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### Author Chris Bohjalian speaks

**CALLING THE READERS IN HIS AUDIENCE, "the medieval monks of the digital age,"**

New York Times bestsellers list author Chris Bohjalian spoke at Catawba College's 23rd annual Brady Author's Symposium on March 26th. The topics he touched on ranged from the state of reading in America, to his latest and twelfth novel, "Skeletons at the Feast," to the travails he has suffered while on book tour. Bohjalian joined authors including Reynolds Price, Doris Betts, Anne Rivers Siddons, Jan Karon, Jodi Picoult, Gish Jen and Joanne Harris, who have spoken at previous symposia.

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Nicole and Ryan Taccarino



Shahin Soltan Mohammadi



Danielle Schneider and her parents

## 263 STUDENTS GRADUATE DURING CATAWBA COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

**CATAWBA COLLEGE PRESIDENT CRAIG TURNER** both congratulated and issued a challenge to the graduating seniors in the class of 2009. His remarks came in the form of a charge to the Catawba's 263 graduates during a 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. ceremony held Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> in Keppel Auditorium on campus.

Assuming his role as a teacher in his first commencement exercises as Catawba's 21<sup>st</sup> president, Turner offered "familiar, simple, direct, and short" advice for the graduates "to consider as you exit our doors and enter new ones." He advised them to "be a person of hope," "be a person of faith" and "be a person who loves."

One hundred and fifty-four students graduated from Catawba's traditional day program during the 10 a.m. ceremony, while 109 students in the College's School of Evening and Graduate Studies received their diplomas during the 2 p.m. exercise. At both 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., an almost at capacity Keppel Auditorium held families and friends of the students while the students' professors watched the proceedings from seats on stage.

Two of three triplets from Marmora, N.J., **Ryan Taccarino and his sister, Nicole**, walked across the stage to receive their diplomas during the 10 a.m. ceremony. Ryan earned his Bachelor of Science degree in business administration with a concentration in information systems, while Nicole earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education. In graduating from Catawba, they followed in the footsteps of

their mother, 1976 college alumna Suzanne Adams Taccarino.

Both Taccarino siblings have their eyes set on their futures. Ryan will return home after graduation to begin his job search for a position in network administration, while Nicole will remain in Salisbury where she plans to complete her student teaching in the fall, "hopefully in a kindergarten class," she said.

2009 graduate **Danielle Schneider** of New Castle, Del., got good news about her future. On the eve of her graduation, she learned that she had landed a job teaching Spanish at a private school in Wilmington, Del., about 20 minutes from her home. But landing the job, she explained, took some immediate action. She finished exams on May 4<sup>th</sup>, flew home to Delaware on May 5<sup>th</sup>, had a job interview at the private school on May 6<sup>th</sup>, and then traveled back to Salisbury by car with her family for commencement activities on May 7<sup>th</sup>. While standing in a retail store in Salisbury on the afternoon of May 8<sup>th</sup>, she got a phone call from the school offering her the position. It was an offer she did not refuse.

Now, unlike the majority of her graduating peers, Schneider's employment future seems secure. "It was worth all the gyrations I went through," Schneider said. "It's a really terrific school and a great opportunity for me."

On Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, Schneider left with more than 30 other students from Catawba for a college-sponsored, 28-day Spanish language immersion program in

Costa Rica. She hopes to hone her Spanish language skills even more before she enters the classroom as teacher this fall.

**Shahin Soltan Mohammadi** of Gothenburg, Sweden, also received his diploma on May 9<sup>th</sup>. He is still weighing his future options. He has applied to graduate school in Sweden, but he is unsure if he will go there. He might decide "to do graduate school in the States," he said, "or I might take a year off and work and make some money."

**Shane Flowe** of Salisbury, Catawba's director of Public Safety, was among the graduates participating in the 2 p.m. ceremony. He smiled as he explained that he had earned his Bachelor of Business Administration degree with a concentration in administration of justice "to set a good example for my 11-year-old daughter, Nicole."

Catawba's May 9<sup>th</sup> commencement exercises mark the close of the 158<sup>th</sup> academic year at the institution which was founded in Newton, N.C., in 1851.



Shane Flowe

## CATAWBA COLLEGE RECEIVES \$350,000 GIFT FROM CANNON CHARITABLE TRUSTS

**THE CANNON CHARITABLE TRUSTS HAVE MADE A \$350,000 GIFT TO CATAWBA COLLEGE DESIGNATED FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.** The College learned of the gift in the middle of March.

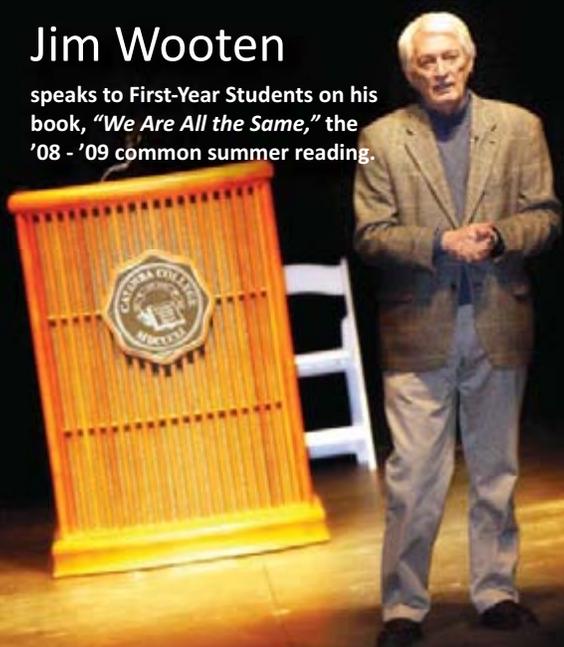
According to Catawba College President W. Craig Turner, the gift will be used in the transitional phase of a multi-year project toward a new comprehensive campus computing system.

"We are grateful to the Cannon Charitable Trusts for helping to provide the funding needed to upgrade and enhance our campus computing system," Turner said. "Through the years, the Cannon Charitable Trusts have been very generous to Catawba College, allowing us to push the envelope of our efforts in enhancing our information technology and improving our facilities infrastructure, including residence hall renovations, renovations of the Corriher-Linn-Black Library, renovations of the Cannon Student Center, and the 2002 construction of the Mariam Cannon and Robert Hayes Field House. We appreciate the support of the Cannon Charitable Trusts, which has helped to transform our campus and programs in tangible ways."

Beginning this year, Catawba will start transitioning the campus computing system to the Banner software program. The new software program will assist students through every part of their Catawba College experiences, from enrollment and registration through to graduation. The transition to the Banner system should conclude in the 2010-2011 academic year.

## Jim Wooten

speaks to First-Year Students on his book, *"We Are All the Same,"* the '08 - '09 common summer reading.



## CHURCH/COLLEGE AWARD PRESENTED AND NEW FUND FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE ANNOUNCED

**A LONG-SERVING MEMBER OF THE CATAWBA COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**, who is both an alumnus and a retired United Church of Christ minister, was honored Thursday, April 16th with the institution's Campus Ministry Church/College Award.



### The Reverend Dr. Richard Albright Cheek '47

received the award in recognition of his more than six decades of service to both the Church and the College at an event held in the Hurley Room on campus. In making the presentation, Paul Fisher, chairman of the Catawba College Board of Trustees, called Reverend Cheek "a valued counselor and advisor to many" who has "worked tirelessly to advance both and to champion the vital relationship" between the College and the United Church of Christ.

Born into a family with strong church ties, Reverend Cheek was active in the youth program of his church as a young man. He later attended Catawba where he was a member of the football team that won the Tangerine Bowl. After his college graduation, he prepared for the ministry at Lancaster Theological Seminary. He returned to the Southern Synod to serve pastorates in Rockwell and Thomasville and emerged as a leader on all levels of the denomination.

Reverend Cheek served on the steering committee to form the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ, was the UCC representative to the National Council of Churches and served on the Board for World Ministries of the denomination. He left North Carolina for a long and distinguished pastorate at St. John's United Church of Christ in Richmond, Virginia, and later returned to his home state to become the Associate Conference Minister of the Southern Conference, a position he held until his retirement.

During these years of outstanding service to the Church, it was noted, Reverend Cheek also showed great dedication to Catawba College. In 1963, he was honored with the Catawba Alumni Award. This was followed by other top awards presented by the College including the O.B. Michael Award for distinguished service and an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree.

Reverend Cheek has served on the Catawba Board of Trustees for over 36 years, chairing its Student Affairs Committee. He served as the co-chairman of the church division of the Catawba Challenge Campaign and chaired the committee to raise the funds and build the Omwake-Dearborn Chapel on Catawba's campus.

Reverend Cheek is married to Helen Jones Cheek and the two are parents of three adult children.

Catawba's Campus Ministry Church/College Award was presented for the first time in 2008. Its inaugural recipients were Claude Abernethy, Jr. and Wade Hampton Shuford, Jr.

## Paul Fisher Service Awards

### TWO INDIVIDUALS WERE RECOGNIZED AS RECIPIENTS OF THE PAUL FISHER SERVICE AWARD,

and Paul Fisher, chairman of the Catawba College Board of Trustees, was on hand to make these presentations. **G. Ben Smith**, assistant director of residence life and coordinator of wellness programs, and student **Jenna Matthews** of Staunton, Va., were both recognized; Smith, for his work with the annual duck draw on campus which has raised funds to feed more than 500 needy families Thanksgiving dinner, and Matthews, for her extensive work with children with disabilities as well as the underprivileged.

The annual Paul Fisher Service Scholarship was presented to Devin Rodgers, a sophomore from Glen Burnie, Md., and a member of the soccer team, in recognition of his extensive work with Rowan Helping Ministries and leadership of environmental concerns.

In making these award presentations, Fisher encouraged those gathered to “get off the four-lane highway” and “choose the road less travelled” – to slow down and make a difference in someone’s life through service.



## New Donors Recognized

New donors making gifts over the past year to the Porter and Maria Seiwel Endowed Chair for Campus Ministry were acknowledged. These include:

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Mrs. Carolyn Yearick Williams  
The Rev. Dr. Joseph Wise and Barbara Goodnight Wise  
Mr. Benjamin Yearick  
The Rev. Kenneth Yearick  
Ms. Ruth Anne Yearick-Jones

## NEW FUND FOR VOLUNTEERISM ESTABLISHED



**SALISBURY ATTORNEY THOMAS CADDELL** has established an endowed fund at Catawba College, the income from which will be used to promote and support volunteer efforts of Catawba students, faculty and staff. The Professor Joyce Caddell Fund for Volunteerism

honors Caddell’s wife who was a member of the Catawba faculty for more than 20 years before retiring in 2008. The fund announcement was made April 16th during a dinner on campus for friends and donors of Campus Ministry.

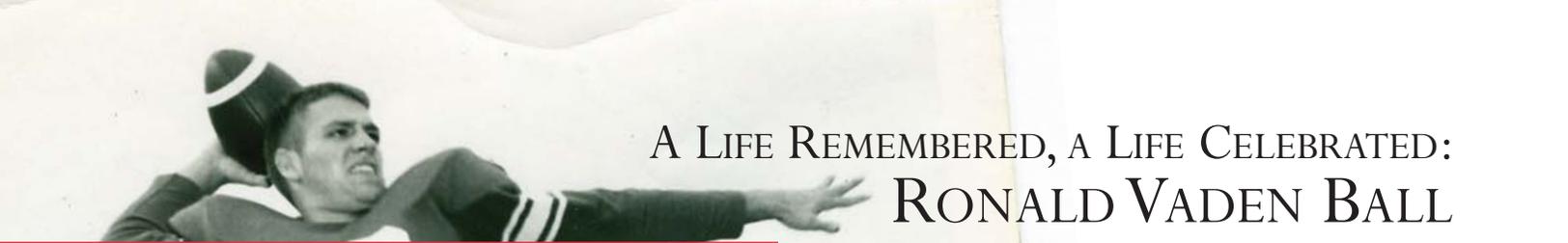
During her tenure as a math professor, Joyce Caddell participated in more than a dozen mission trips, was a major participant in the highly successful freshman retreat program, stepped in to coach the women’s tennis team when a coach was needed for that program, served as the faculty athletic representative for the South Atlantic Conference, was a trusted advocate for the student, was a recipient of the Paul Fisher Service Award and was involved in almost all of the volunteer programs at the College.

A part of the Lilly Center for Vocation and Values at Catawba, Volunteer Catawba, the College’s student led organization that promotes service and volunteerism has seen increased participation in recent years. Increased participation has resulted in the need for more funding to underwrite activities and projects of the program.

Reacting to the gift that made possible the establishment of the fund, Catawba chaplain, senior vice-president and director of the Lilly Center, Dr. Ken Clapp noted, “The timing of this generous gift could not have been better as we approach the end of the original Lilly Endowment gift which has provided for volunteer efforts over the past six years. We have succeeded in developing a culture that values service and volunteering to help those less fortunate, but our ability to do this is contingent upon having funding to pay for program materials, transport students to volunteer locations and defray expenses that are incurred in the process of volunteering. This fund will mean that we can expand these programs of service.

“To me, of equal importance is the fact that this fund allows us to lift up and honor the example set by one who has been the consummate practitioner of volunteerism.” Clapp concluded. **“Joyce Caddell modeled for Catawba students what it is to live a life of caring and serving.”**

Persons wishing to contribute to this endowment fund may send contributions to the Lilly Center for Vocation and Values, 2300 West Innes Street, Salisbury, N.C. 28144 and designate the gifts for the “Professor Joyce Caddell Fund for Volunteerism.”



# A LIFE REMEMBERED, A LIFE CELEBRATED: RONALD VADEN BALL

**When Ron Ball '61 died very suddenly last June while on a fishing trip in Alaska, his family and friends were stunned.**

The grief and emptiness felt is slowly giving way to wonderful memories and a celebration of Ron's life. Those who knew him best remembered him for his ties to Catawba College and made gifts to the college in his memory. There were so many memorials, in fact, that an endowed scholarship was established at Catawba in Ron's memory.

Ron's widow, Darlene Landis Ball '62 who met her husband at Catawba, says that the Ron Ball Memorial Endowed Scholarship is "a lasting and memorable way to honor him at a place that he truly loved."

## RON BALL AT CATAWBA COLLEGE

Ron grew up extremely poor in the mountains of West Virginia, according to Darlene. "The out for anybody who wanted out," she explains, "was athletics." Ron, as if to ensure his ticket out, started playing football when he was only six years old. His athleticism paid off for him later when he received scholarship offers from the University of South Carolina and Wake Forest University.

He went to USC to try out but a coach there (Bill England '54) told him he was too small for the team and referred him to Clyde Biggers, then head coach at Catawba. Ron was a good fit for Catawba's team and was awarded a full scholarship to attend. He played baseball, basketball and football at Catawba, lettering in all three, and majored in business administration. Ron grew to respect and value his professors, particularly Professor Millard Wilson, and met and fell in love with a co-ed, Darlene Landis.

"We met when I was a sophomore and he was a junior," Darlene remembers. "I was a geek and he was an athlete – I had a lot to learn about football in order to date the quarterback. I had no athletic ability at all – actually got kicked off the intramural volleyball team after one practice. However, we were a good match and he asked me to marry him on the front steps of Zartmann Hall on a sunny spring afternoon."

During Darlene's senior year at Catawba while Ron was working as a superintendent at Dan River Mills, the two became engaged. The occasion was a dinner in the campus student center right before the Christmas holidays. "As SGA president," Darlene recalls, "I had to give a talk at that formal occasion. Just before I was to get up to give my talk, he took my hand and put a ring on my finger. Surprised to say the least...I just remember getting up with my heart beating very fast, twisting the ring around my finger and wishing everyone a safe trip home and a good holiday - short speech." The couple, who married the summer after Darlene graduated, was married for 46 years when Ron died.

**Reflecting on Ron's time at Catawba, Darlene explains: "He knew that he had gotten his start at a better life at Catawba, that the folks there had given him a chance. He wasn't necessarily academically gifted, but he learned a great deal and was very successful in several careers - as a businessman, a coach and a teacher."**

## REMEMBERING RON BALL

After he graduated from Catawba, Ron worked briefly for Dan

River Mills and served in the National Guard of Virginia. He later earned his master's degree from N.C. A&T State University. In 1963, he was named president of Croft Business College in Greensboro. He left that position to teach and coach football at Northwest Guilford High School and later at Page High School, both in Guilford County. In 1977, he partnered with two friends, Bob Cromer '60 and Jim Branch (a Clemson grad), to start Learning Environments, Inc., a company specializing in providing furniture, equipment and athletic seating to school systems throughout North Carolina. He and Jim sold the company to two younger employees in 2005 but he continued to work part time, fully retiring in December of 2007 just six months before his death. He was most proud that in their 30 years in business they never had an employee quit and that the relationships built made it like a family.

"Mr. Ball was an outstanding man and an inspiration to me," Westmoore Elementary School Principal Bruce Williams wrote to Darlene after Ron's death. "He came to our school many times and was always pleasant, positive and encouraging. He will be greatly missed by all who had the honor of knowing him."

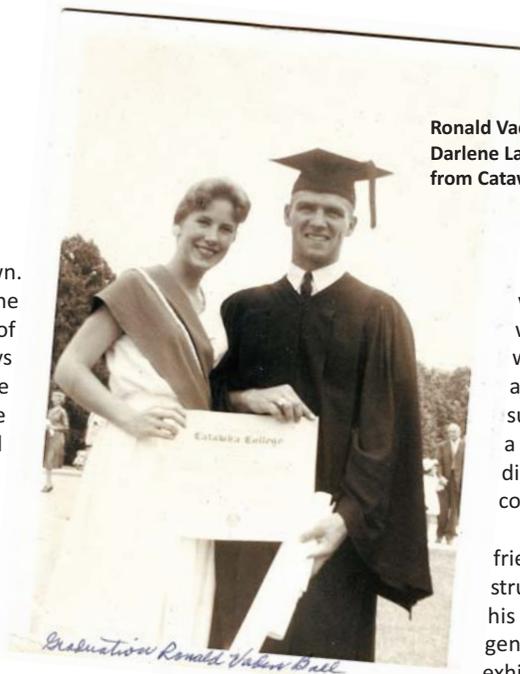
"A better friend you could not find," Ron's friend David Setzer of Salisbury says. "He was completely without pretension, no ego or false modesty. He was able to argue, defend his points and stand his ground, but not in an ugly way. He also was completely comfortable in his own skin; knew what he could do or not do and was fully aware of his abilities and, conversely, his limitations.

"Ron was a literalist. What he said was his bond. What you said was your bond. Period. He was a throwback to the days when agreements and decisions were sealed with a handshake or a sign. He valued friendship above all, an attitude and approach that I also tried to emulate. I was always amused by his regard for me and was flattered by his deference to me on issues where he thought I had something to add," Setzer continues. "We came together because our wives were college classmates and friends – a relationship that still exists. We wound up as godparents to each other's children."

"Ronnie was Ronnie. He had a way of making people feel important and always welcome. He would talk to the third shift supervisor or a CEO in the same way, always with a smile that made everyone feel at ease," wrote Wanda Ball, Darlene's assistant of 15 years, in a note after Ron's death. "If I had to describe Ronnie in one word, it would be generous. He seemed to always give and never expect anything in return. He had a way of hugging that you knew he meant it."

Ray Oxendine '61, Ron's roommate at Catawba remembers: "We met our freshman year and I believe we were the only two that played football, basketball and baseball that year. We just hit it off from the very beginning and chose to be roommates for the rest of the time we were at Catawba. Even though I am the youngest of six boys I never had a brother that I could share things with (because of age difference) so that brother became Ronnie Ball. I wasn't near as good an athlete as Ronnie would tell people I was – I remember I hit a homerun when we played East Carolina and he came home with me the next day and was describing that homerun to my daddy like Mickey Mantle had been at bat.

"As an athlete - he was 5'8 or 5'9 at that time 165 lbs – small for a college football player - but he was probably the toughest physical and mental individual that I ever came across in college football. He played quarterback and he took a terrific beating. Several times I didn't think he'd ever get up, but I never remember him leaving a game because of an injury. He was able to stand in the pocket until the last second to deliver a pass, knowing he was going to get steamrolled the moment he released the pass. One year against Elon on homecoming he ran a kickoff back for a touchdown - and he couldn't run! It took



Ronald Vaden Ball and wife-to-be, Darlene Landis at his graduation from Catawba College.

forever but he ended up scoring the touchdown.

"We had that brotherly friendship for the next 50 years. We talked at least a couple of times a month. Always felt the same – always felt we really hadn't left each other," Oxendine continues. "A special thing – I've been in the hospital a number of times over the years and every time Ronnie showed up. I know especially a couple of times that Ronnie talked his way into the recovery room – I don't know what he told the people at the desk, but Ronnie Ball showed up in the recovery room. I miss him and think about him almost every day."

Ron's nephew Fred McElmurray wrote this about his Uncle Ronnie after his death: "You could not find one person to say a negative or derogatory remark about him. Everyone loved him. Wouldn't it be nice to be able to say no one had anything bad to say about you?"

"He joked that he was my bag carrier," Darlene says of Ron. "It didn't bother him at all that I was successful in my own right. He was very self-assured and encouraged me to reach for whatever goal I wanted. He was often the only male spouse at my conferences and meetings and he enjoyed it. At the meetings of one of the industry groups that I belonged to he would play bridge with the wives and participate in the often hilarious skits that they created, like when they dressed up in tights and black garbage bags stuffed with paper and danced and sang "California Raisins" with Ron leading about six women onto the stage. It brought the house down.

"He was a tremendous role model to our children and to the many young people who were so often in our home," Darlene explains. "He was a fantastic father and often said that after I birthed the children, he could do the rest – which was true. He was comfortable cutting the fingernails of a newborn, braiding Kristin's hair, helping with homework, being the Girl Scout 'mom' as well as the Cub Scout 'dad' or doing whatever was needed. He never tried to direct his children into any particular career or lifestyle, he just assured them that he was there for them no matter what. Ron loved his children beyond measure."

Kevin Broughton remembers Ron this way: "Ron's son Vaden and I have been best friends since the 4th grade, and with my father absent, Ron acted as a surrogate father to me. I consider myself extremely lucky to have had a man as devoted to his family, honest, hard working, and humble as Ron Ball to emulate growing up. I do not think I fully appreciated it until I became an adult and found myself in difficult situations, under pressure, and in need of guidance that simply asking myself "What would Mr. Ball do?" (I never called him Ron) would lead me in the right direction. Whatever success I find in life, there is no doubt I can attribute much of it to the endless generosity of the Balls and to Ron in particular for providing a model on which to guide my development as a man, a husband, and hopefully one day as a father.

"One of my favorite memories from childhood is simply sitting on the dock at their house on High Rock Lake, saying not a word, the sound of our fishing rods casting out and slowly reeling in. To someone who grew up without a father, amidst the stresses of a single parent household, the great calm that I derived from those moments on the dock continues to help anchor my thoughts and give me strength," Broughton concludes.

"Ron was satisfied and happy with his life. He was a guy who saw value in every single person. He was the same to everyone no matter who you were, how much you were worth or what you had done. A

sincere 'I love you' along with a great big hug was his signature and he was always pleased when he could get that in return from those who did not find that a comfortable thing to do at first," says Darlene. "He had open heart surgery in 2002 with five bypasses and had been a diabetic for over 20 years but most people did not know this – it was never part of his conversation. He just kept going."

Darlene continues, "Our travel group friends remember his ready assistance to anyone struggling along a path, his calmness and patience, his awe at the wonders of the world and his generosity with his Black Jack at the end of an exhilarating but exhausting day. When there was a weight limit on luggage Ron would pack his spirits first and then whatever clothes he could get in. He

always favored the children and the school visits on these trips and in the third world countries he left as much of his clothes as he could spare, always with money to have them washed before they were given away. He used to say – "hard to imagine! a poor old boy from West Virginia in Tibet", or Egypt or wherever we were.

"Ron would have wanted to acknowledge his gratitude for his relationships with many people but particularly his golfing buddies of 30 some years - the Sweet Swingers, his two best high school friends Ronnie and Cy, his niece and nephew and their families, the members of our dinner group of 25 years, our neighbors the Hewitts, Barbara '62 and Dave Setzer, Sam '61 and Kate Morrow, Ray Oxendine '61 and his business partner, Jim.

#### RON'S LEGACY

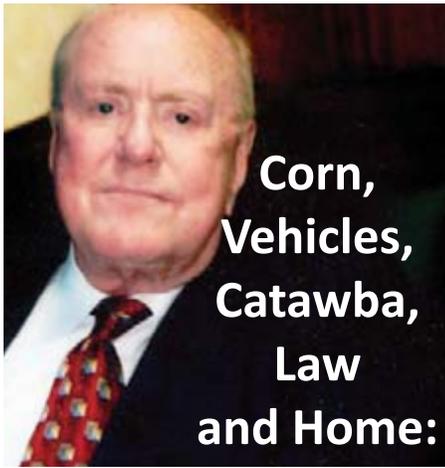
June 24th marks the one year anniversary of Ron Ball's death, but the cultivated memories live on in stories his friends and families tell of his time among them.

"Ronnie cultivated his friendships, sometimes with unselfish generosity, but most often with words spoken succinctly and to the point, and deeds done quietly," David Setzer said of his friend during the eulogy he delivered.

**"Sometimes you just miss the presence of an individual," said Catawba Senior Vice President Tom Childress. "You miss them not being at an event or a game they always attended. Ron had that kind of a presence. He was a quiet, loyal man who loved his college and his family and friends and his life. That's what we all should remember about him and hopefully that's what future Catawba students will know about him through his scholarship."**

In addition to wife Darlene, Ron is survived by daughter Kristin, son Vaden, and daughter-in-law Melissa. Melissa says of Ron, "Although often a man of few words, you always knew that he spoke from the heart."

**Friends and classmates may contribute to the Ron Ball Memorial Endowed Scholarship at Catawba College by contacting the Development Office at 704-637-4394.**



## FIVE WORDS HOLD SPECIAL MEANING TO BARRISTER FRANKLIN SMITH

If you talk a while with attorney Franklin Smith of Elkin, North Carolina, he is likely to touch on five words that hold a very special meaning for him. In his deep, resonant Southern voice, honed through years of practice in the courtroom, he will probably explain exactly why these words figure so prominently in his life.

### A MEMORY OF CORN

First, Smith might tell you about his amazing corn crop, the one which still ranks among his “proudest achievements.” He was the “fourth in line” of eight children raised on a 100-acre farm in the Benham Community of Wilkes County.

At age 10 and while a member of the local 4-H Club, the County Agent “picked me out and asked me to raise the first acre of corn.” Smith says he “picked out the best acre of land and grew the corn in the perfect season with rain when we needed it.” The corn, which he meticulously planted in rows three feet apart with stalks six inches apart and seeds two inches deep, thrived and developed three to five healthy ears per stalk. “People came from all over and walked way around the acre just to see the corn,” he remembers. His acre produced 109.5 shelled bushels of corn when the average for an acre then was only 10 shelled bushels.

Now more than 60 years later, Smith still remembers his corn crop and seems to share it as one of his personal parables of what hard, meticulous work can accomplish for an individual – even a 10-year-old farm boy like he was.

### VEHICLES HELPED HIM GET FROM THERE TO HERE

During a three-year enlistment in the U.S. Army, Smith served in Korea between 1952 and 1953. He was trained at Fort Jackson, N.C., and then shipped to Korea and sent north of Seoul to Old Baldy (south of Old Baldy). While there, he

was assigned to oversee a motor pool and its 190 vehicles and he earned the National Defense Service Medal - Good Conduct Medal - Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation - A Korean Service Medal-Two Bronze Service Stars – A Meritorious Unit Commendation – and a United Nations Service Medal. He never made Private First Class; his first promotion was a battlefield promotion to Sergeant. After Korea, he was assigned to Fort Benning and sent to an advanced leadership school.

He learned a good deal about vehicles while in the Army and after his discharge, he enrolled at Catawba, sight unseen, courtesy of the G.I. Bill. His Korean motor pool experience served him well during his college years. Smith landed a job at a Texaco station in downtown Salisbury and worked there between 4 p.m. and midnight seven days a week while attending classes at Catawba. His work schedule, he notes, “accounts for my lower grades in my early years at Catawba,” but the extra money he earned was welcomed and necessary since he was a young Army veteran, making it on his own.

### CATAWBA COLLEGE

Smith majored in political science and minored in English and dramatics at Catawba. One of his most influential professors was Dr. Burnet Hobgood, a dramatics instructor and head of the debate team, whom he describes as “top drawer.”

Hobgood, Smith remembers, assigned him and fellow Southerner, Harold Powell of Mocksville and now a graduate of the Wake Forest School of Law, to debate students from the North. “Powell and I gladly took up the chore and carried the South’s side,” Smith says. Their successful debating skills landed the two young men slots on the college debate team. They were then selected by Hobgood and “Commander” Professor George W. Greene to serve in the State Student Legislature, representing Catawba College. Other Catawba professors were remembered by Smith with equal fondness, including Dr. Raymond Jenkins, Dr. David Faust and Dr. Bruce Wentz. All of them, Smith describes as “great professors.”

### VEHICLES FIGURE IN HIS LIFE AGAIN

While a student at Catawba, Smith completed practice teaching in Granite Quarry. Nearing graduation, he set about trying to find a teaching position back home in Wilkes County. “I went to see the superintendent, C.V. Eller, about teaching English, history and sociology, and he said they didn’t have any jobs teaching those subjects. He told me the only job they had in the county was teaching driver’s education. I got my driver’s education certification at Catawba and got that job in Wilkes County.”

Thanks to Mr. Gaddy who owned a Chevrolet dealership in Wilkes County, Smith received a new 1958 Chevrolet and a gas card to use in his driver’s education job. He also met his wife Lena during this time and after their marriage, they became parents of four daughters who later graduated magna cum laude in English from Wake Forest, Catawba and Lenoir-Rhyne. Today, the Smiths have two granddaughters and two grandsons.

Smith taught driver’s education in his home

county for three years, but he had his sights set on bigger things — he wanted to go to law school at Wake Forest University. Thanks to his job as a driver’s education instructor, he saved enough money to pay for his first year of law school.

“When you go to Catawba and Wake Forest, there isn’t anybody any better than you,” Smith quips. “I’ve been taught by the best people at Catawba and Wake Forest that were ever assembled in the South.”

### LAW AND HOME

After earning his law degree from Wake Forest, Smith was torn about where to go to begin his practice. He toyed with the idea of going “down East,” but he received some advice he still remembers from “the great Carroll Weathers, dean of the Wake Forest School of Law,” who told him: “Franklin, it would take you 10 years down East to build up the good will you’ll have when you go home.”

Smith did go home and worked for a year for Attorney Charlie Neeves, solicitor for Surry, Stokes, Caswell and Rockingham counties in the 23rd Judicial District. After that, he set himself up in Elkin in private practice and the clients came, many of whom knew him from his driver’s education days.

“Nobody is more respected than lawyers. No one plays as vital a role in the community as a lawyer and you have to believe that, and you have to live it,” Smith explains.

Smith has practiced law near his home county for 46 years. After 18 years of practice, Judge Thomas Seay of Spencer, N.C., said of Smith at a statewide judicial conference that Smith had tried more cases than anyone else alive or dead. Smith has argued two cases before the U.S. Supreme Court and six cases before the Fourth Circuit Court in Richmond. He has also argued cases before the Federal Tax Court. Smith and his law clerks have written over 237 briefs before the appellate courts. “The practice of law is not for the faint of heart,” he notes.

His law practice, once housed in rented quarters next to the Elkin Tribune, is now housed in “the Dutch Castle” in Elkin. The landmark, 1920s era building, located on North Bridge Street, was one that Smith bought at public auction and then meticulously restored to the delight of his fellow citizens. Smith’s office is recognized on sight and by reputation despite the lack of signs or any other advertisement.

### SMITH ESTABLISHES SCHOLARSHIP AT CATAWBA

It is with thoughts of his home and the importance of his own education that Smith has recently established a scholarship at Catawba College. The future recipients of the Franklin Delano Smith Endowed Scholarship Fund shall major in English and Pre-Law and may also minor in drama, music or foreign language, with qualified individuals from Wilkes, Surry and Yadkin counties being given priority consideration.

“Franklin Smith is a man whose hard work and effort have benefitted his community. Thanks to his generosity and foresight, future students from his area will be able to excel and thrive at his beloved Catawba,” says Catawba College Senior Vice President Tom Childress.

## LILLY COLLOQUIUM SPEAKER: “GREATEST CRISIS IN AMERICA TODAY IS CRISIS OF MASCULINITY”



**JOE EHRMANN**, the guest speaker for the sixth annual Lilly Colloquium, is a former NFL Pro who played for 13 years for the Baltimore Colts. He followed his pro career by matriculating at Dallas Theological Seminary and Westminster Theological Seminary before being ordained as a minister in 1985. Today, he serves as an inspirational speaker and seminar leader who works with organizations to promote growth, teamwork, effectiveness and individual responsibility. He is the subject of author Jeffrey Marx's book, "Season of Life," a New York Times bestseller.

Ehrmann said he was fed three fundamental lies about masculinity as a boy and these same lies are still being fed to young men today. The lies are 1) that masculinity is somehow based on athletic ability; 2) that masculinity equals prowess in sexual conquests; and 3) that masculinity is tied to economic success. Because of these lies, Ehrmann said, role models for men and boys end up being professional athletes.

Girls too, he noted, are also fed three fundamental lies. The lies are 1) that their value and worth as human beings are dependent on a person's beauty, body and size; 2) that every worthy woman will be rescued by some Prince Charming; and 3) that in order to be accepted, women must defer to others, be docile and be dominated.

Popular culture and the media reinforce these lies with false messages, he said, while in reality, "two things alone define what it means to be a man or a woman.

"First, all of life is about relationships and about the capacity to love and be loved. The essence of success in life emanates from the heart. And second, in order to die a good death, you need to have led a good life," he explained, adding "All of us need to have a purpose and a calling bigger than ourselves. We're men and women built by God to enjoy relationships and to give to a cause."

Ehrmann told his audience that they "represent hope in your family, community and in this country." He challenged them "to keep present realities open to future possibilities."

Catawba's Lilly Center for Vocation and Values is directed by Dr. Kenneth W. Clapp, senior vice president and chaplain. The Center was established in 2003 and funded with a \$2 million grant the College received from the Lilly Endowment, Inc. Previous notable speakers who have participated in the annual Lilly Colloquiums include Leonard Pitts, Martin Marty, David Bornstein, Sharon Parks and Mackey Austin.



Sally Whitney with her parents at the 2009 Scholarship Luncheon

## NEW SCHOLARSHIP AT CATAWBA COLLEGE TARGETS FEMALES MAJORING IN BUSINESS

**CATAWBA COLLEGE ALUMNA SALLY WHITNEY '77** of Mooresville has made a gift to establish the Parham-Whitney Family Endowed Scholarship Fund at her alma mater. The new fund will provide scholarship assistance to deserving females majoring in business.

"We are extremely grateful to Sally for giving back to Catawba in this way," said Catawba Senior Vice President Tom Childress. "She is a business leader and sets a fine example to other young women aspiring to a career in business."

"I am excited to set up this scholarship to honor both of my parents, Ora and Kenneth ("Whit") Whitney, as well as their parents (my grandparents), Sadie and William Parham, and Helene and Arthur Whitney," explained Whitney.

A native of Lancaster, Pa., Whitney earned a bachelor of arts degree in accounting, economics and business from Catawba and played two sports, basketball and volleyball, while she was an undergraduate.

The year she graduated was also the year she began her career with Duke Power Company. Since landing her initial

job at Duke Power which is today known as Duke Energy, Whitney has held a variety of leadership positions in information technology and information management. She has also helped develop and support computerized applications for areas including human resources, financial and materials management.

Whitney directed Duke Energy's enterprise-wide Year 2000 Program, which was designated "best-in-class" in independent reviews. In that assignment, she was responsible for matrix management of more than 20 projects throughout the world to assure Duke Energy's systems were Y2k ready.

A certified public accountant in North Carolina, she holds her master's of business administration degree from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and is also certified as a project management professional from the Project Management Institute of which she is a member.

Currently, Whitney serves as the senior vice president for financial re-engineering and financial information technology for Duke Energy. In this role, she directs the major finance process improvement initiatives and associated revamping of the supporting information systems.

A strong supporter of Catawba, she currently serves on the College's Board of Visitors. In October during a luncheon associated with Catawba's homecoming activities, she was one of three alumni who were recognized as recipients of the institution's Distinguished Alumnus(a) Award.

## Jeffrey S. Kane

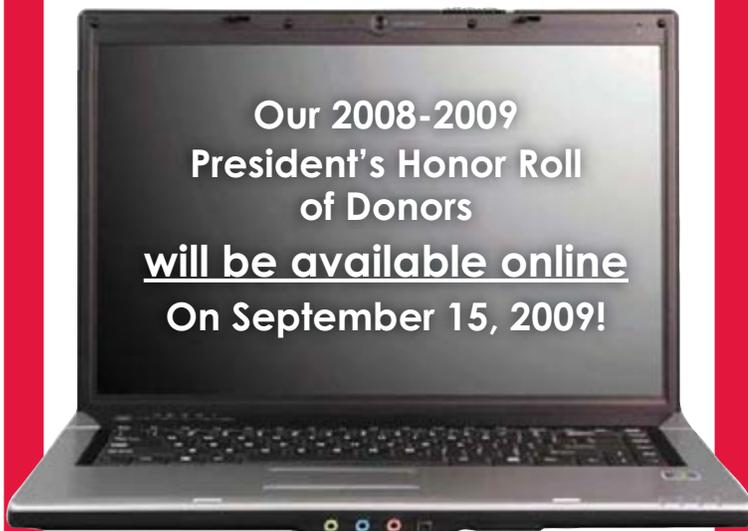
**2009 Distinguished CEO Lecture Series Guest Speaker**

Kane, a former senior Vice President in charge of the Charlotte Office of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, visited campus April 7th.



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## CATAWBA GRADS URGED TO EMBRACE THE PRESENCE OF THE HOLY

CATAWBA COLLEGE'S GRADUATING SENIORS were told to look inside themselves if they want to find "the Holy and the Sacred." That advice was from **College Professor Emeritus of Religion and Philosophy, Dr. J. Daniel Brown**, and it was dispensed at the annual Baccalaureate Service held May 8th in Omwake-Dearborn Chapel on campus.

**"You will find what you seek ... in yourself. That is where God is** — or there is no God," explained Brown, who spent 30 years teaching at Catawba and then founded and now serves as the executive director of the Center for Faith and the Arts in Salisbury. "The HOLY, the Sacred, is in you. It comes to you not with piety, but with truth — truth about yourself."

Urging the students to "set aside time" to "Embrace the PRESENCE ... the presence of the Holy," Brown said that "an organized religion that lays out all your experiences for you, that assumes this is what you need," cannot connect them with God. Only an internal examination of themselves can bring them to that meeting.

"I suggest that you meditate on LIFE — your life. If not in a church or synagogue, then somewhere quiet," he continued. "The notion of a God — is as old as the human race. I speak not of the Fifth Avenue notion of a God ... but of the deity to whom one can turn and find solace.

"If you have found that small thing that triggers the presence of the sacred, you have found a valuable experience. God is not dead unless you choose for God to stay out of your life. The choice is yours."

The Rev. Dr. Kenneth Clapp, Catawba's chaplain and senior vice president, introduced Brown as a Renaissance man "who has written and acted in plays, has done some oil painting, has written poetry and has sung in choirs and written hymns." Brown holds degrees from Lenoir-Rhyne College, Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, Princeton Theological Seminary and Drew University, and also completed post-graduate work at Duke University.

The Baccalaureate Service brought together graduating seniors from Catawba's traditional day and evening programs along with their friends and families and faculty and staff from the college community. Following the service, the graduates participated in Catawba's traditional Marshal's Walk. Holding lighted candles, lit by faculty members as they exited the Chapel, the graduates were led by College Marshal, Professor David Pulliam, from the Chapel along Oliver's Way, to the exterior of the Robertson College-Community Center. There, they heard messages from several Student Government Association members — outgoing SGA President Katie Hill of Fayetteville, incoming SGA President Kevin Flebbe of Vineland, N.J., and outgoing Senior Class President Megan Spidell of Salisbury — and the College Marshal.

A reception for the students and their families in Peeler Crystal Lounge followed the Baccalaureate Service and the Marshal's Walk.

# New Provost is an Advocate of Always having a Plan B

**Catawba College's new provost, Dr. W. Richard Stephens, Jr. is an advocate for always having a Plan B. In fact, he credits a series of Plan Bs for helping shape his career in academe.**

"Life often demands that you take a step back, two steps to the right or left and then go forward again," he explains. Rick Stephens has heeded life's demands.

This tall, athletic man who calls the southern Illinois area 'home' made a late declaration of a major when he was an undergraduate at Greenville College. "Sociology was suggested to me by one of my professors. I had taken several classes in the department and found them interesting."

His undergraduate magna cum laude degree in sociology, he thought, would serve him well in law school. That was his plan, though he had a Plan B. He had applied to graduate school at the University of Kansas.

While on a tennis tour over spring break of his senior year, his mom phoned him to let him know that she had opened a package he had received in the mail from the University of Kansas. "It looks like they're going to pay for you to go to graduate school," he recalls her saying. So Stephens ended up in graduate school, not law school.

Perhaps sweetening his choice of the University of Kansas was the coed named Debbie whom he had met as an undergraduate while on a ski trip to Colorado. "I was her ski instructor," he explains. Debbie, who is Stephens' wife of 31 years, had landed a job in the University of Kansas area after her graduation from Greenville College. Ending up at the University of Kansas also meant he could be with her.

"I veered to graduate school and they threw me right away into [teaching] a class of 225 undergrads," he remembers. "I was the youngest one [graduate assistant] there and I did damage to some people I'm sure, but being there gave me the freedom to pursue my interests and I found many different kinds of issues interesting."

"At the graduate level, I found it was possible to sample a wide variety of courses, but my practical bent was to get as much out of my experience as possible and earn my degree. I began asking faculty members what type of projects they were working on and whether they needed help. I went very quickly into research projects and found I had a knack for getting people to tell me their stories."

One of Stephens' graduate research projects involved documenting the history of the community corrections movement and its early intervention efforts. He interviewed and recorded the stories of people, "from inmates to the governor of Kansas," he says. He put flesh on the bones of his criminal and political sociology courses through this experience.

He now urges students to do the same. "The liberal arts need to be challenged by experience," he admonishes, advocating experiential learning. "Classrooms are where you get concepts and structures in place, but you also need to sample outside the classrooms, in the community."

"Students need to be thinking about their lives beyond college, not just in the last semester, but all through their years in college. They need to sample opportunities and make adjustments."

Stephens' graduate school experience continued into the early 1980s as he earned a second master's degree, this one in philosophy, while continuing to teach class and complete research projects. He also earned his Ph.D. from the University of Kansas, earning honors on his dissertation, and he stayed connected to the racquet clubs in the area. "I figured out early on that there were many ways to make your mark in tennis, and teaching gave me opportunities to meet and learn from all kinds of people."

## THEORY IN PRACTICE IN THE SOVIET UNION AND CHINA

In the 1980s, both the Soviet Union and China were experiencing huge social and political system changes. Stephens wanted to experience those



changes first-hand. He was awarded a Pew Grant to study Socialist Reform in the Soviet Union which provided research funding; however, it was his assignment by the International Baseball Association to conduct baseball clinics in the Soviet Union as a roving instructor which allowed him "behind the scenes" access to perestroika and glasnost. The Soviets wanted to learn how to play baseball which became an Olympic event during the 1984 Olympics held in Seoul, Korea.

"I always learned how to latch onto opportunities," he explains, after a query about his baseball expertise. "My dad had been a coach, so we played everything."

A continuation of his Pew Grant took Stephens from Russia to China. He biked from Beijing to Shanghai with a half dozen other people in a tour group and saw that "euphoria was developing" in China with that nation's economic reforms.

**His advice to students: "Spy opportunities and make adjustments. Don't over-commit to any one pathway out of the gate. The value of the liberal arts is that it creates essential breadth and allows an individual to find the connections between the various experiences one has in life."**

"There is so much about ourselves that we don't notice because we're in familiar surroundings. When you step outside your normal environment, you will notice things about yourself that you never noticed before."

## THAT ACADEMIC CAREER PATH

In addition to the years that Stephens spent teaching at the University of Kansas, he also served as an assistant professor, associate professor, professor and chair of the department of sociology and social work at Greenville College in Greenville, Illinois; as a visiting professor of sociology at Nizhni Novgorod State University in Nizhni Novgorod, Russia; as vice president for Academic Affairs and as Academic Dean at Eastern Nazarene College in Quincy, Massachusetts; and as Chief Academic Officer and Dean of the School of Graduate and Professional Studies at Husson College in Bangor, Maine.

Stephens was tapped for the Provost position at Catawba in the late fall and joined the college community January 1. His wife, Debbie, is wrapping up the sale of their home in Maine and her work obligations and will join him in June. The couple has two adult children, Ashley, 25, who lives in Chicago and works as a cancer research coordinator at Northwestern University, and Bill, 23, who is completing the last year of work on his computer engineering degree at Eastern Nazarene College.

Stephens says the warm reception he received from the Catawba College community and the opportunity to again work at a small residential college which emphasizes both the liberal arts and professional studies was appealing.

"Catawba College has reached out more to me than I have to them," he explains. "The choice was not just about the job. It was much more about being part of a community that is authentic, attending and tending to the things that matter most."

He says he wants Catawba College's students to know that "we have high expectations for them."

"We are really into each and every student getting the best set of educational opportunities that we can provide," Stephens concludes. "We promote the expectation that they become the kind of liberally educated persons who can go access and assess a community and make contributions. Our expectation is that they invest in persons around them."



## CATAWBA WELCOMES NEW V.P. OF ENROLLMENT

**STRESSING THE VALUE OF A PRIVATE COLLEGE EDUCATION IS IMPORTANT, CATAWBA COLLEGE'S NEW VICE PRESIDENT OF ENROLLMENT LOIS WILLIAMS SAYS.**

"Catawba is a gem of a school. It has dedicated faculty and staff and great facilities. This type of educational experience is truly transformative."

Williams joined Catawba on January 1st after spending five years at Stetson University in DeLand, Florida. While at Stetson, she served as Associate Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid, Acting Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid, and Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid. Prior to Stetson, she worked for two years at Pfeiffer University as Director of Financial Aid, and for eight years at her undergraduate alma mater, Emory & Henry College in Emory, Virginia, where she filled a variety of positions – serving as Admissions Counselor, Transfer Counselor, Director of

Financial Aid and Registrar. She later attended Radford University and received an M.S. degree in Counseling and Human Development with emphasis in Student Affairs.

She credits her years at Emory & Henry for helping shape her career path. It was doubtless her own personal college search process that affected her choice of career. As a first generation college student, Williams received a great deal of support from her family, friends and admissions staff to make the dream of attending college a reality. Being a first generation college student, "my parents didn't always know what course work to suggest, but they always knew the right questions to ask and the right person to ask."

"As a junior in college, I began working as a work-study student in the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid – I loved this job!" Williams says. She enjoyed seeing the applications come in from the various students who had visited and in many cases that she had toured around campus. Being

able to share her college experience and her college selection process were key factors for her. "Picking a college isn't rocket science, but it is one of the more important decisions that you make in life." She wants to make sure students and families know that we will work with them throughout the Admissions process as well as the sometimes overwhelming financial aid process. "In my short time at Catawba, I have learned one great thing about it – there is an incredible sense of community. We are all interested and committed to each and every student's experience here."

Williams, who loves the mountains, like the ones she grew up in, and cites Jane Austen as her favorite author, says she wants people to know that she is "approachable and a person of integrity and character." She also is hard-working, a characteristic she says she is sure she inherited from her parents who have "incredible work ethics."

Williams and husband Jamie now make their home in Salisbury.

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## YOUNG CATAWBA COLLEGE COUPLE MAKES GIFT TO CREATE NEW SCHOLARSHIP FUND

**COLAN '03 AND COURTNEY BLUM POTEMRA '06 OF RALEIGH** both just graduated from Catawba College within the past six years, however, they have already begun to give back to their alma mater in earnest. The couple recently made a gift to create a new endowed scholarship fund at the college and is encouraging their fellow alumni to consider doing the same.

"At the end of the day, you've got to pick something that you believe in," Colan explained. "We both got out in four years and people at Catawba believed in Courtney and me. It's hard to turn your back on someone who takes care of you. In today's economic climate, you need to stick with relationships and help make it work."

"In today's financial situation, I probably wouldn't have had a chance to go to Catawba without loans and having to work every day to pay them back," Courtney added.

**Preference for the Colan Potemra and Courtney (Blum) Potemra Scholarship will be given to upper class lacrosse players, male or female, majoring in business or communication arts.**

Colan of Poolesville, Md., was recruited by assistant lacrosse coach Mike Murphy to play at Catawba. He majored in business administration. Courtney, who grew up in New Jersey, but who was living in Winston-Salem while in high school, said the beautiful Catawba campus sold her on attending college there and majoring in communication arts.

The two knew each other "very, very vaguely in college," Colan noted, but actually met during

homecoming activities one year after Colan had graduated and they began dating. The two were married March 8, 2008. Colan is employed as a sales manager for Covidien, a health care/medical sales company, based in Mansfield, Mass. Courtney works at Channeladvisor in Morrisville, NC as a sales executive.

"Both of us received financial aid from Catawba when we were students," Colan remembered, noting how helpful Tracy Hummel in Catawba's Financial Aid Office was to them both. "Someone gave money to make Catawba affordable to students like us. We feel that we've been successful so far in our careers thanks to that and thought that we could give back to Catawba. I feel like what we were given in financial aid as students was a loan that we have to give back."

Courtney, who as a student worked the Phonathon (making fund-raising phone calls to alumni), said she knew then "how important it was to give back. I was on the other end of the phone back then and everyone I called was so open and friendly and wanted to talk my ear off about Catawba. It all comes back to alumni willing to help and that's something I want to see get stronger with more people willing to help."

Colan remembers with fondness Lacrosse Coach Peter Bourque and Business Professors Bill Trenchard and Dr. Jack Green, while Courtney recalls the professionalism and kindness of Communications Arts Professor Dr. Karl Hales. Both recall the numerous friends they made at Catawba and the relationships with these friends that they still maintain.

"Colan and Courtney are a special young couple to our institution," Catawba Senior Vice President Tom Childress said. **"They are a wonderful example of two individuals who realize that you have to give back so others like you can enjoy the same benefits you had."**

Sara and Bob Cook  
and family



## SALISBURY COUPLE HONORED WITH CATAWBA'S ADRIAN SHUFORD AWARD

**ROBERT L. COOK, JR. AND SARA DUBOSE COOK**, a Salisbury couple known for their quiet and consistent philanthropy and for their community advocacy on a variety of issues, were honored by Catawba College Sunday, April 5th. The two were the recipients of the institution's prestigious Adrian L. Shuford, Jr. Award for Distinguished Service.

The award presentation was made by College President Dr. W. Craig Turner during a special President's Circle Event, held to recognize the institution's major donors, in the Robertson College-Community Center.

The award is presented annually to individuals whose actions and generosity to both the college and their communities emulated those of the late Adrian L. Shuford, Jr. of Conover, a businessman and a long-serving member of the College Board of Trustees.

The President's Award for Distinguished Service was first presented in 1983, but in 1984, the award was named to honor Mr. Shuford and in recognition of all he had done for the College. 2009 marks the 27th year that Catawba has presented this award.

Turner called the couple "lovers of education and caring individuals of integrity, humility and compassion who have acted as the College's champions of excellence." He noted that Catawba College's students "have been the ultimate beneficiaries of the Cooks' ongoing advocacy and stewardship."

Sara Cook, speaking on behalf of herself and her husband, Bob, noted she was honored, humbled and "shocked" as the recipient of the Adrian L. Shuford, Jr. Award. "Catawba nourishes and enriches the community," she said. She joked that when she became engaged to Bob Cook she was a junior at Catawba. She told him, "He'd have to become a Presbyterian and let me finish college;" he did both.

A native of Sumter, S.C., Sara Cook majored in sociology at Catawba, graduating cum laude in 1965. In the late 1980s and mid 1990s, she served first as vice chair and later as chair of Catawba's Board of Visitors and is a current member of Catawba's Board of Trustees. She has served on the Major Gifts Committee during the Campaign for Catawba. In 1998, she was honored at Catawba's Homecoming activities with the Distinguished Alumna Award, and in 2003, she was honored as the recipient of the College's O.B. Michael Award, given annually at graduation to an alumnus or alumna who has made an outstanding contribution to the college and/or society.

Sara Cook founded the Salisbury-Rowan Families in Action and chaired that organization. She has served on the board of

Rowan Regional Medical Center Foundation, the Salisbury Community Foundation and as an elder in her church, First Presbyterian Church. She has also been active in the local YMCA.

Robert "Bob" Cook is a graduate of Davidson College and runs the family business, J.H. Cook & Sons of Granite Quarry, that he purchased from his father in the 1980s. He and Sara are parents of two sons and grandparents of three. The couple has established an endowed scholarship in honor of their family and has provided gifts to support numerous projects and programs, including the Campus Ministry Fund, the Chiefs Club, the Catawba Fund, student life programs, the annual Service of Lessons and Carols, the Shuford Stadium renovation, the Shuford Stadium lights campaign, renovations to the President's House, and various campaigns to benefit Catawba's physical plant and endowment.

In addition to Sara, two other members of the Cook family attended Catawba: Robert L. Cook, Sr., class of 1938, and Curtis C. Cook, class of 1940.

### Other Adrian

#### L. Shuford, Jr. Award Recipients

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. 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; Jacqueline C. Leonard, 2004; Charles Taylor, Jr., 2005; Newton O. Fowler and C.A. "Junie" Michael III, 2006; Claude B. Hampton, Jr. and James L. Williamson, 2007; and Charles G. Potts, Wade Hampton Shuford, Jr. and Dr. Robert E. and Brenda S. Knott, 2008.

**President Turner said of the Cooks while making the presentation, "These recipients have a long and loyal history with the college which stretches back more than four decades. However, they also have a long history with the Rowan-Salisbury Community and are intimately aware of the symbiotic relationship between our college and the community."**

# TWO RETIRING FACULTY MEMBERS RECOGNIZED AT CATAWBA'S COMMENCEMENT

Two retiring members of Catawba College's faculty were recognized at commencement exercises held in Keppel Auditorium on May 9th. Dr. Andrew A. Vance, Jr., a professor of modern foreign languages and business law, and Dr. Patricia Whitley, professor of physical education and recreation, both retired from

the College after a combined 88 years of service, effective May 31st. The Catawba College Board of Trustees voted unanimously to elect Drs. Vance and Whitley to the rank of professor emeritus at its May 16th meeting.

Drs. Vance and Whitley were also recognized by their colleagues at Catawba at the

annual end-of-the-year faculty/staff luncheon held May 6th in the Cannon Student Center on campus. At the event, each of them was honored with a special song written especially to mark their retirement and each received the traditional Catawba College retirement gift, a rocking chair bearing the Catawba seal.

## Dr. Andrew A. Vance, Jr.

PROFESSOR OF MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND BUSINESS LAW



## Dr. Patricia Whitley

PROFESSOR OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND RECREATION



### Dr. Vance retired with 43 years of service to Catawba.

He earned his undergraduate degree at Davidson College and his master's degree and Ph.D. from Louisiana State University.

Before joining the Catawba faculty in the 1966-1967 academic year as a professor of French, he held teaching positions in France, at LSU, and at Arkansas College, now Lyon College. Between 1973 and 1976, he took leave of absence from Catawba to earn his law degree from Wake Forest University.

During his tenure at Catawba, Dr. Vance received the Phi Epsilon Award and the Teacher of the Year Award. He was honored in the 1987-1988 academic year as the recipient of the Swink Prize for Outstanding Classroom Teaching, and in 2000, he was named the Weaver Endowed Professor of Humanities. At Catawba's Awards Convocation in April, he received the Trustee Award for Outstanding Contribution to the College and the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award. He has served as Catawba's faculty advisor for Phi Sigma Iota, the modern foreign language honor society.

Married to wife Frances, Dr. Vance and she are parents of two adult daughters, Sara and Caroline, and make their home in Salisbury. In retirement, he hopes to travel some to visit daughter Caroline in San Francisco and daughter Sara in Lyon, France, "so I can walk the Roman ruins."

When interviewed about his tenure at Catawba, Dr. Vance called himself "very lucky or very blessed, depending on your philosophical orientation," and said, "I have not had any real disasters in my life and looking back, I've enjoyed some parts of it more than others." He expressed gratitude to Catawba for allowing him the three-year leave of absence to pursue his law degree in the early 70s and noted that the college's greatest attribute was "its small student to faculty ratio."

He recalled with fondness his mentor and colleague, the late Dr. Johnny Young, a fellow modern foreign languages professor at Catawba, "who really looked after me when I first came, who cushioned my path almost scandalously."

He noted that late College President Dr. Martin Shotzberger "had a lot of ambition for the college," wanting to increase its enrollment and the number of faculty with terminal degrees. He credited late College President Dr. Stephen Wurster with taking on as his mission "the improvement in the way the campus looked."

**His advice to others: "Try to remember that everyone has to find and follow his own path."**

### Dr. Whitley, who was the senior faculty member at Catawba, retired after 45 years of service.

She earned her undergraduate degree from Lenoir Rhyne College, her master's degree from Appalachian State University, and her doctorate in education from UNC-Greensboro. Prior to joining Catawba's faculty, she worked as a graduate assistant instructor at Appalachian.

Her coaching experience at Catawba is extensive and includes field hockey, volleyball, tennis, softball, basketball and serving as an advisor for cheerleading. She has been honored at Catawba by being inducted into its Sports Hall of Fame in 1995 and with the establishment in 1999 of the Patricia R. Whitley Award and in 2001, the Pat Whitley Endowed Scholarship. She was honored at Catawba as the recipient of the Swink Prize for Outstanding Classroom Teaching during the 1984-85 academic year, in 2000, as the recipient of the Paul Fisher Service Award, and with the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award in 2002.

Active in community service and a tireless advocate on behalf of special needs populations, she was honored in 1990 with the Rowan Civitan Club's annual Award for Volunteer Service. In 1996, she accepted on behalf of the College's Physical Education Department the Volunteer of the Year Award from the Association for Retarded Citizens, earned partly due to her advocacy and leadership.

When interviewed about her tenure at Catawba, Dr. Whitley recalled her arrival at age 21 when the only female sport was field hockey. "Because I liked sports, I started other sports because of the girls," she explained. While there was no funding for female sports, Dr. Whitley and her female athletes made the best of the situation in which they found themselves. Without uniforms, they wore t-shirts and shorts and used athletic tape to put numbers on. She drove her '66 Ford Galaxy filled with players to games and other players drove their cars as well. The Women's Athletic Association was a club on campus and "they did a lot of fundraisers" like making stools, selling Pepsis at intramural games, and ironing the clothing of the male students.

"I was always positive when I was teaching, but not always positive when I was coaching because I was fighting inequity."

While she taught and coached, she also honed her passion for community service, particularly for the special needs population and the elderly. "I've always felt that every teacher should know about them so that they could make a difference," she explained.

She recalled a college community that was close-knit and faculty meetings held at night "where there was time to socialize and get to know each other afterwards." And, if she could, she explained that "I'd like to be back at Catawba coaching and teaching in the late 60s and early 70s."

**Her advice to those who come after her: "Be loyal to who you work for and be positive."**

In retirement, she plans to be active in Rowan County's Citizens Police Academy and the Crime Stoppers Board and to devote plenty of quality time to her 99-year-old mother. This fall will find her teaching only one class at Catawba, the 7:45 a.m. Elementary Physical Education and Health Methods class, required for elementary education majors.



## ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS FORM SCHOOLS AT CATAWBA COLLEGE

The academic structure at Catawba College is changing. In addition to different academic departments headed by chairs, academic departments will now be affiliated with five different schools, each headed by a dean. Overseeing the five schools and serving as the institution’s chief academic officer is Provost Dr. Rick Stephens who joined the College in January.

**COLLEGE PRESIDENT DR. W. CRAIG TURNER MADE THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE CHANGE** to faculty and staff in late March, but only four deans were named at that point. May 16th, during the Catawba College Board of Trustees retreat held on campus, Turner named the fifth dean, **Bryan Applefield** of Dothan, Ala., a college trustee and a 1966 alumnus, who has enjoyed a successful career as owner of Goldco, Inc. a franchise holding company which owned 59 Burger Kings and employed over 1,600 people in Alabama, Florida and Georgia. Applefield, who sold his restaurants to Equicorp Partners of Atlanta in 2008 and whose background is in real estate development, will not be paid for serving as interim dean of the Ketner School of Business. The Ketner School of Business will be home to the academic departments of business administration and communication arts.

Stephens said that Dean Applefield “has substantial leadership experience in business and a long-term commitment to Catawba College as an alumnus and a trustee.” He also noted Applefield’s “ability to connect and reconnect the alumni of the program to the faculty and students of the current program,” and called him “a liaison person.”

“Dean Applefield is passionate about Catawba delivering to its students. He is fully committed to the mission of the institution and we believe that the combination of all of these will stimulate and generate productivity and creativity in the Ketner School of Business,” Stephens explained. “Even though his role will be interim, he will certainly make the position attractive for the next person to come in and serve.”

In addition to Applefield, the other Deans are current tenured faculty members at Catawba. They, and the respective schools they will head, include Dr. James Stringfield, dean of the Goodman School of

Education (education and physical education); Dr. Steve Coggin, dean of the Hurley School of Arts and Sciences (English, history/political science, mathematics, modern foreign languages, psychology, religion/philosophy, biology, chemistry, and sociology); Dr. Woodrow Hood, dean of the Shuford School of Performing Arts (music and theatre); and Dr. Edith Bolick, dean of the School of Evening and Graduate Studies.

“We’re too small for roles to get in the way of the relationships we need to make this place work,” Stephens continued. “These are going to be hands-on, operational deans who will be the communicating conduits to faculty and staff. Through them, it is my hope that we can broadcast certain initiatives across the campus rapidly.”

**Dr. James Stringfield** joined the faculty in 1997 as an associate professor of teacher education and was named to head teacher education at the College in 1998. In 2005, he promoted to the rank of professor of teacher education. A former high school science teacher, Stringfield came to Catawba from the University of Pittsburgh, where he served as associate professor and coordinator of secondary education, program director of science education and director of the UPJ Center for Mathematics and Science Education. He received his bachelor’s and master’s degree and doctorate from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

**Dr. Steve Coggin** came to Catawba in 1985 as an assistant professor of biology. A native of West Palm Beach, Fla., he was educated at Broward Community College, Florida State University and the University of Georgia. Prior to coming to Catawba, he served as a teaching assistant and research technician at the University of Georgia. At Catawba, he was granted tenure in 1991 and promoted to the

rank of professor of biology in 1995. He was tapped to head Catawba’s science department in 1998.

**Dr. Woodrow Hood** joined the Catawba faculty in 2002 as an associate professor of theatre arts and chair of that department. He was granted tenure in 2004. He earned his bachelor’s degree from Northwestern State University, a master’s degree from Louisiana Tech University, and a doctor of philosophy degree from University of Missouri-Columbia. Prior to joining the Catawba faculty, he was an assistant professor and head of Theatre Arts at High Point University. He has also taught at Wake Forest University and Pfeiffer University.

**Dr. Edith Bolick**, a 1970 alumna of Catawba, holds the master of arts and the doctor of philosophy degrees from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She served as an assistant professor of sociology at Catawba from 1974 to 1977 and re-joined the faculty in 1985. Since that time, she has served as chair of the sociology department, associate dean of the College and acting dean of the College. She was granted tenure at the College in 1988 and promoted to dean of the School of Evening and Graduate Studies in 2006. She has also taught at Wake Forest University and Livingstone College, where she served as chairman of the Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences.

“Taken together the new deans are outstanding persons, as well as exceptionally well credentialed and experienced,” according to Stephens. “They will listen, as well as lead, as we work together through current challenges and transitions.”



Bryan Applefield



Dr. James Stringfield



Dr. Steve Coggin



Dr. Woodrow Hood



Dr. Edith Bolick

## Catawba Students get Professional Food for Thought at recent Career Exploration Day



Jasika Pruitt '02



Brad Nance '99



David  
Loudermilk '05

**THE OCCASION WAS CAREER EXPLORATION DAY**, a new event hosted by the Offices of Alumni Relations and Career Services. The collaboration brought close to 50 alumni from a variety of academic disciplines back to campus to share their insights on life after college. The alumni, segregated by academic major, spent an hour with students pursuing their same discipline, conversing, answering questions and providing information about graduate school, law school, hunting a job, landing a job, and changing jobs.

**“Your first year out will be your hardest,”** explained 2005 theatre arts alumnus **David Loudermilk** who is employed as a dancer by Norwegian and Holland America Cruise Lines. “Keep looking and moving forward. Use all your resources and don’t forget how old you are. You will be competing sometimes with others in this field who have years of experience on you. Instead of feeling incompetent, learn from them.”

**“You take the jobs you have to to survive and capitalize on any opportunity you have to use the environment you are in to create the environment you want,”** explained **Jasika Pruitt**, a 2002 alumna who majored in theatre arts at Catawba. She is now employed as an actress on the network television series “Fringe.”

“Go to events, network and mingle and make sure your resumes stand out,” admonished 2006 alumna **Starla Allen** who majored in political science with a concentration in public administration and minored in business

administration at Catawba. She is now employed as planner for the City of Concord, North Carolina and credits her resume with helping her land her job.

Echoing Allen’s admonition was 2003 alumnus **Colan Potemra** who majored in business at Catawba and now works as the southeast regional manager for Covidien. “If you paid for college yourself, mention it on a resume,” he told students. **“Self-discipline can be reflected on a resume.”** Potemra even suggested keeping a brag book of successes that a prospective hire could use during an interview to illustrate “just who you are and what you would bring to the company.”

1999 alumnus **Brad Nance**, a political science major at Catawba, shared some insights about the LSAT, law school and the bar exam with students gathered for his session. Nance, who earned his law degree at Ohio Northern University and currently is a partner in Nance & Overbey, PLLC in Salisbury, said he took a year off to study for the LSAT and explained why. “That test is just so very important. Your LSAT score equals your odds of passing the bar exam and that is a hard test. The year I took the bar exam, only 66% of the people taking it passed. It’s a tough test.

“Once you get out of law school, you have to take additional courses to pass the bar exam and those courses are expensive, so save up \$2,000-3,000 to pay for them,” Nance concluded.

Another member of Catawba’s graduating class of 1999, alumna **Leslie Thomas Grab**, is also now a practicing patent attorney with

Kilpatrick Stockton in Winston-Salem. She majored in chemistry at Catawba, earned her Ph.D. in biochemistry and molecular biology at Wake Forest University, and then completed her law degree at UNC Chapel Hill. She explained that she too had to pass a bar exam to become an attorney – the patent bar – and to qualify for it, one has to have a science background.

With his own graduation fast approaching, Catawba junior **Mason Jewett** of Arlington, Texas, a religion major, attended a section of Career Exploration Day so he can “figure out what he really wants to do.” He heard from two alumni in whose footsteps he is following — **Will Van Wieren** ’03, an associate pastor at Midway United Methodist Church in Kannapolis, and the **Rev. Kristen Gerner Vaughn** ’99, an interim pastor at Brick Reformed United Church of Christ in Whitsett.

Van Wieren, Jewett learned, is now pursuing his master’s of divinity degree at Hood Theological Seminary with an expected graduation in 2010, while Vaughn completed her master’s of divinity degree from Wake Forest Divinity School in 2002 and a Clinical Pastoral Care Education Residency at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center in 2003. **Van Wieren shared that attending seminary has “confirmed my call from college,” while for Vaughn seminary allowed her to learn “what her own filter was for a good life.”**

College internships were critical in helping them decide what career path to



Will Van Wieren '03



Rev. Kristen Gerner Vaughn '99



Thomas Giles '05



Andrea Smith Miller '99



Terri Boyd Gilbeau '06

pursue, several returning alumni said. 2004 alumna **Vivian Koontz** credited her college internship with leading her down her career path; a physical education major at Catawba, she is now employed as a recreation programmer for the City of Salisbury's Parks and Recreation Department. 2006 alumna **Terri Boyd Gilbeau** also emphasized the importance of internships, noting that through internships and fieldwork, students get out there and gain some experience in the workplace before they graduate. Gilbeau is a certified therapeutic recreation therapist in the geriatrics and extended care department at the W.G. "Bill" Hefner Veterans Administration Medical Center in Salisbury.

**"Don't turn any opportunity down because at some point in your lifetime you will use the skills that you have acquired from this opportunity,"** 1981 alumna **Vickie Hardy** said. Hardy, a physical education major at Catawba, is employed as operations manager at Wake Forest University Health Sciences.

Most of the returning alumni told students in their sessions to make the most of those college classes and experiences. 2001 alumna **Allison Dupree** is now a National Board Certified physical education/health teacher at C.C. Erwin Middle School in Salisbury where she also serves as that school's athletic director and head girls basketball coach. She said playing golf and running cross country at Catawba improved her work ethic and her leadership skills, assets that can be used "in whatever career you wind up in."

Classes that two 1999 alumni took while

majoring in English at Catawba have continued to serve them well in their professional careers. **Andrea Smith Miller** of Greensboro and **Ty Stumpf** of Sanford emphasized the importance of communicating clearly, both orally and in writing, and thinking creatively in their current positions. Miller is the director of marketing and communications at The Greensboro Partnership, while Stumpf is the interim chair of the Humanities Department at Central Carolina Community College.

Catawba College junior **Andrew Tamer** of Winston-Salem is majoring in political science and hopes to attend law school. He said attending the career exploration section with alumni Brad Nancy and Starla Allen was "very beneficial" to him. **"It helped me understand what I can expect and what steps I need to take to make sure I'm admitted to law school,"** Tamer said.

Another Catawba College junior, **Caleb Terry** of Bahama, N.C., left the career exploration section he attended feeling good about his academic major, history. "I learned that history is a good track to take. It opens you up to a lot of possibilities – everything from teaching to government jobs to graduate school. I also was reminded that I need to take in as much of my college experience as I can and take advantage of the opportunities that Catawba has to offer."

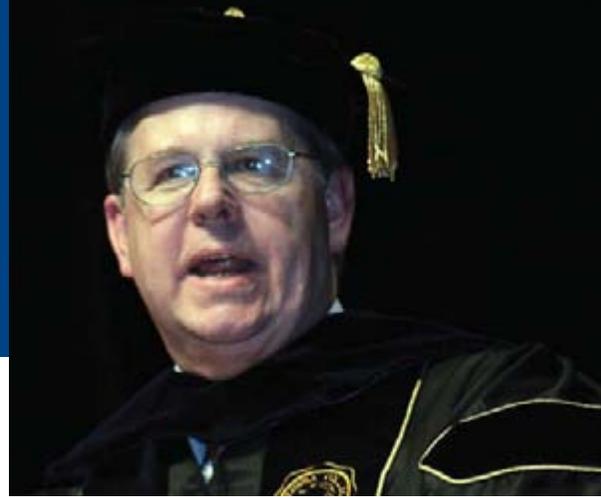
Catawba's first Career Exploration Day was born of an idea from Alumni Board of Director **Tameka Lundy**, a 2002 alumna and biology major. After earning her master's of science degree in biotechnology and her MBA from Johns Hopkins University, she is now

employed as a sales consultant for Novartis Pharmaceuticals.

**Margaret Faust**, Catawba's Alumni Director, summed up the day as "an opportunity for our very talented alumni to come back and help guide our current students along their chosen career paths. **That our alumni would use their time and resources to help our students truly speaks volumes about them – what wonderful interaction and priceless guidance!"**

In addition to those aforementioned, other alumni participating in Career Exploration Day according to academic undergraduate major included: in athletic training, **Dr. Jolene Miller Henning** '96 and **Gary Blabon** '91; biology, **Cybil Dyson Jones** '00; business administration, **Drew Allvine** '93, **Maurice Price** '03 and **Joey Boley** '95; chemistry, **Richard Waggoner** '81; communication arts **Thomas Giles** '05 and **Clarke Leichte** '91; environmental sciences, **Ben Prater** '02; foreign languages, **Nicole Hobson Thompson** '05; history, **Bianca Rhodes Stumpf** '00 and **Brian Moffitt** '99; mathematics, **Sarah Reeves** '08 and **Kristen Kobylus Abernathy** '04; music, **Andrew Howe** '07 and **Beth Yelvington**; psychology, **Stephanie Valentine Giles** '05 and **Alex Lopez** '05; recreation, **Amanda Smith Hesse** '93; sociology, **Shawn Godsey** '04 and **Julie Frock Crapster** '87; sports management, **Seth Johnson** '05 and **Paige Haverty Stalcup**; teacher education, **Meredith Knowles Abramson** '96; and theatre arts, **Kelly McKinley Kepley** '87 and **Meredith Fox** '07.

“What we do at Catawba is very important: we seek to bring about change in individuals and in society at large. We are in the opportunity business: we open doors of unlimited opportunity for our students—we have no idea how they can impact the world.”



## CATAWBA'S NEW PRESIDENT STRESSES TEAMWORK DURING HIS INSTALLATION ADDRESS

WHEN CATAWBA COLLEGE'S 21ST PRESIDENT, DR. W. CRAIG TURNER, made remarks during his installation ceremony on President's Day, Monday, February 16, 2009, he spoke of teamwork. "Great teams," he said, "build great institutions." Turner then expanded on some of the positive attributes of good teams.

A good team has trust in its fellow members, appreciates individuality, acknowledges and accepts conflict, is committed to the team, is accountable, measures itself by collective results, recognizes the necessity for and adjusts to change, and lastly, Turner said, a good team must be ready and willing to act.

"Effective, quality teamwork sounds relatively simple, but we all know that it requires us to surrender something of our professional egos at times, to disappoint those on our smaller teams at times, to get outside ourselves and our comfort zones at times, in other words to act unnaturally," he continued.

Turner cited 1951 remarks made by former Catawba College President A. R. Keppel to then College trustees: "Although this has been and is the most difficult year of my administration, and although and because many problems had to be faced, it is my unqualified opinion that our greatest challenge now is to press forward. Only as we set our sights above the obstacles that confront us can we hope to surmount them."

"I can readily identify with President Keppel," Turner explained. "This has been the most challenging year of my professional career. Today, however, I stand proudly and humbly before you as the 21st president of Catawba College, confident in the knowledge that we are positioned on the brink of taking our next major step as an institution

of higher learning. Although and because there remain difficult and trying days ahead of us, I believe that it is critical that we—together as a team—make certain that our steps are forward and upward."

Delegates representing 69 colleges, universities and learned societies processed along with trustees, faculty, faculty emeriti and students during the ceremony held on President's Day in Keppel Auditorium. Paul Fisher, the new chairman of the College Board of Trustees, officiated, while in the audience were former Catawba College Presidents Dr. Robert Knott and Fred Corriher and former Catawba College First Lady Jean Wurster, the widow of Dr. Stephen Wurster.



Catawba faithfuls Dr. Hoyt McCachren '54 and Mrs. Elaine Delozier Richards '42 celebrate at President Craig Turner's Installation Ceremony

Turner, who joined the Catawba on June 1, was selected as the college's president from more than 156 candidates. His appointment was announced in February 2008 after trustees approved a recommendation by the College's Presidential Search Committee.

Turner, who was in his seventh year as President of Hardin-Simmons University (HSU) in Abilene, Texas, succeeded Dr. Robert E. Knott who retired in May 2008 after six years of service to Catawba.



## FIRST FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED THROUGH ESTATE OF KATHARINE WEISIGER OSBORNE

THROUGH A GIFT FROM THE ESTATE OF THE KATHARINE WEISIGER OSBORNE, a Catawba College Trustee who died on April 3, 2008, a new First Family Scholarship has been established at the College. The Katharine W. Osborne First Family Endowed Scholarship will assist future students of high academic quality in attending Catawba.

The late Katharine Osborne was a staunch supporter of Catawba College, not because the institution was her alma mater, but because later in her life she grew to love the College and understood its importance to the local Salisbury community and to the students it served.

Raised in Salisbury, Katharine graduated from Sweet Briar College in Virginia with a degree in sociology and religion. After she married, she moved to Charlotte and raised her family. It was after the death of husband Robert that Katharine returned to Salisbury and realized she

needed some intellectual stimulation in her life. She found some of that stimulation at Catawba, initially enrolling in a class at the institution.

This voracious reader, poet and writer found a haven at Catawba. She attended various symposia and literary events at the College, kindling her thoughts and stimulating her mind.

She became a member of the Catawba College Board of Trustees in 1992 and served on its Student Affairs Committee. She realized that successful students were those who excelled in the classroom and were challenged and engaged by their involvement in co-curricular events. Katharine's foresight led to the establishment of the First Family Scholarship through her estate.

"We are grateful to Katharine for looking out beyond her life to establish this scholarship which will benefit future generations of Catawba students," said Catawba Senior Vice President Tom Childress. "This scholarship will serve as a lasting tribute to Katharine and the role that education and lifelong learning played in her life."

Katharine was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Osborne whom she married in 1952. Survivors include her three children, Katharine Osborne Spirtes of East Moriches, N.Y., Jeanne Osborne Wurster of Gainesville, Fla., and Robert Victor Osborne, Jr. of Chapel Hill, N.C.; a brother and four grandchildren.

# CATAWBA COLLEGE SPORTS HALL OF FAME INDUCTS SIX NEW MEMBERS



Tom Sexton '79

Todd Lipe '91

Henry C. Bernhardt '50

Selena Wilkes Tory '96

Randy Brown '89

Marvin Moore '99

**SIX NEW MEMBERS WERE INDUCTED** into the Catawba College Sports Hall of Fame on May 2nd in Kirkland Lobby of the Abernethy Physical Education Center, during the festivities of the Hall of Fame's 31st anniversary.

The inductees were (with graduation year): **Henry C. Bernhardt '50** of Salisbury; **Randy Brown '89** of Evesham Township, N.J.; **Todd Lipe '91** of Greenville, N.C.; **Marvin Moore '99** of Concord; **Tom Sexton '79** of Salisbury; and **Selena Wilkes Tory '96** of Spartanburg, S.C.

The Catawba College Sports Hall of Fame was founded in 1977 and this year's inductees bring the total number of members to 153. Following are achievements of this year's inductees:

**Henry C. Bernhardt** is credited as creator and founder of the Catawba College Chiefs Club in 1976, while he was the first Director of Development at the college, a position he held for 14 years.

A dedicated supporter and fan of Catawba athletics, he was instrumental in the formation of the Catawba College Sports Hall of Fame in 1977 and received the college's Outstanding Alumnus Award in 1981.

After he left the college, Bernhardt was president of his own development consulting firm for 20 years. He also served as executive vice president of the Salisbury-Rowan Merchants Association. Now retired, Bernhardt lives in Salisbury with his wife, Jo Ann, and they are parents to four adult children.

**Randy Brown** was a place kicker on the football team (1985-88), earned second team NAIA All-American and first team All-South Atlantic Conference honors in 1988.

While at Catawba, Brown set 10 kicking and scoring records, four of which are still standing. During his career, Brown scored 234 points (third all-time), making 40 of 65 field goal attempts and 114 of 118 extra points. In addition to earning all-conference honors on the field, Brown was a three-time All-SAC Academic team member.

He has served as a kicking consultant for the Arizona Cardinals, Chicago Bears, Philadelphia

Eagles and Baltimore Ravens of the NFL. Brown has also enjoyed work as commentator on ESPN radio and as a contributor to Comcast Sportsnet. He resides in Marlton, N.J., and was elected Mayor of Evesham Township in 2007.

**Todd Lipe** was a starting defensive lineman for four seasons (1986-87) and (1989-90), missing the entire 1988 campaign with an injury. He still owns the Catawba career record of 29 quarterback sacks.

A two-time All-American (first team in 1990; second team in 1989), Lipe was a three-time first team All-South Atlantic Conference selection. He was voted as the team's most valuable player in 1990 when he had 68 tackles, 18 for loss (9 sacks).

Following graduation, Lipe entered the coaching ranks and served on the staffs at A.L. Brown, Richmond County and Washington (NC) high schools and Charleston Southern University and the University of North Carolina. He was defensive coordinator on high school staffs that won six state championships in North Carolina; four of the championships were at Greenville (NC) Rose High School, where Lipe was defensive coordinator from 2002 until 2007. He was promoted to head coach at Greenville Rose in 2008.

**Marvin Moore**, an All-American in men's basketball, played at Catawba for four years (1995-99). From his guard position, he is the only player in Catawba and South Atlantic Conference history with over 1,500 points, 500 rebounds, 500 assists and 200 steals in a career. He was SAC Player of the Year, SAC Tournament MVP, SAC Athlete of the Year and All-American in 1999.

Moore received the Kirkland Award as the top senior male athlete at Catawba in 1999 and was inducted into the South Atlantic Conference Hall of Fame in 2003.

Currently, Moore is an assistant principal at Elizabeth Hanford Dole Elementary School and part-time assistant basketball coach at Catawba. He and his wife, Jessica, reside in Concord with their daughter, Sydney.

**Tom Sexton**, a place kicker on Catawba's football teams in 1976-79, has had a long and distinguished career as a teacher and coach at Salisbury

High School.

Sexton earned first team All-South Atlantic Conference honors in 1978 as a senior when he set two school records – five field goals against Carson-Newman and most points by kicking in a single game (18) that same day.

Following graduation, Sexton began teaching and coaching in the Rowan-Salisbury Schools, most of which came at Salisbury High School. Under Sexton, Salisbury's baseball team won four conference championships and the Hornets advanced to the state semifinals in 1983 and 1984. He was either the Rowan County or conference baseball Coach of the Year eight times.

Sexton has been selected as the Region Coach of the Year in 1999, 2005 and 2006. He led the Hornets to state semifinal appearances in 1994, 1996, 1999, 2001 and 2008. He also served as head coach in swimming for several years and as an assistant coach in football and golf.

Well-known for his instructing abilities, Sexton was selected as Teach of the Year at Salisbury in 1990 and Rowan-Salisbury Schools Teacher of the Year in 1991. He resides in Salisbury with his wife, Cathy, and they are parents of two adult daughters, Taylor and Holly.

**Selena Wilkes Tory** was a four-year setter and captain of the women's volleyball team (1992-95) but also played a year of basketball and a year of softball. She could have played golf as well, but that was prior to Catawba adding a women's golf team.

A three-time All-South Atlantic Conference selection and Player of the Year in 1995, Wilkes ranks second all-time in career assists in volleyball with 3,761. Wilkes also holds the school record for the most serving aces in a career with 220. She set the then-school record for assists in one match with 70. She was inducted into the South Atlantic Conference Hall of Fame in 2005.

Wilkes was a point guard in basketball for two seasons and a pitcher for one year in softball (1994). She was selected as the Betty Lomax Award winner in 1996, as the top female athlete in the senior class.

After graduation, Wilkes pursued a golf career. She was a member of the LPGA Futures Tour in both 1997-99 and 2002-04. She now lives in Spartanburg, S.C., with husband Andrew, and is a branch manager for Liberty Natural Life.



**Baseball Champs** - Catawba claimed the 2009 SAC Tournament title and a berth in the NCAA II Regionals for the fifth time in seven years



**Catawba Basketball** - scored its second straight SAC Championship title, both by two points, and their seventh overall

### Baseball earns spot in Regional Tournament

The Catawba baseball team returned to the NCAA Regional Tournament for the second straight year after claiming an automatic bid with its SAC Tournament Championship.

The Indians had to come out of the elimination bracket to win the league title, winning its final three games, including knocking off top-seeded Tusculum twice on the final day. Catawba took a pair of one-run wins 11-10 and 4-3 to punch its regional spot for the third time in four years.

On Sunday, the two games went down to the last out. Catawba turned to closer **Nathan Furr** to start the first game and he went six innings to pick up the win. After Tusculum scored four times in the ninth to pull within 11-10, **Cliff Poole** got the final out to earn his first career save. In the final game, the Indians called on Furr once again. The sophomore got a strike out on three pitches with the bases loaded in the bottom of the ninth to secure the win.

**Ryan Query** smacked four home runs in the six games to claim MVP honors. He has now hit 19 on the season with only Jerry Sands, David Thomas and David Trexler hitting more in a season. The other story has been **Craige Lyerly**, who entered the regional with a 32-game hitting streak. The streak is just one shy of Earl Lentz' 1950s record of 33 straight games with a hit. The junior has hit in all but two of the 51 games this year and has tied Thomas' record of 101 hits on a season.

### Men's Basketball makes another Post-Season Appearance

For the third straight year and fifth time in six seasons the Catawba men's basketball advanced to NCAA II post-season regional play. The Catawba Indians, who had been snake bit in the previous two year, losing twice in overtime, found themselves once again on the floor of the Castleberry Fieldhouse at Augusta University. This time Catawba was able to come away with a first round win, upsetting third-seeded Armstrong Atlantic 74-67. Catawba would fall to second-seeded USC Aiken in the semifinals, ending the season with a 22-11 record.

Junior **Antonio Houston** scored nearly 600 points on the season, averaging 18.2 per game. He has moved into fifth place on the all-time scoring list after just three seasons. Junior **Rob Fields** reached 1,000 career points in the conference tournament final when the Indians pulled out a 63-61 win over Tusculum to claim back-to-back SAC Tournament titles. It marked another close win for the Indians, who have won 12 of its last 13 against conference teams that have been decided by four points or less.

### Women's Basketball posts Winning Record

A year after graduating four of its top five scorers the Catawba women's basketball team posted a winning record with a 16-12 campaign. The Lady Indians used balanced scoring with eight players averaging over seven points a contest and a defense that forced over 20 turnovers a contest.

Senior **Brittany Higgins** led the team with a 12.1 scoring average. She reached 1,000 career points in her final game during the SAC Tournament. She is just the 12th woman at Catawba to eclipse the milestone. Red-shirt freshman **Dana Hicks** was key after joining the team after the first semester. She averaged 11.1 points and 6.9 rebounds a game.

### Drakes earns All-America Honors in Swimming

Junior **Patrik Drakes** earned a spot at the NCAA II Nationals and swam his way to All-America honors. He finished eighth in the 100 breaststroke on his way to breaking the school record with a time of 55.51. He also set school marks in the 50 breast and 200 breast during the National Championships held at the University of Houston. Four other swimmers, **Katie Huff**, **Yakir Malul**, **Christoffer Stolt** and **Alex Walpole**, just missed a spot at the Nationals as they had "B" cut times and all will be back next season

### Babos grabs spot in NCAA II National Championships

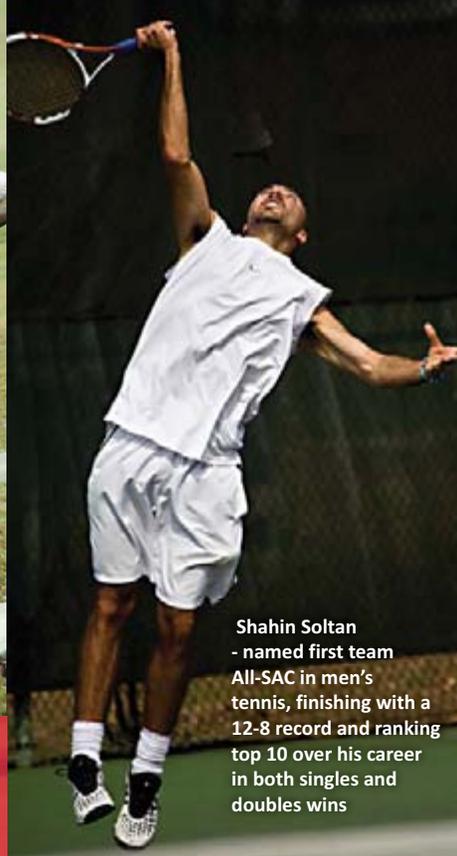
Junior **Kelsey Babos** played her way into a spot in the NCAA II Women's Golf National Championships with a fifth-place finish at the



**Junior Patrik Drakes**  
- earned All-America honors in swimming with an eighth place finish at the NCAA II National Championships



**Junior Kelsey Babos**  
- became the first in Catawba women's golf to qualify for the NCAA II National Championships



**Shahin Soltan**  
- named first team All-SAC in men's tennis, finishing with a 12-8 record and ranking top 10 over his career in both singles and doubles wins



**Melissa Powers and Blake Ketner**  
- awarded the Lomax and Kirkland Awards for the top female and male senior athletes

NCAA II South Region Tournament. Babos overcame a rough start, +7 over her first seven holes, to post a +10 score for three rounds. She first team All-ASC pick was invited to the regional as an individual after posting a 77.5 stroke average on the year. Babos becomes the first Catawba women's golfer to qualify for the National Championships.

## Other Spring Highlights

Women's golf finished third at the SAC Championships ... **Eric Schmehl** was a second team All-SAC selection for men's golf ... softball finished third at the SAC Tournament and had a winning record for the sixth straight year ... **Jessie Whitesides** and **Ryann Baker** were named all-conference ... in men's tennis, **Sean Soltan** claimed first team honors, while **Matt King** was named to the second team ... **Kasia Zielinski** and **Jen Denyes** were named second team All-SAC in women's tennis ... **Marty Touhy** and **Mike Dolesh** earned All-Deep South Conference honors in lacrosse.

## Powers, Ketner earn Catawba's Top Athlete Award

Catawba College has announced its 2008-09 athletic award winners for its student-athletes. The awards were presented at the annual athletic ceremony held at the Keppel Auditorium on Tuesday, April 28. Heading the list of award winners were **Melissa Powers** and **Blake Ketner**, who were awarded the Lomax and Kirkland Awards for the top female and male senior athletes, and **Brittany Higgins** and **Kevin McMillan**, who were given the Wurster Awards for team leadership.

**MELISSA POWERS**, a volleyball player from Bennett, NC, was named the Lomax Award winner. She was a three-time All-South Atlantic Conference performer and was the 2008 South Region and South Atlantic Conference Player of the Year. Powers also became Catawba's first NCAA II All-American in volleyball, setting school records for kills in a game, season and career.

**BLAKE KETNER**, of Davidson, NC, who pitches on the baseball team, earned the Kirkland Award. He was a two-time All-South Atlantic Conference selection and also earned all-region honors. He has helped Catawba to three NCAA II post-season berths and ranks third all-time in school history with 29 wins.

**BRITTANY HIGGINS**, a basketball player from Takoma Park, Md., and **McMillan**, a baseball player from Salisbury, NC, were the recipients of the Wurster Awards for leadership. Higgins was a three-time team captain as selected by her teammates. She was a leader by example and a role model for four year. McMillan came to Catawba as a walk-on and worked his way into the lineup as a junior. He has started every game as a senior and earned SAC all-tournament honors, leading Catawba with 10 RBI.

**OTHER TOP AWARDS** went to **Jill Archambault**, of Glens Falls, NY, and **Chris Ahearn**, of Charlotte, NC, who were the recipients of the SAC Award for the highest cumulative GPA's for seniors and **Lainey Nichols**, of Frederick, MD, and **Chris Noel**, of High Point, NC, who earned the Darris Morris "Ironhorse" Comeback Award. Archambault, who played field hockey, posted a 3.82 GPA as a history major, while Ahearn, a baseball player, had a 3.97 GPA while majoring in sports management. The volleyball team took the team award with a 3.26 GPA. Nichols overcame a lower leg fracture in the spring of 2007, while Noel came back from an upper arm fracture at the end of the 2007 season.

**THE AWARDS FOR TEAM MVP'S WENT TO:** **Ryan Query** (Baseball), **Antonio Houston** (Men's Basketball), **Brittany Higgins** (Women's Basketball), **Olivia Jacobs** and **Clay Yarbrough** (Cross Country), **Nikiah Knox** (Field Hockey), **Jamelle Cuthbertson** (Football), **Eric Schmehl** (Men's Golf), **Kelsey Babos** (Women's Golf), **Marty Tuohy** and **Johnny Rich** (Lacrosse), **Tyler Held** (Men's Soccer), **Alyssa Schoenberg** (Women's Soccer), **Ryann Baker** (Softball), **Katie Huff** (Women's Swimming), **Patrik Drakes** (Men's Swimming), **Shahin Soltan** (Men's Tennis), **Steffi Cook** (Women's Tennis), **Melissa Powers** (Volleyball), **Amy Bartram** (Cheerleading), **Jon Plummer** (Athletic Training), and **David McDowell** (Sports Information).

# CATAWBA COLLEGE

# CLASS NOTES

## 1941

**Jean Zehring Slider** of Columbia, S.C., is currently representing the S.C. League of Women Voters on the Equal Employment Opportunity Committee. She was presented the Coin of Excellence by the Fort Jackson, S.C., commanding general at the Feb. 2009 committee meeting.

## 1946

**Grace Temple Seat** of South Boston, Va., writes that she is 83 years old and still walks 12 miles a day on the elliptical, lift weights and takes step aerobics. She also does volunteer work at First Presbyterian Church and at Woodview, a nursing home in her area. "I try to visit the sick in the hospital. I stay busy and sleep well at night!" she writes.

## 1948

**George C. Bingaman, III**, will celebrate his 88th birthday this year and is currently living on the Outer Banks of North Carolina.

**Jeane Griggs Page** writes that she has moved from Florence, S.C., to Spartanburg, S.C., and would like to hear from some Catawba alumni. Her address is 313 Essex Ridge Court, Spartanburg, SC 29307.

**Robert L. Van Hoy**, former baseball and basketball player at Catawba, was inducted into the new Robeson County Hall of Fame on April 18, 2009. Van Hoy, former basketball and baseball coach at Red Springs High School, coached the 1956 baseball team to the 1-A State Baseball title and was a runner-up in 1957. He also coached the girls' and boys' basketball teams to several county basketball titles. He led the Red Devil girls to nine championships. He and his wife, Faye, live in Oak Island, NC.

## 1954

**David R. Schryer** reports that he and wife Jacqueline recently moved from Hampton to Poquoson, Va. David is a retired research chemist and the co-inventor of 10 U.S. patents, including two granted in 2008.

## 1966

**William "Bill" Heim** of Signal Mountain, Tenn., writes that he has retired from DuPont and Koch

Industries following almost 43 years in the nylon fiber business. He will pursue his recent passion for genealogy which will eventually take him and wife Linda to Germany. He welcomes messages from old Catawba friends at [wheim@bellsouth.net](mailto:wheim@bellsouth.net).

## 1967

**Sue Green Burkett-Ayache** of Carrboro, N.C., writes that she and husband Serge welcomed their fifth grandchild, Sam Ayache, born Dec. 10, 2008. Other grandkids are Caroline Burkett, 7, and Wyatt Burkett, 3, as well as Nora Micheli, 5, and Tessa Micheli, 4. Two of the grandkids "we have near us in Chapel Hill and three in Switzerland." Sue would love to hear from friends from Catawba. E-mail her at [subur67@gmail.com](mailto:subur67@gmail.com).

**Richard H. Heist** of Ormond Beach, Fla., writes that as of Jan. 1, 2009, he assumed the responsibilities of executive vice president and chief academic officer of the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University at Daytona Beach.

**Gerald W. Phelps** writes that he retired in 2000 after 32 years of teaching in the public schools of Virginia Beach. "I am the proud grandparent of two girls, 14 and 4. I would be interested in hearing from anyone in the classes of '67 and '68. My e-mail address is [MILLPONDSEVANT@gmail.com](mailto:MILLPONDSEVANT@gmail.com).

## 1971

**Kenna Barnes Bayer** writes that she will retire from the Department of Rehab Services with the Virginia State Government, effective June 30, 2009.

## 1972

**Jack Blanks** of Sacramento, Calif., reports that he recently accepted the position of CEO of the Sacramento/Sierra Chapter of the American Red Cross. He would love to hear from old Catawba friends who may contact him at [hopejack125@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hopejack125@sbcglobal.net).

## 1974

**Nancy Teel** of Milford, Del., would love to hear from Catawba friends. Contact her via e-mail at [t3nan@aol.com](mailto:t3nan@aol.com).

**Pamela Parker Eliason** writes that she is ministering to three Presbyterian congregations (PC USA) in Monroe County, W. Va., the southeastern-most county along the Alleghany Mountains bordering Virginia. She notes that she has been there

almost two years and loves the people, the geography, the cattle, and the small town life. "Where I live we don't even have a traffic light — a far cry from going to seminary in NYC, and I love it!" she writes.

## 1975

**Diane Heckendorn Brant** of Breinigsville, Pa., is proud to announce the marriage of her daughter, Amy Leigh, to Doug Tewksbury. The wedding took place on June 6, 2009 at the Radnor Hotel in St David's, Pa. Amy is a team manager with State Farm Insurance and pursuing a master's certificate. Doug works as a paralegal in Philadelphia and will graduate with a master's degree from Drexel University in December 2009.

**Judy Allten Troske** of Michigan City, Ind., writes that she had her hip replaced in 2002 and is now "an overweight, non-tennis playing, school nurse with a 15-year-old son, Erik." Erik placed fourth in the nation in the National Geographic Bee in 2008 at the age of 14, she reports, adding, "believe it or not, there was no egg donor!" "Life revolves around him, his dad, Paul, and my 800 middle school students," she continues. "Hello to all my Camp Catawba friends of old! Some day I'll get a job that pays me for this degree."

## 1977

**Sally Whitney** of Mooresville, N.C., was one of 11 Duke Energy employees to receive the prestigious James B. Duke Award. The announcement was made in March. Whitney, who joined Duke Energy the year she graduated from Catawba, now serves as that company's senior vice president for financial re-engineering and financial information technology.

**Dawn Williams** of Ocean City, N.J., writes "I'm back in Ocean City and love it. My job is great, I teach English as a second language. I would love to hear from any old friends." Contact her at [dawn453@hotmail.com](mailto:dawn453@hotmail.com)

## 1978

**Thomas Michael "Mike" Casey** of Delray Beach, Fla., reports that he has been named a new vice president and general manager of Sales and Field Service at Jim Moran & Associates, Inc. and its affiliated companies comprising the JM&A Group (JM&A), one of the largest independent providers of finance and insurance (F&I) products in the automotive industry. Mike has more than 31 years of automotive experience and began his sales career at JM&A in 1984 as an F&I specialist. He held regional and division manager positions before being promoted to vice president of Sales, overseeing JM&A's relationship with Southeast Toyota dealerships. Most recently, Casey served as vice president, Strategic Alliances.

## 1980

**Margot Bride Chaffee** of Ellicott City, Md., writes that she recently graduated from Towson

University (magna cum laude) with a master's degree as a Reading Specialist. She teaches first grade in an urban school in Maryland. Both of her daughters are away at college. Katie attends Virginia Wesleyan in Norfolk, Va., and Caroline attends Flagler College in St. Augustine, Fla. Contact her at margotchaffee@comcast.net.

## 1981

**Kevin Locker** of York Springs, Pa., would love to hear from friends. Contact him at revkevlocker@yahoo.com.

## 1984

**David Beach** of Pasadena, Calif., reports that he is continuing his career as an actor/entertainer on the West Coast. He writes, "Look for the comedy short film "Clown," which is currently in post productions and targeted for major film competitions." He asks that friends and classmates join him on twitter david\_m\_beach or e-mail him at davidbeach@sprynet.com.

**James L. Crumel, Sr.** of Tallahassee, Florida, has been elected to the national board of directors for Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., the highly influential and oldest African-American Greek-lettered organization of collegiate men founded in the United States. He will take the oath of office as the southern region vice president on July 18 at the organization's convention to be held in New Orleans, La., and thereafter, he will oversee the strategic direction and programming activities for the region (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, The Bahama Islands and the U.S. Virgin Islands). He is employed as an affiliate services executive for the National Council on Compensation Insurance, Inc., headquartered in Boca Raton, Florida, and is a member of the Catawba College Board of Visitors.

## 1985

**Sherrell Murray** of Lorton, Va., writes "Hello Catawba Friends, It has been sometime since I have seen most of you. Let's plan on meeting at this year's Homecoming. I am residing in the northern Virginia area. Please contact me if you are in the area @ sherrell.murray@yahoo.com. Peace, Sherrell."

**Hubert Dewitt "Dee" Sellers Jr.** of Fayetteville, N.C., writes that he is working as vice president of Sellers and Sons, Inc., DBA Sellers Concrete, Sellers Builders, and Trisell Investments. He has two kids in college and would love to hear from friends. E-mail him at DeeatSellers@aol.com.

## 1986

**Jessica Orr Sheets** of Altoona, Pa., writes that she "can't wait for Homecoming this fall. Terri Pepper (Class of 1984) and I always attend with bells on!!"

## 1990

**Jody Crotts** and wife, Tracy Phipps of Salisbury, N.C., write "we are expecting our first (and probably only) child in August and would love to hear from friends and well-wishers. E-mail us at jocro@webkornor.com or read my blog at midnightvignette.blogspot.com.

## 1994

**Darrell E. Bryant '94** and **Samaralee Gerofsky '95** are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Jonnalee Rose Bryant, born on January 29, 2009. She weighed in at 6 lbs and 11 oz and she was 20 inches long. "If any of our alumni friends would like to contact us, they can do so at bryantclan@clearwire.net. We would love to share news with them. Go CAT-U!"

## 1995

**Amy Dixon Jordan** of Orlando, Fla., and husband Brent would like to announce that their baby girl, Sarah Rebecca, recently celebrated her 1st birthday on Feb. 6th! Her brother, Brent, just turned 7, and her sister, Julia, just turned 4! Amy has been a very busy mommy with baseball, ballet and a baby on the move! She has also started her own children's photography business while still working occasionally as a stunt woman and actress. She can be seen in two national commercials for Wyndham Resorts and Gillette with Tiger Woods. She is thrilled with all the Cat-U alumni she has reconnected with through Facebook. Amy's hoping for another Catawba Performing Arts reunion! Contact her at amygwtw@aol.com.

**J. Scott Mumford** of Selbyville, Del., and wife Elise announce the birth of their first child, Anna Elisabeth Mumford, born Feb. 8, 2009 weighing 6 lbs. and 12ozs. They recently moved into their new home in Fenwick Island, Del., and love the new addition to the family. Scott and Elise continue to operate the family business, Warren's Station in Fenwick. Scott is entering his 12th year as an assistant coach for the boy's varsity lacrosse at his alma mater, Worcester Prep in Berlin. Friends may contact them at jsmum35@aol.com.

**Mike Wiley** of Apex, N.C., was featured in the "Tar Heel People" section of the May 2009 edition of "Our State" magazine (www.ourstate.com). Wiley, an actor and playwright, recounts black history through his one-man plays in which he often portrays a variety of characters. He changes his posture, voice and facial expressions to move from one character to the next. Beginning in January, according to the "Our State" article, Wiley will spend a year as a visiting professor in the Center for Documentary Studies at Duke University. In that role, he will teach students how to research and produce their own documentary theater works.

## 1998

**Chris '98** and **Karen '97 Geissingar Colson**

## { 1970s CLOSE-UP }

**1973 Alumna Cathy Honeycutt** of North Myrtle Beach, S.C., is carrying on her late son Scott's culinary dream running the company he founded, Sweetgrass Catering.

Scott, who survived as an amputee a gun accident he experienced when he was 15 years old, died unexpectedly in September 2008 from complications resulting from that long-ago gun accident. Cathy, who had enjoyed a successful broadcast media career, was determined to carry on her son's culinary work. During his culinary education and career, Scott passed on what he learned to his mother, and they worked together in the catering businesses. As his skills grew, Scott entered culinary contests, and achieved silver and gold medals in accredited American Culinary Federation competitions.

After his death, Cathy found his recipes and revived his business. Her new catering menu is a tribute to her son and includes his legendary recipes like Bacon-Wrapped Scallops, Spicy Shrimp Cocktail, Pistachio Encrusted Pork Loin, Chicken Griglia (an Italian term describing Asian flavors), Chicken Bog and Sweetgrass Pulled Pork. She provided food for weddings this spring and has bookings through the end of 2009.

"He elevated the perception of what cuisine could be," Cathy said of her son and his culinary skills. "He had to try all his recipes on somebody, so he tried them on me. When we worked together [in the catering business], he would not tolerate cooking any way but the way he did, so I learned his way from him."

Check out what Cathy has learned at SweetGrassCatering.com.

of Boise, Idaho, announce the birth of daughter Lily Caroline Colson.

**Tara Tumer Fulk** and husband Jeremy of Bridgewater, Va., announce the birth of their second child, Asa Dylan, born on Nov. 23, 2008. His big sister, Olivia Grace, will be 4 in July. Contact Tara at tcfulk@hotmail.com

**Megan Krause** and Brandon Casey were married May 16, 2009 in Riviera Maya, Mexico. Megan is a director of development for the School of Arts & Sciences at Rutgers University. Brandon is a supply chain planner for Insight Pharmaceuticals. They live in North Brunswick, N.J. Friends may contact Megan at mmkrause11@yahoo.com.

**Aidy-Marie Almodovar Schneider** of Stanfield, N.C., writes "Hey guys! It's been fun catching up with you on Facebook! For those of you not on it, just wanted to let you know that we are expecting our second baby girl Sept. 22, 2009. I look forward to hearing from you guys!" E-mail her at amitsyphenated@yahoo.com.

## 1999

**Elizabeth A. Frank**, president of Eye5 Marketing, LLC in New York, N.Y., reports that her business was featured in the January 2009 edition of Fortune Small Business magazine. Read the details at [http://money.cnn.com/2009/01/26/smallbusiness/best\\_face\\_forward.fsb/](http://money.cnn.com/2009/01/26/smallbusiness/best_face_forward.fsb/)

**Brian Gregory Moffitt** and wife Candice of Mt. Pleasant, N.C., announce that Brian, Candice and big brother, Elijah, welcomed Georgia Ruth into the family on November 3, 2008. She weighed 9 lbs. 7oz. and was 21.5" long.

**Ty Stumpf '99** and **Bianka Rhodes Stumpf '00** enthusiastically welcomed the birth of their first child on August 22, 2008. Their son, Jude Tyson Stumpf, weighed 8 lbs., 5 oz. and was 21.75 inches long. Ty and Bianka still call Sanford, North Carolina home where they are both educators at Central Carolina Community College.

**The Rev. Kristin Gerner Vaughn** is serving as interim minister at Brick Church in Whitsett, N.C. She and her husband have two children, Jonathan Michael Vaughn born Dec. 15, 2006, and a new addition, Emma Claire Vaughn born July 27, 2008. Friends and classmates may contact her at kristingvaughn@gmail.com.

## 2000

**Marie Deal**, a social studies teacher for 11th and 12th grade students at Concord High School in Concord, N.C., was one of five finalists for Cabarrus County (N.C.) Schools Teacher of the Year. She earned her bachelor's degree in history from Catawba and her master's degree in education from Wake Forest University in 2002.

## 2001

**Todd Bachman** writes that daughter Reagan Marie Bachman was born Jan. 10, weighing 6 lbs. 3 oz. and measuring 19" long. "Reagan and mom are doing well! Daddy is overjoyed and thankful for such a beautiful little baby girl, not that I'm biased. Please keep us in your prayers."

## 2002

**Jeremy Aggers** had his first commercial CD release and the first installment in a three-record deal with Atlanta-based Brash Music in March. The lyrics, showcased on his CD, "What It Comes Down To," were inspired by news headlines, literature, and years spent traveling the country as an actor. Aggers, who plays an acoustic guitar on the CD, was compared to James Taylor by a reviewer of his CD.

**Jasika Nicole Pruitt** reports she has been working on a line of eco-friendly tote bags with her artwork on them and "I am super-excited that they are finally making their debut!" The bags, brought to life with Eek Oh Productions, were created in an attempt to promote eco-friendly consumerism and are made of organic cotton and screen printed with water-based dyes. There are four different sizes of bags with two design choices (Kissing the Frog and Watering the Garden), but Jasika writes that she has plans to expand the line next year to include more artwork and more products ("oooh, the anticipation!"). See her bags at [www.eek-oh.com](http://www.eek-oh.com).

Jasika is currently a cast member on the new Fox TV series, "Fringe," in which she portrays the character of Astrid Farnsworth, an FBI agent. She recently completed the filming of a movie entitled "She's Out of My League," which will be released in 2010.

## 2003

**Nicole Beal Sigmon** of Denver, N.C., writes that she and husband Zach welcomed son Jackson Clyde Sigmon on Feb. 10, 2009. Friends may contact her at [nebeal@aol.com](mailto:nebeal@aol.com).

## 2004

**Shawn Godsey '04** and **Cedric Squirewell '03** will marry in Salisbury, N.C., on October 10th 2009. Shawn says she first met Cedric at Catawba in 2000, her freshman year. Currently, Cedric works as an assistant manager at Enterprise Rental Cars, while Shawn works in therapeutic foster care as a case manager at Nazareth Children's Home in Rockwell, N.C. The two purchased a home in Salisbury three years ago and plan to settle there and start their family. Friends may contact the couple by e-mail at [skg\\_15@hotmail.com](mailto:skg_15@hotmail.com).

**Jesse** and **Caitlin Koukal Howes** announce the birth of daughter Addy Marie who joined them Jan. 28, weighing 7 lbs. 7oz. and measuring 19 inches long. They wrote: "She is healthy and beautiful. We are so happy!"

**Polly Noble** is currently working as a wardrobe supervisor and dresser at the Manhattan Theatre Club in New York City. She served as wardrobe supervisor for "Romantic Poetry" and a dresser for the production of "Ruined."

## 2005

**Jason Evarts** is currently employed as the lighting director for the Gold Team Regional Unit of the Ringling Bros., and Barnum & Bailey Circus. He is now in his second year of working with the touring circus.

**David Loudermilk** is currently a dancer for the Norwegian & Holland America Cruise lines. He recently directed and choreographed "A Day in Hollywood/A Night in the Ukraine" with the Thalian Association in Nashville.

## 2006

**Gregory "Greg" Mark Hannold** of Salisbury, N.C., reports that he finished a Master's Degree in Administration of Justice from Methodist University in August of 2008 and welcomed his third child, Ian, in April of 2009. Greg and wife, Janella, have two other children, Sadie, 12, and Cody, 10. Greg is employed as a detective with the Rowan County Sheriff's Department.

## 2007

**Brittany N. (Taber) Efird** and Whit P. Efird were married on December 4, 2008 in Key West, Fla. Whit and Brittany were married on the Celebrity cruise ship, Infinity in the Constellation Lounge. Alums **Heather Kick '08** and **Emily Morgan '08** joined in the celebration along with about 50 other family members and friends.

Whit and Brittany reside in Oakboro, N.C. You can contact Whit or Britt at [whit.efird@gmail.com](mailto:whit.efird@gmail.com) or [britt.efird@gmail.com](mailto:britt.efird@gmail.com).

**Victoria Hamilton** of Wake Forest, N.C., reports that she just completed a Master of Arts degree in composition & rhetoric in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences at N.C. State University and is a member of their class of 2009.

**Caitlin Heinen '07** and **Nick Ditter '06** are engaged and planning an August wedding. Caitlin recently appeared in a production of "Don Juan Comes Back from the War" at the Battersea Arts Center in Clapham, London, England.

## 2008

**Meagan Kittle** reports that she has written a book review of the 2008 American novel, "America, America" by Ethan Canin, for publication in the forthcoming "Encyclopedia of Contemporary Fiction." Published by Facts on File, the encyclopedia will come out in early 2010 and will serve as a guide to contemporary literary fiction celebrating authors and works that have achieved a high level of critical acclaim. She continues to work on her master's degree in rhetoric and composition at North Carolina State University and also taught one course of first-year English composition this spring.

# CATAWBA COLLEGE

## IN MEMORIAM

### 1930

#### **Judie Lititia Burluson Cree of High Point, N.C., died Aug. 22, 2008.**

A native of Stanly County, she was a retired teacher in the Stanly County School System and a member of West Albemarle Baptist Church.

She was predeceased in 1995 by her husband of 65 years, Archie Gilliam Cree. Survivors include son William Robert "Bob" Cree of Lake Gaston, N.C.; daughter Lynda Cree Thompson Spillman of High Point, N.C.; four grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

### 1933

#### **Dr. Paul E. Behrens of Richmond, Va., died May 3, 2006.**

From Catawba, he transferred to the University of Virginia, graduating in 1933 with a bachelor's degree, and after Army service in Alaska, he earned his master's of science degree in 1949. Following three years as a guidance and test consultant for the California Test Bureau, he returned to the University of Virginia to earn his doctorate of education in 1970. He then worked for the Richmond Public School until his retirement in 1978. Until his death, he was active in the American Association of Retired Persons, the Virginia Retired Teachers Association, and the Virginia Governor's Advisory Board on Aging.

He was predeceased in 2002 by his wife of 57 years, Edith Chisholm Behrens, and his son, Thomas Paul Behrens. He is survived by daughter Diane Behrens Winslow of Chevy Chase, Md.

#### **The Rev. Harry J. Colver, Jr. of Lewisburg, Pa., died Jan. 26.**

While at Catawba, he played basketball and soccer, earning a varsity letter. After his graduation, he attended Lancaster Theological Seminary in Lancaster, Pa., and was ordained in 1937. He married his wife of 69 years, Mary Colver in 1939.

He served as pastor at St. Peter's Evangelical and Reform Church in Allentown, Pa., from 1937 to 1941. He then served for 34 years at First Evan-

gelical and Reformed Church (later First UCC Church) in Bethlehem, Pa. He served as the president of the Bethlehem School Board in the 1950s and hosted his own radio show, "Religion of the Air." In 1955, he traveled to Europe with 65 cows as part of the Heifer Project, to aid farmers in post-war Germany. In 1965, he was appointed chaplain of the State Senate of Pennsylvania. He retired in 1975, but then began another 30 years of interim ministry, serving churches in Spring Mills, Pillow, Freeburg, Herndon, Rebuck, Sunbury, Mifflinburg, and Milton. In 2003, he was honored by St. John's United Church of Christ in Milton, Pa., for 65 years in the ministry.

Survivors include his daughter, a grandson, a granddaughter and a great-granddaughter.

#### **Jean Lyerly Levy of Tuscaloosa, Ala., died Aug. 1, 2008.**

She taught English at Mt. Ulla High School in Mt. Ulla, N.C. for a number of years. During World War II, she was a junior Red Cross secretary for N.C., S.C., Ga., and Fla., and spent time in the European Theatre. After the war, she owned a florist shop in the Selwyn Hotel in Charlotte. During this time, she met and married George Levy who preceded her in death in 1997.

She was the youngest of 11 children born to Rev. J.M.L. Lyerly and Mary Eugenia Peeler Lyerly. Her father, Rev. Lyerly, was one of three students in the first graduating class of Old Catawba in Newton, N.C. He was a minister in the Reformed Church and founder of Nazareth Children's Home in Crescent, N.C.

She is survived by many nieces and nephews.

### 1934

#### **Katherine Lucille Rouzer Peeler of Kannapolis, N.C., died Feb. 8, 2009.**

In early life, she taught at Cannon High School and was a member of St. John's United church of Christ.

She was predeceased in 1973 by husband Eugene Monroe Peeler. Survivors include daughters Patricia Jean Peeler of Kannapolis, N.C., and Judy Peeler Coggins of Concord, N.C.;

three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

### 1936

#### **Carrie Bell Strayhorn of Charlotte, N.C., died May 10.**

### 1938

#### **Janet Brown Harbeson of Panama City, Fla., died July 11, 2008.**

She served in the Women's Army Corps during World War II and was a retired school teacher, having taught at Cove Elementary School and Bay High School. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church.

She was preceded in death by husband Alfred Scott Harbeson. Survivors include sons Scott Harbeson of Cambridge, Mass., and John Harbeson of Cincinnati, Ohio; and two grandsons.

#### **Helen Craven Lockhart of Monroe, N.C., died Feb. 14.**

She had been an educator in several high schools in the Monroe/Union County, N.C. area. Her twin sister, the late Dorothy Mae Craven Felts, also graduated from Catawba in 1938.

She was preceded in death by husband Jesse J. Lockhart. Survivors include niece Marie Carmichael '71 of Thomasville, N.C.; a great-niece and a great-nephew.

### 1941

#### **Guy Hill Cox, Jr. of Charlotte, N.C., died April 12.**

He attended Catawba on a baseball scholarship and later served during World War II in the Army Air Corps in the China, Burma, India Theater. After the war, he earned his law degree from Wake Forest College, graduating in 1948. He joined the Federal Bureau of Investigation in 1948 and served in Los Angeles, Chicago and Boston before his assignment in Charlotte. He retired from the FBI in 1977 and joined Duke Energy Corporation where he worked until his retirement in 1988.

He attended Mouzon United Methodist Church and frequently taught the Oscar Easter Sunday school

class there. He was an avid golfer, gardener and fisherman.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Mary Inez Reid Cox; daughter Marion Rodgers; son, David Cox; and five grandchildren.

### 1942

#### **Evelyn H. Culton of Chapel Hill, N.C., died Jan. 8.**

Born in Revelstoke, British Columbia, Canada, she taught piano up until the last year of her life. She was a church organist at various churches through the years and also performed with the Meredith College Choir. She was a founding member of the Chapel Hill Music Teachers Association and also served on the Board of Directors and worked with founding members of the N.C. Music Teachers Association.

She was preceded in death by her husband whom she met at Catawba, Robert "Bob" Culton, and daughters Dawn Culton Malfitano and Bettelyn Culton. Survivors include son Bill Culton of Chapel Hill, N.C.; sisters Marty McKenzie '42 of Greensboro, N.C., Jean Williams '44 of Kingsport, Tenn., Ruth McNabb '47 of Kingsport, Tenn., and Cathryn Vance of Charlotte; brother Jim Hay of Winston-Salem; four grandchildren and a host of nephews and nieces.

#### **Hilda Stoker Griffin of Asheville died April 6.**

A native of Salisbury, N.C., she was a member of Central United Methodist Church in Asheville, a long time volunteer in the Mission Hospital gift shop, a member of the Junior League of Asheville, the Children's Welfare League, and a past president and treasurer of the Town and Country Garden Club.

She was preceded in death in 2002 by her husband of 58 years, William Ray Griffin, Jr., M.D. Survivors include daughter Karen G. Tinsley of Charlotte, N.C., son William R. "Bill" Griffin, III of Asheville, sister Beryl S. Brown of Erwin, Tenn., four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

### 1943

#### **Anna Mae Bish of Hanover, Pa., died Feb. 12.**

A native and lifelong resident of Hanover, she was retired as a home economics teacher. She was a member and past president of the Hoffman Homes for Youth Ladies Auxiliary and held memberships with the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, the Hanover Chapter #378 Order of the Eastern Star, and the Digges' Choice Chapter Daughters of the American Colonists (DAC).

She was preceded in death in

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1977 by husband Ralph D. Bish. Survivors include daughter Susan L. Bish of Pikesville, Md.; sister Mary Louise "Becky" Garrett Leonard '52 of Potomac, Md.; two nieces; one nephew; two great-nieces; and five great-nephews.

### **Henderson Crawford Ward of Atlanta, Ga., died Oct. 4.**

He attended Catawba before going to Naval Preflight School in Pensacola, Fla., and was commissioned as an officer and served as an instrument flight instructor in the U.S. Navy from 1943 to 1946. After earning his bachelor's degree in chemical engineering, he worked as a chemical engineer for Carbide and Carbide Chemicals Corporation in Oak Ridge, Tenn., before earning his master's degree in mathematics and his Ph.D. in chemical engineering from Georgia Tech. He was employed as a chemical engineer for Ethyl Corporation in Baton Rouge, La., until 1954 before returning to Georgia Tech as a professor of chemical engineering and research associate at the Georgia Tech Research Institute. In 1985, he was retired as a professor emeritus of chemical engineering from Georgia Tech. In 2003, he was inducted into the Georgia Tech Engineering Hall of Fame and in 2006, he co-authored a book, "A Century of Chemical Engineering at Georgia Tech."

Survivors include his wife, Rebekah Scott Candler whom he married in 1945; three sons, Henderson Crawford Ward, Jr. of La Grange, Ill., Candler Symms Ward of Ballground, Ga., and Charles Scott Ward of Atlanta, Ga.; eight grandchildren and a sister, Carol Ward Thomas of Springfield, Va.

## 1944

### **The Rev. J. Bernard Hurley of Waynesville, N.C., died Feb. 7.**

Born in Asheboro, he earned his undergraduate degree from Catawba and then his Master's of Divinity degree from Duke University. He helped establish St. James Methodist Church in Thomasboro, N.C., and served Main Street in Salisbury, First Methodist in Charlotte, First Church in Liberty, St. Paul's in Charlotte, Hickory Grove in Charlotte, College Place in Greensboro, First Church in Waynesville, Trinity in Kannapolis and First Church in Brevard. He retired in 1982. During his active ministry, he was sent on a preaching mission to Anchorage, Alaska, by the Board of Ministries, to Warrenton, England, by the Board of Evangelism, and to New Haven, Conn., to conduct a study on alcoholism at Yale University.

An avid camper and a violin player, he was married to Doris Dreibelbis Hurley. The couple had four

children, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

## 1945

### **Margaret Cranford Blythe of Wilmington, N.C., died March 29.**

She taught home economics for one year at Landis High School in Landis, N.C., after her graduation from Catawba before being a fulltime mother to her children. Later, she taught herself to weave pine needle baskets and mastered the art of weaving miniature baskets. She often taught basketry classes in Wilmington. She had a passion for growing cactus and other succulents and kept a greenhouse for many years.

Her husband of 50 years, Francis Earle Blythe, preceded her in death in 1996. Survivors include children Tom Blythe of Selma, N.C., Carol Corbin of Kannapolis, N.C., Peggy Wilson of Weaverville, N.C., Jane Excell of Wilmington, N.C. David Blythe of Chapel Hill, N.C. and Marshall Blythe of Graham, N.C.; 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

### **Alice Lang Wills of Blacksburg, Va., died March 2.**

After her graduation from Catawba, she earned her master's degree from Duke University. She was an active member of Christ Episcopal Church of Blacksburg and one of the founders of the Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry. She was a longtime volunteer with Smithfield Plantation and the Montgomery County Christmas Story.

Survivors include her husband of 55 years, Wirt Henry Wills, Jr.; sons Wirt H. Wills III of Albuquerque, N.M., and George V. Wills of Blacksburg; daughters Jane M. Wills of Tappahannock, Va., and Elizabeth G. Wills of New Smyrna Beach, Fla.; brother H. Vaughn Lang, Jr. '50 of Wilmington, Del., and Vero Beach, Fla.; and two grandchildren.

## 1947

### **Frances Kelly Hannah of Salisbury, N.C., died April 4.**

She taught school for several years in Rowan and Davie Counties and later was a bookkeeper with Hannah Construction Company before retiring. She was a long-time member of Second Presbyterian Church and a member of the Nelson Hayden Sunday School Class.

She was preceded in death in 1998 by husband William Andrew Hannah, Jr. Survivors include sons Steven Hannah, Ted Hannah and Bob Hannah, all of Salisbury, N.C., and David Hannah of Charlottesville, Va.; four grandchild-

ren; one great-grandson; and several nieces and nephews.

## 1948

### **Richard S. Feimster of Statesville, N.C., died April 27.**

After graduating from Catawba, he earned his master's degree from Appalachian State University. He was retired as a principal with the Iredell County Schools.

He was preceded in death in 1999 by wife Betty Vickery Feimster '46. Survivors include children Richard '70 and Dinah F. Daniels '75.

### **Sarah Caldwell Grubb Graham of Salisbury, N.C., died Feb. 3.**

She worked for the Salisbury-Rowan Schools for 10 years and for Wink's S&W Fish Camp on Old Mocksville Road for 26 years. She was a member of Mount Tabor United Methodist Church, where she had served as lay leader and as a teacher for the Grubb-Shoaf Sunday School Class for 40 years.

She was preceded in death by husband Walter Alexander Graham, Jr. in 1978. Survivors include sons Walter A. "Lex" Graham III of Kannapolis, N.C., and Lane Gaskell Graham of Salisbury; daughters Lynn Graham Marsh, Luann E. Graham and Lark Graham Martin, all of Salisbury; four grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and five step-great-grandchildren.

### **Celeste Smith "Smitty" Hart of Virginia Beach, Va., has died.**

She had worked as a public assistance supervisor with the Virginia Beach Department of Public Welfare.

She was married to the late Fred S. Hart '51 and the two were parents of two adult children, Christy and Gregory.

## 1949

### **Duard C. Linn of Landis, N.C., died Jan. 17.**

He attended Catawba and went on to earn his degree in engineering from N.C. State College. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, having served in Italy. He was retired as the owner/operator of D.C. Linn Construction, Inc., in Landis and served for many years as a member of the Catawba College Board of Trustees' building and grounds committee. He was a member of the board of the Salisbury-Rowan YMCA and served on the steering committee that led the drive to raise \$3.3 million to build the South Rowan YMCA. He was also a member of the board of Rowan Regional Medical Center and was instrumental in the

expansion of that facility. He served on the boards of directors of Merchants and Farmers Bank (now First Charter Bank), the Landis Home Savings and Loan Association (now Bank of the Carolinas) and the Linn-Corriher Corporation. For his work in historic preservation, including the Salisbury Depot and the Meroney Theatre in Salisbury, he was honored by the Historic Salisbury Foundation with its prestigious Clement Cup. Catawba College honored him in 2000 with its Exemplary Life Service Award.

He was married to Frances Cress Linn '51 who died several days after he did. They were preceded in death by son Stephen Linn. They were parents of two daughters, Susan Norvell and Ellen Messinger, both of Salisbury, N.C., and four grandchildren.

### **Gaye Alley McClure of Huntersville, N.C., died Jan. 29.**

A native of Troutman, N.C., she enjoyed a long career as a teacher, teaching for a year at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School in Kannapolis, N.C., and later teaching for 30 years at Palmetto Elementary in Miami, Fla.

She was preceded in death in 2002 by husband John McClure. Survivors include daughters Deborah Ryon and Pamela McClure of Huntersville; sister Carolyn Ruby of Charlotte, N.C.; brother Frank Alley of Kannapolis, N.C.; and a granddaughter.

### **Sarah Delane Reece of Mooresville, N.C., died April 30.**

She was a retired English and Bible teacher for the Mooresville Graded School District. After her retirement, she taught English at Mooresville Christian Academy. She was an active member of her church, Central United Methodist in Mooreville, where she taught Sunday school for 50 years. She was also active with the Iredell Council on Aging.

She was preceded in death by husband June Kelly Reece. Survivors include daughter Janet Moore of Mt. Ulla, N.C., three grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

### **James C. Senter of Albemarle, N.C., died several years ago.**

### **Leona Massey Snider of Salisbury, N.C., died Feb. 23.**

She was a teacher in Rowan county and Orange County schools and served as principal of Hillsborough Elementary School. She was a lifetime member of Trading Ford Baptist Church where served as a Sunday school teacher and church treasurer.

She was predeceased in 2004 by husband Dr. William "Bill" Henry Snider. Survivors include son Kensell

Reece Snider of Lexington, N.C.; daughters Keven Snider Yates '91 and Kyna Snider Foster '89, both of Salisbury; brothers Elon Massey of Salisbury and Herman Massey '47 of Spartanburg, S.C.; and seven grandchildren.

## 1950

### **Frederick Alexander Fisher of Willis, Texas, died Feb. 5.**

A native of Salisbury, he played in the N.C. Shrine Bowl Football game. At Catawba, he was an outstanding member of the football team, playing in the first two games of the original Tangerine Bowl (now the Citrus Bowl) in Orlando, Fla. While in college, he began an upholstery company that later became Fisher Athletic Equipment, selling products to high school, college and professional football teams.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and then returned to Salisbury, N.C., to operate his business until he sold the company. He was a tireless advocate for mentally handicapped children in N.C.

He and his first wife, Rebecca Cruse Fisher, shared three children together, Dawn Fisher Clancy, Charles Fisher and George Fisher. He is survived by his second wife, Margie Fisher; stepchildren Tania Farris Lingor and Bobby Nelson; six grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Jim Edmiston.

### **M.L. Koontz of Cheraw, S.C., died in late December 2008.**

A U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, he served in the Civil Air Patrol following the war. He was a registered mechanical engineer and a successful entrepreneur who started and owned several businesses in North and South Carolina. He was a member of First Baptist Church where he served as a trustee, Sunday school teacher and a member of the Berean Sunday School class.

Active in his community, he served on the Cheraw Town Council for 13 years and the Chesterfield County School Board for six years. He also served as a Commissioner of Electors for Chesterfield County and as a member of the Advisory Committee of Chesterfield-Marlboro Technical College. He was founder and past-president of the Cheraw Rotary Club, past-president of the Jr. Chamber of Commerce, the Cheraw Chamber of Commerce and the Civitan Club, and was a member of the Lions Club and the Gideons. He was a Mason and a Shriner. He was a former trustee of the Bethea Baptist Home, the Garden City Chapel, and the McLeod Regional Medical Center in Florence, S.C. He served as a board member for several banks, including South Carolina National Bank, Wachovia Bank, and

Peoples Federal Bank.

Survivors include his wife of 49 years, Frances Grace Flowers Koontz; son Andy Koontz; daughter Grayson Watson; five grandchildren; and sister Mel Abel of Bradenton, Fla.

## 1951

### **Frances Cress Linn of Landis, N.C., died Jan. 21.**

She was a homemaker and had worked with her husband of 58 years, the late Duard Columbus "D.C." Linn, Jr., '49 in the construction business at D.C. Linn, Inc. for many years as a bookkeeper. She was a life member of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 146 in Landis. In retirement, she and her husband visited every continent in the world and often took their entire family on these trips.

She was married to Duard Columbus "D.C." Linn '49 who died several days before she did. They were preceded in death by son Stephen Linn. They were parents of two daughters, Susan Norvell and Ellen Messenger, both of Salisbury, N.C., and four grandchildren.

### **Fred S. Hart of Virginia Beach, Va., has died.**

He had been employed as a supervisor for court services by the Virginia Beach, Va., Social Services Department.

He was married to the late Celeste Smith Hart '48 and the two were parents of two adult children, Christy and Gregory.

## 1952

### **Harold King Cline of Mooresville, N.C., died May 5.**

A veteran of the U.S. Army, he served during World War II from Nov. 24, 1942 to Jan. 29, 1946 in the 84th Infantry Division - 325th FA BN - HQ BTRY Railsplitters Division. He fought in the Battle of the Bulge and remained and active member of the Railsplitter Society where he served on the Executive Board. After college, he taught and coached at Biscoe High School and then at Hendersonville High School until 1965. He later worked for Horace Mann Insurance until his retirement in 1987. After retirement, he worked for Neil Medical Group in Mooresville between 1989 until his death.

Survivors include his wife of 66 years, Helen Sloop Cline; children Barbara Osteen of Davidson, N.C., Donald Cline of Hartford, Tenn., and Beverly Exware of Youngsville, N.C.; four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and brothers Leonard Cline of Sun City Center, Fla., and Kenneth Cline of Concord, N.C.

### **Bruce Edward Owens of Salisbury, N.C., died April 21.**

A U.S. Army veteran, he served during the Korean War. He earned his master's degree in Education from Appalachian State University and had been employed as a public school principal in Mecklenburg County, N.C. He was a member of First United Methodist Church where he was in the Golden Rule Sunday School Class and the Methodist Connection Senior Group. He was a member of the Young at Heart Senior Group at Stallings Memorial Baptist Church. He was a volunteer for Meals on Wheels and a charter member of the Roosters and Hens Club. He was a member of the Cardinal Squares Dance Club in Salisbury and formerly a member of the Swinging Saints in Charlotte, N.C.

He was predeceased by his first wife, Mary Lou Watson Owens. Survivors include his second wife, Alice Ruth Putnam Hamm Owens whom he married in 1998; son Mark Edward Owens of Winston-Salem, N.C.; daughter Emily Jane Owens Cage of Joplin, Mo.; stepsons George Hamm of Salisbury, N.C., Bradley Hamm of Bloomington, Ind., and Benjamin Hamm of Louisville, Ky.; a granddaughter, a grandson, three step-granddaughters and a step-grandson.

## 1954

### **Baxter Hunter Wells, Sr. of Goldsboro, N.C., died April 20.**

A veteran of the Marine Corps, he served during the Korean War. He was awarded the Korea Medal with two stars, Purple Heart, and United Nations and Korean War Service Medals. He was in the Ready Reserves for 10 years. After his graduation from Catawba, he earned his master's degree from East Carolina College in Greenville, N.C. He was parks director in Kinston from 1955 to 1960, director of parks and recreation in Clinton from 1960-1965, and director of parks and recreation in Goldsboro from 1965 to 1990. He served as president of N.C. Recreation and Parks Society in 1970 and held other committee chairmanships and offices within that organization. He served on the National Recreation and Parks Association District Advisory Council for six years.

He had a master fellow certification and was a member of the Goldsboro Rotary Club, serving as its president from 1977 to 1978. He was a Paul Harris Fellow in 1979 and a member of the American Legion. He was a 4-H Club social activities director and a member of the VFW and AAU. He was a lifelong Presbyterian, a youth leader, a Sunday school teacher, Sunday school superintendent, chairman of the board of deacons, elder and

member of Presbyterian Camp and Conference which helped establish Camp Albermarle.

Survivors include wife Alica Rogers Wells; daughters Mitzi Lou Rasberry of Kinston, and Lisa Ann Porter of Cary; son Baxter Hunter Wells, Jr. of Raleigh; four grandchildren; brother Donn A. Wells of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; and sister Connie Joe Wells Flory of Cary.

## 1956

### **George W. J. "Jack" Horton of Fayetteville, N.C., died Dec. 23, 2008.**

He served in the U.S. Navy from 1948 to 1952 and after his discharge earned his undergraduate degree from Catawba and his master's degree from East Carolina University. He completed post-graduate work at UNC Chapel Hill, Duke University, Western Carolina University, N.C. State University and George Washington University.

He enjoyed a career in public education, beginning as a sixth-grade teacher at John Small Elementary School in Washington, N.C. He later served as assistant principal at Washington High School, as principal of Orrum Union School District in Robeson County, and as director of adult education at Fayetteville Technical Community College. In 1969, he became the founding principal of Cape Fear High School and served in that capacity until his retirement in 1983.

Survivors include his three daughters, Melanie Dean Kimsey of Peachtree City, Ga., and Dale Knowles and Carol Pope, both of Fayetteville; sister Elaine Barringer Dorius of High Point; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

### **Johnny Eugene Hughes of China Grove, N.C., died April 11.**

A U.S. Army veteran, he was a member of Lutheran Chapel Church. He was retired from the N.C. Employment Security Commission as a caseworker. He enjoyed raising African violets and other flowers.

Survivors include Heather and Harley Messina; cousins, Robert G. Kimball and wife Gail of Salisbury and Kenneth Raymer of China Grove; and special enduring friend of 50 years, Leo Helfer.

## 1957

### **Frank G. Blackwelder of Lawrenceville, Ga., died Dec. 12, 2008.**

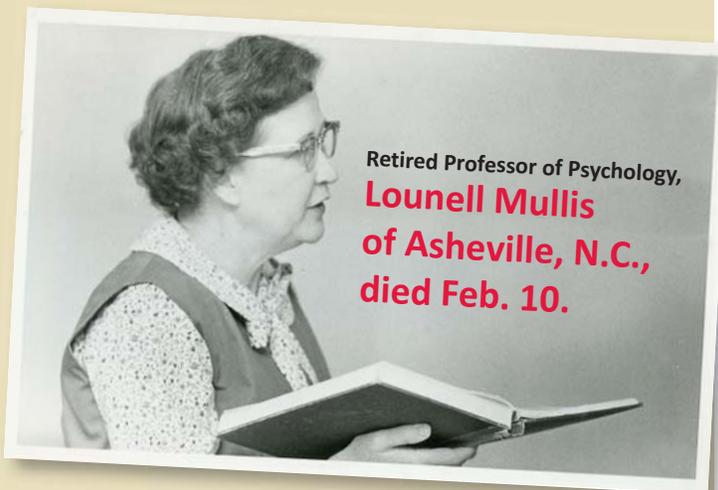
He served during in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was assigned to Company A of the 175th Military Police Battalion in Germany. After

## TWO RETIRED CATAWBA PROFESSORS DIE

### William Edward Gibbons of Kannapolis, N.C., died May 7.

A U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II, he served in Italy with the 15th Army. He earned his bachelor's degree in mathematics from Catawba College and his master's degree from UNC Chapel Hill. He also completed graduate work in advance mathematics from UNC Greensboro. He taught high school mathematics for six years in Rowan County and Charlotte systems, and for 27 years, he was a faculty member in the Catawba College mathematics department, serving for seven of those years as the department chair. After he retired from teaching in 1986, he designed and built many single family houses.

He was predeceased in 2007 by wife Laura Lewis Gibbons. Survivors include daughter Billie Laura Gibbons Almond '68; granddaughter Laura Lee Ann Almond; and sister Mildred Gibbons Brumley, all of Kannapolis.



Retired Professor of Psychology,  
**Lounell Mullis**  
of Asheville, N.C.,  
died Feb. 10.

A native of Harmony, N.C., she earned her bachelor's of science degree in secretarial administration from UNC Greensboro and a master of arts degree from Peabody College. She completed her doctorate at Mississippi State University. She taught Bible and was director of Baptist student activities at Truett-McConnell College from 1948 to 1959. She served as a teacher and dean of women at Bluefield College in Bluefield, Va., between 1959 and 1961, and worked as a teacher at Blue Mountain College in Blue Mountain, Miss., between 1962 and 1964. She joined the faculty at Catawba College in 1964 and retired in 1986 as a professor of psychology. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Asheville and held memberships in Alpha Delta Kappa, Phi Delta Kappa, Kappa Delta Pi, the Council for Exceptional Children and the national and local Association of Retarded Citizens.

Survivors include sister Helen Frost of Asheville; a sister-in-law, two nephews, two nieces, and several great- and great-great-nieces and nephews.

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graduating from Catawba with a degree in chemistry, he attended Florida State University. He was retired from Coca-Cola Company after a career spanning 33 years where he served as principal chemist in the ingredients control laboratory.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Alice Motley Blackwelder; son Brett Blackwelder of Stone Mountain, Ga.; daughter Ellen Blackwelder Powell of Lawrenceville, Ga.; three grandchildren; sister Martha Mills of Centerville, Ga.; brother W.D. Blackwelder of Mooresville, N.C.; and several nieces and nephews.

### Horace O. "Duck" Broome of Patlatka, Fla., died April 14.

A native of Charlotte, he served two years in the U.S. Army after his graduation from Catawba. He enjoyed a long career in the banking industry, serving as president of several banks in Florida.

He is survived by wife Joanne Carter Broome '57.

### 1958

#### Rebecca "Becky" Jane Howell Gilleland of Lincolnton, N.C., died Jan. 17.

After her graduation from Catawba, she earned her graduate degree from UNC Charlotte. She was a teacher at Lincolnton High School for 30 years.

Survivors include her husband of 51 years, John O. Gilleland, Sr. '59; sons John O. Gilleland, Jr. and Jeffrey William Gilleland, both of Lincolnton, and David Gilleland of Mooresville; sister Camellia Howell Wroniewicz of Richmond, Va.; and three grandchildren.

#### Manuel James "Jim" Hardin of Davidson, N.C., died Dec. 18, 2008.

He was preceded in death by wife Ruby Elwood Hardin.

#### Virginia Davis Odom of Salisbury, N.C. died Sept. 26, 2008.

Following her graduation from Catawba, she earned her master's degree in education from UNC Charlotte and was a retired teacher from Rowan-Cabarrus Community College.

Survivors include husband Ernest Odom, Jr.; sons Zane Barton Odom of Salisbury, N.C., and Andrews Davis Odom '89 of Greenville, N.C.; daughter Lorna Odom Ross of Greenville, N.C.; two grandchildren; sisters Marie Braswell, Jean Eagle and Ruth Watson.

#### Paul Joe Plyler of Statesville, N.C., died April 25.

He was the president of Plyler Men's Clothing in Statesville.

Survivors include wife Jeannette, children Jay and Wendy, and brother Leroy Plyler '66.

### 1959

#### Robert M. Burton of Raleigh, N.C., died April 23.

He was retired with over 30 years of service as a physicist with the Environmental Protection Agency in Research Triangle Park. He was a member of Good Shepherd U.C.C. in Cary, N.C., from 1988 to 2004, where he served as moderator, deacon and chairman of the building committee for the church sanctuary, as well as many other committees. At the time of his death, he was a member of First Reformed Church of Cary, N.C.

Survivors include his wife of 48 years, Elizabeth Arey Burton; daughter Angela O'Connell; son Jeffrey Burton; sister, Jane B. Glass of Palm City, Fla.; brother Samuel A. Burton of Lowell, N.C.; and two grandsons.

### 1960

#### Agnes B. Bowen of New Bern, N.C., formerly of Salisbury, N.C., died April 17.

A native of Worcester, Mass., she was an educator with the Davidson County school system for 30 years.

Survivors include her husband of 63 years, Merle F. Bowen; daughters Linda Huson of New Bern, N.C., and Marsha Lyman of Williamsburg, Va.; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

### 1961

#### Larry Moody Parrish of Salisbury, N.C. died March 4.

A native of Rowan County, he graduated from Catawba with a triple major. He later earned his master's of business administration degree from UNC Charlotte. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and was retired from Met Life in Salisbury. After his retirement, he worked as an interim nursing home director across North Carolina. He was active in St. John's Lutheran Church where he served on the church council, the property board, stewardship board, worship board, Lutheran Services for the Aging Foundation, Eagle's Nest Shelter Home, the call committee and the usher team.

Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Nancy Eagle Parrish '75; son Delwin Parrish of Charlotte; daughter Jodi Plyler of Rockwell; and two grandchildren.

**George S. Rush of Columbia, S.C., died Oct. 29, 2008.**

He was the founder of the Rush's restaurant chain with eight locations around Columbia, S.C. In 2006, the South Carolina Hospitality Association named him its restaurateur of the year.

**1963**

**Dallas Keith Campbell of Springfield, Va., died Nov. 29.**

A native of High Point, N.C., he attended Catawba on a football scholarship, graduating with a degree in business administration. Immediately after college, he was a field and sales rep for Atlantic Richfield, Hess Oil and General Foods with sales territories in the Carolinas, Upstate New York and Virginia. He had co-owned a gas service station and had been a union millwright. In the mid-1970s, he founded DKC Construction, a company headquartered in Northern Virginia that

specialized in welding, steel erection, equipment installation and stairways and railing.

He is survived by his wife, Joan McKinney of Springfield, Va., a brother, James Campbell of Greensboro, and by several nieces and nephews.

**Walter H. Oldham of Bear Creek, N.C., died March 14.**

After his graduation from Catawba, he sold Caterpillar bulldozers and then worked as a bulldozer operator. Later, he began farming and spent his time raising cattle and chickens.

Survivors include wife Chris R. Oldham; daughters Sandy Johnson of Siler City, N.C., and Lisa Oldham of Aberdeen, N.C.; sister Wilsie Dalton of Blackstone, Va.; and brothers Tommie Oldham of Robbins, N.C., Charlie Oldham of Bear Creek, N.C., and Russell Oldham of Siler City, N.C.

**Martha Smith Power of Lexington, N.C. died Jan. 23.**

She taught school at Central Davidson High School for 20 years and was named Davidson County Teacher of the Year in 1975. She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma Sorority. A life-long member of Mt. Tabor United Church of Christ, she held many offices in the church and the Conference. She was a member and past president of Lexington Woman's Club, and a lifetime member of the N.C. Federation of Woman's Clubs, past president of the American Cancer Society, Lexington office and past president of the local community concert series.

Survivors include husband Jack Power; daughters Beverly Gobble '76 of Salisbury, N.C. and Ramona Robertson of Archdale; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; brother Max Smith of Lexington; sisters Joyce Verner of Archdale; Shirley Koontz of Lenoir, N.C., and Janice Abernathy of Lexington.

**Donald Ray Sloop of Wilmington, N.C., died March 5.**

A native of Salisbury, he served in the Air Force Reserve from 1963 to 1968. During this same time, he worked for the U.S. Department of Social Security Administration. In 1968, he began employment with the U.S. Department of Labor as a wage and hour compliance officer until his retirement in 1960.

He is survived by his wife, Scottie Basinger Sloop; daughter Angela Sloop Parham of Wilmington; granddaughter Hannah Parham of Wilmington; and a sister, Joan Hartsell '66 of Salisbury.

**1966**

**Marion L. Hamilton of Salisbury, N.C., died Jan. 17, 2009.**

He began his career at Doctor's Building Drug Company and later worked for National Starch and Chemical Company, where he retired in 2004 as senior quality control analyst and lab supervisor. He had been a member of Corbin Hills and the Warrior Golf Clubs as well as the Civitans and the Moose Lodge. He served Dunn's Mountain Baptist Church as a greeter, counter and usher. He enjoyed golf, gardening and traveling.

He was predeceased by an infant son, Terry Wayne Hamilton. Survivors include wife Carol Williams Hamilton whom he married in 1987; daughters Jennifer King Burroughs of Salisbury, N.C., Sheila King Witt of China Grove, N.C., and Susan King Black of Mooresville, N.C.; son David Bradley Hamilton of Salisbury, N.C.; brother Larry Hamilton of Mocksville, N.C.; five grandchildren.

**Sally Prosser Kuhnert of Lancaster, Pa., died Sept. 19, 2008.**

She graduated from Catawba and earned her master's degree from Millersville University. She was employed as a teacher at Elizabethtown High School for 12 years and then was a math tutor for Manheim Township students for many years.

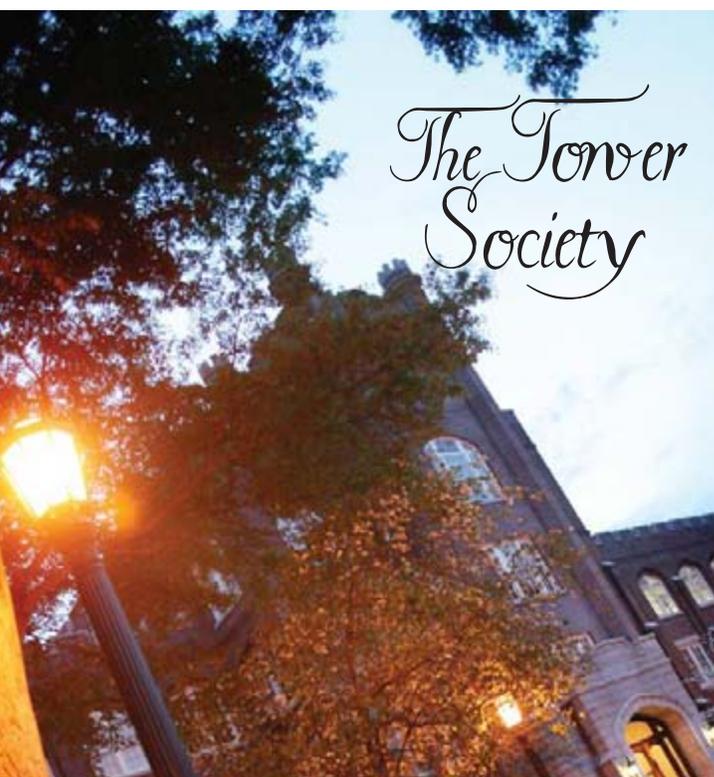
A member of First Presbyterian Church in Lancaster, she enjoyed swimming, sudoku puzzles, taking walks and spending time at the beach.

She is survived by her husband of 38 years, Richard F. Kuhnert, and a sister, Beth Coulter of Homer Glen, Ill.

**1970**

**Kathryn M. Enos of Laramie, Wyoming, formerly of Paulsboro, N.J., died Feb. 15.**

Survivors include brother Joseph H. Enos, Jr. of Paulsboro, N.J., a niece, a nephew and two grandnephews.



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## { IN MEMORIAM WITH APOLOGIES }

Editor's Note: Catawba College Alumnus Dolan Hubbard '71 of Timonium, Md., took the time in late November 2007 to send along information about the death of his classmate and former college roommate, Vincent J. Withers '72. This writer can remember typing up the information for inclusion in the then upcoming edition of CAMPUS, but somehow the news of Vincent's death was not included. It was only after Dolan asked about Vincent's obituary, that we realized the error. It is with our sincere apologies that we belatedly offer the sad news and pause to give thanks for Vincent's full and rich life.

### Vincent Jerome "Larry" Withers '72 of Charlotte died Nov. 21, 2007

An English major at Catawba College, he was the first editor of the student newspaper, "The Pioneer," and a member of the Catawba College School Chorus. Later, in 1993, he was tapped to serve on his alma mater's alumni association.

He taught in the Iredell County School System following his Catawba graduation, then was employed at Stokes County Department of Social Services in Danbury, N.C. He retired from the Mecklenburg County Transportation Department in Charlotte, N.C. He began a second career after retirement by starting up his own company, "The Write Way," where he developed plans and helped organizations write grants.

At an early age, he joined Withers Chapel United Methodist Church and was active in the choirs and other auxiliaries of the church. He later joined Scott's Chapel UMC in Statesville, N.C. After moving to Charlotte, he became a member of Plaza United Methodist Church where he participated in the men's chorus and gospel choir.

He was married to the former Gail Henderson and they had two children, Emily Withers Kearns of Little Rock, Ark., and Jeffrey Withers of Pinehurst, N.C. He later married Colleen Holdsclaw of Statesville. In addition to his children, survivors include sister Karen Mitchell of Pine Hall, N.C.; brothers Terry Withers of Madison, N.C., and Britt Stinson of Greensboro, N.C.; four grandchildren; a grandmother; a step-mother; four aunts; two uncles; and a host of cousins.

## Magical Recycled Rising Risers

Theatre-goers who attended Catawba's "An Evening of Magical Song" in April probably did not realize that the production's set was the result of a large recycle/reuse materials project. Steel shelving and work tables salvaged after the closing of local Carter Chair/Carter Furniture in Salisbury were donated to the Theatre Arts Department and used to create custom-made, curved, tiered chorale risers. If purchased, those risers would have cost between \$20,000 and \$30,000.



## Catawba College goes Carnegie Hall!



The Catawba College Singers, under the direction of Paul E. Oakley had the privilege of performing at Carnegie Hall on March 8th.

## { IN MEMORIAM CONTINUED }

### 1976

**John A. Hervochon of Washington Township, N.J., formerly of Harrington Park and Cherry Hill, N.J., died Feb. 8.**

After graduation from Catawba, he worked for Cumberland Mutual Insurance Co. in Bridgeton, N.J., where over the course of 30 years employment, he rose to the position of chief financial officer and executive vice president. He enjoyed golf and cheering for the Philadelphia Eagles.

He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Sally A. Woodruff Hervochon, and son Christopher Hervochon.

### 1981

**Mary Ann Unanue-Quinones of Pinecrest, Fla., formerly of Alpine and Bogota, N.J., died Feb. 22.**

She was the former president of Goya Foods of Miami, Fla., and had served as a member of the Board of Visitors at Catawba College. She was active in many charities and missions.

Survivors include husband Xavier Quinones; parents Joseph and Carmen Unanue; children Raquel, Alex, Phillip and Amanda Quinones; sisters Mari, Mimi and Maribel Unanue; and brother Joey Unanue.

### 1985

**Craig G. Boyce of Salisbury, Md., died March 20.**

He had worked for Pigg Krahel Stern & Co. C.P.A. in Hebron, Md.

Survivors include wife Joni, son Ryan, and daughter Rebecca Leigh.

### 1998

**Heather Suzanne Stewart of Granite Falls, N.C., died Feb. 14, 2009.**

Survivors include her parents, Edward Stewart and Cheryl Doege Stewart, and a brother, Daniel Stewart, all of Granite Falls, N.C.

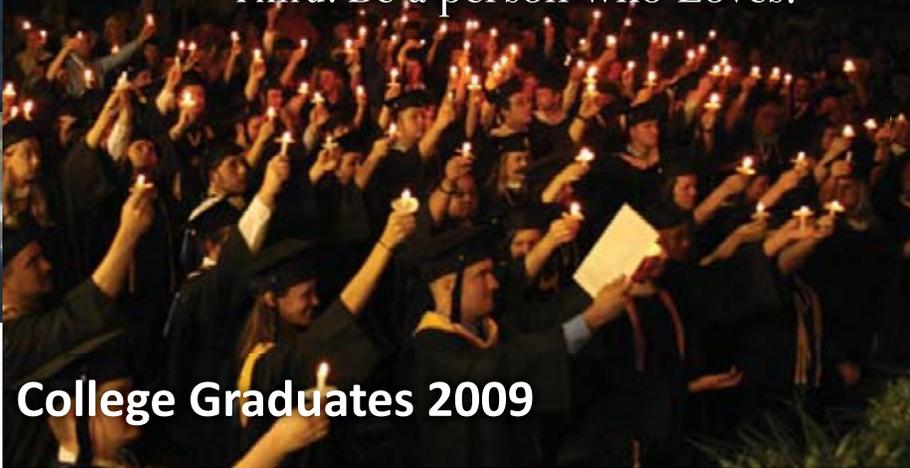
### 1999

**Heather Brooks Carmichael of Conway, S.C., formerly of Pittsburgh, Pa., died Dec. 3, 2008.**

She is survived by husband Nicholas D. Carmichael, daughter Clara Ann Carmichael; mother Nancy A. Brooks, father and step-mother, John W. and Beverly Brooks; sisters Wendy Barr and Ashley L. Brooks; her grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins.



*First: Be a person of Hope.  
 Second: Be a person of Faith.  
 Third: Be a person who Loves.*



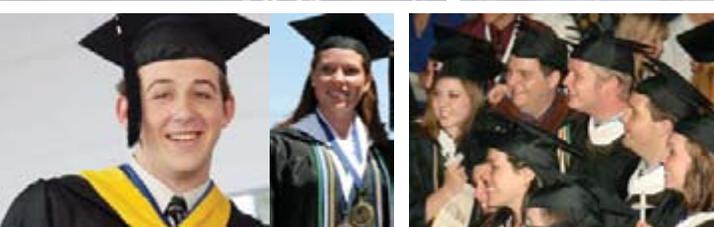
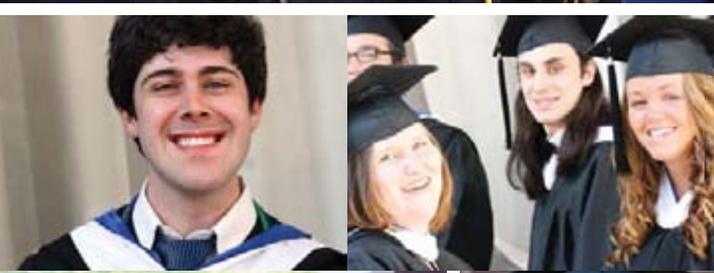
**Congratulations Catawba College Graduates 2009**



**Discovery Day 2009**

Members of the incoming Class of 2013 were welcomed at Catawba's Annual Discovery Day, April 18th.

**As we say goodbye to one class,  
 we say hello to another.**



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**Join us Oct. 2 - 4, 2009**  
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Friday night brings us **The Ugly Bug Ball** and the  
**Blue Masque Hall of Fame Reception and Induction.**

Late 1960s Catawba student band **The Studs**  
are reuniting to entertain you during the  
post-football game **Shrimp Boil and Block Party.**

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