed scholarship donors and "those who have been with us. We want

you to know just how important your support is to Catawba College - you see it directly in the young people seated at the tables with you.

"You providing financial contributions for scholarships to Catawba is analogous to what the state provides to public institutions, and it is critical that we have your support," Knott said. He noted that as the college begins

outlining its strategic plan for the future "one of the emphases will be on a concerted effort to grow our endowment so our students can continue to benefit in years to come."



*Endowed Scholars stand as they are introduced.*

## College Benefactress dies

Elizabeth Cawthon Stanback, a long time benefactress of Catawba College, died Oct. 21. She was 99 years old.

Born in Greensboro, Georgia, Mrs. Stanback was a graduate of Wesleyan College in Macon, Georgia. She was married to the late Fred J. Stanback, who preceded her in death May 3, 1972. The couple had two children who survive them, son Fred Stanback Jr. of Salisbury, a member of the Catawba College Board of Trustees, and daughter Jean Stanback Brumley of Atlanta, Ga. Other survivors include her sister Mary C. King of Marietta, Ga., 11 grandchildren, and 28 great-grandchildren.

The Stanback name in North Carolina is synonymous with quiet philanthropy, particularly in the areas of education and the environment. Mrs. Stanback and her husband began that legacy and passed it on through subsequent generations of their family.

"All who had the opportunity to know Elizabeth Stanback were indeed privileged," said Catawba College President Dr. Robert E. Knott. "She was a gracious and caring spirit who made life better for all those around her. We at Catawba College are grateful beyond words for her and her generosity through which the educational experience and opportunities of today's and tomorrow's students are and will continue to be greatly enriched. Catawba College will be forever changed for the better because of the interest and care of Elizabeth Stanback."

Catawba College was fortunate to be one of the recipients of the Stanback family's philanthropy. Most recently, Mrs. Stanback and her family made the largest gift in the college's history, \$6 million, to fund construction of Catawba's



Elizabeth Cawthon Stanback

Center for the Environment. That 21,000 square foot facility sitting on the edge of Catawba's 189-acre Ecological Preserve, was dedicated in September of 2001 with Mrs. Stanback and her family in attendance. A year later, it remains of model of sustainability and green design which continues to attract regional, state and national attention.

Stanback Hall on the Catawba campus is named for Elizabeth Stanback, and Stanback Plaza is named in memory of her late husband,

who as her son, served as a Catawba College trustee and benefactor. Additionally, four First Family Scholarships and several endowed scholarships at the college have been established through the generosity of the Stanbacks. Other Stanback family gifts have helped support the college's environmental curriculum and enhancement of the Catawba Ecological Preserve.

A memorial service for Mrs. Stanback was held at 3 p.m. Oct. 23 at First United Methodist Church in Salisbury. The family requests that memorials be directed to either Catawba College, School of Environment, 2300 W. Innes Street, Salisbury, NC 28144; Rowan Regional Medical Center Foundation, 118 E. Council Street, Salisbury, NC 28144; or First United Methodist Church, 217 S. Church Street, Salisbury, NC 28144.

## Professor retires after 34 years

If you took business classes at Catawba College sometime over the past 34 years, chances are that one of these was with Professor Alvin "Al" Carter. Carter, an icon of business common sense, is retiring this month and some of his students are already anticipating the void his departure will create.

"I have taken four classes with Mr. Carter," says Catawba Junior Christopher Goff, "and through all of those, I have learned a great deal more than just business topics. Everything that I was taught, and this is what is great about Carter, applied to other aspects of daily life. He teaches more about useful and, what he would consider, necessary knowledge than on business theory.

"What I like most about Carter is that the stuff he teaches, is what we need to know, or should know."

Carter first came to Catawba in 1968 to teach marketing, economics and business statistics. He brought with him some hard-earned business sense acquired as he worked his way through college at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

"My father worked in sales for Biltmore Dairy and I got interested in marketing because of him. I worked at the dairy during the summers, driving a route at Montreat Assembly and I paid my way through college with dairy money."

Carter always harked back to his own lessons of earning and saving. After graduating from college in May of 1963 and marrying wife Marcia one week later, he spent a year or so working in the insurance industry in Greensboro. Then, he moved to Atlanta to take another insurance position as he worked his way through graduate school at Georgia State University. "When I worked in industry, hiring people, I found that people who earned the majority of their education would make better employees than those who didn't work."

After earning his graduate degree and increasing his family by one, son Kevin born in Atlanta, Carter, still working for an insurance company,

moved the family back to North Carolina so his wife could complete her master's degree at UNC-Chapel Hill. She did so and while there gave birth to their second child, daughter Suzanne.

Carter, fearing he would have to move to his employer's New Jersey base, began looking around for employment opportunities. He heard of an opening at Catawba, applied, and was hired to teach in Catawba's Commerce Department, the predecessor of today's Ketner School of Business.

"I had never even considered teaching. The first class I taught was the Principals of Economics, with 63 students in Hedrick. I was scared tee-totally to death being on that stage," he recalls.

The late 60s were turbulent times, Carter says, "But you had some real serious students, studying in the midst of the Vietnam conflict and the Civil Rights movement."

Carter recalls one student during that time who told him, "If you give me a 'D,' I won't get my college deferral and I'll have to go to Vietnam and it'll be on you. I told him that 'I'm sorry, but you'll be lucky to get a 'D.' The student was drafted and he came back years later to see me," Carter says, "and he didn't bring it up and neither did I."

Carter was active not just in the classrooms at Catawba, but he served as SGA advisor, as an intramurals coordinator and even a soccer coach. He taught fulltime and also worked in the college's Business Office, assisting with insurance, serving as Business Manager and eventually working as Assistant Vice President for Finance.

When asked how Catawba students have changed, Carter will tell you that students in the 60s and 70s were more career-oriented, placed more emphasis on work, and wore coats and ties to



L-R: Mrs. Exelina Tseng and Ms. Jacquelyn Sims chat with Al Carter at reception honoring him.

attend symposia with executives. When asked how his teaching style has changed, Carter will tell that over the past three or four years, he has begun teaching a class called "Personal Finance," because he wants to make sure that his students have necessary life skills concerning good and bad credit cards, rental insurance, tax returns, student loans, and auto insurance. "I had always used textbooks and then I thought, 'Why not just make something?' and I came up with this \$10 book that students can use as a point of comparison with their real life documents."

Despite retiring this month, Carter says he will keep teaching in the evening in Catawba's Lifelong Learning program and that he will be traveling, starting with Hawaii in January. His parting advice to students: "Don't be afraid to take chances. Try new things. Take classes in other departments. And, always put in an honest day's work for an honest day's wages."

## One Trustee honored and new Trustees elected

The Catawba College Board of Trustees unanimously voted Wednesday, October 16 to add two new members, growing its number to 47. The nominations of Catawba Alumnus Larry T. Cloninger, Jr. '74 and Catawba Board of Visitors Chairperson Mona Lisa Wallace to the Board of Trustees were approved at that group's semi-annual meeting held on campus in the Hurley Room.

In moving to nominate the two, Claude Hampton, chair of the Board's Trusteeship Committee, lauded both Cloninger and Wallace for their past support of the institution and predicted they would continue in the future as even stronger advocates. Cloninger is the president and

As the trustees stood and applauded, Catawba Senior Vice President Tom Childress presented Fowler, a native of Mount Airy, with a signed and framed print of Main Street in his hometown. Always modest, Fowler attempted to turn the tables on Childress, noting "that without that man this campaign would not have been a success." Fowler called Childress "a catalyst" for the institution's fundraising efforts.

Fowler, a Catawba trustee since 1996, was employed by Philip Morris for 38 years before retiring in 1993 as general manager of that company's Concord manufacturing facility. He and his wife Nancy have a son, Dr. W. Edward Fowler, a physician in Greenwood, S.C. and a 1985 alumnus of Catawba, and a daughter, Margaret Fowler Porter who makes her home in Kannapolis. Fowler holds both his bachelor's and master's degree from the University of Richmond and received an honorary doctor of humanitarian service degree from Catawba in 1995.

Catawba College President Dr. Robert Knott updated the trustees on the strategic planning process

now in progress at the institution. He shared with them a list of cohort institutions that Catawba might aspire to emulate in their quality of academic programs and scholastic reputation.

Knott advised them that in planning for Catawba's future the process would involve "drawing on our heritage" as an institution. That retroflection, he continued, "has left us with an understanding that we are two selves - individually and collectively, we are a lower and a higher self.

"That lower self often dominates the higher self, particularly when there is not a common sense of purpose that takes us beyond ourselves," he said. "We often lose sight of higher goals when office is

pitted against office; person against person. We need to cultivate an underlying trust in each other.

"When we look at our higher self, collectively as an institution, we are first and foremost an institution which places primacy on the teaching and learning exchange," Knott continued. "We place a strong emphasis on this campus on freedom of expression, where civility is valued and practiced and expression is rooted in the freedom of conscience and speech. We are a just community where sacredness of each individual is honored; where we value each other. And, we are a disciplined and caring community, where moderation and self-control are practiced within a supportive community."

Knott said that in the college's strategic planning process "we all will be experiencing growth in truth and understanding of who we are and the world in which we live. When knowledge is valued, then comes the realization of the nobility of work and inquiry which is celebrated within the community.

"I hope you will find sustaining an educational community in which we seek to realize our higher selves to be a worthy challenge," Knott told the trustees.

Tom Smith, chairman of the Catawba Board of Trustees, concluded the meeting following Knott's remarks, saying, "We all look forward to assisting you as you lead us in moving this institution to a higher level."

In other matters, the trustees approved the college's operating budget for the 2002-2003 academic year, approved the annual audit prepared by McCoy, Hillard & Parks, CPAs, P.A. of Salisbury, and approved changing the trustees' committee and board meetings structure. Trustees also voted unanimously to approve the designation of three retired faculty members as faculty emeriti. Those retired faculty members included Dr. Jim Epperson, Dr. Robert Carlton and Dr. S.C. Tseng.

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*- Dr. Robert Knott*

owner of Cloninger Ford -Toyota in Salisbury and Wallace is a partner in the local law firm, Wallace and Graham Attorneys at Law.

Catawba College Trustee Newton Fowler of Concord was honored at the meeting for his service as chairman of the recently concluded Campaign for Catawba. That five-year capital campaign with a goal of \$56.5 million dollars actually raised \$59.6 million. Funds raised have been used for infrastructure improvements, building upgrades and renovations, construction of new facilities, including construction of Catawba's new \$6.5 million Center for the Environment and the Mariam and Robert Hayes Field House, and to grow the college's endowment.



L-R: Bonnie Corriher, Tiffany McVay and retired President J. Fred Corriher, Jr.

Retired Catawba College President J. Fred Corriher, Jr. was honored Tuesday, October 22 when the 2001-2002 Sayakini, the college's

## Retired College President honored

yearbook, was dedicated to him. 2001-2002 Sayakini editor Tiffany McVay of Kannapolis made the presentation during a luncheon.

Accompanied by his wife Bonnie, a surprised Corriher told the Sayakini staffers gathered in the Whitener Room that many things had been meaningful to him and "touched him" since he had retired from the college. The dedication of the yearbook, he said, however, "was the nicest and most touching of all." He noted that he missed the students and the college very much, and he expressed his gratitude for being remembered in such an enduring way.

McVay, in making the dedication to Corriher, said, "When he announced his retirement on Sept. 25, 2001, there was no question that the Sayakini would be dedicated to him." She congratulated Corriher on his "accomplishments and what you mean to the

community."

"Thank you for your dedication to the college and to the students," McVay concluded. "You will never be forgotten in my heart and I'm sure others would say the same."

Corriher, a 1960 alumnus of the college and its 19th president, took office in 1992 following the death of Catawba President Stephen Wurster and retired May 31st of this year. During his tenure, the college's Lifelong Learning program was conceived and grew to enroll over 400 students. The college's traditional day program also experienced growth and record enrollments. And, the college successfully completed the largest fund-raising campaign in its history with Corriher at the helm. The Campaign for Catawba, which concluded May 31, 2002, had a goal of \$56.5 million, but exceeded that, raising \$59.6 million.

Corriher and his family now make their home in Landis.

## "Coffee, soap, utopias and study skills, too!" Catawba's freshman program gets new students on right track

This academic year, a group of 16 faculty members at Catawba College hoped to get freshmen students off to a fine start by sharing their particular passions with them. These faculty members taught very different content to their groups of freshmen, but they all shared the same objectives: to introduce their students to the liberal arts and to give them the skills they need to succeed in college.

"My freshmen came to my office more in the first five weeks of the semester than any students in any other classes," says English Professor Dr. Phillip Acree Cavalier, who coordinated the freshman program and also taught an honors section of it entitled "Constructing Utopias." "These students talked about the issues we raised in class and they wrestled with these."

The 294 freshmen who entered Catawba this fall were assigned in groups of 19 to the 16 sections of the freshman program. The students in each section have been together since arriving on Catawba's campus for orientation in August. "This went a long way in making these new students feel a part of this community," Cavalier explained. "They quickly came to know some fellow students, then they became comfortable and willing to engage in intellectual pursuits together."

The 16 sections of the freshman program shared the same basic requirements. Each student had to write 15 pages of graded paper. Every student gave two oral presentations. And, each student was assigned 650 pages of reading during the course of the fall semester. These assignments might have sounded daunting, Cavalier acknowledged, but they helped students understand quickly "how college is different from high school."

In the Shuford Science Building on campus each Tuesday and Thursday of the semester, Chemistry Professor Dr. Mark Sabo shared his passion with his section of freshmen students in a course he calls "From Caveman to Chemist." Using hands-on and minds-on investigations, Sabo led his students through a "historic journey of technological developments from the beginning of time to the modern age." The topic sounds weighty and it was, but according to one of Sabo's freshman students, Sally Head of Grand Island, N.Y., it was "really cool."

What made Sabo's course fun for Head was "all of the labs." The students made pottery, fireworks, soap, gunpowder and even bronze and plastic during the semester-long course. And, Head added, "We also learned to read a textbook through bookmarking and we developed better study skills."

Some of the other courses offered as part of the freshmen program included "The Space Trilogy of C.S. Lewis, taught by Mathematics Professor Dr. Paul Baker, Biology Professor Dr. George Drum's "Man's Place in Nature," Psychology Professor Dr. Lyn Boulter's "Villians and Heroes," and Sociology

Professor Dr. Maria Vandergriff-Avery's "It's a Hard Knock Life: Poverty in America."

English Professor Dr. Carl Girelli shared his passion for coffee with his freshmen in a section of the program entitled "Coffee, Culture, and Colonialism." In a course description, Girelli summarized the content of his course this way:

"WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE.....I discovered the power of coffee in my freshman year of college. This one beverage has launched more ships, wars, businesses, and international crises than any other in the history of civilization. ...Our class will look at how coffee has shaped the new world - that's us. ...Each student will be encouraged to become our specialist in an area of expertise such as coffee marketing, product development, the chemistry of coffee, monoculture and the environment, colonialism and world politics, and many more. And we'll drink some coffee."

On a Tuesday in late September, Girelli took his freshmen to the Daily Grind in Spencer and conducted his class there as the students drank cappuccinos and lattes. Between sips of coffee, the students bent over their notebooks taking notes and occasionally asking Girelli for clarification as he lectured on liberica, arabica, robusta and Brazilian coffees, the United States as the first mass market for coffee, the transition of coffee from bulk retail to prepackaged, preroasted retail, vertical integration, and coffee shams.

One of Girelli's students, Jessica Lewis of Demascus, Md., said she selected her section of the freshman program because she thought "it would be interesting" and "it was," she added.

"It was fun and enjoyable, but it was a lot of work," explained freshman Richard Lowe of Johnson City, Tenn., another of Girelli's students. "I don't think I've ever gathered this much information in an hour and 15 minute class. I came to this class knowing people from orientation and then on a weekly basis, I got to meet with them."

For Robyn Smith of Chambersburg, Penn., Girelli's freshman section proved much more challenging than she anticipated. "The classes I took

my senior year in high school were electives and more laid back. In this freshman program, I was pushed to take more notes than I did in my senior year."

"One of the effects of this kind of program is that students become hungry for intellectual challenges and they can't help but embrace and seek knowledge of a particular topic," Cavalier concluded. "This program gives me hope that more of our students can be prepared for similar challenges when they become juniors and seniors."



Dr. Carl Girelli lectures on coffee to freshman students.

## LESSONS AND CAROLS...

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Procession starting at 7:00 p.m. Participants included the Catawba Chorale, Madrigals, and Singers, as well as the Catawba Brass, Handbells, Flute Choir; percussionists Jennie Brooks and Brandi Black; and flautist Jennifer Werner. Special guests included the St. John's Lutheran Church 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 mys-

tery of the Holy Trinity. Readers were members of the Catawba community, with the final lesson read by Catawba President Dr. Robert E. Knott. Liturgist was Dr. Kenneth Clapp, senior vice-president and chaplain of the college.

## VALUE ADDED

# Catawba tries new strategy with students coming of age

Many options are available for the celebration of the right of passage marked by the occurrence of one's 21st birthday. Our society suggests that the typical way for college students to celebrate this age achievement is by abusing the newly gained legal privilege of consuming alcoholic beverages.

Catawba College Chaplain and Senior Vice President Dr. Kenneth Clapp wanted the occasion to represent something more - to be an occasion for students to reflect on the way in which they are appreciated and the potential they have for making important contributions to their community and their world.

When a group of nine Catawba College students gathered on a Sunday evening in September to mark their 21st birthdays, they were accompanied by a favorite professor or staff member from the college and over dinner they were encouraged to think about the advent of their adulthood as the time to realize their potential.

That faculty or staff members spoke as each student was recognized and his or her birthday noted. Each of the students was also surprised with a birthday letter from their parents or other loved ones. These letters which noted the personal strengths, talents and abilities of the students were read aloud and the words of each seemed to touch the individual in a memorable and significant way.

Senior Stephanie Walden of Salisbury, who celebrated her 21st birthday on Aug. 8, invited her mother Christine Walden, a Catawba College employee, to accompany her. Both had tears in their eyes as Dr. Clapp read the letter that Ms. Walden had written to her daughter. "As I look back at the past 21 years of my life it is easy to smile because you have been part of that time. I am so proud of you not only as a person, sister, friend, student, but most of all as my daughter.

"...I don't know what the future holds for you," Ms. Walden's letter to Stephanie continued, "graduate school, a fulfilling career, or mar-

riage and children of your own, maybe all of the above, but I can honestly say that whatever comes your way I have no doubt that you will make good and wise choices that are right for you."

Catawba English Professor Dr. Phillip Acree Cavalier was the guest of Senior Justin Garzone of Hopatcong, N.J. Cavalier was both serious and joking as he spoke about Justin, a biology major, who had taken several of his English classes. "For someone who hates reading and writing," Dr. Cavalier said Justin had performed wonderfully in his classes. "I wish him the best in getting into med school," Dr. Cavalier said, "and in getting the grade he wants in my class."

Justin's mother Carolyn Garzone's letter read, "Twenty-one years ago on August 19, 1981, you were born with a gusto and strength that you have carried with you all of your 21 years," she wrote. She recalled in her letter how at age four Justin told her he "wanted to fix babies' hearts," and how in seventh grade he told her he had changed his mind and "wanted to find cures for neurological diseases."

"Your father died when you were almost four," Mrs. Garzone's letter continued, "my life was so full, I worked many jobs while attending college, and you pushed yourself even harder down your determined path as you have always planned. Although I was there to guide you with good morals and values you exceeded my expectations and taught me as you grew what it is like to become a wonderful and unique human being."

Psychology Professor Dr. Karen Horner was the guest of Senior Theatre Arts Major Robert "Bob" Walker of Marlton, N.J. In recalling the discussions she had had with Bob, she called him "one of the most mature people" she knows and added "you are a joy."

Bob's mother Mary Ann Walker, in her letter to her son, admonished him to "Never lose your dreams. Never lose focus of what is important."

"...God has given you many blessings - two of those blessings are your voice and your legs. Use them wisely and to the best of your ability. Make Him proud, and you will have made me proud and made yourself proud," Mrs. Walker wrote.

Sophomore Melanie Goergmaier of Munich, Germany was the last of the birthday celebrants honored at the party. Catawba College Psychology Professor Dr. Sheila Brownlow was her invited guest. Dr. Brownlow said of Melanie "If it's different, she embraces it. She will try any positive thing." Then directing her remarks to Melanie, Dr. Brownlow said, "You bring out the best in everybody. You bring out the best in me."

The Goergmaier family wrote a poignant letter to Melanie and seemed to dispel some of the sadness

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## Catawba College Christmas Tree Lighting

Members of the Catawba College community gathered to participate in the first annual lighting of the Christmas tree Monday, December 2. Holiday music and caroling began at 5:00 p.m. and preceded the lighting of a 15-foot tree from the North Carolina mountains. The tree was placed in the center of campus, atop the fountain in front of the Cannon Student Center.

Catawba faculty, staff and students enjoyed cookies, hot chocolate and cider during the half-hour before the tree lighting. Those attending also brought gifts of canned goods to be donated to Rowan Helping Ministries.



Students honored at birthday party.

## The College's first "Catawba Late Night"

Catawba College's new Vice President and Dean of Students Dr. Roy W. Baker is a firm believer in actions, not words. Students often resort to drinking, he contends, because they do not have anything else to do on campus. Saturday night, November 9, Dr. Baker and his Student Affairs staff set about changing that on Catawba's campus.

The Student Affairs staff, in conjunction with several student organizations, hosted its first Catawba Late Night. The event was being funded with monies designated for non-alcohol programming by the Board of Trustees' Sub-Committee on Student Enrichment and with student activity fees provided by the Catawba Student Government Association.

Between 10 p.m. and 2 a.m. in the Cannon Student Center, free food and plenty of activities were provided to keep students occupied in a wholesome way. There was an arcade atmosphere complete with Bubble Boy Hockey, foosball, an Alpine Racer, Pop-A-Shot B-Ball, and racing simulators, along with movies, Bingo, pool, and dancing.

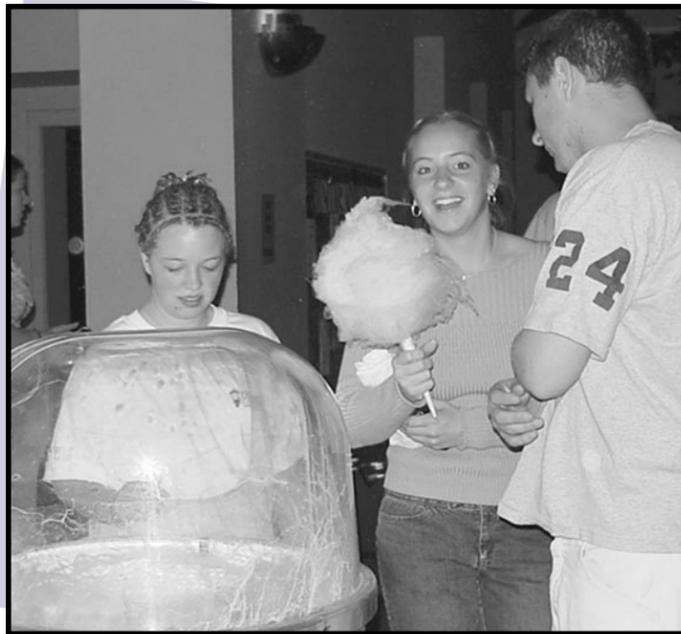
The College's dining service, Chartwells, pro-

vided hot wings throughout the evening. "One of our goals," Baker explained, "was not to run out of wings during the event. The other was to make sure that our students have fun and realize that there are other ways to have fun rather than drinking alcohol."

Catawba students were admitted free to Catawba Late Night by showing their college IDs. Guests of Catawba students registered and paid a \$10 cover to attend the event. "There was a home football game this weekend," Baker said, "and we realized that Catawba students might want to bring a guest with them. But, our students were responsible for these guests and accompanied them during the event."

Baker believes Catawba Late Night events are a step in the right direction to change the campus culture. "While we want students to realize that they can have fun without alcohol, we can't expect them to entertain themselves. We have to step up to the plate and program activities like this for them.

"We're hopeful that if we offer it, they will come. And, if they come and have a great time,



Students enjoy free food at Catawba Late Nite.

the word will spread. Our goal is to have each new Catawba Late Night better attended than the one which preceded it."

## LILLY GRANT...

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exploration; as well as additional community service opportunities across the campus.

Dr. Barry Sang, Acting Program Director and chair of Catawba's Religion and Philosophy Department, said, "The entire Catawba College community will benefit from this grant. It celebrates where we came from, who we are and who we might become. And, it is the result of a year-long, collective effort by some extremely dedicated people who exemplify the very sense of vocation that we hope our students will discover."

Sang's planning team included Dr. Kenneth Clapp, Catawba Chaplain and Senior Vice President; Dr. J. Michael Wilson, Catawba Professor of Modern Foreign Languages; Dr. Seth Holtzman, Catawba Assistant Professor of Philosophy; Dr. Nancy Zimmerman, Counselor and Director of Volunteer Catawba; Amy Harrell Williams, Director of the Catawba Fund and Academic Grants; Ms. Amy Foley, a 2002 alumna of Catawba and a student at Duke Divinity School; Rev. Reginald Broadnax, Acting Dean of Hood Theological Seminary; and Dr. Alan Miller, former Area Conference Minister for the Western Association of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ. In November 2001, the team was awarded a \$50,000 planning grant to develop a program proposal which was submitted in August 2002.

"We were delighted to receive word that our proposal to the Lilly Endowment has been approved for funding," said Catawba College President Dr. Robert Knott. "In addition to being a substantial infusion of resources for our academic programs, the recognition of the good work being done by our faculty will enhance the reputation of Catawba College. Other colleges in North Carolina which are being recognized for similar grants by the Lilly Endowment are Davidson College, Duke University, Wake Forest University and Guilford

College."

Catawba's was one of 39 grants, totaling \$76.8 million, that represent the third round of the Lilly Endowment's initiative called Programs for Theological Exploration of Vocation. The first round in 2000, awarded grants totaling \$37.7 million to 20 schools. The second round, in 2001, awarded grants totaling \$56.8 million to 29 schools. This third round brings the total of implementation grants to \$171.2 million to 88 schools across the country. (The Endowment also has invested \$5.5 million in helping schools develop planning grants for these awards.)

The Endowment invited the colleges to reflect on their particular strengths, history and mission in designing proposals so that the programs would "fit" each institution well. "Consequently, the result is a wonderful amalgam of creative programs that are clearly well-thought-out and have a real chance of success," said Craig Dykstra, Endowment vice president for religion.

"Colleges that received grants in the earlier rounds are reporting very successful implementation of their plans - their students are eager to engage in theological reflection as they make choices about their future, and many students are seriously considering the ministry as a career.

"Furthermore," he said, "people in these schools are getting together with each other to exchange ideas and tell each other about the most promising aspects of their projects, so the "infrastructure" of connections keeps building. We think that will greatly enhance both their common purposes and the Endowment's ultimate objectives of a talented new generation of ministers leading healthy and vibrant congregations."

Founded in 1937, the Endowment is an Indianapolis-based private foundation that supports its founders' wishes by supporting the causes of religion, community development and education.

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she felt at being so far away from home as she celebrated her 21st year. "We are very proud of you and hope you will always make wise decision in your future life," the family wrote.

"...always have an aim," the Goergmaier family letter continued. "Believe in you, believe in you and like yourself. Your father admires you because he thinks that the expression 'if something is difficult it is a good reason to do it goes very well with you.' Your brother wants you to know he always wanted to be like you and that you're very important to him. We all love you, lots of kisses, we all embrace you."

In his closing remarks, Dr. Clapp told the students gathered, "I would hope that one of the things you would take with you as you leave this evening is an idea of how you are seen as people of value and worth. When people look at you, they see there tremendous potential and the ability to do great things. Allow that to be an additional incentive for you to realize your potential.

"The greatest thing we have to celebrate is that God created us with potential and although this is a milestone for you it also is really just the beginning of what lies ahead."

In addition to those aforementioned, other Catawba students honored at the birthday party included Thomas "Tommy" Carswell of Kernersville, Allan Harley of Morganton, Pat Parr of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, Loretta Wilkes of Williamsport, Md., and Jennifer Ropp of Broadway, Va.

The on-campus birthday parties for students turning 21 are but one of several initiatives planned by Dr. Clapp this academic year at Catawba to challenge students to focus on opportunities that can have positive impact on their lives.

## Homecoming marked with honors and awards

**B**efore a crowd of several hundred friends and alumni gathered at a Catawba College Homecoming barbecue luncheon, an emotional Sam Moir of Salisbury accepted an honor bestowed on him Saturday. The basketball floor of the Goodman Gymnasium at Catawba was dedicated to Moir who served as college's head basketball coach from 1960 until 1994.

Members of Moir's family gathered around him

and several dozen of the former players he coached stood on the basketball court as Catawba College President Dr. Robert E. Knott made the presentation. Knott called Moir a "father, counselor and friend who represented the very best that Catawba College has to offer."

Moir, who had to pause during his remarks because he was overcome with emotion, said simply, "God really blessed me." He recalled that "92 percent of all my recruits graduated from Catawba." And, he remembered his late wife of 34 years, Betty, who recently died. Of her, Moir said, "I'd have never made it without her."

Also at the event, two Catawba alumni were honored with Distinguished Alumnus Awards, given annually since 1974. William "Bill" Graham '83 of Salisbury and Dr. Gwen Roberts Sharp '49 of Green Cove Springs, Fla. shared the limelight with Moir.

Graham, the son of Catawba alumnus John '62 and Betty Graham of Salisbury, is an attorney with Wallace & Graham P.A. in Salisbury and a member of the Catawba College Board of Trustees. Graham earned his law degree from Wake Forest University and is a former member of the Cabarrus County Board of Elections and the N.C. Rules Review Commission. He and his wife Shari '83 are the parents of two children.

Sharp, a retired anesthesiologist, practiced in North Carolina, New York and Florida during her career. She received her M.S. in physiology from Wake Forest University and her M.D. from Bowman Gray School of Medicine.

Sharp told the crowd, "I think you'll agree with me that when you leave with your education and go out into the world and its uncertainty, there is



2002 Distinguished Alumnus Award Recipients, Dr. Gwen Roberts Sharp '49 and William "Bill" Graham '83

always one certainty. When you come home to Catawba, you'll be met with welcoming arms and friendly faces."

During halftime of the Catawba football game against Wingate University, played at Salisbury High School, the college's Homecoming king and queen were crowned. They were seniors Cari Griffin of Olney, Md. and Maurice Price of Charlotte.

Other members of the homecoming court included Starla Allen of Woodleaf and Jason Bailey of Mansfield, Ga.; Janelle Rhodes of Waynesboro, Penn. and Spencer Anthony of Charlotte; Toni Sheperd of Columbus, Ohio and Scotty Boler of Columbia, S.C.; Erin Phillips of Hanover, Penn. and Cedric Squirewell of Ridgeway, S.C.; Jennifer Werner of Ephrata, Penn. and Nicholas Means of Thomasville.



Homecoming Queen Cari Griffin and escort, along with the mother of Homecoming King Maurice Price who was busy playing in the football game!

**Thanks goes to all the wonderful alumni who made the trek to Catawba for Homecoming Weekend 2002. It was great to see you!**

It seems that having to play the football game at Salisbury High School was not a deterrent for many of you getting here. While it is the job of the Alumni Office to plan Homecoming, many volunteers assist the weekend. Thanks goes to the Alumni Association Board of Directors, Dave VanAken, Mark Domske, Bob Whitener, Gwen Sharp, Bill Graham, the Rev. Curtis Sandrock, Dave Wentling, Patsy and John Powell, John and Becky Graham, Flo Peck, Bill Retaillick, Bob Wilson, Eleanor Link, June Grubb, all the Class Agents, golf tournament volunteers and sponsors, and certainly all the faculty and staff at Catawba College who come out to support the weekend. We will count on seeing you back in October, 2003!



Class of 1952 Golden Club inductees (Front row, L-R): Jo Ptterson Coble, Jackie Bost Taylor, Patsy Sommers Poweel, Gordon Beaver, Frankie Fincher Query, Martha Reese Thomason, Bernice Ribet Robinette, Jane Barringer Bowen, Helen Smith Wrenn, Janet Wolford Hollis. (Back row, L-R): Frances Meny Bindewald, Curtis Sandrock, John Powell, Ray Craven, Don Orander, John Philips, Larry Baker, Bill Wack.

# Members of Catawba's Men's Octet reunite to sing and remember

They were always eight strong in their youth, but during a recent gathering at Catawba College's 2002 Homecoming, there were only seven of them. They were former members of Catawba's men octet, reunited once again more than 50 years later to reminisce and harmonize.

"It was wonderful to get back together with them again," says Octet member Jim Stirewalt '51 of Salisbury. "They were all easy to recognize. The first thing we sang was one we did years ago, 'Beautiful Savior.' Bill Milholland ('51 of Hickory) had a solo part in that and his voice was as good as it was.

"Just to hear our voices come together in that old blend was marvelous - a very rewarding experience," Stirewalt continues. "My adrenaline was so high. I was nervous the whole time we were together. It took me a while to wind down after we parted."

Octet member Don Orander '52 of Indianapolis, Ind., who organized the homecoming reunion, echoes Stirewalt. "I hadn't seen any of them since graduation, but had heard stories of the vocations they chose. It was great to hear where their life journeys had taken them. We planned only an hour and a half, and should have planned two and a half.

"While listening to other members' life-journeys was rewarding, standing around the grand piano with Gordon Beaver ('52 of Salisbury) accompanying as he had years ago was nearly magical," Orander explains. "Blending our voices again after so many years... I'm sure it didn't sound wonderful to our spouses and Mrs. (Rosemary) Kinard, who stopped by to greet us, but it brought me back to people and experiences which provided one of the most enjoyable times of my life."

Other octet members who attended the Homecoming reunion with Stirewalt, Milholland, Orander, and accompanist Gordon Beaver, included Charles Wrenn '50 of Fayetteville, Earl Sides '50 of Salisbury, Hillery Rink, Jr. '49 of Thomasville, and Albert Gminder '49 of Newport News, Va.. These members represent but one of the octet's incarnations. Other men who joined voices with the octet while at Catawba included Richard Peeler '47 of Annapolis, Md., Don Scarlett '48 of Winston-Salem, Robert "Bob" Keppel '49 of Taylorsville, William "Bill" Young '54 of Bessemer City, George Fidler '54 of Lexington, Russell Custer '49 of Ramsey, N.J., Bill Cline '50 of Greensboro, John Faust '52 of Charleston, Ill., and Leonard Crofts of Winston-Salem, along with the late Joseph "Joe" Austin '50 of Santa Rosa, Calif., the late Herman Lineberger '50 of Chapel Hill, the late Ray Strunk '49 of Newton, and the late Robert "Bob" Simpson '50 of Franklin Lakes, N.J.

For Stirewalt, the octet reunion opened the floodgate of his Catawba memories, making him cherish once again the group he had been a part of and that group experience which helped widen and focus his world. He still praises his former Catawba professor, the late Harry F. Taylor, for his hand in shaping not only his college years, but also indeed his life.

"When I came on the scene in the fall of 1947," Stirewalt recalls, "Professor Taylor brought together an octet that had two of everything - two tenors, two second tenors, two first basses and two second basses. We all studied voice under him. In the spring of our first year together, we were invited by the Kiwanis Club of North Carolina to sing at their international meeting in Los Angeles, Calif.

"After we got the invitation, we had to raise funds to help us make the trip debt free," he continues. "We sang at a number of Kiwanis Club meetings and they would make contributions to our travel expenses. We also gave a performance at the college and charged 50 cents a person.

"Professor Taylor had a new 1947 Pontiac and Herman Lineberger's father had bought a new 1947 Chevrolet coupe. Herman's dad lent his car to us so the nine of us could travel across the country in comfort. Professor Taylor had a gift. We didn't just travel to California and back," Stirewalt explains, "we made it an educational experience."

The October 9, 1948 edition of *The Pioneer* affirms Stirewalt's memories of the West Coast trip with a headline reading: "Octet Makes Trek Westward; Brings Back Thrilling Story." With grandiose verbiage, the story describes the journey:

"Tuesday, June 1, 1948 is a date that will go down in the memories of a group of your fellow students as the beginning of the realization of a dream that seemed far beyond their fondest imaginations. On that day the

*Catawba College Octet packed bag and baggage and set out on a whirl through twelve of the United States - Los Angeles our ultimate goal. It would be virtually impossible to mention all the thrilling experiences that were ours during the seventeen days of journey, but here goes for a thumbnail sketch.*

*"After crossing the Mississippi at Memphis (and kissing the dear old East good-bye), one of our high spots was an entertainment at Partoles, New Mexico, a college town where Mr. Taylor had taught. We found the people of the land of desert and cactus very hospitable indeed. About eighteen hours later, we found ourselves driving all night in order to reach the Grand Canyon at sunrise - a sight well worth our effort."*



L-R: Don Orander '52, Charles Wrenn '50, Earl Sides '50, James Stirewalt '51, Bill Milholland '51, Hillery Rink Jr. '49, Albert Gminder '49, Gordon Beaver '52

Stirewalt still vividly remembers the sunrise at the Grand Canyon. "It was marvelous," he asserts. "The sun's rays caused all kinds of different changes of coloring on the walls of the canyon." And, Stirewalt also remembers the scare Bill Milholland gave him while they were there. "Bill Milholland crossed over the guard rail where we were watching the sunrise and was standing on the rock on the edge of a canyon cliff. I told him he was stupid."

After a stop at Boulder Dam, for a view of a desert sunset, the octet arrived in Los Angeles and according to *The Pioneer* article it "sang before the assembly meeting of Kiwanis International in the Hollywood Bowl." The following day, the octet entertained attendees "at four state banquets in various hotels of the city."

But the young men and their professor did more than sing while in the City of Angels, they also saw

*"Just to hear our voices come together in that old blend was marvelous - a very rewarding experience"*

- Jim Stirewalt '51

the sights, visiting NBC and CBS studios, the Earl Carroll Theatre, Beverly Hills, the Forest Lawn Memorial Park and Grauman's Chinese Theatre. They also visited Santa Catalina, San Francisco and its Chinatown, the beach at Carmel, Santa Barbara Mission, Yosemite Park, the Golden Gate Bridge, and Fisherman's Wharf.

Departing from California and heading east, the octet crossed the Great Salt Desert and visited Salt Lake City and its Mormon Tabernacle. To get there, Stirewalt says, they drove their vehicles across the Sierra Nevada Pass which had seven feet of snow on the ground in June. He treasures the photos he has of this trip, including one of some octet members throwing snowballs at each other.

The group spent one night at Professor Taylor's sister's house in Raton, New Mexico. There, the young Catawbans were entertained by eight young ladies from that state, who spent the evening talking

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## Note from the Alumni Office!

Homecoming Weekend '02 was a blast and is now only a memory. However, mark your calendar, book the hotel, and call your classmates. October 24-26 is the date selected for Homecoming 2003! Get ready for additional excitement to enhance the traditional Homecoming schedule. The weekend will be geared toward honoring our alumni who served in military service. An incredible patriotic choral concert will be held in Omwake-Dearborn Chapel on Friday night. And to make the weekend more special, we need your help. If you know of any classmates who lost their lives or were wounded during service, please contact the Alumni Office to give us their name. We would like to recognize these men and women during the weekend. Additionally, all veterans will be asked to stand and be recognized during a certain point of the concert. We hope you will make plans to join us.

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and dancing with them. Stirewalt smiles as he displays a photo of himself jitterbugging with one of the New Mexican belles.

Words from the aforementioned Pioneer article now seem prophetic, especially when coupled with Stirewalt's recollections: "When the trip was over, each boy had memories and souvenirs for many future years of retrospection. It was a trip seldom to be realized, but never to be forgotten."

For some members of the octet, however, the Westward trip was but the beginning of several college journeys their voices would carry them on. The group traveled to Florida in the spring of 1949 to sing at the opening session of the convention of the Southern Division of Music Educators National Conference. Accompanist Gordon Beaver traveled with the eight young men along with the group's beloved Professor Taylor.

Then, the group made another trip, one Stirewalt describes as "the Northern Trip," which took them to New York City and Philadelphia. Although some of its members changed from year to year, the octet in one of its incarnations, was a constant during Taylor's tenure at Catawba.

"We were good publicity for the college," Stirewalt asserts and laughs quietly to himself before adding, "At the Homecoming reunion, I said that the very fact that Dr. and Mrs. Keppel (president and first lady of Catawba College) went with us on the Northern trip was an opportunity for them to raise funds for the college. Don Orander corrected me saying, 'I always thought we went with them.'"

According to Stirewalt, some of the trips that carried the octet just across town were as life shaping and formative as those that carried them across several states. During the years of the octet when segregation was a fact of life, Professor Taylor quietly did his part to break down racial barriers. Stirewalt recalls many instances when the octet would travel to Livingstone College in Salisbury to perform with its singers. "It was our introduction to integration," he says, "and we felt really good about those opportunities that brought our two campuses together and gave us a chance to perform."

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employers and commercial keystones of our community" and "wonderful examples of citizenship and community responsibility-significantly beyond providing employment and contributing to the tax base."

"These firms and the people who lead them now, and led them in the past," Setzer said, "possess and practice, with considerable skill, three important qualities that define them and link them to this community and this college: leadership, philanthropy, and service."

Catawba College President Dr. Robert E. Knott, before making the individual presentations to the businesses, said, "The employees and leaders of these companies have, since their founding, given back in many ways to the local community and in doing so, they have enriched the lives of us all."

The impetus for what became Cheerwine Bottling Company and is today known as Carolina Beverage Corporation began in 1913, when L.D. Peeler of Salisbury and other investors bought stock in a regional branch of a Kentucky company which manufactured a popular soft drink called MintCola. Four years later, in 1917, those same investors bought out the MintCola Company and changed its name to Carolina Beverage Corporation. That same year, in the basement of L.D. Peeler's wholesale grocery store, Cheerwine - today's well-loved, burgundy-red, bubbly, cherry soft drink -- was born. Through four generations, descendants of L.D. Peeler have run the company which today has 400 employees and operates as two entities, Carolina Beverage Corporation, run by Mark Ritchie, and Piedmont Cheerwine Bottling Company, run by Cliff Ritchie, with Mike Bauk serving as its Chief Financial Officer.

What Cheerwine has given and continues to give back to the community is assistance which can be either monetary or in the form of product donations. Area organizations which have been the beneficiaries of that assistance include Rowan Parks and Recreation, the Rowan YMCAs, Waterworks Visual Arts Center, the Rowan Chamber of Commerce, Junior Achievement, youth athletic teams, youth athletic programs, and of course, Catawba College. Cheerwine is also an integral part of plans to celebrate the county's 250th birthday during Rowan 250 Fest.

Founded in 1909 in Granite Quarry, Farmers & Merchants Bank was a dream of town residents who believed that having their own local bank would enhance the economic well-being of their small community. Today, F & M Bank is the largest financial institution in Rowan County and the 32nd largest in the state of North Carolina. F & M has evolved into a full-service financial services company with multiple locations serving all of Rowan County.

The term "community bank" has always defined F & M's mission which, simply said, is to improve the quality of life of those who live and work in the communities that F & M serves. F & M approaches its community responsibilities not in terms of donations or contributions, but in terms of investments in worthwhile projects, programs and services.

F & M provides financial resources and leadership to three local colleges, the many Rowan County YMCAs, local human services organizations such as the United Way and the many agencies it represents, as well as Rowan Helping Ministries, Habitat for Humanity, the Community Care Clinic, Rowan Regional Medical Center, and

the Communities in Schools. Additionally, F & M partners with Rowan County's many arts organizations and supports local economic development organizations such as Downtown Salisbury, Inc., the Chamber of Commerce, and the Economic Development Corporation. And, F & M recognizes the importance of environmental and historic preservations and partners with organizations which champion these causes. F & M's employees also provide countless volunteer hours to these same organizations, undergirding their employer's corporate efforts.

Founded in Salisbury in 1949 by Charles D. Taylor, Sr., Taylor Clay Products, Incorporated originally was a company that manufactured tile. Today, the company is run by the son of its founder, Charles D. Taylor, Jr., and produces high quality architectural face brick that is used in construction. Although these products are well known in the marketplace east of the Mississippi, locally the company is heralded not only for its products and for the jobs it provides local residents, but also for its fine corporate citizenship.

The company still follows the tradition established by its founder of giving back to the community. While Charles D. Taylor, Sr. was an avid supporter of the Waterworks Visual Arts Center, his son has expanded the company's philanthropic vision to include the youth of Rowan County. In-kind donations of materials have made possible construction of the Red Cross Building, the administration facility at the Nazareth Children's Home, the Salisbury YMCA, the South Rowan YMCA and the new Shuford Stadium and the Mariam and Robert Hayes Athletic Field House at Catawba College.

## Not exactly a summer vacation

Ashlie Hinson of Salisbury was a student in the day program at Catawba College during the 2001-2002 academic year. Ironically, her parents Lori and Harry Hinson were students at Catawba as well, enrolled in the college's Lifelong Learning Program for working adults. These three were on track to graduate together in May of 2003, but Ashlie took a slight detour.

You see, Ashlie, a chemistry and biology major at Catawba, wanted to continue her education after undergraduate school by attending medical school with the intention of becoming a forensic pathologist. But she also wanted to explore what the United States Marine Corps had to offer; it had always interested her.

Unbeknownst to her parents, Ashlie, during the spring of 2002, visited the U.S. Marine Recruitment Office in Salisbury and signed up as a reservist. Her plan was to complete her basic training this past summer and then, be ready this fall to continue her undergraduate studies, committing one weekend a month and two weeks over her summer break from Catawba to her reservist duties. Her military duty, she surmised, would also be extra money. "I thought, wouldn't it be cool to retire from the Marine Corps at age 41 and draw a retirement check and still work elsewhere as well," she recalled.

Always up for a challenge, Ashlie was sure she could manage it -- spend 13 weeks during the summer at Parris Island for boot camp, and then, be back in time for the start of school. "By my calculations, I would leave immediately after classes were out and come back from boot camp with one week to spare," she said. Plus, she admitted, there was something very enticing to her about the Marine Corps slogan, "The Few, The Proud, The Marines."

Ashlie could not have imagined the challenges that lay ahead. In the letters she sent home throughout the summer, she recounted these challenges, but her parents could only empathize from a distance since Ashlie and the other recruits weren't allowed visitors, calls or any outside contact except in the form of letters.

Ashlie had to quickly fall into the routine of Parris Island. She had to almost learn another language, the tongue of the Marine Corps. And, she had to begin thinking more about food than eating it. In a May 23rd letter to her family, Ashlie wrote:

*"One more day til my B-day and I can't even remember that. We are so busy. We get up usu-*

*ally at 0400 every morning to screaming, crazy DIs (drill instructors)...after jumping out of the rack (bunk), we hit the deck (floor) running. We go to morning chow (breakfast) in our camies (camouflage), full muster war gear, 2 canteens, our cover (hat), either KB (combat) boots or jungle boots or tennie runners (tennis shoes), black socks and our M16A2 service rifle. We eat morning chow in 4-6 minutes and get back on-line and at attention. Then, we go either to PT (for 2 hours) or some other "fun stuff." Then, we go to classes for 2 hours (2 classes at one hour each), then noon chow (6 minutes) which has so far been a bag lunch everyday with the same stuff in it (always a ham sandwich, a carrot stick, a celery stick, two hard boiled eggs, a granola bar and a piece of fruit. Well guess what, this recruit doesn't eat the eggs or the celery, and I didn't used to eat raw carrots, but I do now.*

Looking back now on the experience, Ashlie said, "We learned not to be modest. There was no privacy and not enough time to brush our teeth. I never wanted to brush my teeth so bad. I smelled other recruits' breath and I couldn't say anything because I knew mine was just as bad. I've never been so glad to be separated from males in my life because we were the nastiest, dirtiest I've ever been."

On her birthday, May 24, Ashlie added a postscript to her May 23rd letter:

*"Today was my 21st b-day. What a very different way to spend it. So, sing for me and know I'm still living right now. We got to go to the sand-pit on my b-day as well, so at least the Marine Corps tried to make it special for me."*

June arrived, and Ashlie was still in the throes of boot camp, hanging tough. "So many people gave up so easy," she recalled. "They just quit. But I learned that the Marine Corps will not give up on you unless you give up on it."

As her challenges became more intense, Ashlie readily met them, exceeding even her own expectations, and she thought more and more about food and what she would eat when her 13 weeks at Parris Island were concluded.

In a June 20th letter to her family, Ashlie wrote:

*"I'm sitting here in dental and we're talking about food! Food and what we're gonna do when we leave (Go to Wal-Mart and get food). But, we don't have to do that because y'all are already bringing me delectable delights. I can't wait. As soon as we meet at the Douglas Visitors Center*

*(remember that), I want the goods....Pray for me. I've got to swim quals for CWS-1 today and testing tomorrow! I'm nervous about today. I always swallow the water. Just pray and write me soon!"*

Through early July, Ashlie continued to adjust to the Marine Corps' way of life, until one day, her feet were swollen so badly that she could not put on her boots "even without the laces in," she said. All the marching and running and jumping that Ashlie had been doing had resulted in stress fractures in both of her feet. To her dismay "exactly one month before my graduation," she explained, "I got dropped to MRP (Medical Rehab Platoon)." She spent part of July and most of August recuperating from her injuries before being reassigned to another platoon to complete her basic training requirements. Meanwhile, back in Salisbury, Ashlie's parents could only rally around prayer with family and friends, hopefully that Ashlie would be lifted up and stay encouraged. Once they knew she could not make it home for fall semester, they withdrew her from classes at Catawba and continued their vigil and prayers.

The upside was that Ashlie finally graduated from basic training and became officially one of "the few, the proud, the Marines," in September. The downside was that her undergraduate education at Catawba was put on hold temporarily. She has been told to expect to be shipped out to the Middle East with her reserve unit in the near future. She is taking that news in stride and has optimistically registered for 2003 spring semester classes at Catawba.

"I can't complain," she said of her pending active duty. "I made the choice myself. And, if it keeps my family free, so be it. I do want to get my diploma, though. I don't want to be 30 when I get my diploma. Now, I think I can do whatever I need to do."

"I did not like being there (Parris Island), but I dealt with it. It was unlike I thought it would be and looking back it seems surreal - the whole event, just being there. I can push myself to do whatever I want to do. I can no longer say, 'I can't do something.' I don't have that option to use anymore."



Catawba College student Ashlie Hinson

## KETNER SCHOLARSHIP...

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know you're the leaders of tomorrow." She told the students they were "lucky to be part of a big family at Catawba," and she thanked them "each and every one for making me and Ralph lucky, too."

Ketner Scholarship recipients also include Mandy Adcock, Megan Adcock, Johnathan Allen, Gina Austin, Matthew Baker Tanya Blankenship, Robert Bombo, Hollie Bruce, Kelly Burdeau, Matthew Causey, Phillip Closner, Cherie Collum,

James Davis, Tricia Denton, Rachel Derr, Eric Edmiston, Ashleigh Ervin, Sharon Everhart, Carl Finney, Sarah Harbinson, Laura Hartis, Steven Harvey, Brian Hatley, Angela Haynes, Ashley Helms, Jacob Helms, Katherine Himes, Amy Honeycutt, Elizabeth Ingle, Erin Isenberg, Rachel Jackson, Lela Jane Johnson, Sara Jones, Jennifer Kidd, Michelle Kirkpatrick, Kristen Kobylus, Nicholas Lefko, Alexander Lopez, Kristen McCahren, Justin McIntyre, Jonathan Menius,

James Morgan, Gail Murph, Tatisha Muskelly, Steven Newton, Jacob Pace, Lauren Perry, Jennifer Pickler, David Pinkston, Aaron Rimer, Danielle Scarce, Regina Scheidt, Julian Scott, Salem Snider, Steven Stamper, Taylor Steedly, David Stoner, Lyndsie Lee Tompkins, David Trenor, Shea Walker, Shelly Ward, Kacey Weaver, Anthony Weddington, Robert White and Candace Williams.

## Fall sports wrap-up

Catawba College took the early lead in the South Atlantic Conference's race for the Excellence Cup for the top overall athletic program. After the fall, Catawba has totaled 38 points, seven points higher than at this point last year, and leads Carson-Newman by two points. Presbyterian, last year's winner, is fourth with 29.5 points. Catawba earned a share of first place in volleyball and women's soccer, while taking home second place finishes in football and men's cross country.

### FOOTBALL

Catawba qualified for the NCAA II playoffs for the fourth straight year under first-year coach Chip Hester. The Indians finished the regular season ranked 16th in NCAA II. Only Indiana, PA, and Cal-Davis have a current streak longer than the Tribe in qualifying for the playoffs. The Indians finished the year with an 8-3 record and were second in the SAC with a 6-1 mark.

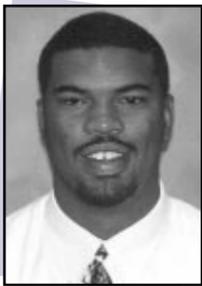
The three teams that defeated Catawba all made the playoffs and finished the regular season with a combined record of 31-1. Fayetteville State, which Catawba defeated, also qualified for the playoffs. In its playoff matchup with Valdosta, Catawba would fall 24-7 in a rematch of last season's region final. The Indians had a chance to take the early lead, but a turnover cost the Tribe points. Catawba failed on a field goal attempt in the final minute of the half and Valdosta took command by scoring on a 76 yard pass on the next play to go up 21-0. The Tribe defense held the Blazers to just a field goal in the final half, but the offense managed just one score.

Several of the seniors on the football squad made their mark in the school record books. Three receivers, Nick Means, Cedric Squirewell and O.J. Lennon finished among the top five all-time in catches. Means set the career mark in receptions, receiving yards and touchdowns and tied the school record for catches in a game with 12 in the playoff loss to Valdosta State. Squirewell finished second behind Means in both career catches and yards. Lennon finished fifth in career receptions.

On defense, linebacker Todd McComb recorded 401 career stops to stand second all-time.

McComb was honored as an All-South pick for the fourth straight year and was joined on the team this year by Means, junior Jamel Jackson and freshman kicker Allan Rohrbaugh.

Means and McComb were also named to the Academic All-District team.



Linebacker Todd McComb was first team All-American

### WOMEN'S SOCCER

Catawba came up with two big road wins to close out its league schedule to earn a share of the SAC crown. Kyley Thompson kept the championship hopes alive with an overtime goal against Wingate with just seven seconds to play. The Lady Indians won a school-record 15 matches and qualified for the NCAA II regionals after winning the SAC Tournament Championship.

Catawba had to play the regional without Thompson, its top scorer, who broke her collar

bone in the SAC Tournament semifinal match. She finished the year with 14 goals and nine assists and was named the SAC Freshman of the Year. Catawba placed six on

the all-region team, the most of any school. Joining Thompson was Kim Clayton, Maran Bock, Lisa DeMeyer, Jamie Fink and Lindsay Layman. Layman was named the SAC Tournament MVP as Catawba did not surrender a goal in its three wins. All six players were also named All-SAC and John Cullen was named SAC Coach of the Year for the second straight season.



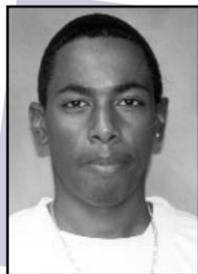
Becky Paul and the women's soccer team won the SAC championship and advanced to the NCAA playoffs

### VOLLEYBALL

Catawba finished the season with a 25-7 record and were co-champions in the SAC. The Lady Indians fell in the league tournament final to Carson-Newman in the rubber game of the series this season and missed out on a second trip to regionals. The teams had split earlier regular season meetings and finished 13-1 in the conference.

Ginger Ashley picked up SAC Co-Coach of the

Year honors, while four players earned All-SAC honors. First team all-league honors went to sophomore Hope Miller and senior Lettie Wilkes, while senior Rachel LaRoche and sophomore Crissi Harrison earned second team honors. Miller and Elizabeth Hewitt were named to the academic all-district team.



Ryan Willis, SAC Runner of the Year, qualified for the NCAA nationals

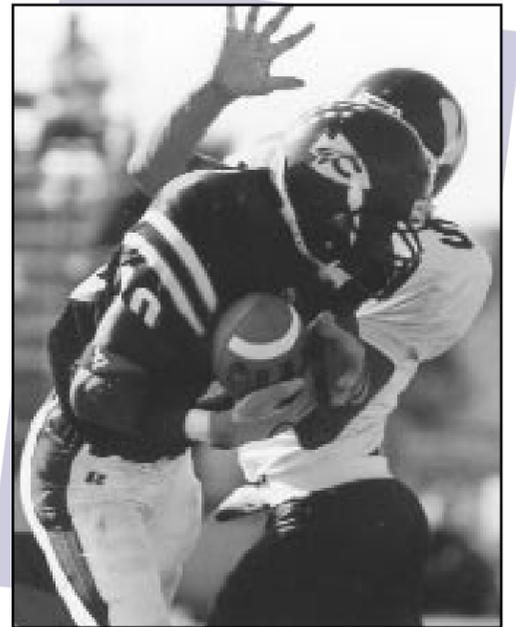
### CROSS COUNTRY

Catawba's men were second and the women fourth at the SAC Championships, while the men had a great run at the regional where they finished third. Ryan Willis finished fifth at the regional meet and earned a spot in the NCAA II Championships, finishing 165th in snow and freezing conditions.

Willis had earlier took top honors in the SAC Championships, earning Freshman and Runner of the Year honors. Jesse Howes also ran to All-SAC honors and both were named to the all-region team. On the women's side, Rebecca DeFeo earned second team All-SAC honors.

### MEN'S SOCCER

The Indians posted a 12-8 record and made it to the league tournament semifinal. Four players earned All-SAC honors and all return next season. Making the all-league second team was junior



Nick Means set the career receiving record

Brennan Regner, junior Ross Hudgins, sophomore Mo Norman and freshman Kenny Crowe. Crowe was also named to the all-region team. Senior Mike Beber earned academic all-district honors.

Regner led the team with 10 goals this season, while junior Jake Pace and freshman Tyler Kulp each had six tallies. Norman had four goals and a team-leading seven assists. Senior goalkeeper David Durham recorded a 1.79 goals against average and posted two shutouts.

### FIELD HOCKEY

Catawba finished 1-11 in a season that saw the team wrecked by illness and injuries. Catawba had only two seniors this season, Taryn Gordon and Stacy Maloney. Gordon was limited to just one goal this year, but had 24 for her career with a dozen assists.

Freshman Toni Vodola led the team with three goals this year, while junior Rachel Alosky and freshman Allison Dodge each had two goals. Gordon led the team with three assists.

### WINTER UPDATE

The Catawba winter sports are under way and basketball will begin conference play in January. The swim team has won its three dual meets and have already set several school records. Freshmen Erin Hyde and Vickie Ryan have combined to set five marks. Hyde has established three new standards, while Ryan has added two. Junior Beth Gill broke her old mark in the 50 free.

The men's basketball team has started slow out of the gate with a 2-5 record. Only a few players return from last season, with senior Brian Carter has led the team in scoring, averaging 20.8 points and 9.8 rebounds a game. Junior Duke Phipps and freshman Helgi Magnusson are each adding 11.5 points a game. Freshman Brian Frasier recently tossed in 26 points and hit on 7-of-9 three-pointers.

The women's basketball team has a 3-3 record in the early going and have been hurt with several injuries. Senior Dorthell Little has been limited in her return from off-season knee surgery, while freshman guard Selia Monroe was lost for the year after three games with a knee injury. Junior Danyel Locklear has led the way, averaging 16.6 points and nine rebounds a game. Senior Lynn Morancie has added 13.2 points a contest.

### Catawba College Trustee dies

Dr. Rodger H. Lofland '61 of Winston-Salem died Nov. 18.

Following his graduation from Catawba, he earned his DDS from the University of Maryland. He was retired as an oral surgeon in the practice of Drs. Lofland, Quadland, Shehan & Smith.

An active supporter of his alma mater, Lofland had served as a member of the Catawba College Board of Trustees since 1968. He was a charter member of the Catawba College Tower Society, an active member of the Chiefs Club and was a loyal supporter of both the sciences and athletic programs on campus. In recent years, he had provided substantial funding to purchase equipment for the biology department and the Lofland Hydrotherapy Room in the Mariam and Robert Hayes Athletic Field House on campus was named in his honor. He had also provided funding to establish the Dean R. Grove Endowment Fund. This fund honors Dean N. Grove '40, who was Dr. Lofland's high school coach, biology teacher and mentor. An annual outstanding student award is given to a student athlete majoring in the division of math and science who demonstrates leadership abilities in both areas.

Survivors include his wife, Regina, and two children, Rene and Russell.



### Catawba-Educated Math Teacher dies

Mary Robena Nicholson '29 of Salisbury died Nov. 23.

She served as a mathematics teacher at Salisbury High School for 40 years between 1932 and 1972 and was both beloved and feared by her students. Known by her pupils as the "tough-love" teacher and the teacher with "high expectations," she taught mathematics to several generations in Salisbury. Catawba College Writer-in-Residence Dr. Janice Fuller was one of Nicholson's pupils and memorialized her in the poem which follows.

A lifelong member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, she was active in church activities and the Episcopal Church Women. She was honored with a Paul Harris Fellowship from the Salisbury Rotary Club.

Survivors include three nieces.

#### Geometry Teacher (For Mary Nicholson)

*Mama Nick we called her,  
She'd shuffle up and down the aisles  
like Saint Nick's evil twin,  
dropping shoddy work before us,  
red Xs like prickly switches.  
She thumped "Wrong!" on our desks  
like a hard lump of coal.  
Her disgust for those of us  
too obtuse to calculate circumference  
was an icicle, isosceles and sharp.*

*Still teenagers, we longed to intersect,  
form complementary angles  
while she taught and lived resolutely alone.  
Did she believe in infinity? Or know it  
as only how long those lonely parallels  
could run without touching?*

*Yet, in those ephemeral days, she gave us  
numbers we could sit on, sleep in, climb.  
She was the radius jutting  
from some center we couldn't find.  
In a sixties world without shape or sense,  
she enclosed us in her perfect sphere.*

*Even now, the undertaker tries to unbend what gravity  
has worked to curve for ninety-four years.  
Come Tuesday, the cube, the pyramid,  
the cone will rise to salute her,  
tall on the bases we have drawn for them,  
trailing their dotted lines delicately behind.  
She will lie in the ground, straight and flat,  
the shortest distance between math and eternity.  
Hypotenuse, rhombus, Pythagoras, parabola  
will circle her like a compass and sing.*

## In Memoriam

'33 **Catherine Brown Kirchin** of Granite Quarry died Sept. 3.

A member of the North Carolina Association of Educators, she served as a teacher in the Rowan-Salisbury Schools for 33 years. She was an active member of Wittenberg Lutheran Church where she was a member of WELCA, and a former member of the Altar Guild, choir, and the Christian education and telephone committees. She was also a former Sunday school teacher and an active participant in the Bazaar for Granite Civic Park.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Reginald "Reg" Kerchin in 1986. Survivors include a daughter and a sister.

'36 **Lilyan Burns Miller Stafford** of Charlotte died Aug. 28.

She taught school in Troy and North Wilkesboro, N.C. before operating a music and television repair store in North Wilkesboro with her husband Franklin Church Stafford who preceded her in death. She later retired from the N.C. Dept. of Social Services. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in North Wilkesboro and a past member of Bethesda Presbyterian Church in Aberdeen, N.C.

Survivors include a daughter, a sister, three grandsons, and three great-grandchildren.

'38 **William F. "Tank" Crowell** of Charlotte died Nov. 19.

A native of Salisbury, he served as an officer in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He retired from St. Paul Insurance Company and later worked at the Harris YMCA in Charlotte. He was active at Sharon Presbyterian Church and was a member of the Sharon Towers Board of Directors.

Survivors include his wife, Genevieve Crowell, a sister, a stepson, three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

'40 **Theresa Elizabeth Horton** of Salisbury died Nov. 19.

She attended both Catawba College and the University of Chicago before receiving her Bachelor of Science in nursing and Bachelor of Science in nursing education degrees from Duke University School of Nursing and Duke University. She received a Master of Science in nursing education from the University of Pittsburgh and was a member of Sigma Theta Tau, an honorary nursing society.

Her career began at Duke Hospital, Durham, where she worked for eight years. She later worked at Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital, Greensboro,

Hartford Hospital, Hartford, Conn., and University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She taught at Duke University School of Nursing for 20 years, where she was associate professor emeritus. She retired in 1984.

Survivors include brother John Allen Horton, Jr. '54 of Winston-Salem, and sisters Juanita H. Newby '40 and Miriam H. Park '44, both of Salisbury.

'41 **James M. Waggoner** of Menlo Park, Calif., died Nov. 18.

Following his graduation from Catawba, he was employed until his retirement as a pilot with Pan American Airlines.

Survivors include his wife, Jane S. Waggoner, four children, a sister, three brothers and six grandchildren.

**Jannie Marie Barrier** of Salisbury died Sept. 12.

She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

'42 **Dr. Harold Newman, Jr.** of Salisbury died Nov. 7.

Dr. Newman attended Duke University on a football scholarship, but completed his undergraduate studies at Catawba. He earned his medical degree from John Hopkins University and after graduation, joined the U.S. Air Force and served at the rank of captain during World War II. After the war, he established his practice in Salisbury and served as the team doctor for both Boyden High School and Catawba College. In 1993, he was presented a meritorious award from Catawba.

Active in the community, he was past president of the Rowan County Medical Society, a retired board member of F & M Bank, a member of Salisbury Rotary Club for 25 years, a member of the Salisbury Country Club, and a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church where he served on the vestry.

Survivors include his wife, Gene Porter Newman '44; sons Harold H. Newman III of Salisbury and Dr. Kevin P. Newman of Memphis, Tenn.; daughter Jean N. Glock of Alexandria, Va.; brother Maynard Newman '37 of Salisbury; sister Eleanor McSweeney '39 of Portsmouth, Va., and four grandchildren.

**Juanita Tussey Palmer** of Lexington, N.C. died Aug. 10.

A homemaker, she was involved in various activities at her church, First Reformed United Church of Christ. Her husband, Jacob Alexander Palmer, Jr., preceded her in death in 1999.

Survivors include son Dr. Jacob A. "Jack" Palmer of Unity, Maine, daughter Patricia McGinn of Clemson, S.C., five grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and sister Helen Tussey Williams '47 of Granite Quarry, N.C.

**Robert Chester Culton** of Chapel Hill died Nov. 8.

A veteran of World War II, he

served from 1943-1946 in the Third Marine Division on Iwo Jima and received the Purple Heart. He earned his master's degree at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and enjoyed a long career teaching and coaching in the public school system of North Carolina. He was employed at Boyden High School in Salisbury, Oxford High School in Oxford and at Chapel Hill High School.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn Hay Culton, a daughter, a son, and four grandchildren.

'43 **David Alexander Kesler** of Salisbury died Nov. 7.

A baseball player in high school and college, he played with a Rowan County semi-pro team until he was drafted in the U.S. Army. A veteran of World War II, he served as a military policeman in the European Theater and was awarded a Bronze Star before he was discharged in 1945. He was employed as Chief Deputy with the Rowan County Sheriff's Department for many years, before retiring from Fiber Industries, now known as KoSa. His wife, Rachel Ruffy Kesler, preceded him in death in 1999.

Survivors include two brothers.

'44 **Kenneth Reid Rhodes** of Lexington died Sept. 14.

While a student at Catawba, he played football. He was a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He was a retired controller and accountant with McLean Trucking of Winston-Salem, and following his retirement was employed for another 10 years by Swing Transport.

Survivors include his wife, Mary, and two sons, Kenneth, Jr. and Gary Ocko '75.

'48 **Dr. Allen Spencer** of Salisbury died Oct. 31.

He attended Duke University and the University of the North Carolina at Chapel Hill before enlisting in the U.S. Navy during World War II as a Pharmacist's Mate 2nd Class. After his discharge in 1946, he resumed his education, graduating from Catawba and then receiving his medical degree from the University of North Carolina in 1954. He then entered the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond for an internship, followed by a four-year residency in surgery.

Dr. Spencer opened his medical office in Salisbury in 1959 and practiced 33 years until his retirement in 1992. He was chief of surgery and president of the medical staff at Rowan Memorial Hospital, a member of the American Medical Association and the North Carolina Medical Society. He was also a member of First United Methodist Church and the Country Club of Salisbury.

Survivors include his wife, Marlene Peeler Spencer, two sons, two

stepchildren, two brothers, two grandchildren and one step-grandchild.

'49 **Carolyn Kibler Lambeth** of Morganton died Sept. 12.

She was a past member of the Morganton Service League, Morganton Women's Club and Morganton Garden Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband, **Donald Cicero Lambeth '49**, and son Donald C. Lambeth, Jr. Survivors include a son, a daughter and two granddaughters.

'50 **Frederic Houston Young** of Salisbury died Oct. 26.

After graduation from Catawba, he earned his master's degree from Columbia University. A veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, he was a poet and a novelist who wrote, "Many Ingenious Lovely Things." Until his retirement, he taught English for 20 years in the Island Trees Public Schools of Long Island, N.Y.

Survivors include a brother.

**Florence Page Armstrong** of Salisbury died Oct. 21.

She attended Women's College in Greensboro and graduate from Catawba College. She was employed briefly as a teacher and later worked for the Rowan County Health Department, the Dairy Council, White Packing Co. and Southern Bell. She retired from Belk Co. after 17 years in accounting. A member of the First United Methodist Church and the American Association of University Women, she was a former member of Business and Professional Women's Club.

Survivors include brother **William H. Armstrong '46** of Raleigh and sister Rosa Lee Armstrong Cozart of Raleigh.

**Sidney Richard Rothwell** of Inkster, Mich. died May 10.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Margaret Eury Rothwell '43, and four children, Sidney Richard Rothwell III, Cynthia A. Good, Dr. Charles E. Rothwell, and Robert L. Rothwell, and six grandchildren.

**Marian Joyce Clement Billings** of Salisbury died Nov. 1.

She began her professional career as an instructor of business administration at Evans College in Concord. She later entered government services as a claims representative with the Social Security Administration, retiring from there in 1987 after 25 years of service. She was a member of First United Methodist Church and sang in the choir there. In 2001, an Endowed Scholarship in her honor was established at Catawba College by her son, William B. Billings of Charlotte.

Survivors in addition to her son include her husband of 49 years, Horace Billings, brother John Reid Clement, Jr. '43 of Salisbury and sister Frances Elizabeth Daughtery '43 of Fairfax, Va.

**Calvin Coolidge Davis** of Myrtle Beach, S.C., formerly of Salisbury, died Oct. 21.

He did extensive work in physics at the University of California at Los Angeles, where he earned his master's degree in education. A veteran of the U.S. Navy, he served from 1943-1946 and from 1950-1953. He worked as a radar and missile systems engineer with Reeves Instrument Corp. in New York and Los Angeles, Calif., and at Data Design Laboratories in Los Angeles between 1953 and 1970. In 1970, he moved to Charlotte where he purchased Davis Food Products and taught physics in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools.

Survivors include daughters Susan Lemaster of Ponte Vedra, Fla., and Jennifer Jackson of Jacksonville, Fla.; brother Bill Davis of Salisbury; sister Virginia Odom '58, Ruth Watson, Dot McIntyre and Hazel Presslar, all of Salisbury, Clady Braswell of Hickory, and Jean Eagle of Garner; and two grandchildren.

**Gerald Reid Allen** of Salisbury died Oct. 4.

A U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, he served on the USS Stern Destroyer Escort 187. He earned his master's degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and was an active member of that institution's alumni association. He retired from teaching business administration, marketing and management at Guilford Technical Community College in Jamestown, N.C. in 1988. In 2001, he made a donation to Catawba to establish the Inez Bankett Allen and Gerald Reid Allen Endowed Scholarship.

He was a member of the American Legion Harold B. Jarrett Post 342, a life member of the VFW Post 3006, and a charter member from World War II of the U.S. Navy Memorial. He was a member of Midway Baptist Church in Midway, N.C.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Inez Bankett Allen '50, who died in 2000. Survivors include several nieces and nephews.

'51 **Rev. William Charles "Bill" Anderson** of Mocksville died Sept. 23.

A graduate of both Mitchell College in Statesville and Catawba College, Rev. Anderson completed post-graduate studies in theology at Duke University. He served as an active minister of the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church for over 30 years, pastoring churches in Davie, Randolph, Cleveland, Guilford, Rowan and Burke Counties.

Survivors include his wife, Myra Call Anderson, a daughter, three sons, 10 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

'52 **Robert L. "Lope" Linder** of Salisbury died Nov. 20.

A native of Rowan County, he served with the U.S. Army during World War II. A retired teacher and coach, he served for 36 years in the

Rowan and Cabarrus County School systems at Rockwell High School, China Grove High School, South Rowan High School and Kannapolis High School. He also coached American Legion Baseball. He was a member of Coburn Memorial United Methodist Church, the North Carolina Educators Association and the Catawba Chief's Club. The Robert L. Linder Scholarship was established in his honor by Marshall Murphy '66 of Tulsa, Okla. It is awarded to students from Nazareth Children's Home or students from Rowan and Cabarrus County who show academic ability and demonstrate need.

Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Virginia P. Linder; his mother, Nora Hartman Linder of Salisbury; and two brothers, James D. "Sarge" Linder of Salisbury and **Willis D. "Whit" Linder '50** of Charlotte.

'55 **Larry Donald "Don" Bowden** of Salisbury died Sept. 22.

An officer in the U.S. Navy, he served in the South Pacific and in Washington, D.C. He was retired from Goodman Lumber Company. A member of St. John's Lutheran Church, he served as an usher, a member of the council and a coach of various church league sports. He was chair of St. John's first Habitat for Humanity home building project and a member of the Salisbury Rotary Club.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy Goodman Bowden, three sons and a sister.

'56 **Anne Hancock Charleville** of High Point, N.C. died Oct. 25.

A lifelong resident of Guilford County, she was employed as a medical secretary by Dr. Dru Van Wilkes. She was an active member and choir director of Archdale Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by a son. Survivors include two sons and five grandchildren.

'59 **Diane Rousseau** of Clemmons, N.C. died May 6.

She played the character of Diana Lamont on the soap opera, "Love of Life" for 10 years from 1966-1976. She later relocated from New York to Winston-Salem and began studying at the Sawtooth Center for Visual Art there. She made pottery and ceramics.

'60 **Rev. D. Jean Kelbaugh** of Baltimore, Md. died Oct. 26.

She was retired from Messiah United Church of Christ in Baltimore.

'65 **Spencer Hoyt Moose** of Landis died Nov. 18.

A veteran of the U.S. Air Force, he served during World War II. He was a former production superintendent with Cannon Mills. A member of Grace Lutheran church, he was a member of the church council and taught the Hoyt Moose Sunday School class for 36 years. He was past president

and secretary of John R. Mott YMCA Service Club and Landis Lions Club.

Survivors include his wife Kathleen Beaver Moose, two sons, a daughter, two brothers, a sister and four grandchildren.

**'66 William John Shulenberger** of Salisbury died Sept. 29.

A retired teacher, he taught in the Warren County School System for 20 years. He was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, where he was on the council and the call and cemetery committees, was a Sunday school teacher and the memorial fund chairman.

Survivors include a brother.

**'72 Gary Edward "Hoppy" Honeycutt** of Cornelius, N.C. died Sept. 14.

A veteran of the U.S. Army, he served in the Vietnam War. He was employed at Duke Power for 17 years and later worked for Carolina Wood Stairs. He was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Concord.

Survivors include a son, a brother and two sisters.

**'73 Ruby Elwood Hardin** of Davidson died Nov. 4.

She taught seventh and eighth grade at Kannapolis Middle School until her retirement.

Survivors include her husband, Manuel James Hardin '58, three sons, two brothers, two sisters and six grandchildren.

**'77 Warren E. Hobbs** of Marion, N.C. died Oct. 17.

He was a loan officer with NationsBank.

He is survived by his wife, Susan Griffin Hobbs.

## Class Notes

**'37 Paul and Melva Strauch** of Pleasant Hill, Tenn. write that it has been 65 years since they graduated from Catawba and

that they enjoy wearing their Catawba jackets and drinking from their Catawba mugs. They can be reached at 931-277-3995.

**'39 Elizabeth Taylor Smith** writes that it is wonderful to read all of the good things that have happened to

Catawba. She is proud to say that Catawba was a part of her life and sends her best wishes to all.

**'46 Jean Kirk Ramsey** of Salisbury has published two volumes of "John Kirk and His Descendants" this summer after more than 40 years of collecting information on more than 2800 descendants and spouses.

**'47 Dot Schrum Hammond** writes that she is living at 602 West 8th St., Newton, N.C. 28658-3817. She travels often

to Pensacola, Fla., where her daughter and son-in-law live with their 6 children. She enjoys reading, bridge and shopping. She says she has started collecting tie-tacks and has a lapel almost full.

**'51 Joe White** writes that he is a retired chairman of CWT Farms International where he dealt with poultry and related

products in mostly international sales in the Caribbean and Central and South America. He has been married for 50 years to Betty. They have three children and seven grandchildren.

**'59 Frances Cox Flinchum** writes that she and her husband Wayne have just moved back to North Carolina after 42 years. She can be reached at P.O. Box 1268, Carthage, N.C. 28327.

**Shirley Alberta Melton Miller** writes that she has retired from the Reading School District after 20 years of teaching English. Her husband, George, has retired from the UCC ministry after 41 1/2 years. They have moved to their lake home in the mountains of Pennsylvania, and are enjoying traveling, spending time with their children and grandchildren, and entertaining visitors. She would enjoy entertaining college friends and showing them around Pa. She can be reached at 2020 Wynonah Dr., Auburn, Pa. 17922.

**Harriett Ziegenfuss** writes that her daughter just received the Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year Award for the Council for Exceptional Children. She is an Early Intervention Specialist with the Berks County Intermediate Unit.

**'62 June M. Grubb** writes that she is now serving as the UCC Area Minister of the Western N.C. Association of the Southern Conference. Her office is in Salisbury at 204 Lantz Avenue, near the Catawba campus. She works with clergy and parishes in Western North Carolina from 106 congregations.

**'64 Kathryn Boone Carroll** has retired after working as a Speech Pathologist. She is living in the country outside of Burlington, N.C. She says that two grandchildren and three acres of land keep her busy. She would like to hear from old classmates at kbcarr@net-path.net.

**'65 Jerrold Foltz** was appointed Associate Conference Minister for the UCC Central Atlantic Conference last fall, and is continuing in that position, serving the Catoctin Association. Jerry is also the editor of Newspirit, the CAC newsletter. In that assignment, he benefits from his experience as Pioneer news editor and editor, 1963-65. Alice '64 is a social studies department chair and AP history teacher in Loudoun Co., Va., and coach of

last year's top debate team in the state. They are also the proud grandparents of 5. Alice & Jerry live in Centreville, Va. This past summer, they took part in a UCC-Ecumenical delegation to Colombia, and visited their daughter and son-in-law who are working with Christian Peacemaker Teams there.

**Preston J. Garrison** has recently been appointed as Secretary General & Chief Executive Officer of the World Federation for Mental Health, an international mental health advocacy, education and policy organization with members in 80 countries. WFMH's offices are located in Alexandria, Va.

**Bill Herrington** of Charlotte, N.C. wants to announce that he is going back to school.

**J. Wayne Trexler** has retired from full time pastoral ministry as of Sept. 2002. He served 37 years in Southern Baptist Churches and denominational work. He will be available for Interim Pastors and/or Supply. He can be reached at 103 N. Deerfield Circle, Salisbury, N.C. 28147.

**'66 Russ Hatfield** has retired from teaching after 35 years. He is now serving as Rector of three small parishes in the mountains of Southwestern Va.

**Captain Dave Wentling** has set up a program where 5% of all Catawba Fishing Charters will go to the Gene Appler Scholarship Fund. He writes "Let's go fishing and remember Gene."

**'67 Sue Green Burkett-Ayache** and new husband Serge are dividing time between their home in Carboro and their home in Southport. Sue would love to hear from friends from Catawba days. She can be reached at [subur67@earthlink.net](mailto:subur67@earthlink.net).

**'68 Edward Athey** writes to update his email address. He can now be reached at [eathey3-67@washcoll.edu](mailto:eathey3-67@washcoll.edu).

**Dr. Charles T. Muse** is Vice President for Academic Affairs at Florence-Darlington Technical College (FDTC). He was recently recognized by Rotary International as a Distinguished Club President. Dr. Muse served as the 2001-2002 President of the Rotary Club of Darlington. He began his career in 1973 at Coastal Carolina Community College in Jacksonville, N.C. Since that time he has been Assistant Dean of the Division of Continuing Education at the University of Nevada-Reno, Director of College Relations and Associate Professor of Education and Georgia Southwestern State University in addition to his current position which he has occupied for the past 14 years. Dr. Muse has also had a career in the military where he served three years as an infantry officer in the USMC and retired after 31 years in the USMC Reserve with the rank of Colonel. He has received many awards, including the Navy Commendation Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal and the Legion of Merit. Dr. Muse and his wife Susan live in Florence, S.C. with their three sons, Thomas, Alex and Matthew.

**'72 J. Mark Golding** warns that he and Mike Dickens are both flying airplanes. Mark can be reached at [mgolding@surry.net](mailto:mgolding@surry.net).

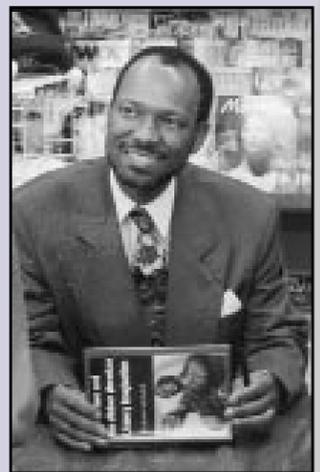
**Charlie Vaughan**, a Navy Captain in the Reserves, has completed his 26th year as a Reservist and his most recent assignment to the U.S. Joint Forces Command in Norfolk, Va. As a result of his support of U.S. Forces mobilized after Sept. 11th, he was awarded the Defense Meritorious Service Medal. He, his wife Sharon, and son David live in Virginia Beach, Va.

## 1970s Close-up

### Granite Quarry native publishes op-ed piece

Dr. Dolan Hubbard, a Granite Quarry native and a 1971 alumnus of Catawba College, recently had an Op-Ed article published in the Oct. 10, 2002 edition of "Black Issues in Higher Education." Hubbard's article, entitled "Education Without Representation," was published in that magazine's "Last Word" section and concerns the shortage of African American doctorates in the humanities, the social sciences and the arts.

Hubbard is chairman of the department of English and Language Arts at Morgan State University in Baltimore, MD. He also serves on Catawba's Board of Trustees. He and his wife Ruth have two children, Aisha and Desmond, and make their home in Timonium, MD.



'74 **Kannan Menon's** play entitled *At a Plank Bridge* has been picked for a production by Theater for the New City in New York in Jan. 2003. The show will also be premiering in Kuala Lumpur and Malaysia in February 2003. To learn more go to [www.theaterforthenewcity.org](http://www.theaterforthenewcity.org).

'77 **Jeri Jones** has recently published his third book, "Gold in Southeastern Pennsylvania." He continues to conduct geologic investigations in York County, P.A. working with the York County Parks, Harrisburg Area Community College and Jones Geological Services. His web site is [www.jonesgeo.com](http://www.jonesgeo.com). Jeri would like to hear from classmates at [JLJ276@aol.com](mailto:JLJ276@aol.com).

**Stuart Smith** has a new mailing address. He can be reached at 3350 Statesville Blvd., Salisbury, N.C. 28147-6496.

'81 **Jonathan Young** writes that he is employed as the staff writer in the Public Information and Marketing Office at Alamance Community College in Burlington. Jon, his wife, and his two children, Robin, 10 and Alex, 8, are currently involved in Theatre Guild of Rockingham County's production of "Fiddler on the Roof." Jon plays the lead role of Tevya. Jon also notes that his family is active at Woodmont United Methodist Church. He would like to hear from alumni, especially those who graduated from Catawba's theatre department around 1979-81. He can be reached at [jkyoung@netpath-rc.net](mailto:jkyoung@netpath-rc.net) or 336-342-2056.

'82 **Donna Marie White Cory** has been named Co-Director of Education at The Globe Theatres in San Diego, Ca. The Globe is the most prolific LORT theatre in the country, with 14 productions a year and a \$14,000,000 annual budget.

**Susan Burkholder Oberholtzer** writes that she can't believe that she has been out of college for 20 years. She adds that she is sorry she did not make it for homecoming, but would like to hear from classmates at [suzeeo@yahoo.com](mailto:suzeeo@yahoo.com).

'83 **Julia Grimes Hayes** was married on Nov. 30, 2002 in Catawba's Omwake-Dearborn Chapel. Participating in the service were Catawba alumni **Van Grimes '63** (who officiated), **Katherine Grimes '77**, and Jane Grimes Brown; and Catawba English Professor Janice Fuller.

**Jean Basham Kwiatkowski** would like to hear from friends, and can be reached at [stiper@mindspring.com](mailto:stiper@mindspring.com), or 1122 Corrina Rd., Wake Forest, N.C. 27587.

'84 **Jim Gloster** was featured in a forum in the Florence Busby Corriher theatre on November 22. Jim is current-

ly living in Charlotte, N.C. and calls himself a "multi-faceted artist." Jim works as a set designer for Charlotte Reperatory Theatre and performs both on the stage and television. He is married with three teenage sons.

'85 **Paul and Robin Seropian '84** have moved. Their new address is 659 Maple Ridge Circle, Salisbury, N.C. 28147. They can be reached at 704-855-2532 or [pseropian@yahoo.com](mailto:pseropian@yahoo.com).

'87 **Keith Bridges** will have his play, *Watching Left*, produced in Washington by Charter Theatre on May 2-25, 2003. Catawba premiered Bridges' play as a part of the Peterson Playwriting Program during the first year of its operation. It had a reading at the Kennedy Center's "Journey From Page to Stage Festival" in September of 2002.

**Daryl Grubb Hester** has a new address. She can be reached at 2995 Sherrills Ford Rd., Salisbury, N.C., 28147.

**Donna Moore Ruggiero** and her husband Carl welcome the birth of their son, Joseph. Their daughter Olivia is four. Donna performs full time as a vocalist in Orlando. Carl is an engineer with Pro-Spec Construction. They reside in College Park, Fla.

'90 **Anita Kristan Kolb** married Randy Martin on Oct. 23, 2002 at Arlington Park. They will live six months in Chicago, Ill and six in Hollywood, Fla. Anita would love to hear from friends from Catawba and can be reached at [anitak41@hotmail.com](mailto:anitak41@hotmail.com).

'91 **Renee Menius Davidson** of Bend, Ore. launched a public relations consulting business last Oct. She eloped to Roatan, Honduras in Feb. and married Rob, her husband. She is currently managing a local political campaign and organizing community events that focus on economic justice.

**John DeVitto and Tamara Clontz DeVitto '93** of Concord, N.C. gave birth to their second son, Ryan Nicholas DeVitto on May 7, 2002. Their first son, Evan Conner DeVitto, is two and a half.

'92 **Lori Wenck Davis** and her husband M. Brett Davis would like to announce the birth of their daughter Olivia Grace Davis. Olivia was born on October 10, 2002. They also have a son, Jack Talbott Davis, who is 28 months.

**Beth Ann (Sweigart) Huxtable** had her first child, Kyrstin Elise Huxtable, on June 12, 2002. She would like to say hello to all friends.

'95 **Katrina Kimberlin Bishop** and her husband Brad announce the birth of their first child, a boy, Brett Easton. Brett was born on June 26, 2002. He weighed 7lbs, 1oz. Katrina and Brad will be relocating to the Charleston, S.C. area in Dec. and look forward to hearing from friends. They can be reached at [bdkmbishop@net-magic.net](mailto:bdkmbishop@net-magic.net).

**Shannon Stephen Hendrick** married Dandy Layloni Essex on Jan. 10, 2002. Shannon works with commercial real estate. The couple has residences in both Matthews, N.C. and Kent, Wash. They spend their free-time with their grey

hounds and mending screened porches. Shannon can be reached at [shendrick@carolina.rr.com](mailto:shendrick@carolina.rr.com).

**Cheryl A. Stotsenburg** would like to announce her engagement to Garth St. Germain. They will be married July 12, 2003 in Woodburg, N.J. She is currently a pharmaceutical representative for Pfizer Pharmaceuticals. Garth is an air reserve technician of Maguire Air Force Base in New Jersey. She would like to hear from old friends at [stotsenburg@pfizer.com](mailto:stotsenburg@pfizer.com).

'96 **Tammy Decesare** graduated with her Master's of Education degree in July from UNCW. She is continuing on as the Assistant Women's Soccer Coach at UNCW.

**Kimberly Myrick Webster** of Mooresville, N.C. and her husband Worth had twin baby girls on Oct. 2. Their names are Rachel Reese and Bailey Brooke. Rachel was born at 7:58 am at 4lbs 8oz and 17.5 inches. Bailey was born at 7:59 and weighed 4lbs 1oz and was 17.25 inches.

'97 **Cindy Ott Edwards** of Rahway, N.J. and her husband Brad are expecting their second child in April of 2003. They have one other child, Brad Jr., who is two.

**Karen Mealey** became engaged this past June to Jason Simmons. Jason is a member of the U.S. Navy. Karen is an Athletic Trainer at St. Mary's College of Maryland. They are planning a June '03 wedding, to take place at Patuxent River Naval base in Maryland.

**Hillery Sacco** got engaged on Aug. 25, 2002 to Dave Nicholas. Their wedding

## CAMPUS Survey Results

*The results of the CAMPUS Readership Survey we ran in our the last edition are as follows:*

- The majority of the respondents were men (22%) and graduated from Catawba in the 1960s (34%)
- 55% said they read most of CAMPUS, 35% read it cover to cover, 7% read some sections regularly and 3% just skim
- 71% say that reading CAMPUS makes them feel much more positive about Catawba while 13 % feel somewhat more positive and 16 % feel about the same
- 61% said they would not prefer a magazine form of CAMPUS, 25% said they would, and 14% had no preference
- 14% would like to receive more than 4 issues of CAMPUS a year, 4% would like to receive less, and 82% want the same number of issues

**Respondents indicated how frequently they read each of these items in CAMPUS:**

	<u>Always</u>	<u>Often</u>	<u>Sometimes</u>	<u>Rarely</u>	<u>Never</u>
President's Column	69%	22%	9%		
General news	65%	26%	9%		
Features	52%	32%	16%		
Faculty News	36%	32%	26%	6%	
Alumni News & Notes	78%	19%	3%		
Sports News	40%	20%	7%	23%	10%

**Respondents ranked each of these items on a scale of 1 (least favorite) to 8 (most favorite) with the following average results:**

7 Alumni Classnotes & obituaries	5 Stories about trustees, advisors, & administrators
6 Alumni Spotlight articles	5.25 Stories about student activities
4 Sports	4.64 Stories about faculty/staff activities
5.8 Feature Articles	

will be Mar. 29, 2003.

**'98 Janay Austin** writes that she recently got engaged and bought a house. She would like to hear from old friends and can be reached at: 312 Northdown Dr., Dover, Del. 19904.

**Amy Douglas Gay** and her husband Paul Gay of Bell City, La. would like to announce the birth of a baby girl, Gabrielle Elizabeth. She was born Aug. 12, weighing 8lbs 7oz, and 21 inches long.

**Lara Taggart** writes that she is engaged to Kevin Baum of Orlando, Fla. They plan to marry on Mar. 22, 2003. Lara is currently working as a loan processor for Davidson Mortgage in Cornelius, NC and Kevin is an Inside Sales Representative for GE Polymerland in Huntersville.

**'99 Jeffrey Haug** married Tara Lyn Patrick on Nov. 9. Tara is pursuing a master's degree in education at Queens College and also teaches in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg school system. Jeffrey is a real estate investor for Paragon Properties

of Charlotte.

**LaTrease Hines Rich** of Oxon Hill, Md. and her husband Tyrone had a baby girl, TyKeira Nideya Rich on Sept. 26, 2002. TyKeria weighed 7lbs., 7oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long. LaTrease would like to hear from friends and can be reached at [Ladytrease1@aol.com](mailto:Ladytrease1@aol.com).

**M. T. Sidoli** writes that she, Mr. Bear, Magi and Clifford spent Oct. and Nov. visiting friends including Deanna Dames '98 who is living in NYC. M.T. can be reached at [mtsidoli@salisbury.net](mailto:mtsidoli@salisbury.net).

**Robin Devon Speaks Jr.** and Melissa Suzanne Spann were married Aug. 3. The bride works for Landura Companies as a regional manager and the groom is employed by CCB as an assistant branch manager. The couple now lives in Winston-Salem.

**Leslie Nichole Thomas** married Joshua David Grab on September 28, 2002. Leslie works at Wake Forest University Health Sciences as a graduate student in biochemistry. The groom works at Forsyth Technical Community College as a mathematics instructor. The couple  
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### 1990s Close-up

*Alumnus wins bodybuilding honors*

Shawn Crump '01 competed in the Metrolina Bodybuilding Championship as a light heavyweight in April where he took first place in his weight class and won the overall title. On Aug. 10, Crump competed in the North Carolina Jr. States, this time entering as a middleweight. He repeated his previous success, taking 1st in his weight class and winning the North Carolina Jr. States Overall Champion title. Crump was scheduled to compete again this month in Boone, NC. If he places in his weight class in this competition he will qualify for Nationals. He will then have two years to compete in the nationals. If he attains his goal of qualifying for nationals and he places in the top of his weight class, he will be considered a professional. Crump appeared in the June addition of Southern Muscle Magazine and will appear again in a future issue. He credits Gold's Gym, Jason Kluttz, Brian Masisko, family, and friends for his success.

live in Winston-Salem.

**'00 Kevin L. Auten** was recently promoted to lieutenant over Special Investigations Unit at the Rowan County Sheriff's

Department.

He and his wife Jennifer and their five year old son Dylan recently moved to 405 Travis Lane, Salisbury, N.C. 28146.

**Heather Barr** has left on Network's National Tour of Cinderella after having been working weekly on the shows All My Children and As the World Turns. She says that Cinderella had a successful opening and she will be with them until some time in April.

**Laurie Reynolds Bowles** married Jamie Bowles on June 15, 2002. Jennifer Pittman and Scott Boyles were attendants. Both Laurie and Jamie graduated from Clemson University. They now live in King, N.C.

**Kristen Romary** writes that she has been a flight attendant since graduation and is still having the time of her life flying around the world. She would like to hear from friends at [kromary77@yahoo.com](mailto:kromary77@yahoo.com).

**Shane Watkins** was recently promoted to Technical Team Leader of the Intel Systems Administration department at Wachovia Corporation.

**'01 Melissa Ann Beyor** would like to announce her engagement to Terry Lynn Wilson II of Perkersburg, W.V.

**Lisa Marie Burris** is getting married December 14 to Mitchell Holley, a former Catawba student. He is a dancer at the Tropicana Hotel/Casino for Les Folies Bergere. They are getting married on the beach in Paia Maui, Hawaii at sunrise.

**Sean M. McGuigan** moved to Fla. at the end of 2001. He is working for Kaplan College, an online college, as Online Student Liason or Student Services Representative.

**Don Moore** and **Sabrina McCreary** were married on Sept. 14, 2002. The couple currently resides in Blackville, SC.

**'02 Amiee Davis** of Salisbury would like to thank Mrs. Thompson and the teachers in the Business Department for all they have taught her. She now has a successful career as a web designer in a great company.

### 1990s Close-up

*Brandon Christie chases dream*

Brandon Christie's speech is punctuated with phrases of the "follow your dreams" variety when he refers to his job selling jets for Cessna Aircraft Company. Christie, a 1992 Catawba graduate with a B.A. in Political Science, knows all about chasing dreams and he utters such phrases with conviction.

Christie had an early fascination with airplanes. He explains, "I remember being a kid at the Winston-Salem airport terminal. I was probably 7 or 8, just looking at the airplanes. They were so big and impressive. I was always interested in planes, but I never pursued it until after college."

Before finding his dream job, Christie pursued a mixture of sports and academics. He played on the Catawba basketball team and used his time in college to find something he was interested in. "I tried majoring in Communications and, later, Business. Then I thought I might like to be an attorney, so I decided to look into Political Science. I really liked Dr. Silverburg and what he had to offer as well as the people in those classes, so I stuck with it," he remembers.

Christie abandoned his barrister aspirations and took a job at NationsBank after college After a brief stint as a Collections Manager, Christie decided to pursue something he actually enjoyed. "I always wanted to learn how to fly so I decided to learn more about it. Eventually, I got my private license and then I attended the Flight Safety Academy in Vero Beach, Fla.," After completing flight school, he got a job as a flight instructor for Atlantic Aero and, eventually, he was asked if he would like to help out in sales. Christie says, "I told them I would as long as I could continue to fly. I liked the job, I enjoyed meeting people, flying and traveling."

Even though his current job in sales at Cessna involves much less flying, he maintains a level of excitement about his work. "What I find to be most interesting about the job is the planes," he explains. "Our fastest plane goes 600 miles per hour and we have one that can go up to 51,000 feet. Planes are amazing examples of what people can do when they put their minds to work."

There are other interesting elements to Christie's job. His clientele consists of companies, wealthy individuals, and famous people. "I've sold planes to some NASCAR folks and some movie producers, and all sorts of interesting people," Christie admits. He affirms that working with the jets is an amazing job because he gets to meet people and do things that most people do not experience.

Christie knows he has the unique opportunity to pursue a career that he truly enjoys and is thankful for what brought him there. He is grateful for the opportunity he had to come to school at Catawba and interact with the faculty. Christie acknowledges, "People like Dr. Fuller, Dr. Clapp, and Robert Knott, and others really instilled some good values in me. I wanted to be successful like they were. I want to thank them for making me a better person."

No matter what the future holds, Christie considers himself to be lucky. Lucky enough to have realized his goals and to be working at a job he enjoys.

His advice: "Find what you are passionate about, focus on it, learn more about it, find out what it takes to be involved with it, and then do it. Find something that you are excited about."

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 L-R: Tom Childress,  
 Dwight Durante, Andre Godfrey,  
 Woody Boler, Jeff Vaughn,  
 Pat Wolter, Jerry Moore,  
 Tom Bonebrake, Sherman McCoy,  
 Ron Shelton, Bill Haggerty,  
 Jason Parks, Darrel Parks,  
 Jim Baker, Marvin Francis,  
 Dave Snyder, Brad Curry,  
 Ed Rhodess, Randy Crumpler,  
 Ed Nester, Tom Dennard,  
 Andrew Mitchell



Seated L-R: Marsha Kessler, Susan Moreau, Barbara Marshall  
 Second row: Susie Brooks Riggs, Carol Davis Jordan, Bonnie Kike Crissman  
 Back row: Debbie Book Shelton, Ron Shelton, Ron Riggs, Carlisle Holeman  
 Scott, Bob Young, Jim Snow, Carey Pahel.



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Peeler Crystal Lounge
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