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## Trustees set **GOAL** for Catawba College Endowment Campaign

**A**t their annual retreat, Catawba College Trustees unanimously authorized the official launch of a \$35 million campaign to raise funds to bolster the College's endowment. This move is the latest in a string of efforts under way to reposition Catawba as a "more selective" institution.

According to Endowment Campaign Chair and Trustee Chester A. "Junie" Michael III '70 of Mooresville, the campaign effort has been in a silent phase for the past year and has successfully raised \$20,014,887 to date. College trustees have contributed 76.5 percent of the funds raised, Michael said.

Michael recognized three Catawba Trustees who moved up to the Benefactor level (lifetime giving to the College totals or exceeds \$1 million) with \$1 million gifts to the endowment effort. They include William Graham '83 and Larry Cloninger '74, both of Salisbury, along with Bryan Applefield '66 and wife Helen '67 of Dothan, Ala.

Although Catawba's strategic plan affirmed the institution's historic identity as a four-year, residential college, it named nine aspirant institutions which the College is striving to emulate. These institutions include Austin College, Birmingham Southern, Centre College, Hendrix College, Millsaps College, Presbyterian College, Rhodes College, Roanoke College, and Wofford College.

The endowments for these colleges range from \$75 to \$200 million. Additionally, all have high academic standards and recruit top academic students, in part because these

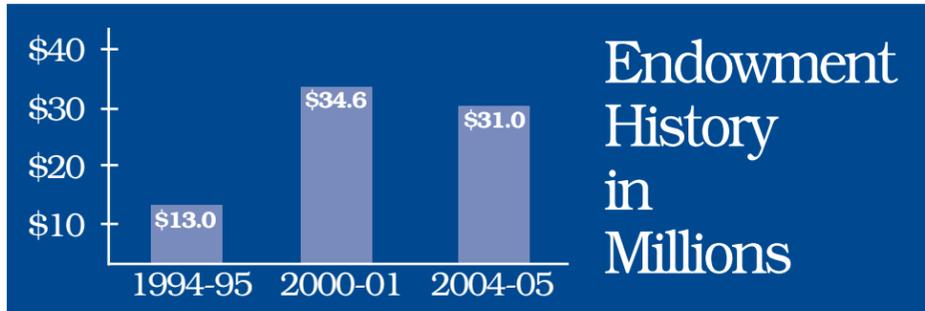


## Catawba unveils plans for new academic center on campus

In Catawba College's past, it has been called "a library," but in the future, after extensive renovations and a new three-story addition, it will be "the academic center" on campus. Plans for such a facility were recently unveiled to college trustees during their annual retreat in Southern Pines.

Since February, college administrators, including librarians, faculty and information technology specialists led by Assistant Dean of the College Dr. Philip Acree Cavalier, have worked in earnest with Salisbury architects Bill Burgin and Diane Gibbs of Ramsey Burgin Smith Architects Inc. They have collectively developed comprehensive

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endowments provide generous scholarships for deserving students, possible without impacting the annual operating budgets.

Catawba's current endowment stands at \$31 million. Each year, earnings from that endowment provide scholarships to academically deserving students. Taken from the college's annual operating budget, institutional aid helps Catawba recruit strong students and bridge the gap left by its relatively weak endowment position.

Michael serves as campaign chair, while Trustees James F. Hurley and Ralph W. Ketner, both of Salisbury, serve as honorary co-chairmen of the endowment campaign.

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L-R: Freshman Kelly Phillips congratulates her sister, Erin Phillips, on her graduation day

# 2005

## graduates ready for both dreams and real lives to begin

"I can't wait to move on - to put everything we've learned into action, especially music," said Jason Rigney of Danville, Va., a 2005 Catawba College graduate. "You can't really know the business until you're in it."

Rigney was one of 300 Catawba College graduates who received their diplomas in two separate ceremonies held May 7 in Keppel Auditorium on campus. This cum laude graduate planned to leave Salisbury later in the month bound for Nashville, Tenn., accompanied by the three other members in his band, Labeling Deloris. Rigney's fellow band member, singer and

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**Tom Childress**  
Senior Vice-President

Catawba College has been blessed by donors who have given generously over the years, particularly for specific building projects or renovations. Through these gifts, the College is possibly in the best shape currently that it has ever been, in terms of its facilities. Among those facilities are the Cannon Student Center, Goodman Gymnasium, Robertson College Community Center, Hayes Athletic Field House, the new Shuford Stadium, Cloninger Guest House, and the Center for the Environment. Many donors have also designated gifts for renovations to buildings, to the Catawba Fund to help with the College's immediate needs, or for specific programs like Blue Masque or athletics.

Not long ago, Catawba successfully completed a capital campaign for over \$56 million, the largest campaign among schools our size. Through it, we were able to address many needs for our campus facilities. Now, it is time to make a concentrated effort to address our endowment. Building the endowment for the College will help secure our long-term financial health, while enabling Catawba to continue to build or develop programs. Increasing the endowment will help Catawba College to maintain its facilities and its programs in condition for the future, and enable us to continue providing students with an excellent educational experience. The endowment serves as a savings vehicle for the College. The endowment gener-

ates funds, of which the College uses a percentage each year, while the principal remains intact.

In setting our endowment campaign goal at \$35 million, the Trustees of the College anticipate that the bulk of the funds raised will be in the form of estate plans or deferred gifts, which is common practice in endowment efforts. Currently, our endowment is about \$31 million, less than the endowments of comparable peer institutions. Why is our endowment so much less? Catawba College got off to a late start in this financial area. Many of our peer institutions have endowments that were established fifty or more years ago. Catawba College, while older than some of these schools, did not have an endowment established until the 1980's.

Endowment gifts are donor-directed. The donor chooses where their gift will have an impact in perpetuity, whether for a specific building, a program, or in support of a new or existing scholarship fund. Every gift to the endowment campaign, regardless of amount, will build the endowment, and ultimately increases the funds available to the College for years to come.

Gifts made for endowment purposes are lasting, they maintain a legacy. An endowment gift continues to give to the College every year. Those endowment-generated funds are portioned out to be used for the purposes originally specified by the donors. For example, the percentage of funds generated by a gift designated for a particular scholarship, goes to that scholarship. In this way, as the endowment principal balance grows for a scholarship, both over time or from additional contributions to the endowment, so does the scholarship amount that can be awarded to students.

At Catawba College, one of our top priorities is to be good stewards of the gifts which donors entrust to us. We strive to use every gift wisely and well to benefit our students. Our purpose is to provide our students with a quality education in the caring, family-like environment which is a Catawba tradition.

It is important to prepare now for the future we envision for Catawba College. We hope you will consider supporting our Endowment Campaign, Endowing Catawba's Future: A Commitment to Excellence. The gift you make today will endure for years to come, and serve future generations of students who will cherish their Catawba College experience.

Sincerely,

Tom Childress '64

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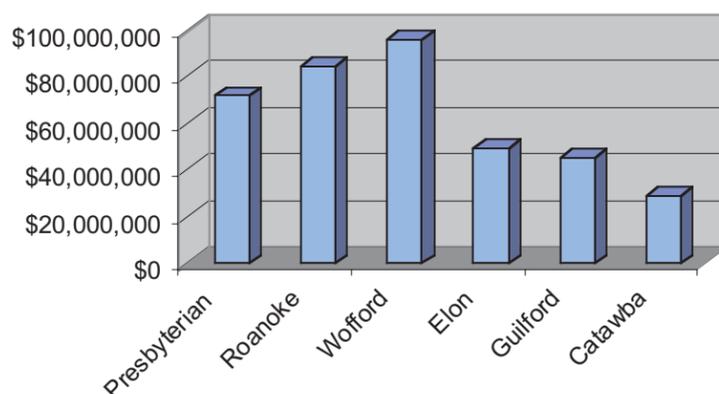
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## Charles Taylor Jr. honored at Catawba with Shuford Award

Local business owner Charles Taylor, Jr. was honored Wednesday, May 11 at Catawba College as the recipient of the prestigious Adrian L. Shuford, Jr. Award for Distinguished Service. The award was presented during the College's annual President's Circle Dinner, held to recognize the institution's major donors, in the Cannon Student Center.

Approximately 300 people were in attendance as Catawba President Robert Knott presented the award to Taylor, citing his personal and corporate example of good citizenship and community responsibility. The award is given each year to the individual who has played a major role in supporting the college and its programs through their time, talent and resources. It was established in 1983 in honor of trustee emeritus Adrian L. Shuford, Jr. of Conover, who died in 2000.

Knott described Taylor as "a stalwart supporter of Catawba whose familial support has improved the campus over several decades." Thanks to in-kind donations of brick and other materials from Taylor Clay Products, Inc., the College has built brick gateways to mark the entrance to the campus proper on Innes Street, constructed exterior walls at Shuford Stadium, made improvements to Newman Park, and constructed the Hayes Field House on campus.

Similar donations of building materials have made possible other large construction projects in the Rowan County area, including those at Nazareth Children's Home, the Salisbury YMCA, the South Rowan YMCA, and the Waterworks Visual Arts Center.

A native of Salisbury, Taylor runs the company founded by his late father, Charles D. Taylor, Sr. He earned his degree in ceramic engineering from Clemson University and came back home to Salisbury where he married his wife, the former Prudy Goodman. The couple has three adult children, C.D., Elizabeth, and Charlotte, and six grandchildren.

Taylor was a charter member of Catawba's Board of Visitors, and is an active supporter of athletics and other events on campus. The Taylor Concourse in Shuford Stadium is named in his honor. He and his company were recognized by Catawba in 2002 with an Exemplary Life Service Award for contributions to Catawba and the greater Rowan County area.

Taylor is the twenty-fourth recipient of the Shuford Award. Other recipients and the year in which they received the award include Dr. Theodore P. Leonard, 1983; Enoch A. Goodman, 1984; Clifford A. Peeler, 1985; James F. Hurley, 1986; Ralph W. Ketner, 1987; Elizabeth C.



Charles Taylor Jr. and wife Prudy

Stanback, 1988; Roy E. Leinbach, Jr., 1989; Frances H. Johnson, 1990; Patricia P. Rendleman, 1991; Mariam Cannon Hayes, 1992; Tom E. Smith, 1993; Claude S. Abernethy, Jr., 1994; Millard F. Wilson, 1995; Fred J. Stanback, Jr., 1996; Paul E. Fisher, 1997; Daniel E. Kirk, 1998; Mary O. Dearborn, 1999; Wilson L. Smith, 2000; Marion M. Richard, 2001; J. Fred and Bonnie Corriher, 2002; William C. Stanback, 2003; and Jacqueline C. Leonard, 2004.

## Three sons establish scholarship to honor mom, a Catawba College Alumna

To mark her ninetieth birthday, Rachel Smith Walker's three sons did something special; they established an endowed scholarship in her honor at her alma mater, Catawba College. The scholarship will be awarded annually to an academically gifted student who is among the most need-based student applicants.

Mrs. Walker, a 1936 alumna from Millersville, Pa., probably would not have attended Catawba at all if then College President Howard R. Omwake, who served between 1931 and 1942, had not made a recruiting trip to Pennsylvania and offered her a scholarship. Back then, the nation was gripped by a depression, and money to attend college and students to fill the college rosters were scarce. Mrs. Walker enrolled at Catawba, sight unseen, all because of the scholarship. While there, she made lifelong friends, including her college roommate Susan Blackwell Shope '36 and fellow classmate Mary Omwake Dearborn, and she earned a degree in mathematics.

"The scholarship is a wonderful tribute from the sons to their mother," noted Catawba Senior Vice President Tom Childress. "Hopefully it will serve to remind future generations of Catawba students about the impact a scholarship can have on a life."

Following her graduation, Mrs. Walker went back to Pennsylvania and accepted a teaching posi-

tion at a school in Fannetsburg, Pa. Her husband-to-be, the late Joseph Walker who died in 1987, served as principal and teacher there. After the two married in 1940, they moved to Bradford, Pa., where Mr. Walker took a high school teaching position, and Mrs. Walker began caring for the children who began to arrive. Their three sons - Robert, Samuel, and Walter -- all joined the family in Bradford. In 1956, the Walkers moved to Millersville, Pa., where Mr. Walker accepted a teaching position at Millersville State Teachers College (now Millersville University), a post he held until his retirement.

Although Mrs. Walker became a stay-at-home mom with the birth of her sons, she was active in the Daughters of the American Revolution (D.A.R.) and the Presbyterian Church. In Millersville, she was also a member of the college-based organization, the Campus Club.

According to oldest son Robert Walker, his parents greatly influenced him and his brothers. "Both mom and dad had wide-ranging interests and were intellectually stimulating," he said. Robert Walker, who served for 20 years in the U.S. Congress, is chairman of Wexler Walker, a public affairs firm in Washington, DC. Middle son Samuel Walker is employed as historian for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. And, youngest son Walter serves as



L-R: Robert Walker, Samuel Walker, Rachel Smith Walker '36, and Walter Walker

president and chief executive officer of the Seattle Sonics and Storm.

Today, Mrs. Walker makes her home in Millersville, Pa., and friends who would like contact her may do so at this address: 422 Hostetter Drive, Millersville, Pa. 17551.

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

## Tom Smith Recipients honored at Catawba

Senior Brandi Berrier of Lexington completed two years and earned an associate's degree at Davidson County Community College before she was able to transfer to Catawba College for completion of a four-year degree in mathematics. When she graduated from Catawba in May, she knew she had Tom and Martha Smith of Salisbury to thank. It was due to a Tom Smith Scholarship earned through her academic efforts that she was able to attend Catawba.

"For four years in high school, I dreamt of coming to Catawba College," Berrier recalled. "I started packing as soon as I received my acceptance letter, then my mom lost her job and I realized I couldn't afford to come. I went to community college for two years and then reapplied to Catawba. I got accepted, but it was the Tom Smith Scholarship which made my attendance possible."

Berrier was one of 37 Tom Smith Scholarship recipients honored at a luncheon held Thursday, April 14 in the Hurley Room of the Cannon Student Center. And, she was one of two students who expressed the collective gratitude of her peers to Tom and Martha Smith. "Without the scholarships, we would not be the people we are today and the people we will become tomorrow," she said.

Junior Holly Fesperman of Albemarle also spoke on behalf of her fellow scholars and thanked Tom and Martha Smith for the scholarships they had provided for Catawba students. Although she was quick to acknowledge that her scholarship helped ease her financial burden, she said it also allowed her to be an integral part of the Catawba College community. She noted her involvement in the student newspaper, "The Pioneer," the friendships she had made, and her interactions with her professors.

Catawba College President Dr. Robert Knott told the students that the annual Tom Smith luncheon served two purposes - it was a way to express appreciation to the Smiths for their financial support, and also an opportunity for the students to reflect on why they attend Catawba.

"Most of us tend to live in the past or future," Knott said. "But, a good education is only in the present and only involves what you do in the now."

In concluding remarks, Tom Smith '64, who also serves as chairman of the Catawba College Board of Trustees, congratulated the students on earning the scholarships that bear his name and offered them a chance to participate in a mock pop quiz, wherein they were assured of making a perfect score.

Each student took a turn responding to Smith's reflective questions which included: "What made you decide to attend Catawba?" "What do you like about Catawba?" "What are your plans for the summer?" and "What can you do to support Catawba after your graduate?"

In addition to Berrier and Fesperman, other Tom Smith Scholarship



Tom Smith and wife Martha with some of the Tom Smith Scholarship recipients

recipients include Brandon Bailey of Salisbury; Tanya Blankenship of Cleveland; Forrest Breedlove of Advance; Joseph D. Brooks of Salisbury; Nathaniel T. Brown of Cornelius; Elizabeth F. Corbett of Severn, Md.; Clifton Cox of Winston-Salem; Kenneth Crowe of Reeders, Pa.; Ryan Dayvault of Kannapolis; Shannon Dente of Coral Springs, Fla.; James N. Dozier of Norfolk, Va.; Stacy Dunning of Lexington; Stephani Garrett of Hagerstown, Md.; Christopher Gladden of Salisbury; Melanie Goergmaier of Germany; Marja Hatfield of Winthrop,

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## Couple's \$50,000 gift to help endow campus ministry chair

Catawba College Alumni Tom and Mary Jo Dennard of Charlotte have made a gift of \$50,000 to help endow the Campus Ministry Chair. The couple's gift is part of the \$500,000 raised to date for this purpose.

Tom, a 1977 alumnus, and Mary Jo, a 1975 alumna, also serve on the advisory committee for the Campus Ministry Chair Endowment effort and Tom is a member of Catawba's Board of Visitors.

"This early lead gift to endow the Campus Ministry Chair will serve as an inspiration to many," said Catawba College President Robert Knott. "Through the years since their graduations, Tom and Mary Jo have stayed involved in the life of the College and have done much to assure that the Catawba they knew and loved as students will remain the Catawba that present and future students also cherish."

The Dennards first met in a religion class taught by the late Dr. King West. Tom, who majored in business, was a standout basketball player and an active member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Mary Jo, who majored in early childhood education, has fond memories of the classes she took under Dr. Martha Kirkland West, a former member of the Catawba faculty.

"Memories of small things become bigger as we mature," Tom Dennard explained. "My positive memories of Catawba, which I took for granted, have become much more meaningful over the years. I remember the Christian education course I took in Pastor Seiwel's study at 8:00 a.m. At the time, I didn't realize the influence he had on my life, but looking back I see he was a rock that was the measuring stick about being a good person."

"Over the years, we have looked for meaningful opportunities to present themselves, such as the Campus Ministry Campaign, opportunities where our funds would be best spent."

Today, Tom is chief executive officer and president of Laureate Capital, one of the top 20 commercial mortgage bankers in the country. He oversees a loan portfolio of \$7 billion across 43 states. Mary Jo is a homemaker who enjoys jewelry making and other craftwork. They are active members of Providence Methodist Church where Tom has served on the Board of Trustees and helped lead a recent campaign fund drive. The couple has two sons, Taylor, who plans to further his education this fall pursuing a degree in hospitality and restaurant management, and Clayton, who recently graduated from Appalachian State University with a degree in criminal justice.

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Trustee William Graham will serve as Rowan County campaign chair. Other members of the campaign steering committee include trustees Darlene L. Ball '62 of Greensboro, Barry D. Leonard '65 of Greensboro, Samuel A. Penninger Jr. '63 of Alpharetta, Ga., Charles G. Potts '53 of Charlotte, Richard J. Seiwel '67 (ex-officio) of West Chester, Pa., Ronald L. Smith of Salisbury, and Tom E. Smith '64 (ex-officio) of Salisbury.

In addition to raising funds for the endowment which will allow Catawba to provide scholarships for students, the campaign effort will raise funds to endow professorships, to maintain and upgrade specific facilities, including the Leonard Lounge of the Cannon Student Center, to establish endowment funds for academic and student programs and the College's work study program which provides on-campus employment for students.

Catawba College Senior Vice President Tom Childress says plans are to take the campaign on the road during the next academic year, hosting receptions for alumni and friends of the College at various locations on the East Coast. Mailings to all types of constituents will begin in January 2007, with plans to conclude the endowment campaign effort in January 2009.

Prior campaigns at Catawba have included a comprehensive capital campaign from the 1980s which raised \$28 million and a five-year capital campaign concluded in 2002 which raised \$59.6 million.

### Endowing Campus Ministry Chair

Within the overall endowment campaign effort, another group of Catawba College supporters is at work raising funds to endow the Campus Ministry Chair. To date, this effort has yielded more than \$500,000 and created a prime example of how the needs of a specific program or initiative of the College can be addressed within the context of the broader campaign. It is hoped that this particular effort will serve as a model for other initiatives that will endow programs or professorships.

Spearheading the fundraising effort to endow the campus ministry chair, are two couples with very close ties to Catawba - Richard J. Seiwel '67 and wife Linda of West Chester, Pa., and James C. Dayvault '64 and wife Marty '63 of Lakeland, Fla. Richard Seiwel and Marty Dayvault are the children of Catawba's former campus pastor, the late Reverend Porter Seiwel. These couples have pledged up to a total of \$250,000 to match contributions to this effort.

The honorary chairmen for this campaign are the Rev. Dr. Richard Cheek '47 and the Rev. Dr. Billy Joe Leonard '50, both of whom have given their careers to ministry and been very devoted to Catawba College. Other mem-

bers of the advisory committee are: Mr. Greg Alcorn '79, Dr. Edith Bolick '70, the Rev. Lawrence Bolick '70, the Rev. Dr. Ken Clapp '70, the Rev. Dr. Barbara Kershner-Daniel '80, Mr. James C. Dayvault '64, Mrs. Martha Seiwel Dayvault '63, Mr. Tom Dennard '77, Mrs. Mary Jo Dennard '75, the Rev. Kristin Gerner Vaughn '99, Mr. Wade H. Shuford, Jr. '50, Dr. Jonathan L. Slaughter '00, and Dr. Martha Kirkland West '59.

Trustee Richard Seiwel told his peers at the retreat that thanks to the efforts of these 12 people, \$254,000 had already been raised toward endowing the campus minister's position. A number of alumni who have given to this effort have never contributed to previous fund raising efforts, he said. Many have chosen to 'go the extra mile' and have given sacrificially in an effort to assure success.

Dr. Cheek, honorary co-chair of the effort, noted, "This effort provides a wonderful opportunity for all who have benefited from Catawba's commitment to provide for the spiritual nurture of her students to give something back that in turn will help provide for this nurturing of students for the future. Gifts to this campaign also provide a way of showing appreciation for the hard work of those who have ministered to Catawba students over the years."

The committee members hope that everyone who has been involved in Campus Ministry in some way in the past or recognizes the importance of this dimension of the College's service to students will make a contribution, no matter how small. One hundred and nineteen people have contributed to this effort. The involvement of many people is an indication of widespread support for this work.

All living graduates of the College who have served in ministry and for whom contact information is available have been asked to contribute to this effort. An attempt is being made to identify persons who were active in the Student Christian Association and in other forms of campus ministry to invite their participation. Congregations of the United Church of Christ also will be encouraged to support this campaign.

For gifts of \$10,000 or more, naming opportunities are available as a part of the campaign. These gifts will be acknowledged on a plaque in the narthex of the Omwake-Dearborn Chapel.

Contributions may be sent to: Campus Ministry, Catawba College, 2300 West Innes Street, Salisbury, N.C. 28144. If you have questions or wish to discuss details of the campaign, please call Dr. Ken Clapp, 1-800-CATAWBA or e-mail [kclapp@catawba.edu](mailto:kclapp@catawba.edu).

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## Catawba community recognizes students at annual Award Convocation

Local students were among those honored April 21 during Catawba College's annual Awards Convocation. The event was held in Omwake-Dearborn Chapel on campus.

Catawba's Vice President and Dean of the College Dr. Barbara Hetrick noted that the convocation was an opportunity "to honor those among us who have excelled academically" and to "reaffirm the value of excellence toward which we strive individually and collectively as a learning community."

Fourteen Catawba students were announced as inductees into Who's Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Nominated by members of the college community and selected by a committee of faculty and students, these students are active leaders and scholars on campus.

The recipient of the annual Paul Fisher Service Award was announced at the convocation. Elisa Antonia Alfieri of Salisbury was selected from all of the monthly Paul Fisher Service Award winners.

Winners of an Ethics Essay Contest, sponsored on campus by Catawba's Lilly Center for Vocation and Values, the Ketner School of Business, and the Lifelong Learning program, were recognized. They included Terri Ann Boyd of Jacksonville, Vt., first place winner and recipient of a \$750 prize; Diana Marie Proffen of Highland, Md., second place winner and recipient of a \$500 prize; and Rachel Lynn McCollum of Yadkinville, third place and recipient of a \$250 prize.

Darrell Thomas Smith of Salisbury received the Frances Decker Wentz Award. This award is given annually to the upperclass student who has demon-

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history. Katherine Elizabeth Moore of Haymarket Va. and Danielle Renee Searce of Salisbury shared the Outstanding Prospective Teacher Award. It is presented to a senior with a 3.0 grade point average or better who majors or minors in education and who has demonstrated outstanding potential as a teacher based on observation in classroom setting by faculty and cooperating teachers. The recipient is chosen by the Department of Teacher Education faculty.

Megan Michelle Lilly of Kannapolis received the Student Education Association/Cynthia Osterhus Award. It is given to the student who has made an outstanding contribution to the student education association and who has shown potential to become an excellent teacher. The award is named in honor of Cynthia Osterhus '73 of Salisbury, a former North Carolina Teacher of the Year, and now a faculty member in Catawba's Teacher Education Department.

Catawba's Chairman's Award in Music went to Carolyn Marie Brannon of Mattituck, N.Y., for her significant contribution to the programs of the music department.

Jason Dwain Rigney of Danville, Va. received the Louis Armstrong Jazz Award, presented annually to the college's most outstanding jazz instrumentalist. He was also selected by the music faculty as the 2005 Nelson Haden Music Award recipient which was presented to him at the Salisbury Civitan's banquet held last month. That award is given to a music major in memory of Nelson Haden, a former Civitan.

The John Philip Sousa Award was given to April Dawn Naylor of Mocksville. It is presented annually to the college band member who has shown consistent excellence in band work based on musicianship, cooperation and the demonstrated desire to improve the quality of the band.

Brian Andrew Messinger of Kannapolis received the Outstanding Chorale Member Award, given by the music faculty to the student who best exemplifies commitment, musicianship, cooperation and contribution to the quality of performance of this chorale ensemble.

Stephen Drew Long of Lexington received the Ethan O'Neal Catawba Singers Award. It is given to the member of the Catawba Singers who best exemplifies commitment, musicianship, cooperation and contribution to the quality of performance of the ensemble.

Kyle Matthew McAleese of Stafford, Va., was the recipient of the Rice, Andrews, Young Award. It is given in honor of the former chairpersons of the Catawba Department of Modern Foreign Languages to the foreign language major or minor who has made the highest grades in his/her foreign language studies.

Micah Adam Chase Roseman of Salisbury was selected by the English Department faculty to receive the Martha H. Morehead Award. The award, given in honor of a late Catawba professor emeritus of English, is presented for the outstanding single work - poem, short story or graphic con-

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Students, faculty and staff Award recipients

They include the following students: Peter Jon Arnold of Edgewater, Fla.; Mary Frances Attea of Kenmore, N.Y.; Crystal Danielle Bonner of Yadkinville; Stephanie Louise Brendel of Drexel; Jessica Naomi Fritts of Lexington; Josephine Mae Gantt of Winston-Salem; Thomas Jarrod Giles of Lynchburg, Va.; Cristyn Nichole Harrison of Hickory; Stephen Drew Long of Lexington; David Thomas Loudermilk of Richmond, Va.; Kristen Lee McCachren of Cleveland; Katharine Marie Phelps of Prince Frederick, Md.; Janelle L. Rhodes of Waynesboro, Pa.; and Justin Luke Samples of Elkin.

Peter Jon Arnold, Catawba's outgoing Student Government Association (SGA) President, received the Student Government President's Award. This award is given each year to the retiring president of the Student Government Association (SGA).

SGA officers for the 2005-2006 academic year were installed at the convocation. They include President Danielle Petrin of Indian Trail; Vice President Albert DeColli of Sewell, N.J.; Secretary Elisa Alfieri of Salisbury; and Treasurer Stephani Garrett of Hagerstown, Md.

strated, through distinguished performance of responsibilities, a real concern and aptitude for the theory and practice of library science and service. The library staff chooses the recipient.

Hope Anne Miller of Newton received the Sherrill & Smith Award in Business Administration. This award is given annually by the partners of Sherrill & Smith to the senior in the Ralph W. Ketner of Business who achieves the best scholastic average during the year.

The Millard F. Wilson Award for Excellence in Business was presented to Marja Lynn Hatfield of East Winthrop, Maine. Given annually to a senior in recognition of outstanding service to the Ralph W. Ketner School of Business, it also recognizes excellence in academic achievement. The late Professor Millard F. Wilson, former chairman of the business department at Catawba from 1949-1979, established the award.

Emily Joy McGaughy of Upland, California received the David F. Faust Award, given annually to a student who has demonstrated outstanding ability and interest in the field of biblical studies. The award is given in memory of Dr. David Earl Faust, a former professor emeritus of religion and

## Catawba faculty, staff win awards

**E**ight members of the Catawba College faculty and staff were among those recognized during the 2005 Awards Convocation held April 21 in Omwake-Dearborn Chapel on campus.

### Dr. Barry Sang

Dr. Barry Sang, professor and chair of Catawba's religion and philosophy department, received the Trustee Award for Outstanding Contribution to the College. Presented on behalf of Catawba's Board of Trustees, the award is given annually to the person or persons judged to have made an outstanding contribution to the institution. The recipient is selected by a vote of Catawba's faculty senate.

Dr. Sang was also the recipient of the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award. A committee of Catawba students and faculty chose two persons, a student and a faculty member, to receive this award in recognition of fine spiritual qualities practically applied to daily living and with the belief that these persons will uphold the spiritual standards of Catawba by their noble characteristics. The award is given by the New York Southern Society for the purpose of establishing a permanent reminder of the noblest human qualities as expressed and followed in the life of its first president, Algernon Sydney Sullivan.

A native of Chicago, Dr. Sang holds degrees from Carroll College, Crozer Theological Seminary and Drew University. He was ordained as a minister in the American Baptist Church in 1977. He has served as assistant minister of Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church in Pittsburgh, as a lecturer and co-instructor at Drew University's College of Liberal Arts, and as a co-instructor at Drew Theological Seminary. He joined the faculty at Catawba in 1985.

Dr. Sang and wife Kathy make their home in Salisbury and are parents of a daughter.

### Dr. John B. "Jack" Green, Jr.

The college's 2005 yearbook, the Sayakini, was dedicated to Dr. John B. "Jack" Green, Jr., an associate professor of marketing in the Ketner School of Business. That dedication was announced by Sayakini Editor Brandi Berrier of Lexington who lauded Dr. Green for his concern for and involvement in assuring the success of his students.

Dr. Green joined the faculty at Catawba in 2002. At its February meeting, the College Board of Trustees voted to grant him tenure, effective at the start of the 2005-2006 academic year.

Dr. Green earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from Providence College, his M.B.A. from the State University of New York at Albany, and his Ph.D. in industrial and business studies at the University of Warwick in England. Prior to appointment at Catawba, he taught at Brenau University in Gainesville, Ga. and the State University of New York at Albany.

### Dr. Kenneth W. Clapp

Catawba's Chaplain and Senior Vice President, Dr. Kenneth W. Clapp '70, who also directs the college's Lilly Center for Vocation and Values, was honored with the Teacher of the Year Award. Chosen by a popular vote of the students, the recipient was selected because of his classroom rapport,

evidence of concern for students, and intellectual stimulation.

A native of Whitsett, Dr. Clapp holds degrees from Yale University Divinity School and Lancaster Theological Seminary. He has served as pastor of Emmanuel United Church of Christ in Lincolnton and as minister of education at North Haven Congregational United Church of Christ in North Haven, Conn. Prior to joining the faculty of Catawba in 1989, he served as the executive director of Blowing Rock Assembly Grounds, a 300-bed conference and retreat center.

### Dr. John T. Zerger

The Swink Prize for Outstanding Classroom Teacher was presented to Dr. John T. Zerger, chair and associate professor of mathematics. The selection was made by the Faculty Senate to a member of the faculty judged to be an outstanding classroom teacher. The award was created by a gift from the late Hearn Swink, former Rowan County resident, official with Cannon Mills Company, and friend of the college.

Dr. Zerger joined the faculty at Catawba as an assistant professor of mathematics in 1994 and was promoted to associate professor in 2000. The College Board of Trustees voted at its February meeting to grant him tenure, effective with the start of the 2005-2006 academic year.

He earned his bachelor's degree in mathematics and secondary education from Bluffton College, and his master's degree and Ph.D. from Kansas State University. He and wife Lori make their home in Salisbury and are parents of daughter Samantha.

### Kathryn Welborn

The Kenneth Clapp Tri-Delta Award was presented to Kathryn Welborn, a registered nurse and director of Catawba's Proctor Health Center, in recognition of her dedication, devotion and dependability. The award was established by the Class of 2000 in recognition of the work of Senior Vice President and Chaplain Dr. Kenneth Clapp.

Mrs. Welborn joined Catawba in 1996 as a student health nurse. She was promoted to director of the Proctor Health Center in 2000. Prior to her employment with Catawba, she was a registered nurse with Salisbury Family Practice.

A native of Greenville, she earned her nursing degree from N.C. Baptist Hospital. She and husband Bill have two adult children.

### Robert Nargi

Robert Nargi, an area coordinator on the College's Residence Life Staff, received the Staff Member of the Year Award. He was selected by a popular vote of the students for his positive interactions with them. Robert is a member of the class of 2003.

### Loura H. Taylor

Loura Hollifield Taylor was honored as the inaugural recipient of the Louise Tucker Staff Council Award. The award is given to a staff member who demonstrates outstanding work ethic and performance in their area, with nominations made by members of the President's Council and the recipi-



*L-R: Louise Tucker '44 and Loura Taylor, recipient of Louise Tucker Staff Council Award*

ent selected by a vote of the Staff Council.

Louise Tucker, a 1944 alumna, worked at Catawba for 42 years following her graduation, first as secretary to the college registrar, then as associate registrar, and later as assistant to the vice president for planning and academic services. As an employee, she was described as "accurate, punctual, meticulous, and with a mind like a computer bank." She has been honored by the College with the Trustee Award for Outstanding Contribution to the College, an Exemplary Life Service Award, a Distinguished Alumnus Award, and the O.B. Michael Outstanding Alumnus Award. Although Ms. Tucker officially retired in 1986, she remains a loyal supporter of Catawba and continues as a resource for both the alumni and public relations offices.

Mrs. Taylor came to Catawba in 1995 as post-master of the College. She has served as switchboard operator and was recently promoted to the position of telephone service administrator. She is married to Jim Taylor and they have four children, Stephanie and Donald Johnson and Greg and Heath Taylor.

### Brenda McIntosh

The President's Award for Staff Excellence was presented to Brenda McIntosh, administrative assistant to the dean of Lifelong Learning. The award is given annually to a member of the college staff who has distinguished him or herself in achieving excellence in job performance and who has contributed to strengthening of community spirit on campus. The recipient is selected through nominations from the entire faculty and staff, with a final selection from the nominations being made by the Staff Personnel Committee.

Mrs. McIntosh joined the staff at Catawba in 1971 in the Student Affairs Office, working for the vice president of administration and at least two deans of students. Later she worked in the academic dean's office for at least four deans of the college.

She is married to Dale McIntosh, a 1971 Catawba alumnus, and the couple has two children who are also Catawba alumni, Melanie McIntosh Haire '91 and John Patrick McIntosh '97, and two grandsons.

## Catawba to host Choir Reunion July 8 and 9

All former Catawba College choir members are invited to participate in a very special Choir Alumni Reunion July 8 and 9 on campus! Choir alumni are invited to bring their families and return for a weekend of music making.

Events get underway Friday, July 8, with check in slated at the Williams Music Building on campus between 4 and 6 p.m. A Presidential Welcome Reception follows between 7 and 9 p.m. at the home of College President and First Lady, Robert and Brenda Knott.

Saturday, July 9, campus tours for alumni and their families will depart from the Hedrick Administration Building beginning at 9 a.m. Choir rehearsal is scheduled between 10 a.m. and noon in the Omwake-Dearborn Chapel and after a lunch break, choir rehearsal resumes between 1:30 and 3:30 p.m., again in the chapel. The Alumni Choir will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel, followed by a post-performance dessert, located in the Lilly Center, of the chapel basement.

Professor Rosemary Kinard, head of the Choral Program at the College, will serve as music coordinator for the weekend, but music direction of the alumni choir will be shared by past and present directors of the Catawba College Choirs, including Lawrence Bond, Jeffrey Jimison, Gilbert Pirovano and Robert Weaver. Accompanist will be organist Janie Robert Rollins '78, assisted by the Catawba Brass Ensemble.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to bring several generations of music students together to review acquaintances, relive fond memories, learn to know new people, and make music together," said Dr. Renee McCachren, chair of the music department.

Alumni should contact Salisbury hotels for accommodations for the weekend. For more details and to register, contact the Catawba College Alumni Office at 704-637-4394.

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tribution to the Arrowhead, the college's annual literary publication. Parr was selected for his short story, "Loving Should Be Easy."

Stephanie Louise Brendel of Drexel, received the Rebecca H. Frantz Essay Prize for the third consecutive year for her essay "Capturing Reality through Art - is it Possible," judged by the faculty to be the most original. Catawba Alumnus Edwin Nance of Altoona, Pa. gives the prize, in memory of the mother of three former Catawba students.

Lauren Alston Smith of Greensboro received the Calvin Koonts Poetry Award, as the student who was judged by the English Department faculty to possess the most potential as a writer of poetry. The award is given by Dr. J. Calvin Koonts '45 (now deceased) to stimulate interest in writing poetry.

The Elisabeth Scranton History Award was presented to Katherine Marie Phelps of Prince Frederick, Md. It is given in honor of a former professor of history to the student who has attained the highest academic average during his or her senior year and who represents the ideals of liberal scholarship in the area of history.

Sean Michael Bloom of Snellville, Ga., received the Environmental Science Award. It is presented annually to a senior who has best demonstrated dedication, inspiration and academic achievement in the field of environmental science.

Connor Patrick Coleman of Brecksville, Ohio received the Leader in Environmental Stewardship Award presented this year for the first time. It is awarded to the student who best exhibits outstanding leadership ability and uncommon commitment to environmental stewardship through the facilitation of activities and initiatives that promote the wise use of the earth's resources.

The CRC Press Freshman Chemistry Achievement Award was shared by two freshmen students, Angela Brooke Bailey of Kannapolis and Matthew William Pardue of Salisbury. It is presented annually to a chemistry major in recognition of outstanding scholastic achievement.

The Chemistry Prize, funded by donations from alumni who wish to encourage students pursuing a degree in chemistry, was awarded to Anthony Cole Weddington of Salisbury.

The Braun Award in Physics, given by 1934 Alumna Mrs. Anne Blodgett Bashore, was awarded to Josephine Mae Gantt of Winston-Salem. It is given in recognition of the student showing the most meritorious work in the field of physics.

Mary Frances Attea of Kenmore, N.Y., was the recipient of the Senior Psychology Award. It is given annually to a psychology major who has been judged by graduating psychology majors, through secret ballot, as having made an outstanding contribution to the various activities of the Psychology Department.

The recipient of the Mathematics Award was Jennifer Eileen O'Connell of Jamesburg, N.J. This award is presented annually by the mathematics department faculty to a student who has demonstrated outstanding ability, scholarship and interest in the field of math.

Ashley Jewel Wilhelm of Cleveland received the Daniel E. Kirk Biology Award, given in honor of Dr. Daniel E. Kirk, former professor and chair of Catawba's Department of Biology. The biology faculty selects the senior recip-

ient who has exhibited outstanding service and achievement in the Department of Biology.

Laura Jeann Althaus of Salisbury received the Bruce A. Wentz Philosophy Award. Selected annually by the faculty of the religion and philosophy department, it recognizes the junior or senior who has shown excellence in the study of philosophy and carries a cash prize. It is given in memory of Dr. Bruce A. Wentz, a long-time professor of philosophy at Catawba.

Two students, Terri Ann Boyd of Jacksonville, Vt. and Peter Jon Arnold of Edgewater, Fla., previously aforementioned, also received the David Hoyle Award for Outstanding Service in the area of student activities. It is awarded annually to a student who has made exemplary contributions to all areas of student activities.

Heather Renee Hawkins of Troutman received the Patricia R. Whitley Award in recognition of academic excellence, loyalty, dedication, and for outstanding service to both the physical education department and the community. The award was established in 1999 by the Physical Education Department and the Student Majors Club in honor of Dr. Patricia Whitley.

The Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award was given to Crystal Danielle Bonner of Yadkinville. A committee of students and faculty choose both a student and a staff member annually to receive this award. It is given in recognition of fine spiritual qualities practically applied to daily living and with the belief that these persons will uphold the spiritual standards of Catawba by their noble characteristics. The award was established by the New York Southern Society as a permanent reminder of the noblest human qualities expressed and followed in the life of its first president Algernon Sydney Sullivan.

Elizabeth Aron Hewitt of Hickory was the recipient of the Dean Grove Award, given annually to a student athlete majoring in mathematics or science who demonstrates leadership abilities in both areas. The late Dr. Rodger H. Lofland '61 established the Dean Grove Award in tribute to Dean N. Grove '40, Lofland's high school coach, biology teacher and mentor.

George MacNeil Liveakos of Grayson, Ga., received the Phi Epsilon Award. This recipient is one who Phi Epsilon believes has been of significant value and worth to the campus community through outstanding character, leadership, and participation in extracurricular activities, and has shown a genuine interest in, and concern for, Catawba College as evidenced by his or her service.

The recipients of the Whitener Medals were announced at the awards convocation but actually received their awards during Catawba's graduation exercises. They were Cristyn Nichole Harrison of Hickory and Justin Luke Samples of Elkin. Named in honor of the late Dr. Edgar Whitener of High Point who served as president of the Catawba Board of Trustees from 1925-44, these awards are presented annually to the man and woman in the graduating class who combine in themselves, in the highest degree, the qualities of character, leadership and scholarship. Selection is made by the faculty from the three men and three women who have received the highest number of votes in an election in which only members of the junior and senior class may vote.

The new Mr. and Miss Catawba, elected to serve the college in the coming year, were announced at the convocation. They are Terri Ann Boyd of Jacksonville, Vt. and Albert Paul DeColli III.

## Catawba Professor awarded Fulbright Lectureship

**D**r. Philip Acree Cavalier, Assistant Dean of Catawba College and Associate Professor of English, has been awarded a Fulbright Lectureship in American literature in Kiev, Ukraine for the 2005-06 academic year through the Fulbright Scholars Program. Acree Cavalier, along with wife Carol and their three sons, will live in Kiev between September 2005 and June 2006, and will teach two courses in American literature each semester at Kiev International University.

Acree Cavalier says he chose to apply for the lectureship in Ukraine "because it was, and really still is, a very foreign place to me. I was fascinated by the possibility of teaching American literature, particularly literature from the 19th century, to students living through the early years of their nation's independence.

"In Ukraine, I will be able to observe first-hand the process of creating independent political and cultural identities, a process similar to the one Charles Brockden Brown, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Nathaniel Hawthorne, and other American authors engaged in almost 200 years ago," he continues. "I will also experience the challenges and rewards of teaching American literature as a foreign literature to students who have not grown up immersed in American history and culture. The experience will broaden, I believe, the way I think about and teach American literature."

Acree Cavalier joined the faculty at Catawba College as an assistant professor of English in August 2000, and was twice voted "Teacher of the Year." He assumed responsibility for Catawba's First-Year Seminar Program in 2001, and was promoted to associate professor of English in 2004. Also in 2004, he was named assistant academic dean of the College. In that capacity, he has served as Catawba's chief academic advisor and as coordinator of summer school.

He earned his bachelor's degree in Economics from Swarthmore College, his master's degree in English from Northeastern University, and his doctorate in English from State University of New York at Buffalo. Prior to coming to Catawba, he taught for two years in the Great Books

Program at Auburn University. In addition to serving as an instructor at Auburn, Acree Cavalier also taught at SUNY-Cortland College, Cornell University, SUNY-Buffalo, and Northeastern University.

After earning his bachelor's degree, Acree Cavalier initially pursued a career on Wall Street before ultimately following his desire to

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Dr. Philip Acree Cavalier

return to academe in pursuit of his advanced degrees. His areas of specialization are 19th century American literature and African-American literature.

Each year, through the Fulbright Scholars Program, a total of 1,000 U.S. faculty and professionals from all disciplines travel to over 130 countries around the world to teach and conduct research. Cavalier's award was one of approximately 50 lectureship awards across the nation in the discipline American Literature/American Studies. The Program is sponsored by the United States Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

Named in honor of the late U.S. Senator J. William Fulbright, who served from 1945 to 1974, the Fulbright Program seeks to promote cross-cultural understanding between the U.S and other nations around the globe. Since 1948, there have been more than 250,000 Fulbright grantees.

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plans for renovating the 25,500 square foot, two-story Corriher-Linn-Black Library and constructing its new 40,000 square foot, three-story addition. Burgin and Gibbs attended the trustees' retreat and shared plans for the \$10.2 million project via a power point presentation.

"We've actually studied seven potential sites on campus and even looked at converting the Cannon Student Center into a new facility," Burgin said. He explained, however, that all of those possibilities eventually returned as plans to renovate and expand the existing library.

"There were advantages to expanding an existing facility," Burgin continued, noting that it is the historic position of the library on campus, that the space has an abundance of information technology infrastructure associated with it now, that the present and future bodes a growing link between information technology and library services, and that there was an opportunity to "visually take advantage of the view into Catawba's 189-acre Ecological Preserve."

A new main entrance into the facility will create a north-south axis on campus, directing foot traffic from the Robertson College-Community Center into the academic center. A curved, three-story wall of glass in the addition will overlook the preserve. The completed project will include a reference desk, an information desk, banks of computers, group study spaces, leisure reading spaces, a computer classroom, offices for the library staff and computer services, a server room and a systems/network operations center, a loading dock, and plenty of room for growth of the circulating collection. The existing mezzanine and a new mezzanine in the addition will overlook almost 15,000 square feet of information commons.

"We're proposing to house all sources of information in a single center on campus," Catawba College Vice President and Academic Dean Dr. Barbara Hetrick told trustees. "This will allow students new opportunities to learn in ways that aren't currently available to them," noted Dean Hetrick.

"This new facility will be built around a concept of an information commons and information literacy will be provided to students beginning in the First-Year Seminars," Hetrick continued.

Cavalier explained that the new academic center "will address the information needs of the college well into the future." The glass wall which will overlook the preserve, he noted, is a physical way in which to emphasize the importance of the environment to the Catawba College community, both in the impressive views the new space will offer into the preserve and in the building itself.

Burgin said he believes the academic center as planned could easily obtain a silver or even a gold level Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating which would assert the college's commitment to sustainability and green design. He also noted that the facility "had two more growth areas available to it in the future," to the west and the north of the existing library.

At their annual meeting in February, trustees directed college officials to resume discussions with Burgin and proceed quickly with plans to renovate and add space to the library. They also gave college officials authority to pursue a campaign to fund renovation and construction of the facility.

## Simple Living TV crew films segment on Environmental education at Catawba College

The day couldn't have been better for filming on the Catawba College campus. The sun was shining. The students were full of excitement about the campus greening initiative. Even the crabapple trees cooperated, offering their fresh pink blossoms as a backdrop for Catawba President Robert Knott's interview.

Wanda Urbanska and Frank Levering, co-producers of the PBS show "Simple Living with Wanda Urbanska," brought their camera crew to campus in April to film footage for a segment on "Simplicity and Environmental Education on Campus." It will be part of the fifth program in Simple Living's second run, which will begin airing in October. The series will be available in 77 percent of the TV households across the United States.

Catawba's segment will focus on what students can learn in the classroom and also what they can do individually and collectively to foster environmental stewardship. "The whole segment is intended to inspire viewers throughout the country to bring better environmental stewardship practices and simplicity education to campus," Urbanska says.

Urbanska and Levering chose Catawba because "we feel that the Catawba Center for the Environment is a showcase in the state of North Carolina, and really nationally, for what environmental education can be and should be at the college level," Urbanska says.

The more they filmed, the more they learned about the center's influence. "What really impressed us was the confirmation of the center's outreach both within the campus and in the community as well," Urbanska says. "The Center for the Environment is a tremendous beacon to the whole region."

The crew filmed interviews with Center Director John Wear as he stood on the building's tower overlooking the 189-acre ecological preserve. They also filmed students in one of Wear's classes as they discussed the relationship between simplicity and conserving resources and how they are trying to accomplish this on the Catawba campus.

"Dr. Wear asked big questions about what is important in the environmental field, and the students were right on top of it," Levering says. "They are ahead of most of us adults in terms of understanding the problems and connecting the dots between the dire straits we are in environmentally and the urgency of making personal commitments to change our ways and be better environmental stewards."

The cameraman shot footage of Catawba students as they planted redbud trees and of junior and senior high school students from 12 North Carolina counties who were on campus for their annual Envirothon competition.

"I think the caliber of environmental education at Catawba is very high," Urbanska says. "I also think that Catawba fosters a unique sense of empowerment of students and student initiative. The administration seems to nurture student input, as evidenced through the campus greening initiative."

Environmental science students are spearheading an effort to foster environmentally friendly practices on campus. They are promoting everything from improving energy efficiency and composting food waste to recycling and encouraging green building practices.

Connor Coleman, a May graduate (environmental science major) from Cleveland, Ohio, is one of the students who was instrumental in the campus greening initiative. He stood in front of a newly purchased Earth Tub for composting cafeteria food waste for his interview. "I talked about the story of our campus greening program," Coleman says.

"I also talked about how the ball really got rolling on composting - how



Dr. John Wear shares a laugh with Wanda Urbanska during filming on campus

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as one student, I was able to research an idea and deliver my findings to Dr. Wear, who approached some trustees and benefactors, and boom, the next thing you know, it was happening."

Coleman is excited about the prospect of Catawba's being the focus of one of the Simple Living programs. "It's a great opportunity," he says. "I hope a lot of other people - especially college students - get information

about what we're doing so they can apply it to their schools."

Fred Stanback, Catawba trustee and benefactor, and Susan Kluttz, Salisbury mayor, were also interviewed. Kluttz talked about the center's impact on the community. "She commented that even if individuals didn't go to every program the center offers, the awareness, both through the media and word of mouth, was creating a climate of knowledge about the importance of environmental issues throughout the whole community," Urbanska says.

Wear was pleased with the way the filming went. "I felt inspired listening to the comments of our students and administration and others," he says. "It made me really proud of what the Center for the Environment has accomplished with the help of this community."

# Catawba students see different world through new electron microscopes

*"To be surprised, to wonder, is to begin to understand."  
José Ortega Y Gasset (1930)*

Jhetovi Gease of Warrenton is the curious type. In the electron microscopy course he took this spring at Catawba College with Biology Professor Dr. Steve Coggin, Jhetovi gathered all kinds of biological specimens to examine very closely. And, the digital portfolio he created of his work with the microscope would make even the most discerning modern artist quite envious.

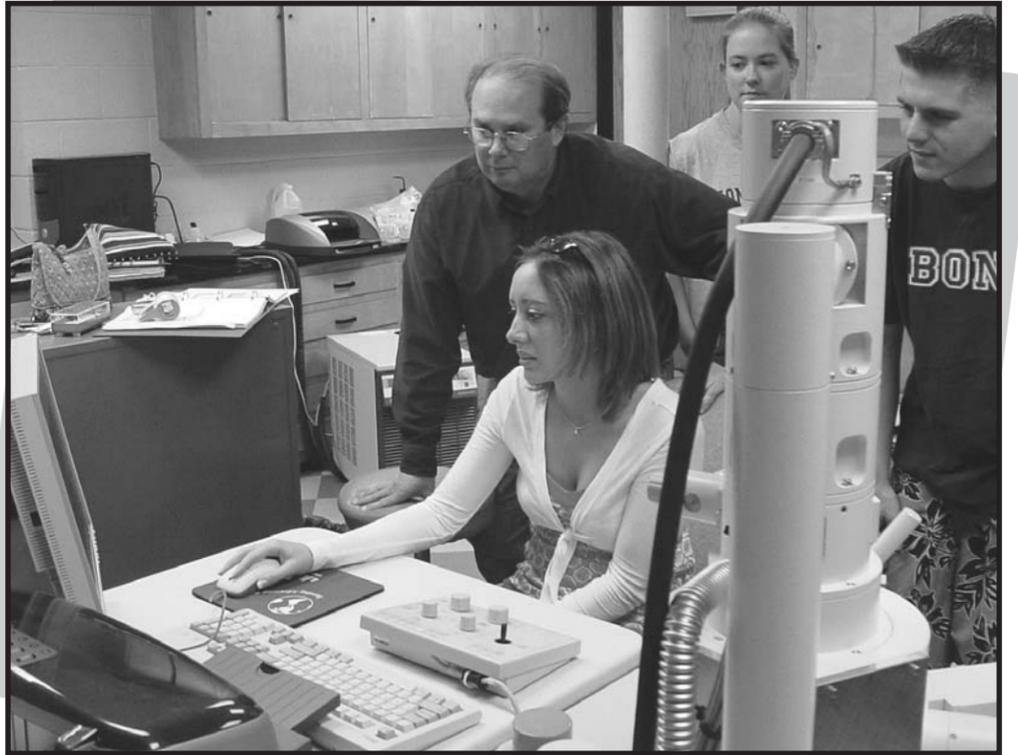
Although Jhetovi's images looked like the stuff that dreams or even nightmares are made of, they were actual black and white photographs of real-life specimens taken at great magnification. There was his fly eye, and the mouth of a worm, the eight eyes of a spider, the spider's fang, and the antenna of a roach. Each was a quite beautiful documentation of microscopic perfection -- that is unless you stopped to think about what you were actually viewing. Then, the names of the specimens would not exactly reinforce their digital beauty, but rather conjured images of a potent witches' brew.

Jhetovi smiled as he held up a small container with two roaches running around inside it. Parts of these insects were soon to be examined in great detail under the electron microscope. "Somebody at work gave these to me," he explained. "She found them out back and asked if I wanted them and of course, I said, 'Yes.' "

Jhetovi and his five classmates were pioneers of sorts since their work in Coggin's class was the first to be performed on two of Catawba's new electron microscopes. The \$60,000 scanning electron microscope is the piece of equipment which allowed the students to take digital images of the surface features of their biological specimens. In another lab nearby, a new transmission electron microscope allowed the students to examine the cellular makeup of a specimen. The two instruments are complimentary with the scanning electron microscope examining the surface and the transmission electron microscope looking at internal detail at high magnification.

According to Coggin, students who work with these two new microscopes will have a wealth of marketable skills to use in the workplace after their college graduation or to use in graduate school if they opt to continue their education. "This is a highly specialized course that they'll be able to put on their resumes. They'll each have new skills that they'll be able to use," Coggin explained, noting that hospitals, research institutions and many businesses which need a high degree of quality control in their manufacturing processes, such as microchip producers in the computer industry, have similar equipment.

The scanning electron microscope employs a 15,000 volt electron gun that shoots an electron beam onto a specimen which is suspended in a vacuum chamber. Those scattered electrons create the black and white



*Dr. Steve Coggin looks over Mandy Durham's shoulder as she manipulates electron scanning microscope*

images seen by the students on the computer screen. The students can manipulate the microscope and therefore, the image they're seeing, using focus, contrast or stigmatism controls to produce very exacting digital photographs. These photographic images are black and white because no light waves are involved in the imaging process.

Course requirements specified that each student submit a portfolio of five different images of three biological specimens along with a caption for each which detailed what part of a specimen was pictured at what magnification, along with the genus and the species names for that specimen.

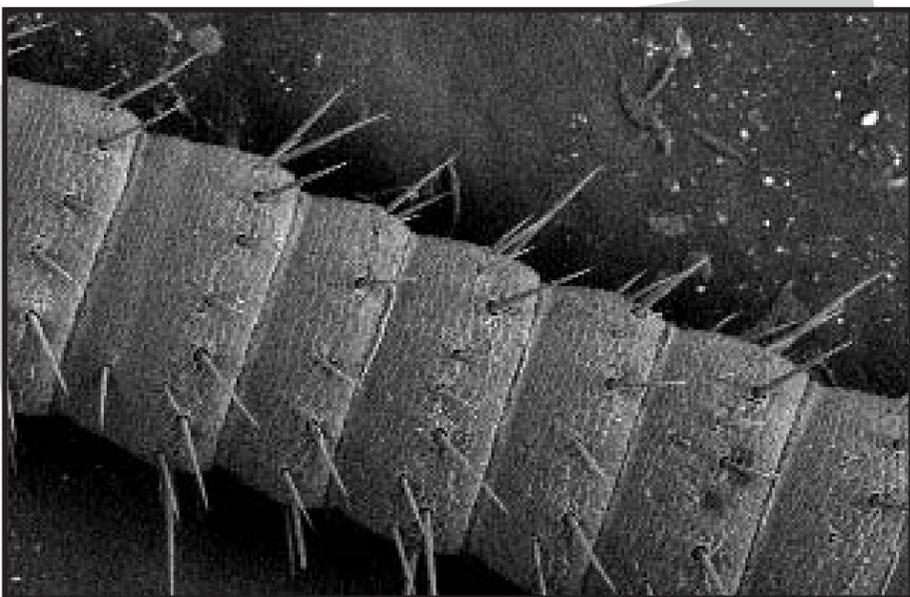
Hollie Bruce of Salisbury examined part of the furry underside of a magnolia leaf and a green pepper seed with the microscope. Hollie admitted she took a look at a piece of chalk under the microscope "before I realized we were supposed to look at biological samples, only." She was able to see the air pockets within the chalk.

Ashley Wilhelm of Cleveland got a close-up look at a hair from her head and the downy feather of a chickadee. She seemed a little dismayed that the chickadee feather yielded the more picturesque image. "That's my hair and I hope it's supposed to actually look like it does," she said. "That's why you don't want to take a picture of anything from your own body, in case it looks weird," laughing as she recalled her examination of one of her fingernails under the electron microscope.

Mandy Durham of Salisbury examined a hair from her head and was a bit alarmed when she saw extra strands of something apparently wrapped around that hair. Dr. Coggin contended it was likely conditioner or a hair gel build-up that Mandy was seeing in that particular photograph.

And the students, Coggin said, inspired each other with their close-up image capturing. "I was going to look at the skin of a kiwi, but Jhetovi said it wasn't that cool," noted Andrew Frank of Salisbury. Instead, Andrew took another cue from Jhetovi and his digital image of a fly eye and decided to examine a mosquito eye with good success.

"The electron microscopes have expanded the way our students view the world. They are a new way of seeing that has compelled the students in the class to examine the world more closely," Coggin concluded.



*Roach antenna*

# Graduation 2005



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rhythm guitar player Jennifer Reiff of Wilmington, also graduated with honors during 2005 ceremonies.

"In fact," Rigney bragged, "the whole band got straight As this semester." Other band members include Catawba sophomore Andrew Boudouris of Waynesboro Va., the band's drummer, and Jason's older brother, Brad, who plays bass and lives in Danville, Va.

The band shares a collective dream of breaking into the music business and Rigney said Nashville seems to be just the right sort of place for that. "It's close to the (economic) living conditions we're used to and they (Nashville music executives) value songwriting and both Jennifer and I do that."



Graduates from Women's basketball team strike a pose

It's a different dream that graduate Daniel Lynch of Pilot Mountain will be pursuing after his years at Catawba earning his degree in mathematics and playing Division II football. Although he was released this year by the New England Patriots, he believes professional football is in his immediate future. He'll be trying to land a slot on either an arena football team or a Canadian football squad.

"I'm gonna play football somewhere. The Patriots want me to get a year of experience before I come back and try out for them," said Lynch, who played in the Cactus Bowl in early this year with fellow Catawba College football player, quarterback Luke Samples of Elkin. Samples also graduated.

"I never imagined it coming to this," Lynch explained. It (graduation) seemed so far away when I started at Catawba and now it's here."

Marriage was in the immediate future for fellow graduates David Hughes of Pittsboro and Heather Hawkins of Troutman. The couple married on June 25 in the Omwake-Dearborn Chapel on campus, but on Saturday their feel-

ings about graduation were anything but united.

"I'm just waiting for it to get here and get gone," quipped Hughes, while Hawkins, a magna cum laude graduate, simply smiled and explained she's excited about her future. The two already have jobs lined up. Hawkins will become a lateral entry science teacher and head volleyball coach at Statesville Senior High School in the fall, while Hughes will work in sales at L.B. Trailer in Harmony.

Magna cum laude graduate Emily McGaughy of Upland, Calif. finished her coursework at Catawba in December, but she flew back to North Carolina to participate in graduation exercises. "I needed to touch base

one last time," she noted. "You don't work as hard as you do in college to not reap the benefits, to not take the diploma in hand and make the mom proud." Armed with her bachelor's degree in religion, McGaughy plans to pursue a master of arts degree and a master of divinity degree this fall at Pacific School of Religion in Berkley.

For Catawba, the graduation exercises marked the 154th year that the institution has granted degrees. Close to 200 students in Catawba's traditional day program walked across the stage in Keppel

Auditorium to receive their diplo-

mas in a 10 a.m. ceremony. At 2 p.m., more than 100 students in the Lifelong Learning program received their degrees. In at least two instances, familial ties bridged the two ceremonies.

Summa cum laude graduate Ashley Wilhelm of Cleveland, a student in the traditional day program, shared the joy of commencement with her mom, Tonya Ketchie Wilhelm, a graduate in the Lifelong Learning program. Both received their diplomas in different ceremonies. Commencement was also a shared, but separate experience for Demetrius Carlos Phipps, Jr. of Newport News, Va., a graduate in the traditional day program, and his wife, Tahira Shenika Phipps, a graduate in the Lifelong Learning program.

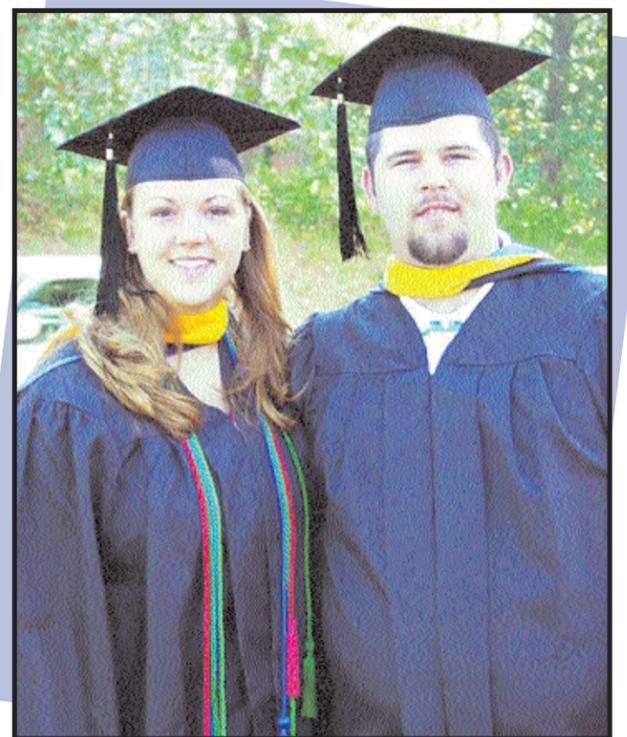
In his charge to the graduates, Catawba College President Dr.

Robert Knott reminded them that "not one of you arrived at this day and place solely on your own effort. Along the path, you have been challenged, nurtured and sustained by teachers, family and friends. While you were among us you drank from wells you did not dig - wells of wisdom dug by many who went before you and served to lead you along the way. To them you owe a debt you can begin to repay through the continued development and use of your abilities and learning put in service to others."

#### Whitener Award Recipients

Two students in the traditional day program were recognized during the 10 a.m. ceremony as recipients of the Whitener Awards. These awards have been presented annually since 1927 to honor the man and woman in the graduating class who embody to a high degree the qualities of good character, leadership and scholarship. They are presented in memory of Dr. Edgar Whitener of High Point who served as a trustee of Catawba College from 1921 to 1966 and chairman of the board of trustees from 1925 to 1944.

Cristyn Harrison of Hickory, who double majored in therapeutic recreation and athletic training and double minored in Spanish and psychology, was the female recipient. Her overall grade point average of 3.78 consistently earned her a place on the Dean's List, the Presidential Honor Roll, and membership in several honor societies including Alpha Chi, Phi Epsilon, Phi Sigma Iota, and Psi Chi.



Heather & David Hughes '05 graduates

Additionally, Harrison was a student-athlete and served as co-captain of Catawba's volleyball team. She was a member of the Helen Foil Beard Society and president of the Student-Athletic Advisory Council. She also volunteered for projects for Special Olympics and Make-A-Wish Foundation and was recognized for her volunteerism and community service at Catawba's annual Awards Convocation, where she received both the Paul Fisher Service Award and the Patricia R. Whitley Award. Harrison's name is also among those listed in Who's Who Among American College Students.

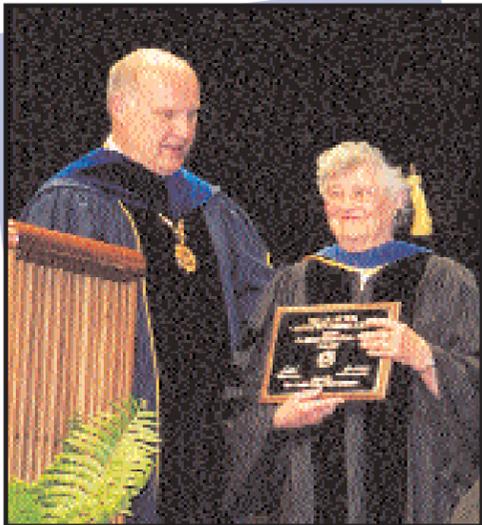
Luke Samples of Elkin was the male recipient of the 2005 Whitener Award and was an outstanding scholar and student athlete during his years at Catawba College. He double majored in business administration and sports management and maintained an overall grade point average of 3.56. His academic performance also earned him a regular place on the Dean's List. Like Harrison, his name is included in the 2005 Who's Who Among American College Students.

Samples also distinguished himself on the football field, serving as quarterback for the Indians. During his career, he was selected as the most valuable player in the South Atlantic Conference and this year, was tapped to play in the Cactus Bowl where his performance also earned him MVP honors at that event. An active volunteer, he has contributed his time and energy to projects for Habitat for Humanity and others at Trinity Oaks.

**Barbara Andrews Award Recipients**

For the second time in consecutive years, two students in the Lifelong Learning Program shared the Barbara Andrews Award. Recipients were Donna Jackson Patch and Timothy Michael Rusher, both of Salisbury.

The award was established and named in honor of Barbara Andrews, the creator of the Lifelong Learning Program at Catawba, and selection is made by the faculty. It is given annually to the graduating senior in Catawba's Lifelong Learning program who most successfully embodies the attributes of character, leadership and scholarship. Candidates must have earned at least a 3.5 cumulative grade point average.



President Knott and Dr. Shirley Ritchie '52, O.B. Michael Award recipient

Both Patch and Rusher majored in business management and were summa cum laude graduates who regularly were listed on the Dean's List. The two were also members of Catawba's Beta Sigma Chi Chapter of the Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Society.

Patch, who would like to attend law school, is employed in the Human Resources Department at Avgol America, Inc. in Mocksville. She and her husband are parents of four children.

Rusher is employed as an independent business consultant and he and his wife are parents of a son.

**O.B. Michael Distinguished Alumna Award**

Catawba College honored Dr. Shirley Peeler Ritchie '52 of Salisbury during graduation exercises with the O. B. Michael Distinguished Alumna Award.

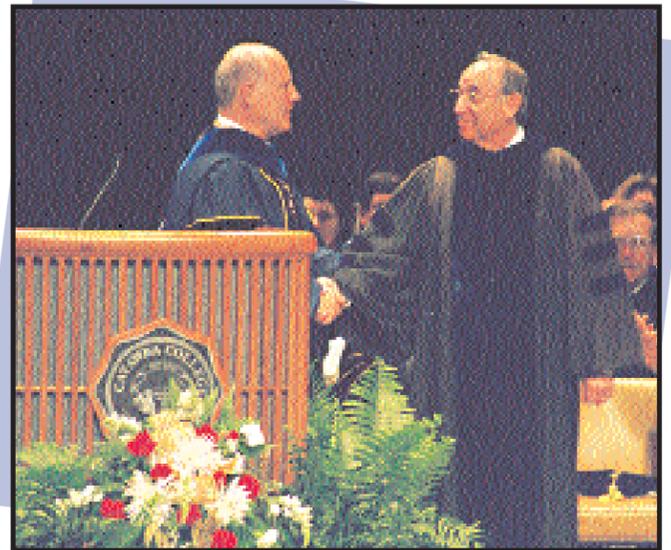
This award has been presented annually since 1938, by the Catawba College Board of Directors of the Alumni Association, to a graduate of the College who has made an outstanding contribution to the College and/or the larger society. Originally called the Citizenship Cup, it was established by the Reverend O.B. Michael, Class of 1919, in memory of his father, an alumnus of Catawba College and pioneer teacher and preacher.

Ritchie's family has long been affiliated with Catawba. Her father, the late Clifford A. Peeler, served on Catawba's Board of Trustees and she is also a trustee, serving as secretary to the board. Additionally, Ritchie has also been a member of the college faculty, serving in the teacher education department.

Her family is also well-known in the area, associated not only with Catawba, but with Cheerwine, a Salisbury original concocted by Ritchie's grandfather, the late L.D. Peeler, in the basement of his wholesale grocery store. Today, that company has 400 employees and operates as two entities - Carolina Beverage Corporation, run by Ritchie's son Mark, and Piedmont Cheerwine Bottling Company, run by her son Cliff.

Ritchie earned her master's degree and Ph.D. at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She completed post-doctoral studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. During her tenure on the faculty at Catawba between 1981 and 1993, she served on the faculty senate and was a member of the tenure committee. She directed elementary education and the sixth grade summer program for gifted students held annually on campus.

She has previously been honored by Catawba with the Swink Award for outstanding classroom teaching, the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award, and an honorary doctorate of pedagogy. She received the Champion for Young Children Award from the Rowan Partnership for Children, where she serves on the Board of Directors. Active in her church, St. John's Lutheran, she also serves as chair of its Child Development Center. She is a member of Rowan Regional Medical Center's Board of Directors. She is a member of the Board of Directors and a co-founder of the Partners in Learning Center Child Development and



President Knott congratulates retiring professor, Dr. Karl Hales

Family Services Center, located on Catawba's campus.

Ritchie is married to husband Raymond, also a Catawba alumnus from the class of 1953, and in addition to their sons, the couple has a daughter, Celia R. Jarrett, and six grandchildren.

**Retiring Faculty Recognized**

During Saturday's graduation exercises, Catawba recognized Dr. Karl Hales, chair and professor of communication arts, who planned on retiring from the College after 39 years of service, effective June 1, 2005.

Hales joined the Catawba faculty in 1966 and served for two years in the late 1970s as vice president of student affairs. During his tenure, he has also served as the college marshal for 15 years, and lent his voice to announce home football games in Shuford Stadium for 25 years. For 14 years, he also announced men's basketball games. And, for more than a dozen years, he has served as the College's faculty athletic representative. Hales will continue to teach some courses in the Lifelong Learning program and will also continue as the voice of Catawba football.

**Baccalaureate and The Marshal's Walk**

Catawba held its Baccalaureate Service in Omwake-Dearborn Chapel on Friday, May 6 with remarks provided by the Reverend Fred Jordan of Brevard, a 1967 alumnus and parent of 2005 graduate Margaret Jordan. His message was entitled, "Crossroads."

Following the service, the graduates holding lighted candles were led by College Marshal, Professor David Pulliam, and Bagpiper Patrick Coleman of Brecksville, Ohio, parent of 2005 graduate Connor Coleman, from the Chapel along Oliver's Way to the exterior of the Robertson College-Community Center. There, the incoming SGA President Danielle Petrin of Indian Trail, outgoing SGA President Peter Arnold of Edgewater, Fla., and Pulliam spoke briefly to the seniors. A reception for the students and their families followed in Peeler Crystal Lounge.

## Alumnus establishes second endowed scholarship

**F**or Catawba College Alumnus Ron Maccaroni '67 of Fairfax County, Virginia, establishing a second endowed scholarship at his alma mater is simply a way to say "thanks" for everything the institution has done for him. Catawba College, Maccaroni contends, well-prepared him for a meaningful personal and professional life.

Maccaroni, originally from Waterford, N.J., was recruited by Coach Harvey Stratton to play football and attended Catawba thanks to an athletic scholarship. He met his first wife, the late Marianne Pearson Maccaroni '67, who was originally from Weaverton, Md., during his initial week on campus. Marianne, incidentally, also attended Catawba thanks to an academic scholarship and graduated with a double-major in English and French. She became the third in her family to attend, following in the footsteps of her father, mother and oldest brother.

Although Ron came to Catawba to play football, his time as a player on the team was short-lived due to a knee injury he suffered during the spring of his freshman year. He subsequently became the Indians' trainer. Ron and Marianne were married at the end of their sophomore year in the Omwake-Dearborn Chapel on campus by then Campus Pastor Porter Seiwell. The two moved out of the dorms, obtained part-time jobs, and they continued to earn their degrees.

Ron, whose degree was in accounting, retired at the end of March with over 37 years of federal civilian service. At the time of his retirement, he was deputy comptroller of the Defense Information Systems Agency, a part of the U.S. Department of Defense. The first 23 years of his federal government employment were spent in the Government Accountability Office. In late May, he accepted a position as director of financial consulting for the Milestone Group.

"I feel, and I know Marianne felt, that our experience at Catawba College meant a lot to us personally," Ron explains. "Catawba gave us a good foundation for beginning our life and pursuing our professional careers. What I learned and how I learned did a lot to set me on a successful professional path. A liberal arts education rounds out a person. And attending a small college

gives students opportunities to get to know their fellow students and their professors, making them feel part of the college community."

Ron recalls the lessons of Professor Millard Wilson, the late chair of Catawba's Business Department, and how beneficial the experience of making presentations in Wilson's class came to be in his work life. He credits then assistant football coach Ray Oxendine with getting him involved in officiating high school wrestling events during his last two years at Catawba. Instead of that becoming a brief experience while in college, Ron stuck with it after graduation, and officiated wrestling matches for 20 years. Ron also coached both of his sons in youth league football, baseball and soccer.

The Ronald J. Maccaroni Endowed Scholarship will be given annually to a Catawba College student of good academic standing in the business department. Ron established his first scholarship at Catawba, the Marianne Pearson Maccaroni Scholarship, in 1996, as a way to memorialize his wife. Preference for that scholarship goes to a student majoring in English or foreign language who has high academic standards and is a practicing Christian.

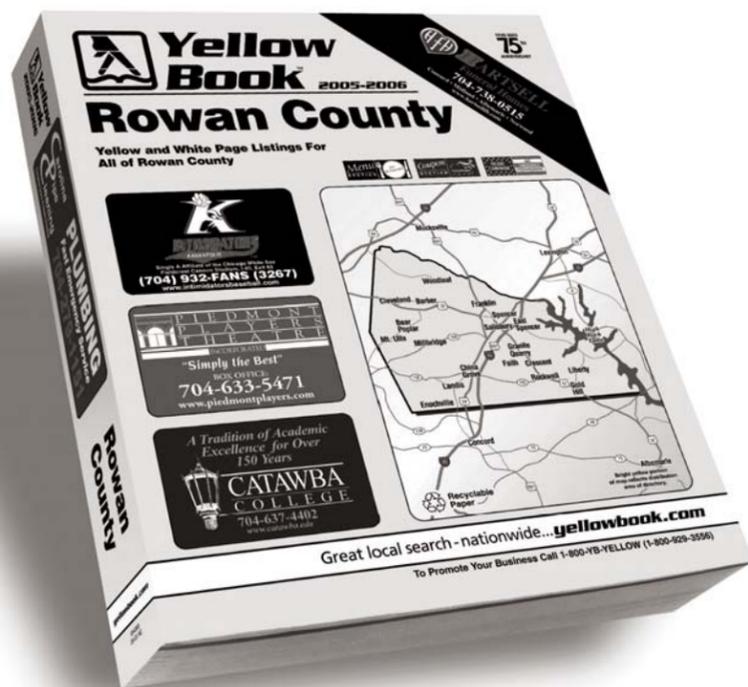
Ron said that he and Marianne had many fond memories of their time at Catawba. "By establishing scholarships," he says, "I hope that will help others also have many fond memories of their time at Catawba."

"Catawba is truly thankful that Ron has chosen to establish not one, but two scholarships at the College," notes Catawba Senior Vice President Tom Childress. "But we are even more appreciative of his long-time support as a Catawba alumnus. Since his graduation, he, and Marianne before her death, remained active in the life of the institution, regularly returning to campus for homecoming and other events. He has supported Catawba's various campaign efforts, including the recent one for Shuford Stadium."

Maccaroni is remarried to the former Harriette Winingham. The couple has four adult children, his sons Michael and Matthew, and Harriette's daughter Lanier and son Charles, along with four grandchildren. Friends may contact Ron at [rmplushw@aol.com](mailto:rmplushw@aol.com).

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# SAC Athletic Excellence Award

The 2004-05 Catawba athletic year was a mark in consistency and culminated with the school's first-ever Excellence Cup Championship as the top overall athletic program in the South Atlantic Conference. The SAC has championships for 14 sports and the Tribe finished in the top four in all but one. Catawba out-pointed Carson-Newman by seven points after finishing second for four of the last six years.

The first championship contest this year was cross country with the Catawba men placing fourth and the women sixth. The men would go on to run in the regional meet with junior Ryan Willis qualifying for the NCAA II National Meet for the third straight year.

Soccer was the next sport decided with the women taking third place and the men the runner-up spot. Both earned spots in the regional with the women advancing the final before falling 1-0 to Carson-Newman. The women finished with a 16-2-3 record, while the men posted a 14-6 mark.

Volleyball recorded another 20-win season and finished in fourth place, while football finished in a tie for second and earned a trip to the NCAA II Playoffs. After the fall sports, Catawba stood in a tie for second place, eight and a half points behind leader Carson-Newman.

Men's Basketball garnered the first championship of the athletic season as the Tribe rolled to the title with a 23-7 mark and advanced to the NCAA II Regional. The Lady Indians Basketball team rallied in the second half of the season to finish in fourth place, helping Catawba move within six and half points of cup-leading Carson-Newman.

Tennis began Catawba's march to the cup title as both men's and women's teams managed third place finishes in the league. The women, behind SAC Freshman of the Year, KT Rebadow, set a school record with an 18-6 mark, while the men were 16-7 overall. Softball finished in fourth place and just a game out of a tie for the championship.

Baseball earned the school's second championship of the year. Matt Fairweather and Matt Baker highlighted the year with several career records. Fairweather broke a 55 year old record by winning 30 games over his four years, while Baker left as the all-time leader in hits and RBI.

Women's Golf would claim its first-ever SAC Championship, led by three-time SAC Player of the Year, junior Paige Haverty. Haverty qualified for regional play for the third straight year. Men's Golf would conclude the cup points with a fourth-place finish.

Catawba totaled 81 points with Carson-Newman fading to second with 74 points. Tusculum (69) was third, Wingate (67.5) fourth and Presbyterian (64.5) fifth. Lenoir-Rhyne (52) wound up in sixth place, followed by Mars Hill (50) and Newberry (39).

Three Catawba sports are not in the SAC. Field Hockey, which nearly doubled its goal-scoring from a year ago, Swimming, which fin-

ished seventh at the Bluegrass Mountain Conference Championships and Lacrosse, which advanced to the Deep South title game for the second straight year.

## YEAR-END-AWARDS

Catawba College announced its 2004-05 athletic award winners at the annual athletic ceremony held at the Omwake-Dearborn Chapel on April 27. Heading the list of award winners were Crissi Harrison and Luke Samples, who were awarded the Lomax and Kirkland Awards for the top female and male senior athletes, and Crystal Bonner and Jeff Abdelnour, who were given the Wurster Awards for team leadership.

Harrison, a volleyball player from Hickory, NC, was named the Lomax Award winner. She led the Lady Indians with 338 kills this season and her 4.12 average per game was just shy of the school record. Her .301 career hitting percentage ranks third all-time. Harrison was a two-time all-conference selection and helped the team to the 2002 SAC Championship.

Samples, a quarterback on the football team



**Top Row:** Crystal Bonner, Wurster Award; Luke Samples, Kirkland Award; Jeff Abdelnour, Wurster Award;

**Bottom:** Hope Miller, SAC Academic Award; Chrissi Harrison, Lomax Award

compassion for her teammates. Abdelnour saw action as a spot reliever for two seasons before moving to a starter's role. He led the team in 2005 with a 9-2 record. He made others on the team better by his positive outlook, attitude and work ethic.

Other top awards went to senior's Hope Miller, of Newton, NC, and Dustin Cox, of China Grove, NC, who were the recipients of the SAC Award for the highest cumulative GPA's. Miller, a volleyball player, posted a 3.99 GPA as an accounting major, while Cox, a football player, had a 3.57 GPA while majoring in business. Jeff Childress earned the Suther Coaches Award as he guided the men's tennis team to a 16-7 mark and the women to an 18-6 record. The women set a record for most wins in a season with six freshmen.

The awards for team MVPs went to: Matt Smith (Baseball), Helgi Magnusson (Men's Basketball), Christina Carmon (Women's Basketball), Rori Godsey and Ryan Willis (Cross Country), Lauren Weitzel (Field Hockey), Luke Samples (Football), Jon Allen and Richard Lowe (Men's Golf), Paige Haverty (Women's Golf), Ed O'Leary (Lacrosse), Nathan Zuzga (Men's Soccer), McKenzie Burman (Women's Soccer), Jessica Rivera and Lindsay Ettinger (Softball), Erin Hyde (Swimming), Eric Noll (Men's Tennis), Lauren Fluegge (Women's Tennis), Crissi Harrison (Volleyball), Brandi Berrier (Cheerleading), Jenna Page (Athletic Training), and Sean Fox (Sports Information).

## FINAL SAC EXCELLENCE CUP STANDINGS

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2. Carson-Newman	74
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6. Lenoir-Rhyne	52
7. Mars Hill	50
8. Newberry	39

from Elkin, NC, earned the Kirkland Award. He was a four-year starter for the Tribe and re-wrote the Catawba passing record book. Among his career marks are most passing yards (9,650) and most touchdowns (74). Samples was a three-time All-SAC performer and was the 2003 conference offensive Player of the Year. He helped the team to a pair of conference titles and three NCAA II playoff berths.

Bonner, a volleyball player from Yadkinville, NC, and Abdelnour, a baseball pitcher from Cohoes, NY, were the recipients of the Wurster Awards for leadership. Bonner switched from hitter to libero as a senior to better aid the team, while always having great

## Kirkland changing positions at Catawba

**G**ordon A. Kirkland Jr., Associate Dean of Admissions at Catawba College, is moving to the athletics department, it was announced recently by Dennis Davidson, director of athletics.

Kirkland, a member of the admissions staff since 2000, became assistant to the athletic director, effective June 1. Davidson said that Kirkland's duties will include coordinating all athletic recruiting, assisting Catawba's coaches with initial contacts and campus visits, as well as other duties.

He will also assist with NCAA eligibility and compliance for about half of the school's student athletes, working with Craig Turnbull, Assistant Athletic Director for Compliance.

Davidson added that Kirkland will also be involved in the marketing of Catawba athletics, including the

recruitment of groups to attend the games and events.

"We are excited to have someone of Gordon's abilities joining our staff," said Davidson. "He will bring enthusiasm and a love of Catawba athletics into the area of recruiting and marketing. He certainly has knowledge of the traditions and successes that Catawba has enjoyed over the years. He should be a great asset, helping us continue our recent successes as well."

This spring, Catawba captured its first South Atlantic Conference Excellence Cup, an award for the top combined performance of a school's athletic teams.

Kirkland, a 1970 Catawba graduate, is the son of legendary coach Gordon Kirkland Sr., known for tremendous successes in football, basketball and baseball in the 1940s. The playing field in Shuford Stadium is named for Kirkland Sr.



Gordon A. Kirkland Jr.

## Catawba to add Junior Varsity Basketball Team

Ask Catawba College Men's Basketball Coach Jim Baker why he chose to create a junior varsity men's basketball team and he'll tell you it is because the need is there. Each year, he sees dozens of young players who are not quite talented enough to land a slot on the varsity basketball team, but who want to play ball, nonetheless.

"Nationally, there are not that many spots for kids to play varsity basketball at the collegiate level. Talent is pushed down in Division I, making talent more abundant at our level, Division II," Baker says. "I probably get eight to 10 inquiries a week from coaches or from kids looking for somewhere to play.

"By adding a junior varsity team, we can give up to 15 more students an opportunity to continue playing past high school while they get a good education. The team will give them a reason to belong, a reason to connect."

Although no athletic scholarships will be available to junior varsity players, Baker says that by the fall, five to six students should be ready to play on Catawba's new junior varsity basketball team, which he dubs "a work in progress." Marvin Moore, who has served as second assistant coach to Baker, will coach it. Moore, a native of Ahsokie, is himself a former Catawba basketball player who was named All-American and was inducted into the SAC Hall of Fame.

Plans are for the fledgling team to play four or five home and away games, perhaps against Pfeiffer University or Queens University, both of which have J.V. teams in place. The season would run mid-November through February.

Catawba College administrators also offered the women's basketball team a chance to develop a junior varsity team, but team officials decided to delay acting on that offer this year.

### Former Faculty & Staff Members Die

#### Laura Moore Smith of Spencer died May 11.

She was employed in the Catawba College Admissions Office until her retirement in 1989. She was a collector and restorer of old dolls and a member of First Baptist Church.



She was predeceased by husband Charles Lloyd "Bill" Smith, also a former Catawba College employee, in 2004.

Survivors include daughters Marion Elizabeth "Libby" Sigmon of Salisbury and Kaye Flickinger of Spencer, sister Elizabeth Stenhouse of Greenville, S.C., three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

#### Dr. Aidan John Barry Sinnott of Salisbury died May 12.

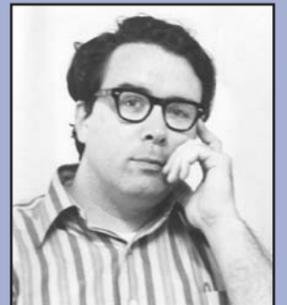
He was employed as a professor of English at Catawba from 1970 through 1976 and from 1977 to 2005, operated The Shakespeare Garage, Ltd. in Salisbury. He was the beloved husband of Dr. Bethany Strong Sinnott, also an English professor at Catawba. The couple was in fact married in the Omwake-Dearborn Chapel on campus on a snowy December day in 1969 by the late Campus Pastor Porter Seiwel.

Born in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, he was schooled at Archmere Academy in Claymont, Delaware before joining the Norbertine Order of

Premontre at age 17 and becoming a canon regular of that religious Order. He earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy at St. Norbert College in DePere, Wisconsin. While studying for the priesthood at St. Norbert Abbey, he earned a master's degree in English from Marquette University and was ordained as a priest in 1965. It was while he was pursuing his doctorate in English from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill that he met his wife to be and asked to be separated from his religious order.

In recent year, he completed post-graduate study in Hebrew at Hood Theological Seminary and was appointed to the Hood Seminary Board of Advisors. He was an active supporter of the Piedmont Players, having served as a member of that organization's board of directors between 1988 and 1991. He was also named an honorary patron of Catawba's Blue Masque. He served as a member of the Board of Friends of the Rowan Public Library and for one of the earliest volunteers for Dial Help, a Rowan County crisis assistance hotline. Widely traveled, he was also a proud member of the Arctic Circle Chapter of the Order of Arctic Adventurers.

In addition to his wife, survivors include sons Devine Michael Aidan Sinnott and Christopher Arthur West Sinnott, both of Salisbury, and sister Rita Sinnott Clark of San Diego, Calif.



## In Memoriam

'32 **Lester "Clyde" Sifford** of Salisbury died March 11.

A U.S. Army veteran of World War II, he served between 1941 and 1945. He was a master sergeant in General George C. Patton's 3rd Division, serving in England, France, Germany and Austria. He received a Bronze Star Medal, an American Defense Medal, EAMET Campaign Medal, four Bronze Service Stars, and a Good Conduct Medal. He retired in 1980 as an overseer at the China Grove Plant after 42 years of employment with Cannon Mills.

A life member of Organ Lutheran Church, he was or had been a Sunday school superintendent, chairman of the church council, Catechetical instructor, Sunday school teacher, communion assistant, board of trustees member and chairman of the board on the property committee, evangelistic committee, and funeral usher.

He was preceded in death by wife Nora Mae Motely Sifford in 1987. Survivors include two nieces, Sharon Sapp of Salisbury and Beryl Whitley of Lexington, and nephew Billy Black of Midland.

'39 **Mary Helen Hollenbaugh** of Maytown, Pa. died May 3.

After she earned her degree in business administration from Catawba, she was employed at Donegal and Conoy Insurance Company in Marietta. Later, she worked for over 20 years as a clerk at Olmstead Air Force Base in Middlestown until her retirement in 1968.

A member of the Maytown Reformed United Church of Christ, she taught Sunday school, served as financial secretary, and was on the church consistory. She was a member of the Maytown High School Alumni Association, a life member of the Maytown Historical Society, a life member of the Maytown Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary, and a member of the Maytown Civic Association.

Survivors include two cousins, Mary McCommon of Lancaster, and Ann Baker of Highspire.

'41 **Charles Ira Rouzer** of Banner Elk, formerly of Salisbury, died May 17.

He was the former owner/operator of C. Rouzer & Company in Salisbury, an independent real estate and insurance agency. Later, he was employed as a sales association for 14 years with Wal-Mart Stores in Salisbury.

He served as PTA president of Boyden High School and a past president of the Board of Realtors. He was a member of Banner Elk Presbyterian Church, was a former member and served as deacon and elder with First Presbyterian Church, Salisbury, and was a former elder at North Hills Presbyterian Church.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, **Frances Lowe Rouzer '43**, son Charles Robert Rouzer of Durham,

daughter Ann Heath of Banner Elk, and three grandsons.

'44 **Rachel Linn St. Thomas** of Atlanta, Ga. died March 21.

Born in Landis, she was an accomplished homemaker and avid bridge player.

She was predeceased in 2000 by husband Joseph St. Thomas. Survivors include daughter Lynn Flaum of Roswell, Ga., sons Robert and John St. Thomas, seven grandchildren, and sister Sarah Linn Drye of Landis.

'48 **Vernon Odell Coley** of Winston-Salem died March 28.

He was retired from AT&T after 35 years of service. He was an active member of Ardmore United Methodist Church and the Christian Fellowship Class. He was a Woodman of the World and past president of Northwestern Toastmasters.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Bobbie Kester Coley, step-daughter Carolyn Hendrix of Roanoke, Va., and two step-grandchildren.

'49 **The Rev. Cecil Kenneth Herrin** of Statesville died May 14.

A U.S. Army veteran of World War II, he served in the European Theatre. After graduating from Catawba, he earned both bachelor of divinity degree and his master of divinity degree from Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

He came to Statesville in 1952 as an associate minister at Western Avenue Baptist Church, where he served two years. He later pastored Beulah Baptist Church in Statesville, Faith Baptist Church in Salisbury, and Gethsemane Baptist Church in Richlands, Va., He served on the general board of the Virginia Baptist Convention and as a trustee of the Baptist State Newspaper, "The Herald." He retired back to Statesville in 1990 and for a number of years was interim pastor, including five years at Taylor Springs Baptist Church in Union Grove. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Statesville.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Vernelle Blevins Herrin, sons Roger Kenneth Herrin of Seattle, Washington and Dean Andrew Herris of Frederick, Maryland, a granddaughter, a brother, three sisters and numerous nieces and nephews.

'54 **Judith Anne Flatter Kane** of Richmond, Va. died August 7, 2004.

She was employed as a case worker for the City of Richmond.

She is survived by husband Jean Du Val Kane and two children.

**John Allen Horton** of Bethania died May 23.

He attended the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. before graduating from Catawba. During his career, he was a teacher and coach, worked at the U.S. Postal Service and Internal Revenue

Service and retired as a buyer for AMP. He was employed as a real estate broker for over 30 years. He was a 32nd degree mason in St. John's Lodge #1 in Wilmington. He enjoyed playing the saxophone and bass, and was a member of the Lutheran Church of the Epiphany, where he sang in the choir.

Survivors include wife **Elizabeth Miller Horton '61**, daughter Catherine Elizabeth Horton of Chapel Hill, son Dr. John A. Horton III of Upper St. Clair, Pa., sisters **Juanita H. Newby '40** and **Miriam H. Parker '44**, both of Salisbury, and two grandchildren.

'56 **Haskell A. Duncan** of Aberdeen died April 25.

A graduate of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and a long-time resident of Moore County, he was an ordained minister and served on the staff, including directing the choir, of First Baptist Church in Southern Pines. He also taught religion at Sandhills Community College and Sunday school at First Baptist Church. He was self-employed as president of Duncan Enterprises and also served for a time on Catawba College's Board of Trustees.

He was predeceased by wife Gay Tate Duncan. Survivors include sister Marion Lee of Florence, S.C., brother LeGrand Duncan of Casper, Wyoming, and numerous nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

'57 **Mary Jane Rowe Hartley McKinney** of Banner Elk died Sept. 14, 2004.

Following her graduation from Catawba, she earned her master's degree in supervision from Appalachian State University. She was employed as a social worker for the Avery County Department of Social Services and a day care specialist for the N.C. Department of Human Resources. She was a member of the Banner Elk United Methodist Church, former chapter president of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, and a member of the National Organization of Women.

Survivors include daughters Jeannie Hartley Bolen of Charleston, S.C., Alison Hartley Thompson of San Diego, Calif., son Warren Hartley of Banner Elk, step-son Phil McKinney of Lexington, step-daughter Karen McKinney of Jonas Ridge, 14 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

'58 **Jane Scheu Binaris** of upstate New York and Guatamala died in November 2004.

She had three children with Ted Bates, Pamela Lynn Mazellan of New Jersey, Karyn S. Bates of Maryland, and James Bradley Bates of England.

'59 **Bernie A. Edwards** of Concord died May 6.

A native of Concord, he earned his master's degree from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte after his Catawba graduation. He coached and taught in the Cabarrus

County School System until his retirement three years ago as principal of Mount Pleasant Elementary. He was elected to the City of Concord's Board of Alderman in 1969 and served there 12 years. In 1981, he ran for mayor of the City of Concord, was elected, and served in that capacity another 12 years. He was a member of Trinity Reform United Church of Christ in Concord.

Survivors include wife Rose and son Bernie H. Edwards.

**Donoval E. Wheeler Jr.** of Goldsboro, N.C. died Feb. 2.

He was employed by Amoco Oil Company as real estate manager for the company's Mid-Atlantic Region, covering Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C.

Survivors include wife Jewel, son Gene, and daughter Lynn.

**William H. Wilson Jr.** of Spencer died April 19.

A U.S. Army veteran, he was retired from N.C. Finishing Company after 46 years of service. He was a lifelong member of Trading Ford Baptist Church and for 52 years was a member of Spencer Masonic Lodge. He was also a member of the American Legion and participated in the Calvary Lutheran Church Meal Site.

Survivors include his wife of 48 years, Peggy Connor Wilson, daughters Tanna Lynn Wilson of Spencer and Sharon Wilson Burroughs of Salisbury, brothers Paul T. Wilson of Salisbury and Grady G. Wilson of Dallas, Texas, and three grandchildren.

'60 **Gary Garland Jarrett** of Newton died May 12.

He earned his bachelor of arts degrees in history and physical education at Catawba and received his master's degree some years later. After his college career on the baseball team as third baseman, he played second base for the Cleveland Indians in their Florida-Alabama League. He worked for seven years as a teacher and a coach at North Rowan High School in Spencer before returning to his hometown to work as a teacher and coach at Newton-Conover High School for 27 years. He also taught driver education there on a part-time basis. He was an active member of St. Paul's Reformed Church.

Survivors include his wife of 43 years, the former **Nancy Ellen Happel '64**, son Tony Jarrett of Newton, daughter Patricia L. Jarrett Crump of High Point, sister Paula F. Jarrett Hoover of Newton, and six grandchildren.

'63 **Dr. Larry R. Godwin** of Torrington, Conn. died March 26.

A native of Salisbury, he earned his degree in chemistry from Catawba and his doctorate of pharmacy degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He owned and operated his own pharmacy in Lovington, Va. for many years before moving to Connecticut. Most recently, he

worked for Capuano Buick-Cadillac-GMC, Inc. as a senior sales consultant and won many prestigious awards as top sales consultant.

He is survived by two sisters, Sylvia G. Fisher of Salisbury, and **Bobbie S. Godwin '71** of Fountain Inn, S.C.; brothers **David Godwin '79** of Canaan, Conn.; four nephews and three nieces.

**Judith Ann Sylvester Hoots** of Charlotte died April 12.

She attended Catawba College and graduated from Goldy Beacom Business School in Wilmington, Del. A life-long competitor, she was a champion junior tennis player and a member of the Junior Wightman Cup Squad. She won the Middle States Women's tennis title at age 16 and the N.C. Collegiate Women's Championship at age 18. She loved music and sang for the Sweet Adelines for many years. She was active in the Charlotte Opera Guild and the Carolinas

Concert Association. She was a member of the Little Church on the Lane in Charlotte.

Survivors include husband, Gene Hoots, daughter, Holly Quinn of Charlotte, son Charles Hoots of Paris, two granddaughters and a sister.

'68 **Clegg B. Honeycutt Jr.** of Atlanta, Ga., formerly of Salisbury died April 11.

A native of Rowan County, he earned his master's degree in psychology from Georgia State University where he also received numerous awards. He was employed for 35 years at Emory Hospital in Atlanta.

He is survived by numerous cousins.

'74 **Joseph Bradley Smith Sr.** of Charlotte died Feb. 28.

A U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War, he was honorably discharged with the rank of corporal. After a long career in sale management in

the food service manufacturing industry, he enjoyed a second career as an addictions counselor.

Survivors include children Joseph Bradley Smith Jr., Joan Kaye Smith and Sherry Smith Stemple, and sisters Margaret Smith and Ruth Morgan, both of Wadesboro.

'93 **Mary Elizabeth Vanderver Smith** of Salisbury died April 12.

She attended nursing school at N.C. Baptist Hospital before earning her bachelor's degree from Catawba and her master's degree in business administration from Pfeiffer University. She owned and operated Mary Elizabeth Clothing. She was a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church where was a Sunday school teacher and a member of the Altar Guild, Order of St. Luke's and Parish Life Committee. She was past president of the Rowan Regional Medical Center Auxiliary.

Survivors include son David N. Smith Jr. of Fort Collins, Colo., daughter Courtney Wood of Salisbury, and four grandchildren.

'95 **Jonathan Lewis "Jon" Bost** of Faith died March 18.

He loved sports, including hunting and fishing, and played football, basketball and baseball, playing on Rowan County Legion baseball teams from 1987-1989. He was employed with his father as a brick mason. He was a member of Faith Lutheran Church.

In addition to his parents, Oscar and **Daisy Drury Bost '59** of Faith, he is survived by wife **Jamie Heilig Bost '93**, daughter Addison Leigh, son Oren Jon, brother Lane Edward, sisters **Lisa Laws '85** and **Laura Peeler**, both of Faith, and **Jamie Ridenhour** of Richfield, along with numerous nieces, nephews and in-laws.

## Alumna remembers her years at Catawba

*Editor's Note: After almost three decades, 1973 Alumna Crystal Rambo Kaczmarczyk of St. Georges, Del. recently returned to Catawba with her 17-year-old son Thomas. While here, she had a chance to relive some of her memories and reconnect with two of her former professors, Drs. Aidan and Bethany Sinnott. She shared her thoughts on her visit in the eloquent prose that follow.*



**Today, Crystal is a Primary Library Assistant/Children's Librarian at Delaware City Library in Delaware City, Del. She has been married for 20 years to husband Michael, and the couple has four children, Thomas; Nicholas, 14; Joseph, 10; and Juliet, 7. Friends who would like to contact her may do so via e-mail at [crystalkacz@yahoo.com](mailto:crystalkacz@yahoo.com).**

### CATAWBA

When I visited Catawba with my 17-year-old son Thomas on April 18th of this year, I found that it had changed drastically, but had remained the same. Please consider this contradiction a supreme compliment because it comes from someone who is critical of everyone and everything at this point in her life. I had not been on campus in 29 years, so I wasn't sure what I would find. But I was so pleased, so proud, that I had to write and tell the college.

Looking around, I didn't want to recapture my youth, but I sure wished I'd done more with it. My immaturity hadn't allowed me to take advantage of the many opportunities there. Soaking up Catawba in front of the new dining complex, I knew there was a lot to partake of, and that there always had been. I made a silent vow that my children would not squander opportunities afforded to them, wherever they went to college. Those first few weeks at Catawba, you often heard the statement "I'm going to transfer." I even considered it myself. I didn't miss home, but those core courses were hard! Weeks rolled into Thanksgiving, and I couldn't wait to get back to my new life. It was fun going home for the first time and being a family celebrity, but it was even nicer going back where I wasn't so babied, where I could grow.

My new memories of Catawba have caused me to take a mental inventory of the Catawba of

the 1970's: Dining hall- long lines out the door. Spartan décor - clock on the wall - were there curtains at the windows? Center of the hall had drink dispensers and condiments. When soda was added, I thought we were really uptown. But I still made sure to drink my milk. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner were standard fare. I would go to bed at night, sometimes hungry, with nothing around campus but our vending machines. Dorm - I loved Zartman Zoo. Dorm mother Evelyn Deal. (How much did she really understand?) Just enough girls. Rooms almost big enough (especially if you didn't have 3 living in it as I did my freshman year.) A four-girl bathroom. BUT ROOM CHECK. Receiving a demerit for an unvacuumed rug! I visited my old room during our April tour and couldn't even find the floor! Phone booth at the end of the hall. Now, that little wooden box certainly dates me. Wonder if it's still in one piece somewhere...Chapel and vespers - I always remember vespers as a special service. Was it once a month? Can't remember. Certain number of attendances required. No problem. The choir was always excellent at all the services. It was from these services that I learned and loved "And They'll Know We Are Christians" to the point that I was obsessed until I found it again - on a vacation in Lewes, DE: an organist at an historic church knew it and played a verse of it for me. Crystal Lounge - many a now-classic tune was wriggled to on that glass-walled dance floor. The space is still inviting. I remember checking coats for people attending a Guy Lombardo concert. Even I was excited because New Year's Eve at our house meant Guy Lombardo and His Royal Canadians on TV. I made sure I shook his hand so I could tell my folks. Corriher-Linn-Black Library - unfortunately, it hasn't changed much, but I hear that is about to change. As an English major, I don't know why I don't have many memories of it. But there is one funny story.

Back in the time of the troglodites, we listened with earphones to written works and music on 33 1/3 rpm records. I used to listen to Shakespeare in the fall to get back into the groove. While working on a research paper, someone listening to music started singing along, forgetting where he was. The librarian had to go over to him. He was a little embarrassed as several of us chuckled. Those professors - Dr. Schiemann's description of the Battle of Jericho; Dr. Pettigrew's stern manner giving way to a silent laugh; Dr. Young on French and yoga; Coach Oxendine's P.E. running course through the new (c. 1970's) phys ed center - oh, those stairs! Mrs. Morehead and her beloved Emily Dickinson. Dr. Bracken and Dr. Fischel's education classes....

Our memories may thankfully dim on some of the above, but wonderful relationships that started at Catawba span the decades. Cat U alumni that have remained pretty constant in my often tumultuous world are Debbie Lesley '73, and Judy Wulderk '74. Debbie and I seem to have touched base mainly in the education arena, although I've received some pretty shocking Christmas cards from her - cards that show children much older than I remembered! She has also been my Catawba lifeline, keeping me abreast of its growth - and graciously having Thomas and me as houseguests during our whirlwind tour even though we haven't seen each other since about 1982. Judy has remained a constant influence in my life. A letter from her in 1976 catapulted me (unbeknownst to her at the time) into a decision that forever changed my life for the better. To this day, I still ask her advice on girl (guess it's woman now) things, only now it's by e-mail instead of letter or long distance phone call. During a visit in 1980, I had the pleasure of escorting her to my local emergency room for her exploratory surgery that culminated in the removal of a burst appendix!

How lucky that we Catawbans are to be able to See ALUMNA REMEMBERS, page 19

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count our professors as friends. The Sinnotts have spanned over 35 years of my life. Geez, I was only 18 when I met Bethany. (Please don't do the math.) Bethany and my high school English teacher, Louis Trinkaus, are the two main reasons why I like and literally "push" Shakespeare so much. When my daughter was born, I even called Bethany to tell her that I had named the child Juliet. And I will forever be in debt to Aidan Sinnott for my enlightenment of the "intrusive r" and its place in my family's pronunciation of "warsh." Then there was the time that we seniors, Cathy Ward and I, had dinner with the Sinnotts and played Scrabble. For God's sake, don't play Scrabble with your English professors! I think every poly-syllabic word escaped me that night. Three years after college they - perhaps Aidan more here - were guiding forces in helping me overcome a bad personal situation. When I had exhausted all other avenues, I turned to Aidan's "Dial Help" expertise. I distinctly remember his saying, "You make the choice, then you decide when to act - choose a date." "All right," I said. "By the 4th of July - Independence Day." This was in early June. Aidan and Bethany told me that I could stay with them when I was ready. I'll bet it wasn't more than a week later that I was on the phone to them, exclaiming that the time was NOW. With their help, I returned to my Delaware home by Father's Day that year, in plenty of time to celebrate the 4th.

Over the years, I have faded in and out of their lives, but comfort came in knowing they were there. Aidan stayed long enough for me to see him one last time on that beautiful April afternoon of our Catawba visit. We grow older and don't realize it, so do our professors and friends. My son Thomas and I had a marvelous visit with Aidan and Bethany (and one of their sons, Devin, whom I hadn't seen in 29 years. He looked a little different.) Bethany was kind enough to tell me that I hadn't gained much weight. Aidan had the same easy smile and joking manner, teasing Thomas about his high school, a rival of Aidan's high school years ago. Aidan died less than a month after we visited him. Did you know that there are black holes in your universe where your deceased friends once lived? The visit was so wonderful that I even entertained the idea that he would beat his sickness at the last moment. I remember as Thomas and I left in our car, we raised our hands in farewell. Their house and grounds were bathed in North Carolina spring sunshine, and everyone on the porch waved in reply. It was like a Hallmark movie: the former student having a fulfilling visit, even bringing her son with her; the dying professor-hero, surrounded by family. Fade to white in the brilliant sunshine. And, of course, as with all the Hallmark movies, I cried.

## Class Notes

## First Will and Testament

by John Bromels, Class of '98 "deceased"

"...therefore send not to ask for whom the bell tolls: it tolls for thee."

--John Donne

The first I heard of my unfortunate and untimely demise was a message from Craig, a fellow Delawarean and former Catawba roommate. The message was short and said, "John, the Catawba newspaper says you're dead. [mild expletive]! If you're not dead, call me." I was momentarily surprised. I had a pretty bad head cold, but I had no idea it was as serious as all that. But by the time I listened to the eight other messages of similar content, I had worked out what had happened, and, if for no other reason than to exonerate the editorial staff of this publication, I'll outline the details:

My mom hates talking to telemarketers, and ever since Dad died in 1997, she's often had a sure-fire excuse not to talk to them. The phone number's in Dad's name, so when the telemarketer asks, "May I please speak to Mr. (pause to squint at the name on the computer screen) Broe-melz?" she simply responds "He's deceased." This may sound callous, but believe me, Dad would've loved it: classic Mom. So when somebody called and introduced herself as being from Catawba and asked for "Mr. Bromels," my mother responded automatically, "He's deceased." There was a stunned silence on the other end of the line, after which the telemarketer replied, "Well, I'll have to inform the college." There was then a confused silence on our end of the line, after which my mother replied, "Okay." Then there was an awkward silence on both ends of the line, after which the telemarketer thanked my mother for her time and hung up.

I, who was standing (in full health and sound body) on the other side of the room, asked my mother what had transpired. When she told me, I informed her that I thought she had just told Catawba that I had died. I wondered briefly if I

should call Catawba and let them know that I was, in fact, still alive, but then I thought, surely they'll call to confirm, right?

Wrong, wrong, wrong. You see, the notice of my death was forwarded on to the Campus office. They assumed that the telemarketers had double-checked the details. The telemarketers assumed the Campus would double-check the details. And the next thing you know...I'm six feet under. Pushin' up the daisies. In the Happy Hunting Ground. You get the idea.

One of the greatest professors to have ever graced the halls of Cat-U, James "Parkie" Parker, who was my advisor and mentor, always asked what we learned after completing a project. In that spirit, I was determined to take something positive from the whole affair. I learned that many people with whom I had not spoken in years were affected by the obituary, which, honestly, pleased me immensely...until I read it: "John E. Bromels has died. He was an actor and a playwright."

That's it?!!

Twelve words (one of which is my middle initial) to sum up my entire life's meaning and work?! Well, this state of affairs certainly cannot be allowed to continue. I am determined to get my butt in gear and earn a better obituary...20 words, at least.

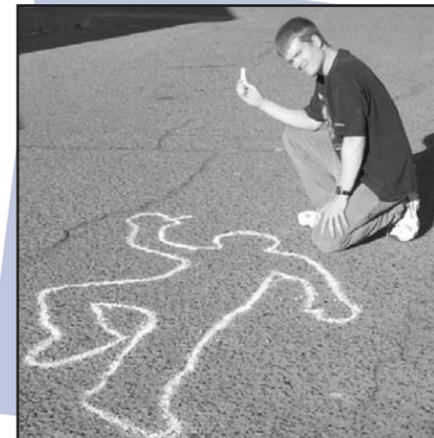
Historically speaking, you see, this isn't the first time someone's life has been radically changed by reading his own obituary. The great Norwegian industrialist Alfred Nobel, who had made a fortune manufacturing dynamite and other explosives, didn't realize until he read his own mistaken obituary in the paper what a terrible person he had been. It was this realization that caused him to turn his life around and then create the Nobel Prize Foundation. While I don't see myself starting up an internationally renowned award, I certainly have started working on my writings in earnest. You are reading some of the fruits of this labor.

Just in case, however, you are thinking of giving yourself an ego stroke or a wake-up call by reporting your own death in this publication, I

regret to let you all know that they are making the requirements for reporting a death much more stringent, so you are unlikely to have the same experience as I. However, I challenge all you readers to join me in making the most of whatever time we have left, striving to do great things. After all, tomorrow my obituary may not be a mistaken one.

And an essay on mistaken fatality wouldn't be complete without a quote from the late Mark Twain, who said, "Reports of my death have been greatly exaggerated." Hey, look how well he turned out.

'98 John Bromels is not really dead, he's just in New Mexico, currently playing Lt. Joe Cable in SOUTH PACIFIC and Snug the Joiner in A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM at Sandstone Productions in Farmington. After that, he will spend a season with the Cincinnati Shakespeare Festival in Cincinnati, Ohio, playing several roles, notably Banquo in MACBETH, Casca in JULIUS CAESAR, and Richmond in RICHARD III. Currently, his play THE FLYING HEAD is being produced at the Theater at Lime Kiln in Lexington, VA, and he recently co-authored SEARCHING FOR AMERICA for the same theatre. He is a founding member of HAHA, the Histrionic Association of Hams of America. He is also busy trying to do something constructive so his next obituary will be more than twelve words long. He'd love to hear from anyone (Jess, Julie, Mark, Margaret, Ty, etc.) who was affected by news of his death. He can be reached at SalientMan@hotmail.com or SalientMan@gmail.com.



## Class Notes

'34 **Anne Blodgett Bashore** at age 92 still has fond memories of her Catawba days and is very proud of it's continued success.

'43 **Alfred Sandrock** was honored for reaching the 60th Anniversary of his ordination into the Christian Ministry. He has been retired since 1986 and currently is a resident of the Lutheran Retirement Center at Kelly Drive in York, PA.

'48 **Jeane Griggs Page** would like to hear from classmates at 4201 Byrnes Blvd. Florence, SC 29506-8335.

'52 **Curtis Sandrock** was honored for reaching the 50th Anniversary of Ordination into Christian Ministry. Although officially retired, he continues an active service within the church through Interim Ministries and Conference committee work.

'54 **Donald Leonard** is still waiting for a new roof after hurricane damage. He says they hold their breath every time it rains. North Carolina count your blessings!

'56 **Bettye Huffman Steen** retired from teaching school after 44 years. She still subs and volunteers. Her son Fred Steen II was elected to serve Rowan County district 76 in the NC House of Representatives. She is so very proud of him.

'60 **Chet and Gennie Piercy '61 Byerly** have a new address: 302 Willowbrook Drive, Thomasville, NC 27360.

'61 **Richard E. Conrad** retired from Proctor and Gamble. He owns Vineyard Plaza Shopping Center in Winston-Salem, N.C. He owned the first Food Lion store outside of Salisbury. His hobby is church music. He took his youth choir to Washington and sang for Dr. Earl Ruth and Associates when Dr. Ruth was in congress. He also helped him with the election campaign. He has four children and six grandchildren. He has many fond memories of Catawba.

'62 **Lois Penn Adams** sends greetings to all of her friends at Catawba. She enjoys mini get togethers with four 1962 graduates. Her husband, Bill Adams passed away on October 11, 2003. She continues caring for her mother, Mary Penn and has joined the ranks of crossing guards in her community of Havertown. She retired from social work in 2003.

'62 **Arlan W. Mantz**, Oakes Ames Professor of Physics at Connecticut College, is organizing his fifth International Conference on Tunable Diode Laser Spectroscopy, which will be held this year in Florence, Italy. It will be held July 11-15, 2005. Visit the web page [TDLS.conncoll.edu](http://TDLS.conncoll.edu) to learn more about it!

'63 **Janie Bonds Allen** and **E.L. Sonny Allen '53** have moved to The Plaza, on the square, Salisbury, N.C. They can walk to their business, Allen Mortgage, Inc. only 3 blocks away. Janie has been working to raise funds to renovate The Old Lutheran Cemetery, Salisbury's oldest cemetery on the historic register.

**Judith "Judy" McConnell Richwine** reports that her son is a USMC major stationed at the pentagon and her son-in-law is a Navy SEAL. She and her husband Donald have three grandchildren who are the love of their lives. She does a lot of substituting and every summer she does a summer school library in Richmond as part of her retirement agreement.

'64 **John Karriker** retired 3+ years ago from Mitchell Community College in Statesville, N.C. Starting January 1, 2005 he returned to work as Director of Gardner-Webb University's Statesville Campus. He also teaches Environmental Science.

**Leland "Lee" "Butch" Moore, Jr.** retired on December 31, 2004 after 35 years with Wachovia Bank. He and his wife, Bonnie, are building a home in Southern Pines, N.C. and plan to move there when completed (latter June to mid-July). Their two children are still single and work in the Raleigh area. Christy is a Physician's Assistant at Wake Heart Associates and Marc is a mortgage consultant with Centex Homes.

**Dennis Rascoe** retired from BPB/Celotex March 31 after 34 years with the company. He was recognized at their national sales conference April 26 in Nashville, Tenn.

'65 **Preston Garrison**, in his role as Secretary General and CEO of the World Federation for Mental Health (WFMH), recently returned from the Andaman and Nicobar Islands in India where he conducted a site visit of areas hit by the Indian Ocean earthquake and Tsunami. WFMH has supported efforts of grassroots mental health organizations located in regions hit by the Tsunami to provide post trauma mental and psychosocial services.

'66 **David Hankee** was inducted into the National Football Foundation and

College Hall of Fame in May 2004.

**Russell "Russ" Hatfield** would like anyone in the Bluefield, Va. area to come by his son's restaurant, The Villa-Italian Bar & Grill, where good friends, good food, and good fun are found.

**Jan Ross Williamson** writes: "It's been 6 months since the catastrophic hurricane Ivan hit Pensacola. I have lived here for 34 years and have never seen such widespread devastation and loss. My wonderful beach house and also my rental condominium were totally destroyed. Thankfully, my "main" home sustained very little damage, although 22 trees tumbled. Many, many Pensacolians are living in FEMA trailers, their cars, etc. and it will take several years for our Paradise to regain it's beauty. However, the sands are as white as ever bordering on the beautiful Gulf of Mexico, and our spirits and outlooks are positive. If you are in the area, please stop by." You can reach her at [Janrossw@hotmail.com](mailto:Janrossw@hotmail.com) or [bwilliam@uwf.edu](mailto:bwilliam@uwf.edu).

**Bill Winters** remembers when he played Higgins in the first Blue Masque performance in Keppel Auditorium (also opened Hedrick Little Theatre as Romeo), The Salisbury Post review stated "Winters can hardly be accused of being a singer." But Catawba taught him that perseverance pays off; and in June he will be singing in his third community theatre musical - as Luigi in "Lucky Stiff."

'67 **Mona "Sue" Green Burkett** is currently spending half her time in their Paris apartment with her husband and half in their home in Carrboro, just beside Chapel Hill. She and Serge enjoy traveling in the US and Europe, and visiting their grandchildren in Chapel Hill and Reverolle, Switzerland.

**Melody Smith** and Rev. Harry E. Bruen, Jr. were married on December 12, 2004.

'69 **Rev. Larry Bullock** recently was recipient of "Pastor Larry S. Bullock and Dr. Gloria Bullock" Day -Village of Huffman Estates, Illinois for Outstanding Contribution to the City and the State of Illinois.

**David Glenn Thompson** was recently named to the Brevard College board of trustees. He will serve a three-year term for the four-year liberal arts college.

**Steve VanPelt** was elected to the Alamance Burlington Board of Education in the November 2, 2004 election. Steve is a retired principal. He and his wife Mary Ann live in Graham, N.C.

**Harold and Deborah Wales** have started a new venture this year. After having very successful weddings for both their daughters at their farm in Fawn Grove, Penn., they decided to start renting out their farm facilities for weddings and receptions. They have two weddings and three receptions booked for this summer. Check out their website [www.thedukefarm.com](http://www.thedukefarm.com).

'70 **The Rev. Christine L. Bohr** was married to the Rev. Dr. H. George Anderson, retired Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, on Sunday, January 2, 2005, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Lynbrook, (Long Island), NY. She continues to serve as the pastor of St. John's Lynbrook-- but she has taken her husband's surname. She says "Hey" to all Catawba friends and classmates. You can contact her at [CLBAnderson@msn.com](mailto:CLBAnderson@msn.com).

'71 **Candace "Candy" (Nolan) Hallett** was fortunate to retire early from her position as COO of ASU International Inc., as specialty insurance underwriting manager. She is now a full-time student at Boston University School of Theology pursuing a Master of Divinity with the goal of being ordained as an elder in the United Methodist Church. Life certainly has been exciting and challenging. On a mission trip last August to Ghana, West Africa, their bus overturned and she and her husband (and 2 others in the group) sustained orthopedic injuries. Recuperation is almost complete - thank God for protecting them from more serious injury! And yes, they will go back, eventually!

'73 **Randal Breininger** says you are never too old to continue with your education goals. He currently has a Masters in Education from LeHigh University and is working on a second Masters in Special Education at LeHigh University. He expects to finish this degree this summer.

'74 **Joseph Gorman** is President and CEO of SP Newsprint Co. His address is 1100 Oslin Place Reynolds Plantation, Greensboro, GA 30642.

**Nancy Teel** can be reached at Silver Lake Estates, 5 Linstone Lane #423, Milford, DE 19963 or [T3Nan@aol.com](mailto:T3Nan@aol.com). She would love to hear from friends and classmates.

'75 **Donna Ball** is Promotion and Benefits Manager for Republic Mortgage Insurance Company in Winston-Salem, N.C. She can be reached at [dwb3112@alltel.net](mailto:dwb3112@alltel.net).

**Rosanne "Rosie" Luongo O'Mahony** has recently earned her Master of Arts degree in Education

from Gratz College in Melrose Park, Penn. She continues to teach special education in the William Penn School District in Yeadon, Penn. She teaches 7, 8, 9th grade social studies.

**'76 Ron Hinebaugh** is very proud that daughter Charlotte has graduated as part of the Catawba College class of 2005!

**'77 Karen Michael** has been promoted to assistant manager of the Lexington office of the N.C. Employment Security Commission. She is a member of the International Association of Workforce Professionals.

**'78 Col. Carl Bryant** has just arrived back from a year tour in Iraq. He commanded the 105th EN Bn from Raeford, NC which was assigned to 1st ID. He has been recently promoted to the rank of Colonel. Joy has been retired from the City of Greensboro for over two years and enjoys the beach life. Andrew is in his third year of medical school at Wake Forest University and is planning marriage to Ms. Jessica Bridewell of Winter Park, Fla. on December 30, 2005 in Winter Park, Fla.

**Philip Fung** would appreciate hearing from Match-Point Members.

**'79 Robert "Bob" Jarrett** and his wife Joanna has been living in the Charleston area for about 6 years and hope they never have to move. He has been in the Environmental Health & Safety field for almost 20 years and it has been a great career. It would be great to hear from some of the old friends at [bjnmjar4@juno.com](mailto:bjnmjar4@juno.com).

**'80 Kenneth "Ken" Austin** and his wife Debbi recently travelled to China (along with their first daughter, Amanda) to adopt their second daughter from China. The newest member of the family is Alicia (age 1) who joins her older sister, Amanda (age 3). Ken is currently Associate Dean for Central Texas College, providing educational opportunities to sailors who are deployed on US Navy ships in the Atlantic fleet. Ken would love to hear from Catawba friends by e-mail at [ken-deb-austin@juno.com](mailto:ken-deb-austin@juno.com).

**Jessica S. Phillips** and her husband, J.V. will have an empty nest this fall. Jana is a junior at NCSU earning an animal science degree, and Jamie will attend Campbell University where she plans to pursue a psychology degree and play golf.

**'82 Linnette "Linn" DiGioia Rivera**, traveling home from Florida on Spring Break, decided to detour

and check out Catawba with her soon to be college bound daughter. She caught up with some friends on the phone and toured the campus; visiting the gym and Ms. Whitley, the bookstore for goodies, and North Hall pointing out all the rooms she lived in. They had real barbecue and drank Cheerwine- it was quite a trip down memory lane. Claremont, cowboy hats, toga parties and bathrobe parties. She would love to hear from old friends at [Linn5jays@msn.com](mailto:Linn5jays@msn.com).

**'83 Nancy McKenzie-Warlick and William '82** own an industrial powder coating and metal stripping business in Statesville. Their son Bo is graduating from Statesville High School this year and going to Western Carolina in the fall. Their daughter Lizzie has just finished her first year of high school. They have horses and enjoy combined training events. They would love to hear from classmates at [bummie22060@aol.com](mailto:bummie22060@aol.com).

**'84 Julia (Lynn) Shuping Gullett** is happy to report that she was elected in November for a second term as District Court Judge in the 22nd Judicial District (Alexander, Davidson, Davie, and Iredell counties). She will serve until 2008. She was originally appointed in 2001 by NC Governor Michael Easley. Also, she really enjoyed homecoming. It was great to see so many of her "old" friends.

**David Reed** would love to hear from friends. He says "Let's get together for Homecoming!" He went last year and it was a blast.

**LTC T. Scott Robinson and Sandy Wilson Robinson '83** are enjoying being settled back in the Washington, DC metro area. Scott is working on G3 Staff of Pentagon. Sandy is working in the same company.

**'85 Leigh Hodges Earnhardt** would love to hear from old friends at [lhearnhardt@alltel.net](mailto:lhearnhardt@alltel.net).

**Joseph "Joe" A. Giunta, Jr.** will be changing Command this summer and has submitted his official retirement papers. His official retirement date

will be December 1, 2005. They were to move this summer for a position on the Army staff in the Pentagon but the family decided that retirement in Florida after 21 years of service was a better idea for them at this point in their lives. He will pursue employment in either Government service or within the industry base that supports the Army's training device requirements in the local Orlando, Florida area.

**Maria A. Killian-Clement** hopes all are doing well. She would love to hear from friends at [maria.killian@faa.gov](mailto:maria.killian@faa.gov).

**'89 Margaret Wilson Faust** is pleased to announce her marriage to James Y. Faust on May 30, 2005. James is an attorney with Hancock and Hundley, P.A. of Salisbury and Margaret will continue to enjoy serving as Catawba's Alumni Director. The Faustus reside in Salisbury with six-year old twin daughters Lauren and Olivia Wilsey.

**Terri Hadley Haney** is a columnist, freelance writer, and stay-at-home mom. She is the founder of a local autism support group, and is active in raising autism awareness in West Virginia. She and Brian live on 5.5 wooded acres with their three boys, two dogs, and one cat.

**Michael Scott** and Lisa Fetterhoff were united in marriage on March 26, 2005 at the Vance-Granville Community College gazebo in Henderson. He is employed as a mental health-substance abuse case manager with Alliance Rehabilitative Care. She is an elementary school teacher for Granville County Schools.

**'90 Kevin Clement** has just passed his RESNA, The Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America, credentialing exam. He is a certified Assistive Technology Supplier with National Seating & Mobility in Atlanta, Ga. National Seating & Mobility provides customized wheelchairs and adaptive seating systems for individuals who have been diagnosed as having a permanent or long-term loss of mobility due to trauma, physical abnormality, structural defect or disease. Their mission is to provide their clients with the

right chair and the best care to meet the long-term therapeutic needs prescribed by their physician and/or therapist. For further information, please visit: [www.nsm-seating.com](http://www.nsm-seating.com).

**Penny Cash Painter** joined LSB The Bank as marketing communications specialist. Her work will focus on developing external and internal communication, advertising campaigns, website communications and branch merchandising. Penny and her husband David live in Lexington and have two children.

**Lisa Ray Stafford** is currently teaching theatre at Sun Valley High School in Monroe, N.C. She is also the Managing Director/ Production Stage Manager/ Costume Designer for the Union County Performance Ensemble in Monroe, N.C. They just closed the NC high school premiere of Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*.

**'91 Christine Elizabeth Hadley Sharp** and her husband, The Honorable Dan Sharp would like to announce the birth of their first child, John Hadley Sharp, born February 14, 2005.

**'92 Derek Hill** hopes every one from the class of '92 is doing great post Catawba. He would love to hear from old friends. Feel free to e-mail [derek.hill@us.ibm.com](mailto:derek.hill@us.ibm.com) or call (877) 448-8429.

**Andrea Emerine Shepherd** announces the birth of Audrey Marie on April 9, 2004. She joins her brother, Andrew (6 years old) and dad Kristopher in wishing Catawba (mommy's school) another great year! Look her up - Class of 91,92, or 93 if you are ever in the wild, wild west.

**'93 Tracy Lawrence Maynor IV** and Wendy Melton were united in marriage March 19, 2005 at Omwake-Dearborn Chapel. He is employed with Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse. She is employed with Century Place, Inc. The couple resides in Salisbury, N.C.

Two Catawba College professors recently spoke to students in **Donna**

## Class Notes



**"Guess who" quiz:**  
Guess who this mother-daughter team of alumnae are?

See the end of Class Notes for the answer!

**Rymer's** fifth grade AIG class at Bostian Elementary School. Dr. Kurt Corriher, director of Catawba's Center for International Studies and a published author, spoke about the writing process and his novel "Someone to Kill." Dr. Sanford Silverburg spoke about the war in Iraq. He is chair and professor of political science and a specialist in international relations, international law and the government and politics of the Middle East. Students also discussed the topics with the professors.

**John "Mosher" Spence** is in his 10th year as a 5th grade teacher in Williamsburg, Va. He still owns and teaches at his Karate School in the evenings. His website address is: [www.shoryukan.com](http://www.shoryukan.com).

**April Froriep Weaver** had her second child on April 2, 2005. Her name is Audrey Ruth. She weighed 6 lbs. and 11 ounces. April became a National Board Certified Teacher in December of 2004. She would love to hear from old friends at [wvj9@bellsouth.net](mailto:wvj9@bellsouth.net).

'94 **Deanna Taylor Luna** and husband Jason proudly announce the birth of their son, Tucker Daniel, on April 1, 2005. He weighed 5 lbs. and 14 oz. and was 19 inches long.

**Dennis "Den" Weddington** would like to hear from all of his friends from Catawba either by e-mail [Dkw4195@aol.com](mailto:Dkw4195@aol.com), phone (704) 857-

4160, or mail at 113 E. Vance Street China Grove, NC 28023.

'95 **Nicole Williamson Brown** and husband **Mark Brown '00** would love to hear from any who remember them. She is on disability now because of fibromyalgia. Mark is still working at the radio station (WSTP 1490AM) he worked at in college.

**Amy Dixon Jordan** and husband, Brent are thrilled to announce the birth of their second child, Julia Leigh Jordan! Julia was born on April 27, 2005 and weighed 6 lbs. 10 oz. She has dark hair like her mommy and big blue eyes like her brother, Brent. Amy still works for Walt Disney and will be appearing in the Feature Film, "The Celestone Prophecy" which is scheduled to open later this year. Amy would love to receive e-mail from old friends and classmates at [amygwtw@aol.com](mailto:amygwtw@aol.com).

**Allison Ankersen Makovec** and husband Mark are pleased to announce the birth of another son! Morgan John was born on March 1, 2005 weighing 7 lbs. 12.5 oz. He was 21" long. Big brother, Mason Garrett is 2 1/2 years old. The family lives in Virginia Beach, Va. and Allison would love to hear from friends at [amakovec@juno.com](mailto:amakovec@juno.com).

'96 **Michael Clevenger** has been promoted by BB&T as assistant vice president. He joined the bank this year as

a personal trust specialist in BB&T's Wealth Management Division. He and his wife, Holly have two daughters.

**Daniel "Dan" DeForge** is proud to announce his engagement to Toby Ana Cooper. The wedding will be in Blowing Rock, N.C. this fall.

**Keren Dexheimer Doyle** married Spencer Doyle in 1997. She is busy with their two daughters, Alexandria Jane (age 5) and Madeline Elizabeth (age 4). They are living in Woodstock, Ga. and close to family. She always loves to hear from friends at 248 Goshen Lane, Woodstock, GA 30188 or e-mail [SIK2Doyle@netzero.net](mailto:SIK2Doyle@netzero.net).

**Shea Markland Stewart** and husband, Adam would like to announce the birth of their third child, a son, Caleb Adam. He was born October 8, 2004. He weighed 6.6 lbs and was 20 in. long. Their daughter, Salem Montgomery is now 3 and their other son, Baylor is 2. She stays at home with the children and Adam is currently working on his ordination with the Assembly of God. They hope to have their own church within the year. She would love to hear from old friends at [shealstewart@yahoo.com](mailto:shealstewart@yahoo.com).

**Renee Reasinger Wildman** and her husband, Dave, announce the birth of their second child, Tanner Justin. T.J. joins his big sister, Hannah Grace, who will be three in June. Renee writes that she would like to hear from friends. She can be reached at [wildmanfamily@sc.rr.com](mailto:wildmanfamily@sc.rr.com) or 305 Caddis Creek Rd., Irmo, SC 29063.

**Brad Wyld** was married April 2nd in Charlotte to Kate Flynn. Kate originated from Pittsburg but is now a Charlotte native. Involved in the wedding were several Catawba grads; Best Man was **Dan Dudley '99**, Groomsmen were **Donnie Pennington '96** and **Rob Sweet '97**. Brad and Kate reside in Matthews, N.C. He can be reached through his company BMW Sports Enterprises, E-mail [bmw@ctc.net](mailto:bmw@ctc.net) and the website is [www.bmwspportsenterprises.com](http://www.bmwspportsenterprises.com).

'97 **Stacey Loffler Balog** is currently attending Albany College of Pharmacy to earn a PharmD.

**Jessica Conway** has decided to go back to school to get her masters in elementary education. She began her classes in June and will obtain her masters in May of '06. She is always interested to hear from old friends...drop her a line sometime at [sweetfujubean@att.net](mailto:sweetfujubean@att.net).

**Casey Cook Hess** and Billy Grimsley were united in marriage May 7, 2005 at Robertson Gateway Park in Salisbury and a reception followed at the Depot. The couple makes their home in Atlanta, Ga.

**Ashley Noble Donahue** and husband, Craig would like to announce the birth of their first child, a son, William Henderson on April 15, 2005. They would love to hear from their friends from Catawba at [adonahue@wfubmc.edu](mailto:adonahue@wfubmc.edu).

**Jon Flahive** would like to hear from friends at [jonflahive@yahoo.com](mailto:jonflahive@yahoo.com).

**Dawn Geverd** is getting married on August 13, 2005. Her fiance's name is Guthrie Maier.

**Kristen Yarborough** graduated from North Carolina School of the Arts in 2004 with a B.M. in Voice. She is now in the A.J. Fletcher Opera Institute's Masters Program for Opera Performance, on a full fellowship, at the North Carolina School of the Arts, and will graduate in 2006.

'98 **Lara Marie Taggart Baum** and Kevin had a son, Cameron Robert, on January 24, 2005. They have recently moved to a new house in Mooresville, N.C. She would love to hear from friends at [lmtag265@adelphia.net](mailto:lmtag265@adelphia.net).

**Jen O'Donnell Dwiggin** and husband Will are proud to announce the birth of their son, William Lee Dwiggin III. William was born on March 12, 2005.

**Karalynn "Kara" Kilpatrick** works in a bakery making cakes, bread, rolls, and cookies. She also decorates cakes for customers. She was named Employee of the Month in April. She thinks about Catawba and remembers her friends Susan Bowers, Heather, Jay, Hamilton, Kyle, Amy and Cheryl. You know who you are.

**Rene John "RJ" Krier III** and Katherine "Katie" Myers were married May 21, 2005 at First Baptist Church in Asheville. He will graduate with an MBA from Wake Forest University in August 2005. He is employed with Merrill Lynch. She is employed with the North Carolina Bar Association.

**Christine Lee Berna Link** has received her Master's degree in International Studies with a specialization in International Law and Development Policy from North Carolina State University. In June, she and her husband are relocating to Washington, D.C.

**Garry Lee Posey** is Associate Director of the Oxford Shakespeare Festival in Oxford, Mississippi and is an MFA lance film and theatre technician.

**Melissa Parziale Shandor** relocated to the area on June 10th with their new baby girl, Lena Gabrielle.

**James "Josh" Whitaker** says life is good! He has a great job, a great girlfriend, and he is active in a great church. He teaches Judo to ADHD kids and has

## 1990s Close-up

**Sherry Jane Beck-Elvington** has been selected to participate in the Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund Teacher Program in June. She teaches seventh-grade social studies at Knox Middle School. She is a National Board Certified teacher. While in Japan, she will spend a week in Tokyo exploring the city and participating in forums discussing educational pedagogy and issues in education. From there, she and 19 other teachers will be sent to a prefecture to visit schools, observe classes and meet with Japanese educators. The highlight will be a home-stay with a Japanese family. The program, which is fully funded by the Japanese government, is administered by the Japan-U.S. Educational Commission. Its mission is to honor the memory and ideals of the late Sen. J. William Fulbright by expressing the continuing commitment to friendship and understanding as well as Japan's appreciation for the benefits which it has received from the Fulbright program.

The teacher program is intended to provide educators with a professional development opportunity, to raise awareness of and interest in Japan, and to directly apply this cross-cultural experience in their home schools and communities.

Upon her return, she plans to develop a Japanese cultural museum in her classroom and present her experiences to local civic groups and professional education organizations.

bought a house. Hope all are well! Write him at [lyghtenup@hotmail.com](mailto:lyghtenup@hotmail.com).

**'99 Connie Crisco Fox** and Jon Eugene Basinger exchanged vows uniting their lives and families on April 30, 2005, by the creek at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Harris, Sr. in Salisbury. Connie is a Telecommunications Analyst with Food Lion, LLC. Gene is employed with Binswanger Glass in Charlotte.

**Kristin Gerner** and Michael Joseph Vaughn were united in marriage Saturday, April 9, 2005 at Peace United Church of Christ in Greensboro, N.C. She is a chaplain at Forsyth Regional Cancer Center and is a minister at Peace UCC. He is the assistant treasurer at First Greensboro Home Equity.

**Carrie Sides** recently moved to Knoxville, TN and got married to Joshua McKinney in June. Her new job is as an IT Project Manager at Jewelry Television. She would love to hear from everyone at [carriesides@yahoo.com](mailto:carriesides@yahoo.com).

**'00 Adrian Marbry** has been named assistant vice president and manager of the Locust branch of First Bank. In addition, Marbry has been appointed to First Bank's Stanly Advisory Board. The board, comprised of local citizens, meets monthly to advise First Bank leaders and review branch performance. Marbry and his wife, Amber, are expecting their first child in July.

**Greg Purcell** is a free lance film and theatre technician.

**Jenni Reaves** is pleased to report she is now working with Thomas Comitta Associates, Inc. in entry level landscape architecture, in West Chester, Pa. Friends may contact her at [jenni\\_reaves@yahoo.com](mailto:jenni_reaves@yahoo.com).

**Alexander "Alex" Whitley** has just completed his Ph.D. and is starting work on his MD. He is also the Student Body President of Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC).

**'01 Jason Cross** and Jodie Sides were united in marriage on May 5, 2005 in Hawaii. Their reception fol-

lowed on May 14, 2005 at the Warrior Golf Course. He is co-owner of Reliable Pawn Shop in Salisbury. She is employed by Cardinal Health. They make their home in Salisbury, N.C.

**Shaun Crump** and **Brooke Uzzolino '03** were married on March 25, 2005 in Myrtle Beach, S.C. They currently live in Stroudsburg, Pa. Shaun is working as a Case Manager/ Supervisor at the Boys & Girls Club in Allentown, Pa. Brooke is teaching Computers in the Pocono Mountain School District. Their daughter, Haven just turned 4 in April! Friends can e-mail us at: [buzzolino@yahoo.com](mailto:buzzolino@yahoo.com).

**Angela McCullough** and Steven Dennis were married on June 11, 2005 at Organ Lutheran Church in Salisbury. She is employed with Reznick, Fedder and Silverman. He is employed with T and L Equipment Sales.

**Stephanie Bostian Mesimer** has a new address at 1049 Lamb Road Lexington, NC 27295 and her e-mail address is [retiremnr@bellsouth.net](mailto:retiremnr@bellsouth.net).

**'02 Jessica "Summer" Eagle** and Jason Young were married on June 25, 2005 at Edenton Street United Methodist Church in Raleigh. She is a CPA with McMillan, Pate & Company, LLP. He is an accountant with Deloitte Tax.

**Bridgette Edwards** and William "Bill" Gibbs will be married on Saturday, August 20, 2005 at Flat Rock Baptist Church in Mount Airy, N.C. She is the Assistant to Public Relations at Catawba College. He is the Parts Manager at John Deere of Concord, N.C.

**Jasika Nicole Pruitt** recently played the role of Nicolette in *Chasing Nicolette* at the Prince Music Theatre in Philadelphia, Penn. She is currently in Canada shooting "Take The Lead," a feature film that will be released in 2006.

**Ben Prater** spoke during a Sierra Club meeting on Thursday, March 17, 2005. His presentation was entitled "The Case For Ending Commercial Logging on Public Land." He is an ecologist for the Southern Appalachian Biodiversity Project (SABP). He is also the North Carolina state delegate for the National

Forest Protection Alliance and serves as a board member of the Clinch River Coalition, a grassroots forest protection organization in southwestern Virginia.

**Christina "Chrissy" Thomas** would like to announce her engagement to **Brandon Jung '05**. The wedding date is set for June 17, 2006 at Our Lady of Victories RC Church in Sayreville, N.J. where they live. Any friends wishing to get in touch with us can reach us at [Gonyr24@aol.com](mailto:Gonyr24@aol.com) or [Wunfungi564@aol.com](mailto:Wunfungi564@aol.com).

**'03 Jerry Hancock** is currently serving as assistant volleyball coach at Presbyterian College.

**Meredith Jones** and **Michael Cabana '01** were married June 11, 2005 at First Presbyterian Church in Eden, N.C. She is a third grade teacher at Leaksville-Spray Elementary School in Eden. He is an Assistant Tennis Professional at TPC at Piper Glen in Charlotte.

**Stephanie Walden** received her B.S.N. through the Accelerated Option Program at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center's W/S State University. She is employed on the Intermediate Care Unit at Baptist Hospital. She is still living in Winston-Salem and would love to hear from old friends at [GOCHHEER03@yahoo.com](mailto:GOCHHEER03@yahoo.com).

**Robert "Bob" Walker** is currently pursuing his career in acting having most recently auditioned for "Hairspray" on Broadway, "Sweeney Todd" and "The Fantasticks."

**'04 Gina Austin** and Bradley Durham were married June 25, 2005 at Organ Lutheran Church in Salisbury. She is employed as a 4th grade teacher at Rockwell Elementary School. He is employed with Swing Transport.

**Ashley Barrow Laughter** is currently working at the Flat Rock Playhouse as Apprentice/ Intern Director for the 2005 season and also as a YouTheatre (children's theatre) instructor.

**Antonia Bowden** is a copy editor and page designer for the Times-News in Burlington, N.C.

**Spring Brown** and **Hayden Clement "Chip" Miller III '98** were united in

marriage February 19, 2005 at Grace Bible Church in Rockwell. She is the Co-owner of Merle Norman Cosmetic Studio and Spa in Hanes Mall of Winston-Salem. He is employed with Norfolk Southern as a Conductor.

**Polly B. Noble** is working at the American Girl Theatre in New York City as a wardrobe assistant for the shows *American Revue* and *The Bitty Bear* show.

**Steven Drew Ridenhour** and Molly Koontz were united in marriage on April 16, 2005 at Omwake-Dearborn Chapel. He is the parts coordinator for Ingersoll-Rand in Mocksville. She is employed as a process improvement black belt at Unifi, Yadkinville. They make their home in Mocksville, N.C.

**Monisha Smith** is working as staff assistant in the Delaware office of Sen. Tom Carper (D-Del). She is loving it! She just spent two weeks in Jamaica as site representative for Negril, Jamaica during Spring Break.

**Salem Snider** and Brandon Dietz were married on May 14, 2005 at Carolina Beach. Salem is the Director of the After School and Summer Camp programs at First United Methodist Church in Salisbury. Brandon is a Supervisor for Schult Homes in Rockwell. They make their home in Faith, N.C.

**Megan Youngblood** has a signed contract with American Family Theatre for Youth and will be Cinderella in their upcoming musical production of *Cinderella*.

**'05 Christopher Michael Agner** and **Brandi Barger '05** plan to marry on October 15, 2005 at Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church in Salisbury, N.C. Chris is the Captain of the Cleveland Community Fire Department and is also employed with the City of Charlotte as a firefighter. She is employed with General Motors Acceptance Corporation.

**Heather Hawkins** and **David Hughes** were married on June 25, 2005 at Omwake-Dearborn Chapel.

## "Guess who" answer:

Mother is Alberta Melton Miller '59 and daughter is Nancy Miller Grander '89, enjoying some quality time at Homecoming '04

## Ancient Rome comes to Catawba College students

For a few hours recently, 23 Catawba College students became amateur numismatists of Roman coinage and they never even left their classroom.

The history of the ancient western world came to life for this group of Lifelong Learners as they each were given a unique opportunity to clean, identify, date, evaluate, and keep a one-of-a-kind Roman coin at least 1,800 years old. This coin activity was one of the final lessons in a March 31 class taught by classical scholars Jim and Andrea Brewer of Salisbury. Jim is trained as a Bronze Age archaeologist and Andrea is a Classical literature and languages specialist.

The Brewers set the tone for their students with a hand-out showing details of various Roman coins and comments about how coins are made using a die and a punch. It is estimated that, on average, 200 million coins were minted each year for over 300 years. They described features found on coins ranging from the time of the Persian Empire, during the life of Alexander the Great, the Roman Republican period, the Empire period and finally to the Constantine and Byzantine periods.

"All coins are individuals," Andrea Brewer explained. "All were hand struck and no two are alike. Each depends on the heat of the metal and the accuracy of the strike. They weren't churned out by the thousands by machines.

"The Romans liked bronze coins, while the Greeks preferred silver," she said, noting that bronze is actually a combination of metals. "During the period of the Republic, they didn't want any living person featured on their coins, but that changed during the last little bit of the Roman Republic when Julius Caesar's likeness was imprinted on Roman coinage. Following him was the Emperor Augustus, thereafter, you began to see the likeness of the Roman Emperor on the front, or 'obverse,' of Roman coins with some sort of propaganda message or symbol on the back, also called the 'reverse.' Even members of the emperor's family appeared on coins, sometimes in various stages of their development. The message was one of suc-

cession - sons following the footsteps of their fathers, therefore these coins are called Roman Imperials.

"During the Constantine period-- the time of the Late Empire-- the likenesses of Roman gods and goddesses stopped -- there was no more of that, you began to see coins produced using traditional Christian religious symbols," Andrea Brewer concluded.

Anticipation among the students in the classroom began to build as the Brewers passed out coin cleaning supplies - rubber gloves, Q-tips, cleaning rags, paper plates and towels. Some donned gloves as soon as they received them and sat waiting expectantly. On a table against the classroom wall sat plastic bowls of Dawn detergent and water, lemon juice, boxes of baking soda, distilled water, and various chemical cleaning agents. At the professors' desk was a small plastic container in which several dozen, very dirty coins soaked in distilled water.

Andrea Brewer explained how to properly clean old coins, noting a long soak in distilled water was the easiest and gentlest way to "start pulling out the debris" of the ages. "I'm not that patient," she joked, and explained that her preferred method of cleaning was to soak a coin in "plain old olive oil," followed by a light swabbing with a Q-tip.

"You need just enough oil to cover the coin," she said. "It's a good dirt lifter and doesn't hurt the coin. It adds a sort of protective grease layer and doesn't strip the patina which can range from black to blue to green."

A more intense cleaning method involves dipping the coin in a mixture of lemon juice and baking soda. And, for the very impatient or frustrated coin cleaner, there are a variety of tried and tested "stronger" cleaning chemicals, she added.

To make the coin exercise fair to the students, the Brewers held a lottery of sorts. Each student was given a number and as those numbers were randomly drawn from a manila envelope and called out, they came forward one by one to lift a coin from the distilled water.

"Are you sure it's not a dime? Are you sure it doesn't say 'In God We Trust?'" joked sophomore Mike Buckworth of Concord as he carried the coin he had selected back to his desk. Then, all joking aside, he set to work, bringing his coin for a dip in the foaming lemon juice and baking soda mixture.



Professors Andrea and Jim Brewer

Shortly, he could be heard reporting to several classmates as he fitted it into a mylar coin case, "It's a Christian coin."

Andrea Brewer affirmed Buckworth's report. "It's a Constantine coin with beautiful attributes." Then, she was off to examine the coin of junior Margaret Sawyer of Concord who claimed hers showed the likeness of Romulus and Remus on its reverse side.

"Jim, I think we've got one," Andrea called out to her husband as she held Sawyer's coin. This coin was identified by the couple to be a very special issue, celebrating the change from Rome to Constantinople as the seat of the empire--a rebirth of Rome, so to speak. Because the date of the shift of the capital to Constantinople dates to 324 AD, they were able to attribute the minting of this coin to the same year with reasonable accuracy.

A frustrated student, senior Derek Tolley of Huntersville, tossed his coin into the chemical cleaning tray when his attempts at gentle cleaning were stymied. "It has lasted 2000 years, do you think some Tarnex is going to damage it?" As he wiped it clean, he could discern its image. He compared it to sample coins show in a reference book and moments later, he announced to the Brewers: "Fourth Century Constantine, 307 A.D."

And the cleaning continued through the class period and the sounds of enthused and enlightened students could be heard as they wiped their way through the grime of centuries.

"That is really cool," one student said.

"I think if it was soaked a while it might come out," another student reasoned.

"Okay, I'm not going to sell it quite yet," a smiling student told Jim Brewer as she placed her cleaned coin in a mylar case.



Students clean ancient coins