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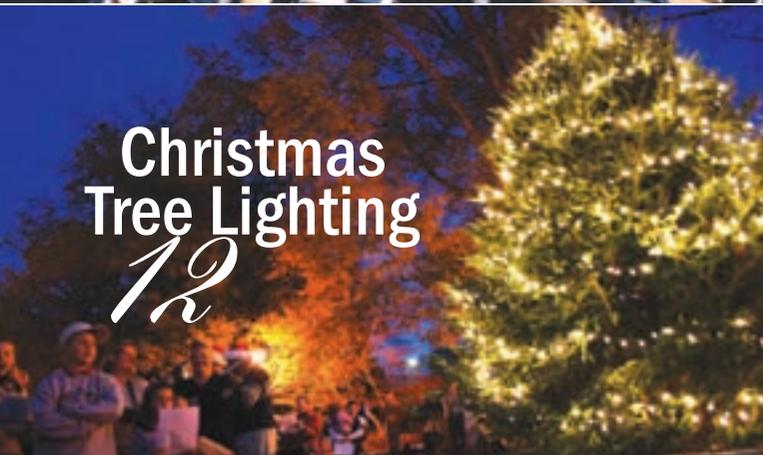
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# Update on Catawba's presidential search

**S**ince the August announcement of Catawba College President's plans to retire at the end of the 2007-2008 academic year, progress has been made in finding his successor. Dr. Robert Knott will wrap up six years as the 20th president of the institution when he retires in May.

In the months since Knott's announcement, a Presidential Search Committee, chaired by Trustee Paul Fisher and vice-chair, Trustee Darlene Ball, worked to identify the consulting firm which would lead the College through this process. RPA, Inc. of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, an executive search firm specializing in recruiting for higher education and non-profit organizations, was selected in early fall and began work in earnest.

RPA, Inc. visited campus in late October and conducted on-site assessments with trustees, faculty, staff and students. Shortly thereafter, an advertisement soliciting candidates for Catawba's 21st president ran in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. In tandem with the advertisement, the Search Committee worked with RPA, Inc. to

develop a full position description and institutional profile which are now posted on the RPA, Inc. website at [www.rpainc.org/post/catawbaprofile.pdf](http://www.rpainc.org/post/catawbaprofile.pdf). On the homepage of the College's website, there is also a prominent link where news and information about the search process is available to all interested constituents, <http://www.catawba.edu/president/>.

So far, 48 candidates have expressed an interest in Catawba's presidency and the deadline for expressing interest is December 18. The Search Committee will begin a review of all interested candidates on December 21.

As the Search Committee continues its work to narrow down the candidates to finalists, Board of Trustees Chairman Tom E. Smith asks all constituencies of the College for their ongoing support. He requests that nominations for a particular candidate or feedback for the committee be directed to Carolyn Peeler, executive assistant to the Search Committee, who will make sure that the input is funneled appropriately. Carolyn can be reached via phone at 704-637-4394 or by e-mail at [cpeeler@catawba.edu](mailto:cpeeler@catawba.edu).



## Library renovation nears completion;

## Cannon Student Center construction going strong

Staff and collections of Catawba's Corriher-Linn-Black Library will move back to their renovated space over the College's Christmas holidays which begin December 17. The library will reopen January 7.

The return of staff and collections comes after a year-long renovation period in which library employees and collections were relocated to the second floor of Hoke Hall and four mobile units.

Ramsey, Burgin and Smith Architects, Inc. of Salisbury, oversaw the library renovations which capitalized on its

Thoughts on  
**The power of “word of mouth”**

by  
**DR. J. MICHAEL BITZER**  
*Dean of Admissions*



**O**t was late one fall Friday afternoon, the week following a very large attendance at one of Catawba’s Open Houses, when I walked into our Welcome Center and met a father and daughter who were visiting our campus. After chatting with them for a few minutes, I asked them where they were from and how they happened upon Catawba.

The father replied that they live in Apex, N.C., just outside of Raleigh, and that Catawba wasn’t even on their radar screen until he was talking with some friends. His friends spoke so highly of the school that the father and daughter had to come and visit the campus to see if all the comments about the school were true. Only later did he find out that his friends were alumni of Catawba.

In marketing and advertising, “word of mouth” is as precious as gold or oil nowadays. But when it comes from those who truly experienced and benefited, the power of “word of mouth” expands to credibility. In today’s competitive environment for prospective college students, this component of a college’s recruiting strategy is akin to an “art.” While a college’s admissions office can have all the scientific and expert analysis in planning recruiting strategies, it is often “word of mouth,” especially of those who benefited and excelled from a collegiate experience, that can be the most powerful movers and attractors for a prospective student and their family when selecting a college.

As the new dean of admissions here at Catawba, I have used the outcomes of our alumni—from those who have attended some of the top graduate programs in their fields to those who are leaders in their professional areas—as one of the key descriptors of what Catawba College provides.

Catawba’s alumni have been critical and important factors in attracting quality students to Catawba. From alumni participating in receptions this fall in Charlotte, Raleigh, and Greensboro, and those planned for the spring in Wilmington and Atlanta, prospective students and their families always comment back to me that they enjoy meeting and talking with alumni to see what kind of difference Catawba made in their lives.

It is this impact in our students’, and ultimately alumni, lives that truly defines Catawba’s mission of providing “an education rich in personal attention.” As a faculty member for the past five years, I have had the pleasure of seeking to uphold that mission. From having classes of two to thirty-two, I tell prospective students that I not only get to know my students, but I get to know them extremely well—and then challenge them to pursue their best. For all of us—faculty, staff, and coaches—Catawba’s strength remains its size. And our alumni confirm that it is the experience and connections with individuals that make their time on campus so unique, and that our alumni take this with them throughout their professional lives.

One area that we here on campus have truly benefited from alumni excelling in their professional careers has been directly in our admissions office. Over the summer, we were able to bring three young Catawba alumnae on board as admissions counselors: Beth Buford, a 2006 graduate in communications arts; Meredith Fox, a 2007 graduate in theatre; and, Brittany Taber, a 2007 graduate in communications arts. These three young ladies, along with another recent hire, Salisbury native Jeff Applewhite (who is married to a Catawba graduate), and the

rest of our admissions team, have brought such an energy and enthusiasm that some on campus have nicknamed them “the Dream Team.” From watching all of the staff in admissions and financial aid over the past few months, I would lend my support to that endorsement.

People make a difference, but so too does the combination of many other factors. The great success of the Catawba football team and all of our athletic teams this fall, the opening of the new Abernethy Village and its five residency halls, and the pending completion of renovations to the Corriher-Linn-Black Library and the Cannon Student Center, have made a significant impact on what we are able to present to students who consider becoming Catawba students.

Success in the classroom, on the athletic field, and on campus generates an environment of energy—and prospective students pick up on that. All of these aspects have brought considerable attention to Catawba College—and the recognition is deserved. In late August, we received word that U.S. News & World Report ranked Catawba College as the 16th “Best Baccalaureate College in the South,” a jump of seven spots over the previous year’s ranking. Of course, rankings don’t mean everything, but this jump means, in my opinion, something good is being recognized by those outside of Salisbury. And prospective students are beginning to notice as well.

Just this past June, we printed over 17,000 viewbooks that we send to inquiring students who ask for more information on Catawba College. By the beginning of October, we had exhausted that supply and reprinted more. At our October Open House, we had to utilize Keppel Auditorium, normally used for graduation ceremonies, to accommodate over 300 visiting students and their families. And as of now, we are currently on the way to a record number of applications from interested students, seeking the best of what Catawba College has to offer.

So what does all of this mean? As someone who studies campaigns, elections, and voting behavior (or as one of my colleagues described it, voting misbehavior), I have learned as a political analyst never to be 100 percent sure of an election until all the votes are counted. While our “early” polls are showing some great numbers, the deciding time will be those students who become members of Catawba’s Class of 2012 next August. But the early primaries and caucuses are looking positive, and I want to express my sincere appreciation to all—from our alumni who share their good experiences with prospective students in their communities, to the Catawba campus family who make the experience a reality. Alumni who speak on behalf of their alma mater may not realize it, but the impact that they make on a prospective student and their family may just lead to another future Catawba alumnus arriving on campus next August.

Until then, those of us on the “Dream Team”—and I count everyone, from our current students, faculty, staff, trustees, to alumni, as part of our Admissions team—will continue to work hard to ensure that these positive trends turn into reality for Catawba College.

Oh, and when the father and daughter from Apex concluded their visit here that late fall Friday afternoon, the father told me that everything he had heard about Catawba was true. Just another vote of support for our candidate.



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existing tall ceilings, large windows and open public spaces.

The gutting of the library and subsequent environmental abatement was the first order of business in the renovation; this was completed in late March. Installation of new stud walls and sheetrock were then followed by cosmetic touches of paint and carpet. Part of the renovation was also the installation of high density or compact shelving for the library's collections which optimized the building's limited square footage.

Other renovation features include the creation of an information commons, more attractive seating, the addition of more computers, a library instruction lab, a reading area, collaborative learning spaces, and a coffee and drink area in the lobby.

While library renovations were underway, a new asphalt parking lot was installed adjacent to the building. It created 17 additional parking spaces for residential students on campus.

Phase I and II of the Cannon Student Center renovation have been completed and Phase III, the addition of a one-story wing to the Center, is now underway. Completion of the addition is expected in May.

College administrators have worked on this project with the Winston-Salem architect Larry Robb and the project manager, Knoxville, Tennessee-based Lawler Woods,

Phase I of the renovation began in May and was completed in late July. It revamped the wing of the Center which houses the Student Affairs offices, enclosed and updated Adams Loft, and renovated and expanded the College bookstore.

Phase II of the Cannon Student Center renovation is now completed. It included the renovation of Leonard Lounge, a large common space in the center of the building and the renovation of McCorkles. Furniture for Leonard Lounge should be delivered at the end of November and McCorkles Grill will come on line with the beginning of spring semester in January.

Phase III of the Cannon Student Center renovation, a 7,000 square foot addition off the back west wing of the facility, is underway. This addition will house the post office (now temporarily relocated in a mobile unit), the Lerner Wellness Center with a new aerobics space, the Hurley Room, an executive dining area, and a small kitchenette.

In tandem with Phase III, the dining hall on the lower level of the building will be reconfigured to create more intimate, less institutional, dining space. Catawba's food service provider, Chartwells, a division of Compass, Inc., has worked with architect Larry Robb to develop a new design and layout.



## NEW SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED IN HONOR OF CHARLES E. LITTLE '64



Catawba College Alumnus Larry Beightol '64 of Fayetteville, Ark., wanted to do something special for his friend of close to 50 years, Charlie Little '64 of Salisbury, and he knew it had to be something to do with Catawba College. It was Catawba College after all that cemented Beightol's friendship with Little, a friendship that was born back in their home state of Pennsylvania.

Beightol and his wife, Marian '66, decided to establish a scholarship at the College in honor of Little. Preference for the Charles E. Little Scholarship Fund will be given to an offensive lineman of good character, ability and team leadership, in short, a student who exhibits many of the same qualities Beightol's friend did when he was a student athlete at Catawba.

"The reason we are doing this is that Charlie does so much for the school and for the athletic teams that I felt like somebody needed to stand up for him," Beightol said. "He's done so much for football and the Chief's Club, which takes care of all of Catawba's athletic teams, and he's been a dear friend for well over 40 years.

"We are from the same area of Pennsylvania and played in the East-West Pennsylvania All-Star Game together. We were in same [graduating] class, had many of the same friends, we loved our coaches, and we love Catawba."

Beightol describes Little like this: "He's a big old bear of a guy, but he has the heart of a lion – he wants to help and give. He's a terrific, terrific person."

Ask Charlie Little what he has to say about the scholarship established in his honor and he grows quiet. He is a modest man, more comfortable with the focus placed on others, rather than on him. He simply says news of the scholarship made him feel "very humble." But stop talking scholarship and start talking about football and his fellow players and friends, and Little is his normal talkative self, explains his wife, Phyllis '66.

Larry Beightol and Charlie Little were two of a half dozen young men from western Pennsylvania who saw football and the college education it allowed them to pursue as a way to stay out of the coal mines and steel mills of Pennsylvania. Although their hometowns were only 50 miles apart, they dreamed similar dreams as high school football players -- Beightol hailed from Windburne, Pa., while Altoona, Pa., was Little's hometown. Both Beightol and Little were recruited to play lineman at Catawba and their team was the only group that won a conference championship in the 1960s.

"Catawba's a wonderful place, I mean to tell you," Beightol explains. "I loved my teammates and loved my coaches – Stratton, Moir and Maphis – all men of great character whom we idolized. And I love the guys I played football with – Bucky Pope '64, Bill McDevitt '64, Ron Nicewonger '64, Charlie Little '64, Bryan Applefield '66, Roy Diviney '64, Butch Moore '64; Andy Peretin '64; Charlie Belcher '64; Joe Zapotoczny '64, Gene Appler '65 and David "Soupy" Campbell '66."

Both Little and Beightol came to Catawba on scholarships, earned degrees, enjoyed successful careers, married North Carolina girls, and are now enjoying retirement. Little, who majored in physical education, spent a long and productive teaching and coaching career, mostly at Salisbury and Burlington Williams High Schools. Beightol enjoyed a long and productive career working first as a college football coach at William and Mary, North Carolina State University and Arkansas, and then later in the NFL as an offensive line coach with the New York Jets, the Miami Dolphins, the Houston Oilers, the Green Bay Packers, the San Diego Chargers, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, the Atlanta Falcons, and the Detroit Lions.

"When you get into the coaching business, especially in college," Beightol noted, "there's a lot of travel and it does take away from your family sometime because you're moving. My wife Marian and my daughter, Kristin, supported me with the moves. Marian also managed to have her own successful teaching career, teaching students in six different states. I call the NFL the "not for long league," but I feel like the 23 years I had there was a good run."

Although Beightol and his wife return to Salisbury for Catawba home games as often as they can, they know their good friends Charlie Little and wife Phyllis are keeping tabs on everything Catawba in their absence. Little started the Catawba's Gridiron Club which assists in non-budgeted projects for football; he was one of four individuals who spearheaded a grassroots effort to raise funds to light the renovated Shuford Stadium; and he assists in the painting of the Catawba "C" on the field before each home football game.

"What you have with Larry and Charlie is a wonderful example of a Catawba friendship that has withstood the test of time," explained Catawba Senior Vice President Tom Childress. "The scholarship Larry and Marian established not only honors Charlie, but makes sure that there's a Charlie in Catawba's future who will also have a chance to pursue a college education while playing their beloved game of football."

The Catawba College Bookstore held its grand opening at ribbon cutting Thursday, Nov. 15. L-R Bookstore Manager, Cindy Most, President, Dr. Robert Knott, SGA President Richard Dunbar, and Follett representatives, Jim Cope and Howard Taylor.



Renovated Bookstore Celebrates Grand Opening



# FAMILY ESTABLISHES SCHOLARSHIP AS MEMORIAL

**T**he family of Robert “Bob” Miller III, a 1955 alumnus of Catawba College, has established a scholarship at the institution in his memory. Preference for the Robert B. Miller III Endowed Scholarship will be given to eligible members of the College’s men’s basketball team.

This scholarship is being established by his wife, Tippie Miller, his son, Robert J. “Bobby” Miller, a 1985 Wake Forest University graduate, and his daughter, Sharon Miller Earnhardt, a 1987 graduate of Catawba College.

“Catawba was very important to Bob, and our family establishing this scholarship is a result of his connection here and the importance of athletics to him, in particular the basketball program of which he was a part of during his college years,” explains Bob’s wife, Tippie.

The late Bob Miller, a native of Salisbury, attended Catawba on a partial academic scholarship while working his way through school. He majored in business and played basketball at Catawba under the late Coach Earl Ruth. He died Sept. 15, 2001 after a long battle against cancer.

“Catawba College is not only an educational institution; but also the setting for establishing lifelong friendships. Catawba forms units not by blood but by friends, and I am fortunate to have inherited those Catawba friends from Bob,” Tippie explains. “I could tell who knew Bob by what they called him,” she continues. “His nickname in high school was ‘Wah Wah,’ but was shortened to just ‘Wah’ by his close friends when he came to Catawba.”

Among those Catawba classmates of Bob’s who knew him as ‘Wah’ and continue to remain close friends of Tippie and her family are Jack Ward ’51, Larry Taylor ’52, Bill Peeler ’54 and his wife, the former Eleanor LeVan ’53, and the late Bill Lippard ’53. “We are truly blessed by these friendships,” Tippie says.

Bob’s business degree from Catawba led to his association with a number of family-owned businesses run by John and Paul Carter: Carter Brothers Furniture, Carter Index, Carter Chair Corporation, and lastly, Carolina Color Corporation where he served as secretary/treasurer until his retirement in 1999.

“Bob was the personification of a very quiet

strength. He was not a ‘me’ person, he was a ‘you’ person. He never wanted attention drawn to himself,” she explains. “He is probably remembered most for his friendliness, interests in sports, and devotion to both his work and his family.” When one of his Catawba buddies was asked for a one word description of Bob, he quickly said, “friend.”

Bob was a dedicated sports fan, interested in practically all college and professional sports, most notably Catawba College athletics. “We followed the Catawba football games wherever they were being played at home and away,” Tippie remembers.

Bob was an avid Carolina Panthers fan and Charlotte Hornets fan as well. “We would travel to Charlotte for some 12 Panther games and 52 Hornets games each year,” she continues.

He coached Little League Baseball for St. John’s Lutheran Church, and Pony League Baseball for Harold B. Jarrett during Bobby’s playing years. He also participated in local Industrial softball leagues up into his mid-forties.

Bob was both a high school and college basketball official across the State of North Carolina for over 20 years, in addition to conducting officiating clinics. He would work the Blue White games at Catawba when Sam Moir was head basketball coach. Being an alumnus of Catawba, he was prohibited from officiating their regular games. Bob was one of the last officials to wear high top referee shoes. His fellow officials had his last pair of high tops bronzed after he stopped officiating with a plaque that reads: “Thank You for You.”

Tippie says her husband was “an invested parent” whose time away from work was “totally family time.” “All of our activities centered around Bobby and Sharon as they were growing up, and they, in turn, made him the center of their lives during his battle with cancer.”

Tippie credits their children, Bobby and Sharon, their son-in-law, Dave, their grandson, Chase, and numerous family friends with helping extend Bob’s life and improve the quality of it during his struggle with cancer.

During Bob’s treatment for cancer, Tippie remembers, he witnessed another patient upset because he was having financial difficulties purchasing his cancer drugs. “That affected Bob so deeply that that day, we went to the



The late Bob Miller & wife, Tippie

bank and set up a fund, Rowan County Cancer Support Fund, which assists cancer patients in financial crisis with the purchase of their medications. “Again, he was not a ‘me’ person, but a ‘you’ person,” Tippie says.

Tippie Miller, through her continued support of Catawba, pays a fine tribute to her late husband. She took his place on the Catawba College Chiefs Club Board and is now serving as its president. “It was an honor to be asked to ‘fill his shoes,’ ” she says, “and I hope to serve the College well.”

All three of Bob Miller’s sisters also graduated from Catawba, including Mary Catherine Taylor ’57 of Hickory and her husband, Dr. W. Clyde Taylor Jr. ’54, Elizabeth Miller Horton ’61 of Winston-Salem and her late husband, John A. Horton Jr. ’54, and Linda Miller Price ’64 of Hillsborough.

“What a wonderful, happy couple they were,” Catawba Senior Vice President Tom Childress said of Tippie Miller and her late husband, Bob. “In many ways, Bob still lives on at Catawba and in the community through her presence and efforts. I can’t think of a more wonderful way to honor someone you loved so dearly than to continue to do the things that meant so much to them – like Tippie has done for Bob at Catawba.”

# Griffith Endowment is a tribute to beloved professor



Those who would be interested in contributing to the Bruce Griffith Library Endowment Fund can send contributions to: Catawba College, Office of Development, 2300 W. Innes Street, Salisbury, N.C. 28144.

A 1962 Catawba graduate, Griffith earned his master's and doctorate at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, focusing on European history. During his tenure as a professor, Griffith has exemplified the qualities of a liberal arts graduate, expanding his teaching portfolio to include courses on China, U.S. history, and globalization. He has received the Swink Prize for Excellence in Teaching, and is currently serving as the William R. Weaver Professor of History.

In creating the endowment, Dr. Gary Freeze, professor of history and chair of Catawba's Department of History & Politics, noted that Griffith has served the institution in more ways than just the classroom. "Bruce has been a department chair, researcher, successful

grant recipient, director of general studies, and a mentor to countless students and colleagues. Even though he is currently on phased retirement, Bruce's classes still fill and students respond to his scholarly approach to the study of history."

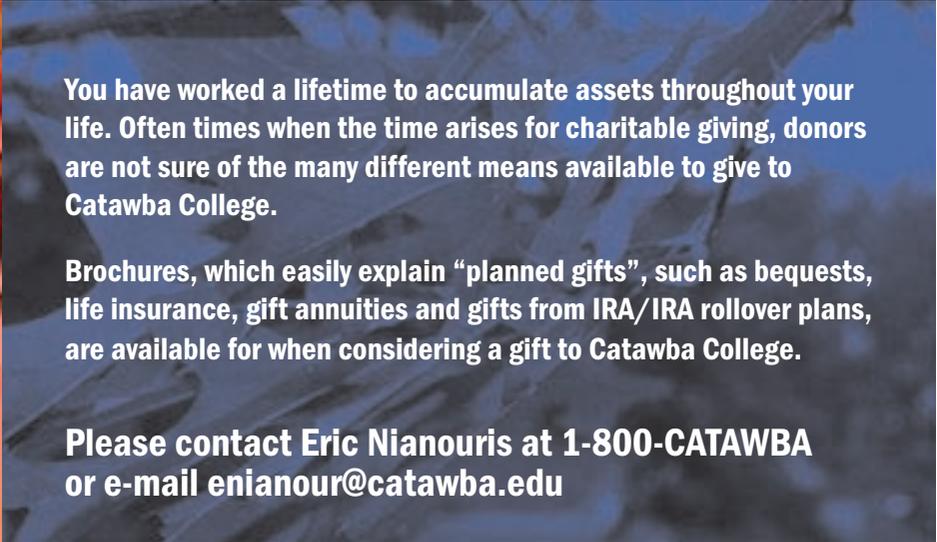
Michael S. Bradley, a 1976 Catawba alumnus, echoed this description, noting the "caring instruction of Dr. Griffith" that he and his wife, Irene, received from "a man who values scholarship as much as he loves (and excels at) teaching."

Currently the endowment stands at over \$5,000 through the generosity of history alumni and members of the Class of 1962. Revenues generated from the endowment will be used for library purchases to expand the holdings in history.

**In recognition of over 40 years of service to his alma mater, Dr. Bruce Griffith, a professor of history, has been honored with the establishment of an endowment in his name by Catawba alumni, fellow classmates, and friends.**



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# Abernethy Village *Dedication*

Catawba College dedicated the five new residence halls of Abernethy Village during an outdoor ceremony on the Abernethy Quadrangle on October 15. Donors for whom the residence halls are named were on hand for the dedication, along with other friends of the College who made gifts to help fund campus construction projects.



allows students access to their residence hall by simply flashing their card near a proximity reader, and a magnetic stripe which allows students to obtain meals in the dining hall or make purchases in the college bookstore, debiting their account. The 'smart card' technology also allows remote monitoring of the entrances to the residence halls, indicating when doors are ajar, and recording which students enter the halls at what times.

Energy efficient lighting has been installed in each hall and Energy Star appliances (washers and refrigerators) are also used in each.

## Special thanks

Three companies were instrumental in the successful, on-time completion of the residence halls of Abernethy Village. They include Lawler-Wood, L.L.C of Knoxville, Tennessee, Walter Robbs Callahan and Pierce Architects, P.A. of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and Summit Developers, Inc., of Salisbury.

## Residence halls' features

The residence halls of Abernethy Village collectively house 124 students in single and double room accommodations. Access to them is limited to upper-class students (juniors and seniors).

Two of the halls (Goodman East and Goodman West) feature suite-style living spaces which share common study areas on the second and third floors and two kitchens per building which are shared by residents on all three floors. Three of the halls (Fuller, Graham and Purcell) feature apartment-style living spaces with a kitchen per apartment.

All five halls are sprinkled and are handicapped accessible on each first floor level. There is complete wireless coverage in each hall, in addition to the wired network connection provided for each student in each bedroom. This means that students can connect to the Internet anywhere within the residence hall.

These five halls, like Catawba's other residence halls, are equipped with new 'smart card' or campus 'one card' technology. This technology incorporates a chip which

**Within the various residence halls, floors were named in recognition of individuals who have made substantial gifts to support facilities projects on campus. These individuals and the floors dedicated in their honor are indicated below:**

### Goodman Hall – East

- 1st Floor – Hampton Floor, named in honor of Claude Hampton
- 2nd Floor – Summit Developers Floor, named in honor of Summit Developers
- 3rd Floor – Leonard Floor, named in honor of Barry & Clara Leonard

### Goodman Hall – West

- 1st Floor – Cook Floor, named in honor of Bob & Sara Cook
- 2nd Floor – F & M Floor, named in honor of F & M Bank
- 3rd Floor – Hinson Electrical Floor, named in honor of Hinson Electrical

### Fuller Hall

- 1st Floor – Fisher Floor, named in honor of Paul & Sue Fisher
- 2nd Floor – Ritchie Floor, named in honor of Raymond & Shirley Ritchie
- 3rd Floor – Ramseur Floor, named in honor of Walt & Hilda Ramseur

### Purcell Hall

- 1st Floor – Fowler Floor, named in honor of Newton & Nancy Fowler
- 2nd Floor – Taylor Clay Floor, named in honor of Taylor Clay Products
- 3rd Floor – Smith Floor, named in honor of Wilson & Evelyen Smith

### Graham Hall

- 1st Floor – Alcorn Floor, named in honor of Greg & Missie Alcorn
- 2nd Floor – Bauk Floor, named in honor of Mike & Elizabeth Bauk
- 3rd Floor – Cloninger Floor, named in honor of Larry & Susan Cloninger

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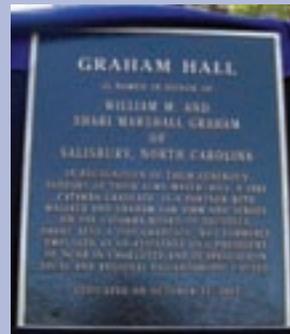
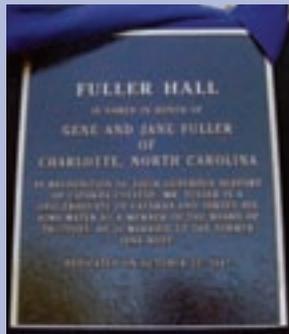
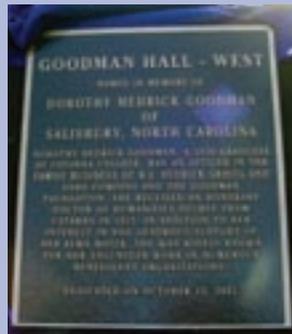
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# Abernethy Village



Abernethy Village, a complex of five residence halls which stands in the place of Abernethy Hall, was dedicated as a tribute and memorial to the Abernethy Family. Abernethy Hall was originally dedicated in 1966 in honor of Julius Whitener Abernethy Sr. of Newton, a long-time Catawba trustee and benefactor. Julius Abernethy's nephew, Claude S. Abernethy, Jr., and his great-nephew, C. Shuford Abernethy, III '82, both serve on the College Board of Trustees.

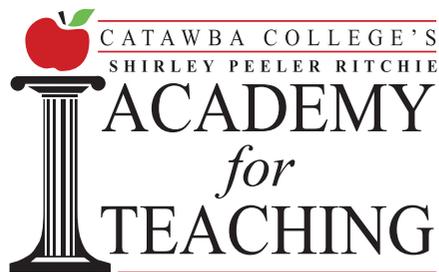
**Goodman Hall - East** was named and dedicated in memory of Enoch Alvin Goodman, Jr. '38 of Salisbury who led his family's business, Hedrick Industries, and the Goodman Foundation. He served his alma mater as a member of the Board of Trustees for over 50 years and was one of the College's most generous benefactors. He played football, basketball, and tennis and was inducted into the College's Sports Hall of Fame in 1978. He received an honorary doctorate of humanitarian services degree in 1968.

**Goodman Hall - West** was named and dedicated in memory of Dorothy Hedrick Goodman who served as an officer in the family business of B.V. Hedrick Gravel and Sand Company and the Goodman Foundation. She received an honorary doctor of humanities degree from Catawba in 1975. In addition to her interest in and generous support of Catawba, she was widely known for her volunteer work in numerous benevolent organizations.

**Fuller Hall** was named and dedicated in honor of Gene '52 and Jane Fuller of Charlotte in recognition of their generous support of Catawba. Mr. Fuller, a retired commercial real estate developer who now manages commercial property which he owns, serves his alma mater as a member of the Board of Trustees.

**Purcell Hall** was named and dedicated in honor of the Purcell Family of Salisbury. Sisters Alice and Marion Purcell grew up in Salisbury where their father owned Purcell's Drug Stores. Alice, a retired music teacher, has traveled extensively and has been a generous benefactor to her church, Catawba, and the local community. Marion, a 1936 alumna of the College and a generous benefactor, is a retired librarian who has enjoyed archaeology as a hobby.

**Graham Hall** was named and dedicated in honor of William M. and Shari Marshall Graham of Salisbury, both members of Catawba's Class of 1983, in recognition of their generous support of their alma mater. Bill Graham is a partner with Wallace and Graham Law Firm and serves on the College Board of Trustees. Shari, formerly employed as an assistant vice president of NCNB in Charlotte, is involved in local and regional philanthropic causes.



Two Catawba College Trustees, both former members of the college's teacher education faculty, were honored October 9 at a dedication ceremony. Catawba's new Academy for Teaching was dedicated in honor of Dr. Shirley Peeler Ritchie of Salisbury, while student teaching scholars admitted to the Academy this fall were recognized as Martha Kirkland West Teaching Scholars in West's honor, the first group of such students to be so designated.

## Dr. Shirley Peeler Ritchie '52



A Salisbury native and a 1952 alumna of Catawba, Dr. Shirley Peeler Ritchie double majored in religion and philosophy and sociology. She earned her master's degree in guidance and counseling and her doctorate in the areas of child development and family relations from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

A member of the Catawba faculty from 1981 until her retirement in 1993, she served as director of the college's elementary education program. She received both the Swink Prize for outstanding classroom teaching and the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award during her years at Catawba.

She has served on the faculty at UNC-Charlotte and as director of Project ASCENT, a special program for gifted children that operated under the auspices of the N.C. State Department of Public Instruction. She has worked as a coordinator and counselor for a federal program to mainstream handicapped children in the Salisbury City Schools; as an elementary school counselor and school social worker in the Salisbury City Schools; and as a social service worker in the Cabarrus County Department of Social Services.

She serves on the board of Partners in Learning and has served as chair of that board. She is a member of the Catawba College Board of Trustees. She has served as chair of the Charlotte Area Educational Consortium, and has also served on the board of Rowan Regional Medical Center, the board of the Paul Laurence Dunbar Family Resource Center, the board of Meals on Wheels of Rowan County, and as a member of the Congregation Council of St. John's Lutheran Church.

Ritchie is known first and foremost as being an advocate for children. To her, one troubling contemporary trend is the pressure to fast-track children to achieve at an early age. She recommends instead letting children enjoy their childhood, look at pictures and explore their world.

Ritchie and husband Raymond, a 1953 alumnus of Catawba, are parents of three adult children, Cliff, Mark, and Celia.

## Dr. Martha Kirkland West '59

A 1959 alumna of Catawba and a Salisbury native, Dr. Martha Kirkland West majored in English and minored in history. She earned her master's of education degree and her Ph.D. in elementary (M.Ed.) from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

During her career in education, West held three very different positions. She served as an elementary school teacher (fifth grade) for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, as a college professor in Catawba's Teacher Education Department (through 1981), and as director of elementary education for the Rowan-Salisbury Schools central office (until her retirement in 1999). Even after her retirement, she continued to be an advocate for education, serving for four years as a member of the Rowan-Salisbury Board of Education.

A member of the Catawba College Board of Trustees, she has also served on the Salvation Army Advisory Board, the Rowan-Salisbury Symphony Board, the Rowan Museum Board, and the Early Childhood Advisory Board of Rowan Partnership for Children. She is an active member and volunteer of John Calvin Presbyterian Church. A history buff, with a special interest in Civil War history, West is a prolific traveler and bridge player.

While employed at Catawba, West received the Phi Epsilon Award and served as chair of the Faculty Senate. A scholarship has been established and named in her honor at the institution. Additionally, Catawba has awarded West its distinguished alumnus award and an honorary degree.

West's educational philosophy is a simple one: "I truly believe that all children can learn, but at different rates and in different ways. The challenge of education is to provide more time for some children and to constantly search for new ways to impart knowledge."

West is the widow of the late Dr. James King West, a professor of religion at Catawba for 22 years until his death, and the daughter of the late legendary Catawba football coach Gordon Kirkland and wife Alene Kirkland, a teacher.



## The Academy for Teaching and Its Teaching Scholars

Catawba Assistant Professor of Teacher Education and former N.C. Teacher of the Year, Dr. Cynthia Osterhus, directs the Academy which is a part of the College's Teacher Education Department. The Academy, which focuses on equipping its participants with 21st Century teaching skills, officially launched at the start of this academic year with 14 new Martha Kirkland West Teaching Scholars entering Catawba as first-year students.

These students, who applied and were selected as Teaching Scholars, demonstrated strong SAT/ACT scores, a strong high school grade point average, leadership, community involvement, and a commitment to teaching. Teaching Scholars participate in an accelerated and enhanced teacher preparation program that features early field experiences, the development of an electronic professional portfolio, community service, leadership development and regional travel.

## Catawba's Teacher Education Program

Catawba's Teacher Education program is nationally accredited through the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and has a rich tradition of turning out excellent teachers dating back to 1925. Since 2004, graduates of the program have enjoyed a 100 percent pass rate on Praxis II and have had great success in landing teaching jobs immediately after graduation.

This year, Catawba's faculty approved offering a four-year degree and licensure in Environmental Science Education. Other offerings being explored include a Birth-Kindergarten degree in Catawba's day program (such a degree is currently offered in Catawba's School of Evening and Graduate Studies). Members of the Teacher Education Department faculty are also exploring ways to better serve the needs of lateral entry teachers.

Catawba's Teacher Education Department offers a major in Elementary Education (K-6) or Middle School (6-9), as well as a minor in Secondary Education (9-12) with licensure in English, Mathematics, Science (Biology, Chemistry and Comprehensive Science, and Comprehensive Social Studies, and a minor in Special Subject Areas (K-12) with licensure in Music and Physical Education. A program leading to licensure in the special field of Reading (K-12) is also available.

Additionally, Teacher Education offers a graduate degree program. Practicing or in-service teachers having an initial or continuing license in Elementary Education may pursue a Master of Education degree in Elementary Education (K-6).

The Department currently has 80 students progressing through its program and all of its faculty have public school experience. In addition to Dr. Osterhus, other faculty in the Department include Chair and Professor of Education, Dr. James Stringfield; Professor of Education, Dr. Lou Ann Kasias; Assistant Professor of Teacher Education Dr. Rhonda Truitt; Professor of Physical Education, Dr. William "Bill" Russell; Professor of Physical Education and Recreation, Dr. Patricia Whitley; Associate Professor of Music, Dr. Stephen Etters; and Director of Curriculum Materials Center, Ms. Amanda Bosch.



# “Be a dream maker,”

**N.C. State Superintendent of Public Instruction tells prospective teachers.**

me build dreams and build confidence. She started the habit with me of always having dreams.” Mrs. Anderson’s encouragement to dream, Atkinson said, was tempered by her high standards and expectations.

“The aim of developing dreams is to develop high expectations and to demonstrate those expectations at all times,” Atkinson explained. “Students in our classrooms today are technology savvy, but they still need teachers to influence them.

“As a teacher, you will have influence over the minds and lives of your students and you will have true power to help students dream dreams they never dreamed.”

Noting that the State of North Carolina needs 11,000 new teachers a year due in part to teachers retiring, Atkinson said to the prospective teachers in the audience, “I have a fear that principals will have the buildings, yet will still have a void that can only be filled by teachers.

“You are entering a profession that is the most trusted of all professions. There is no higher calling or nobler calling than to be in education,” she concluded.

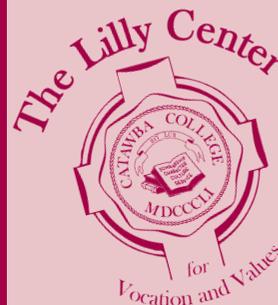
but they are a big deal for these students and helping them learn these skills makes them employable.”

Najarian explains that the process begins with a community base where students get involved in vocation rehabilitation as early as age 14. Students are involved in making a career choice that is right for them. Those students who are evaluated as having the skills to compete for employment become independent and productive members of society when they are employed in the community, she notes. Those students who are unable to meet the competitive requirements to enter the workforce upon finishing high school go onto further training and skill development with Rowan Vocational Opportunities.

“Seeing my students master a skill, navigate a work environment, and become independent in the execution of a particular job is very rewarding for me,” she explains. “Sometimes you don’t know if they’re going to be able to do it or not or be successful, and when they are, it makes you feel good because you know you were a part of it.”

Employers who are interested in working with students enrolled in the BEST program and becoming a site for Community Based Instruction, should call Salisbury High School at 704-636-1221, ext. 4556 or South Rowan High School at 704-857-1161.

## PULITZER PRIZE WINNER TO SPEAK AT LILLY COLLOQUIUM



### Leonard Pitts, Jr.

Leonard Pitts, Jr., winner of the 2004 Pulitzer Prize for commentary, will visit Catawba College on Thursday, February 21, 2008 as the featured speaker for the fifth annual Lilly Colloquium. The Lilly Colloquium is sponsored by Catawba College’s Lilly Center for Vocation and Values.

Pitts’ column runs every Monday and Friday in “The Miami Herald” and is syndicated nationally. “The Salisbury Post” frequently publishes his commentaries, so the journalist’s work is well known in the Catawba College/Rowan County community.

In addition to his regular columns, Pitts is the author of the 1999 book, “Becoming Dad: Black Men and the Journey to Fatherhood.” He is currently gathering information on programs that have proven effective in preventing young black men (especially) from falling into gang activity or other forms of delinquent behavior which may prevent their finding useful and fulfilling adult roles in American society.

Known for thoughtful but uncompromising commentary, Pitts will focus his Catawba remarks on the relationship between ethical values and vocation. Two of his presentations are free and open to the public, one at 11:00 a.m. in Omwake-Dearborn Chapel, and another at 7:30 p.m. in Hedrick Little Theatre in the Robertson College-Community Center. In between, Pitts will attend a luncheon for faculty, staff and invited students, and later meet with selected students prior to the evening presentation.

Catawba’s Lilly Center for Vocation and Values is directed by Dr. Ken 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.

The Lilly Center seeks to help students and members of the larger community determine values for their lives and allow those values to guide decisions relative to the vocations they choose and the priorities they set. Critical to this process is the recognition that as the children of God we are called to use the talents and gifts that have been provided not only to for the realization of our own capabilities but in service to others and in making the world a better place.

Other notable speakers who have participated in the annual Lilly Colloquiums include Martin Marty, David Borenstein, Sharon Parks and Mackey Austin.

**For more details on Pitts’ appearance at Catawba, contact Dr. Clapp or his assistant, Lucretia Hughes at 704-637-4446.**

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# Amy Jordan '95

## 1995 ALUMNA REFLECTS ON HER CATAWBA COLLEGE EXPERIENCE



“I stopped jumping off buildings a couple of months ago,” she jokes.

When she came to Catawba, Amy Jordan '95, a student from Baltimore, Md., loved musical theatre and dance. But after she took just one psychology class on campus during her freshman year, she developed yet another fascination and interest.

Catawba College Professor of History Dr. Charles McAllister says Amy was one of those rare Catawba students who seemed to be able to do it all without sacrificing any of her interests.

Amy majored in psychology, but also spent plenty of time taking music and theatre courses. She almost double majored, but not quite, she says; she ended up one course and a recital shy of a second degree in musical theatre. The flexibility she enjoyed to pursue her different interests at Catawba is what she remembers so well about her college experience and what she credits for helping shape her into the woman she is today.

Now married with two children and a third on the way, Amy makes her home in Orlando, Fla., and stays busy doing film and television, while working part-time at the Disney theme park in the MGM Studio. The part-time job allows her to go to more film and television auditions, she says. She performs as Marion, Indie's girlfriend, in the "Indiana Jones" stunt show. There's a lot of rope swinging, running through fire, and even a 40-foot high fall off a building. She substitutes as Belle in "Beauty and the Beast" show and in the theme park's Christmas show, she performs as a singer, dancer and a stuntwoman.

"It's a fun place to work," she says. "I can live a normal life and have a family and not have to live the gypsy life."

Amy actually met her husband, Brent, while working at the theme park. She had just been handed a heart-breaking rejection after her third call back for the role of Cosette in the national tour of "Les Miserables," but the very next week, she hit the Disney audition and got her job at Disney in Florida. Brent (husband) was playing the role of Indiana Jones at MGM and "we were learning the show for the first time when I met him," Amy recalls.

"People always worry about what they're going to do with the rest of their lives, but it sort of takes care of itself. My husband was a communication arts major and a professional soccer player first, then a stuntman, and now he's a financial advisor for Smith Barney."

Amy says that now that she's a mommy, she's a little smarter and a little more leery of her stunt work. She played Rene Rousso's double in "Big Trouble," falling down steps. She worked in the "Celestine Prophecy," doubling Anna Beth Gish and had a role in "Patriotville," a teen flick which was filmed in the North Carolina Mountains, near the South Carolina border, where she took a 45-foot jump off a dam into murky water.

"I stopped jumping off buildings a couple of months ago," she jokes. "I did that until I was nine or ten weeks pregnant and then I stopped."

Although pregnant with her third child not due until the end of January or early February, Amy's staying busy. She recently completed a pregnant modeling shoot in New York City for Expecting Models, a modeling agency which specializes in pregnant models and new moms and babies. She says that she "doesn't recommend modeling a bikini when you're six and a half months pregnant," although she did just that.



The following is Amy in her own words on discovering Catawba and more:

### On Discovering Catawba:

I'm originally from Baltimore, Md. And I had never even heard of Catawba. They found me and sent me some literature about their theatre department and auditions. My parents and I drove down for a weekend for an open house and a big theatre performance. We saw a couple of shows, met with some professors and I auditioned for a scholarship in musical theatre. I fell in love with the campus and the small town, although it was not what I thought I wanted initially.

### Making Career Plans at Catawba:

My plan initially, after getting the acting bug out of my system, was to use my theatre experience and my psychology degree to work with children with disability and autism - to incorporate all of my interests into dance therapy. I was very involved in the dance program at Catawba. I was a ballet dancer from the time I was five until I was college age.

### Advice to Current Students:

Get to know your professors and let them get to know who you really are - they're here to help you make decisions. Pick something that you're passionate about - graduate with a degree and to really find out who you are, who you've become and who you want or strive to be.

In the real world, with careers, what really matters in the end is your character, your work ethic and your drive and just being comfortable with who you are in real life.

### Amy's Favorite Catawba Memories:

- The lifelong friendships I've made.
- Opening nights of any performances that I was in - a big highlight - at Catawba, it was great.
- Dr. McAllister invited students up to talk to him in his office - my powwows with him - neat moment to have that sort of relationship with a professor. Not even a professor in my major - he took a real interest in the kids - always there with advice or if you had had a bad day.
- Homecoming games were fun - choir would always sing "The Star Spangled Banner" - they were great times.

Amy would love to hear from friends and classmates. Contact her via e-mail at amygw@aol.com.

# Catawba Alumnus goes racin'



**IF YOU HAD TOLD CATAWBA COLLEGE ALUMNUS ADRIAN PARKER '99 THAT HE WOULD BE WORKING IN NASCAR AFTER HE GRADUATED FROM COLLEGE, HE LIKELY WOULDN'T HAVE BELIEVED YOU.**

But now he is a believer, having just wrapped up his fifth year in the business, the last two of which he has spent as the account manager for the Concord, North Carolina-based Roush Fenway Racing's #17 DEWALT Ford driven by Matt Kenseth. Kenseth, by the way, finished fourth this year in the Nextel Cup Series which concluded in November. But Kenseth won't be resting on his laurels and neither will Adrian. Both men will be gearing up for next year's competition which cranks up in Daytona in February.

"I grew up going to local short tracks," Adrian, who hails from China Grove, N.C., recalled. "We'd eat Sunday dinner and then sit down and watch a NASCAR race. I grew up a fan."

Now Adrian's quite a bit more than a fan. As account manager for Kenseth's 17 car, he serves as the point person for the sponsors who appear on Kenseth's car, making sure that his team fulfills the letter of each sponsor contract in everything from proper placement of logos on the car to publicity appearances that Kenseth makes on behalf of the various sponsors. "If it's going to happen on the 17 car, other than performance, it comes through me," Adrian explained.

"Your number one goal is to move product," he continued, noting that the average sponsorship carries a price tag of around \$15 million. "Fortune 500 companies see the car as a viable medium to get their message across."

Adrian also tries to manage the media spin associated with Kenseth and the team. He is constantly monitoring ESPN and other media outlets, taking calls and text messages on his Blackberry from reporters seeking interviews with his driver, and confirming arrangements for Kenseth's personal appear-

ances. On most of those appearances, Adrian accompanies Kenseth, again to make sure that the sponsors and his driver adhere to the terms of their contracts.

His job takes him away from home four days a week, 35 weeks a year, but he explained that right now that is okay since both he and his wife are pursuing their respective careers. His wife, Lindsey, whom he married in June 2006, is employed as an account manager for lending company, Senderra Funding.

Catawba Communication Arts Professor Dr. Tim Moreland still marvels at Adrian's transformation from college student who majored in communication arts to NASCAR professional. "He made a remarkable turnaround from his initial days on campus until his graduation from Catawba," Moreland remarked. "He came to college for three things – girls, football and parties, but ended up graduating with some very different aspirations."

Adrian credits his father with giving him sage advice on pursuing a career. "My dad always told me to find something I enjoyed doing and I wouldn't feel like it was a job," he said.

Adrian credits Moreland with helping him find a graduate school that saw potential in his very average college GPA belied. "Dr. Moreland had real-world experience and he had my respect," he noted. "It was a mass media class that I took that laid the foundation for my major at Catawba. After I graduated, Dr. Moreland was who I

called when I decided I wanted to go to graduate school and pursue a master's degree in mass communications."

It was at Southern Mississippi University in Hattiesburg, Miss., that Adrian "really became a student." He also learned to cook and met his wife while they both worked in a restaurant while enrolled as students at Southern Miss.

"She was a waitress and I was a cook. I didn't know a thing about cooking when I went to work in that restaurant," the tall, rangy Adrian remembered. "They put me on the salad station and then the guy at the grill quits, so then I was in charge of the grill."

Ironically, Adrian developed and today manages Roush Fenway's internship program, which gives college students real world experience. So far, three of Catawba's students have interned with Adrian and all have earned rave reviews and an invitation for future students to intern at Roush Fenway Racing. He describes the internship program as "mutually beneficial" for the students and Roush Fenway.

Phil Kirk, Catawba's vice president of external relations was complimentary of Adrian and his role in placing Catawba students in internships. "One of my responsibilities

at Catawba is to develop high profile internships for our students," Kirk said. "Adrian and Roush have provided extremely valuable internships for Catawba students."

"Adrian, being an alumnus of Catawba, understands the need to give college students real world experiences while they are still making career choices. It is also exciting for me to go to the places where our interns are working....such as Roush where I got a once-in-a-lifetime experience of going into areas where the public does not have the opportunity to visit. I have enjoyed telling my relatives who are NASCAR fans about my tour behind-the-scenes."

"Catawba was very good to me. There were a lot of folks at Catawba who cared about me even when I was a lost soul. Dr. (Kenneth) Clapp, Coach (Chip) Hester, and others saw some good in me and cared enough about me to know I was growing up and would make something of myself in life," Adrian explained. "One of the best-selling points about Catawba is the intimacy you have with faculty and staff."

**"If I could give advice to a current student, I'd say take advantage of the opportunities you're given."**



## The 2008 Lilly Center Alumni Retreat.

The goal of the Alumni Retreat is to promote the search for a meaningful, fulfilling vocation or purpose in the life of all Catawba College Alumni.

**WHEN:** This Retreat will be held for all Alumni and spouses May 30, 31 & June 1, 2008.

**WHERE:** on the campus of Catawba College

**COST:** \$50 per person for alumnus and spouse who graduated before the year 2000, and \$20 per person for alumnus and spouse who graduated between 2000-08.

\*This fee includes the program, meals, and housing in the residence halls on campus.

### REASONS TO PARTICIPATE:

1. To explore a sense of purpose in life.
2. To find your unique gifts and how those unique gifts might be used to make a positive difference in the world around you.
3. To see what campus life is like for Catawba students today.
4. To get reacquainted with the college.
5. See old friends.

To reserve a spot or if there are any questions please contact the Lilly Center at 704-637-4446 or e-mail at [kclapp@catawba.edu](mailto:kclapp@catawba.edu).

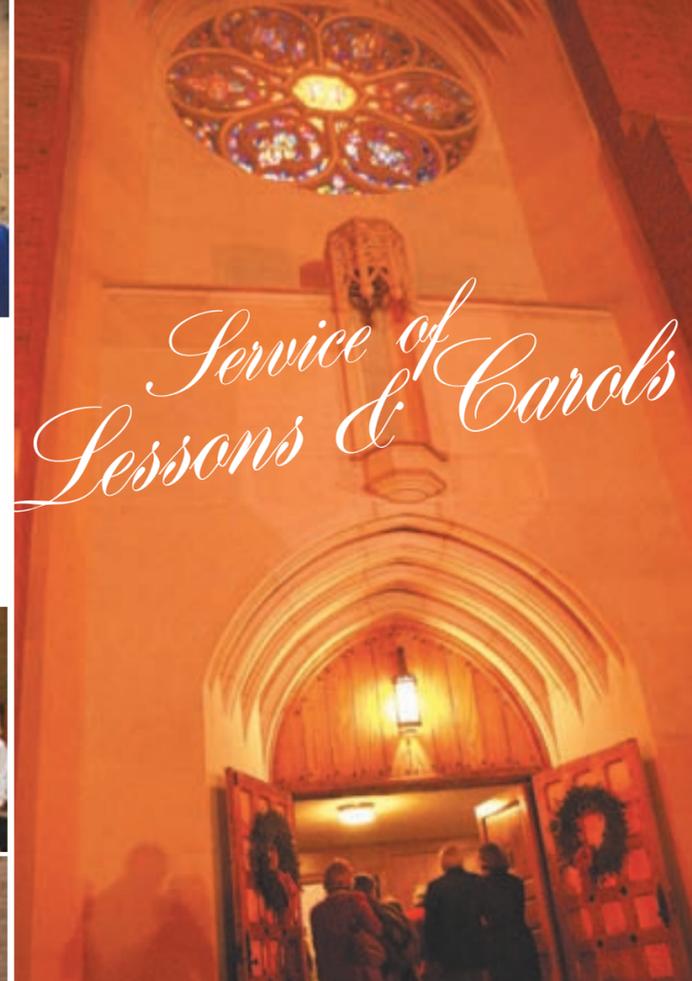




# Catawba Christmas tree lighting & Santa



The Catawba College Department of Music marked its 20th annual Service of Lessons and Carols with two performances Dec. 4 and 6 in the Omwake-Dearborn Chapel on campus.



# Service of Lessons & Carols

**F**or Paul E. Oakley, Catawba's new Director of Choral, Vocal and Sacred Music Studies, Associate Professor of Music, and also the College Organist, the performances were premier events, playing to full houses. Oakley was assisted in directing the Service by Rosemary C. Kinard, who entered phased retirement this academic year after 20 years at the institution.

In addition to Oakley and Kinard, other musicians involved in the Service included Amy Joye Bailey, Dr. Timothy Belflowers, Dr. Stephen Etters, Adam Ward, the Catawba Singers, the Catawba Chorale, the Catawba Handbells, the Catawba Madrigals, the Catawba Brass and the Catawba Wind Ensemble, with guest choir, the St. John's Men's Ensemble, and the new Catawba Children's Chorale.

A half-hour prelude of Christmas music each night was followed by the Service of Lessons and Carols which began at 7:00 p.m. The service is based on the famous ritual that originated at King's College in Cambridge, England, which weaves beautiful carols of the season with scriptures or lessons, relating to the story of Christmas from the prophecies to the mystery of the Holy Trinity. Some of the carols this year included the beautiful "I Saw Three Ships," "Away in a Manger," "Arise, Your Light Has Come," "The Angel Gabriel to Mary Came," and "Gloria in excelsis Deo."

One musical selection, "Angels Visit When We Sing," premiered during the Service of Lessons and Carols, performed by the Catawba Singers. This composition was specially commissioned in honor of Rosemary Kinard at her retirement by choir members who sang under her direction from 1988-2007. Dr. Walter L. Pelz, a well-known American composer and music faculty member at Bethany College in Linsborg, Kansas, accepted and completed this commission.

Readers for the Service were members of the Catawba community, with the final scripture lesson to be read by Catawba President Dr. Robert E. Knott. Liturgist was Dr. Kenneth Clapp, senior vice-president and chaplain of the College.

# THANKSGIVING SERVICE, "With Hearts and Hands and Voices"

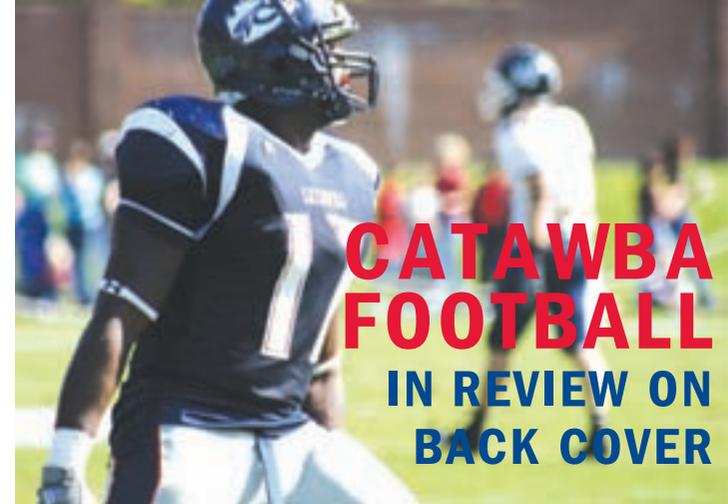


At 6 p.m. Sunday, November 18, 2007 the splendid acoustics of Catawba College's Omwake-Dearborn Chapel resounded with the sounds of hundreds of voices, brass, handbells, and the College's Casavant pipe organ. Members of the Salisbury community joined the Catawba Chorale, Catawba Singers, Catawba Handbells, the Catawba Brass and six area church choirs in a Thanksgiving service, entitled "With Hearts and Hands and Voices."

Area church choirs participating in the Thanksgiving service included from Salisbury: First Presbyterian Church, with Director of Music Ministries Flora Abernethy Lester; First United Church of Christ with Director of Music Patricia Stewart; First United Methodist Church with Director of Music Ministries Adam M. Ward; St. Luke's Episcopal Church with Organist and Choirmaster Dr. Phillip E. Burgess; from Asheboro: St. John's Lutheran Church with Organist and Choirmaster Deborah Staley; and from Kannapolis: Bethpage United Methodist Church with Director of Music Brian Messenger. The artistic director for the service, Paul E. Oakley, Catawba's Director of Choral, Vocal and Sacred Music Studies, Associate Professor of Music, and College Organist, described the services as "one of extravagant praise."

In addition to Oakley, other conductors and organists assisting with the service are Adam M. Ward and Dr. Timothy Belflowers, an adjunct music professor at the College and director of the handbell ensemble. The Reverend Dr. Kenneth Clapp, Catawba College Senior Vice President and Chaplain, offered the homily, "How Do We Say Thank You?"





## CATAWBA FOOTBALL IN REVIEW ON BACK COVER

### OTHER FALL SPORTS NOTES

Senior Ryan Villiard was the leader for the **men's soccer team** with 16 goals as the team finished 7-12. Three of the losses were one-goal defeats by top 20 ranked teams.

The **men's cross country team** ran in the NCAA II regional meet as did Maleah Cole as an individual in the women's regional. Cole was a first team All-SAC runner.

The **field hockey team** enjoyed its best season since 1999 with a 5-9 record. Three of the losses were by a single goal, including an overtime loss to #3 Stonehill.

## BASKETBALL OUTLOOKS

The Catawba men's basketball team will have to replace three key members of last year's championship squad if the Catawba Indians hope to repeat as league champions. Despite the loss of all-conference performers Brian Graves and Chris Wooldridge along with three-year starter Ahmad Murphy, the Catawba Indians were still tabbed third in the pre-season league poll. Graves finished as Catawba's #2 all-time assist leader, while Wooldridge set a record for blocked shots as the trio helped Catawba to a pair of SAC titles and three NCAA II playoff berths over their four seasons.

Antonio Houston, the reigning SAC Freshman of the Year, heads the list of returnees. The sophomore led the team last season with a 16.9 scoring average, connecting on 68 three-point shots. He also got to the free throw line 126 times and made a team-high 103, shooting nearly 82% from the stripe.

Also back will be Norman Monroe, on the inside, and Rob Fields and Jason Diggs on the perimeter. Monroe, a senior, averaged 7.4 points a game and grabbed 5.1 rebounds per contest. Diggs is also a senior and he scored at 3.8 clip per outing. Fields, a sophomore, averaged 6.1 points per game. Other returners are Isaac Rose, Finnur Magnusson, Matthew Sossamon, Donald Rutherford and Donzell Williams, who should replace

Graves at the point.

Newcomers include Cliff Burns, a 6-8 center from Davie County High School, who spent two seasons at Brunswick Community College. Stuart Thomson, brother of former Catawba standout Andy Thomson, will help out at forward, while Trey Shoemaker, Dominick Reid and Scott Walton are newcomers at the guard slots.



**JASON DIGGS** - One of three seniors looking to help Catawba to a second straight league title.

## WOMEN'S SOCCER AND VOLLEYBALL ENJOY SOLID SEASONS

Both the Catawba women's soccer team and the volleyball squad made bids to earn a spot in post-season play, but came up just short. The soccer team finished at 14-4-3 and advanced to the SAC Tournament Championship match where it fell in a penalty kick shootout. It was the second straight year Catawba had lost the tourney final, but returned this year with a team comprised mainly of freshman and sophomores. Alex Beshk, a sophomore, was the leading scorer with 15 goals.

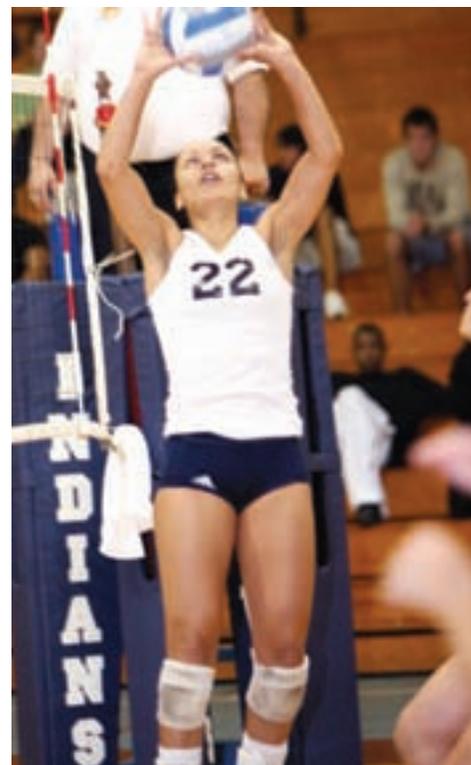
The volleyball team posted a 25-9 record, with seven of the losses coming in five-game matches. Senior setter Andi Henderson set school marks in career assists (4,119) and for assists in a game with 83 in a five-game win over Lander. As a team, Catawba set a NCAA II record by scoring 148 total points in a win over Francis Marion.

Junior Melissa Powers became Catawba's first player to earn the AVCA National Player of the Week award and also claimed honorable mention all-region honors. She set a school record with 674 kills on the season and ranked among the top five in the nation with 5.27 per game.



**ALEX BESHK** - Sophomore led the women's soccer team with 15 goals on the season.

**ANDI HENDERSON** - Senior setter set several assist records, including 83 in a match in a win over Lander.



### SWIMMING NOTE

The Catawba swim teams have begun their new season and return a bulk of each team from last year. Both the men and women were seventh at the Bluegrass Mountain Conference Championships a year ago.

Leigh Spada leads the women's team as she picked up all-conference honors for the second straight season. The men are hitting the pool for their second season and return all-conference swimmers Patrik Drakes and Grant Gibson.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL REUNION

- Friday, February 15th & Saturday, February 16th, 2008

### LADIES NIGHT WITH FOOTBALL COACH CHIP HESTER

- Friday, April 4th, 2008

### BLUE/ WHITE SPRING FOOTBALL GAME AND LUNCHEON - Saturday, April 5th, 2008

### SPORTS HALL OF FAME GOLF TOURNAMENT AT THE COUNTRY CLUB OF SALISBURY

- Friday, April 25th, 2008

### SPORTS HALL OF FAME LUNCHEON AND INDUCTION

- Saturday, April 26th, 2008

### ATHLETIC AWARDS NIGHT IN KEPPEL AUDITORIUM

- Tuesday, April 29th, 2008

## CHEERLEADER REUNION IN NOVEMBER 2007



## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Catawba women are coming off their fifth 20-win season over the past seven seasons, but first since 2003-04. Catawba finished in a tie for second in the league following its 20-9 season which had a 10-6 mark in the SAC.

The ladies return three starters from last year, including first team All-SAC selection NeKeithia Howard and are picked fifth in the league's pre-season poll. Howard led Catawba with a 10.3 scoring average in 2006-07 and was second on the team in rebounding a 5.2 per contest.

Joining Howard as returning starters is fellow senior Hillary Hampton and junior Brittany Higgins. Hampton was second on the team in scoring at 8.6 points per game and made a team-high 29 three-pointers. Higgins, who was an SAC All-Freshman team member in 2005-06, averaged seven points and two rebounds a game.

Other key returners include Corin Muldrow, Cristi Bartlett, Sicilia LoSauro, Cameron Clark and Brooke Whitley. Muldrow, a junior, averaged 8.3 points and five rebounds a game coming off the bench. Bartlett and LoSauro complete the list of four seniors and averaged 4.3 and 4.0 points, respectively. Bartlett pulled down 4.1 rebounds a game, while LoSauro canned 19 three-point goals. Clark averaged 3.6 points and dished out 36 assists with Whitley seeing limited action as a freshman last year.

Catawba added 6-foot junior transfer Sara Crane, who spent time at Saint Leo and Sante Fe Community College, as well as 6-1 freshman Candace Schellenberg to help the frontline. In the backcourt, Dione Eccles, a transfer from Louisburg Junior College, and Gaston Day twins Nisha and Kisha Long will push for immediate time at the guard positions. At forward, Catawba has freshman Jennifer Dameron to add depth.



## Membership stands at 510 surpassing our goal of 500!

Our previous high was 478 in 2006/07 and our total in 2001 was 429 as we continue to grow.

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## The Catawba 100 was played on September 17th with 20 golfers playing 100 holes each.

The results were spectacular with over \$42,000 being raised by the participants. All of the money raised is spent on our student athletes with some recent examples being Catawba sweat shirts for all of our athletes and coaches and athletic trainers, basketball goals purchased for our men's and women's teams for the Meyer Auxiliary Gymnasium, electronic timing devices for our swim teams and meals for our teams remaining on campus during fall or spring breaks.

## The Chiefs Club sponsored two reunions this fall, Football and Cheerleading.

Football saw over 200 former players return to campus September 7th and 8th and 40 cheerleaders came back November 9th and 10th. Each reunion was highlighted by remarks from several of those that returned reflecting on their time as a student at Catawba and both groups were recognized on the field at halftime of home football games. A great time was had by all!

## Catawba alumnus shares insights with students on "Quarterbacking Your Firm"

Catawba College alumnus and owner of The Burdette Smith Group P.C., a CPA firm in Fairfax, Va., Thomas Burdette '73 shared his business philosophy with students when he spoke on campus Oct. 18 during a presentation entitled, "Quarterbacking Your Firm." Burdette's presentation was sponsored by Catawba's Ketner School of Business and held in Tom Smith Auditorium.

A former Catawba football player and a current resident of Clifton, Va., Burdette started his own CPA firm in the Washington, D.C. area at age 27. Today, his firm, The Burdette-Smith Group, P.C., employs approximately 40 people, and his area of expertise is dealing with high income, high net worth individuals who for the most part own their own businesses.

Burdette majored in accounting at Catawba and was a starter in the defensive secondary for the Catawba Indians all four of his undergraduate years, under the tutelage of Coach Harvey Stratton. While a student, he was active in intramurals. He served as treasurer of the student government association during his senior year, and a treasurer of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) during his junior and senior years. He was a member of the Accounting Club during his junior and senior years, and during his senior year, he was named to Who's Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Burdette, who has served on Catawba's Board of Visitors, has long supported fund-raising efforts related to the institution's football program, contributing generously to the Shuford Stadium construction effort and to the grassroots campaign which raised funds to put lights in that stadium.



# CATAWBA COLLEGE MARKS PASSING OF GENEROUS & ENGAGED PHILANTHROPIST



Philanthropist Mariam Cannon Hayes, a longtime supporter of education, health care and the arts, died Aug. 4 at her home in Blowing Rock.

Mrs. Hayes, her family, and the Cannon Foundation (established by the generosity of her family) have been longtime benefactors of Catawba College. The College's Robert and Mariam Cannon Hayes Field House, constructed in 2002, was named in honor of her and her husband. The

Cannon Student Center on Catawba's campus, which was funded through gifts from the Charles A. Cannon Charitable Trust No. One, was named in honor of Charles A. Cannon, Mrs. Hayes' father and the founder of Cannon Mills Company. Charles A. Cannon set the family standard for philanthropy and was a role model which Mrs. Hayes emulated throughout her life.

A graduate of Mount Vernon Seminary, she attended Queens University in Charlotte and did graduate work at the University of Oklahoma. She met husband Robert Griffith Hayes of Charlotte and following their marriage in 1936, she traveled with her husband throughout the country during his service in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Returning to civilian life, the couple made their home in Concord.

Mrs. Hayes' philanthropic work was an integral part of her life. She was named president of the board of director of the Cannon Foundation and served in that capacity from 1982 until 2004. She never missed a board meeting and remained a director of the Foundation until her death. She also served as a trustee and chairperson of the Charles A. Cannon Charitable Trusts.

She served as a trustee of Queens University, Davidson College, Appalachian State University and Blowing Rock Hospital. She was a life member of the Tryon Palace Commission, a member of the board of directors of the N.C. Museum of History, a member of the board of advisors of UNC-Charlotte and Charles A. Cannon Jr. Memorial Hospital. She also devoted time to numerous education institutions including Catawba, UNC-Charlotte, Wingate University, Lees-McRae College, Barber-Scotia College, Campbell University and Pfeiffer University.

Catawba honored her with an honorary doctorate degree, as did Campbell University and Wingate University. Catawba also awarded her an Exemplary Life Service Award. She was honored as Philanthropist of the Year in 2004 by the Charlotte Association of Fundraising Professionals. The Mariam Cannon Hayes School of Music at Appalachian State University was the realization of her personal passion for music education and performance.

Accessible health care was another priority for Mrs. Hayes throughout her life. She volunteered at Cabarrus Memorial Hospital (now Carolinas Medical Center- NorthEast), which was established by her father. She supported the Charles A. Cannon Jr. Memorial Hospital in Linville and the Blowing Rock Hospital. She enjoyed a lifelong involvement with the Grandfather Home for Children in Banner Elk.

Mrs. Hayes, who divided her time between her homes in Concord and Blowing Rock, was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Concord and Rumble Memorial Presbyterian Church in Blowing Rock.

She was predeceased by her husband in 1998. Survivors include her son, Congressman Robert "Robin" Cannon Hayes and his wife, Barbara, grandchildren Winslow Hayes Galloway (a former Catawba College trustee) and her husband, Lonnie, Robert Cannon Hayes Jr., and his wife, Heather, and four great-grandchildren.

## Catawba College's fourth year of ducks for turkeys



Catawba College's Residence Life staff was able to provide 125 needy local families with a complete Thanksgiving meal this year thanks to the fourth year of a Duck Draw Community Service Fundraiser event. Over the past three years, the fundraiser has raised money to provide 275 families with Thanksgiving meals, and this year, event organizers reached the 400 families fed mark.

The Residence Life staff collected \$1 donations to sponsor a plastic duck that were floated in the Stanback Plaza fountain on campus shortly before noon on November 12. At that time, the organizers drew a number of ducks randomly from the fountain. Each duck that was plucked from the water had a number displayed on its bottom which corresponded to the number on a \$1 ticket purchased by a member of the college community. These numbers also corresponded to donated prizes from area merchants, ranging from hair cuts to large pizzas, and gift certificates to local restaurants and businesses.

Proceeds from the Duck Draw, along with funds raised by selling cookies and cotton candy at Catawba home football games, resulted in monies to underwrite the costs of providing the Thanksgiving meals. The Residence Life staff worked with several county organizations to select families with the greatest need for a Thanksgiving meal. Meals included a turkey, dressing, a turkey pan, vegetables, bread, rice, and a dessert.





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# HOMECOMING 2007



# INAUGURAL CLASS INDUCTED INTO CATAWBA'S BUSINESS HALL OF FAME



## THE INDUCTEES



### CLAUDE B. HAMPTON, JR.

Claude B. Hampton was inducted by his granddaughter, Lindsay Hampton, a N. C. State University student from Salisbury. Of her grandfather, Lindsay said, "My grandfather is not only a great family man - but he serves as an important leader in our community. His success was not easy as he and my grandmother lived in 12 different locations as he was transferred around the country, but is was worth the hard work."

Hampton recalled his days at Catawba and at Nabisco, crediting the education he received for a big part of his successful business career. He said the Ketner School of Business is poised for greatness and is receiving strong support from the trustees.

Hampton, a native of Newton who grew up in Statesville, served in the Air Force during World War II. He earned his degree in business from Catawba after World War II and enjoyed a long and productive career with Nabisco. At Nabisco, he advanced through the Biscuit Division's field selling organization before being named vice president of sales in 1976. In 1978, he was elected vice president of Nabisco, Inc., and president of the Biscuit Division. In 1981, he was named to the additional position of senior vice president and group executive, Nabisco Brands U.S.A.

In 1985, he was named executive vice president at Nabisco, but that same year, he elected instead to take early retirement and accepted an invitation to join the Catawba College Board of Trustees. He and his late wife, Edith, moved back to Salisbury from New Jersey where they had made their home, and Hampton also began serving Catawba as an adjunct professor of business education.

A former director for Chubb Life Insurance Company, Hampton has served on a variety of other business boards. In 1986, Catawba awarded him an honorary doctor of laws degree. Hampton earned his master's degree in marketing from the School of Business and International Marketing at Syracuse University and a degree from the advanced management program at Harvard University.

He is a current member of Catawba's Board of Trustees.



### RALPH W. KETNER

In delivering the induction remarks for Salisbury businessman Ralph W. Ketner, Phil Kirk lauded Ketner for being "right" in so many ways in his life, playing on that theme as a result of the W in Ketner's name standing for Wright. "He has been right with his family, right with his business and business associates and right with so many worthwhile causes, and, of course, he has been very right with his support of Catawba College in sharing his resources and, of course, his time and talents."

Kirk told the group that Ketner represents the character traits and attributes which Catawba seeks to instill in its students. Among those he listed were hard work, loyalty, effective communication, and strong convictions. "Very seldom does one have any difficulty knowing what Ralph Ketner means when he says something," he said. "If this were a roast instead of a toast, I might say that some would say he is opinionated or occasionally stubborn, but I would say instead that he is a leader with strong principles and high moral values."

Ketner responded by sharing stories of lessons learned in the business world and gave examples of how to achieve success in business. The Ketner School of Business is named for the Salisbury businessman as is Ketner Hall, which houses the business, mathematics, and teacher education programs at Catawba as well as the institution's School of Evening and Graduate Studies. He is a member of the board of trustees at Catawba. Ketner has been the recipient of numerous awards, including membership in the North Carolina Business Hall of Fame.



### LYNNE SCOTT SAFRIT

Catawba trustee Darlene Ball of Greensboro inducted Lynne Scott Safrit, whom she called an "intelligent and savvy businesswoman who has earned the utmost respect of her friends, church members, fellow real estate developers, associates at Castle & Cooke and those in academia, government and industry throughout the country whom she has dealt with in the development of the North Carolina Research Campus in Kannapolis.

Ball read from a letter written by David Murdock, the billionaire developer whom Safrit has worked for during the past 25 years. He wrote, "I started out working with a young lady not too long out of college with a lot to learn about business. During the period of time that we've worked together, she has gone from letting my ideas lead her, to her ideas leading me. Many of the ideas which I get credited for are Lynne's ideas."

Murdock continued, "Lynne's education, hard-driving desire, integrity and intellectual ability have caused her to be the hallmark of an example to other men and women."

Safrit's husband, Wally, added, "Lynne possesses that rare combination of intellect and beauty, grace and wit, humility and strength not often found in so plentiful measure. She is well gifted for the business world but she cherishes motherhood more. She is at ease standing to speak for a thousand people but she prays on her knees. Lynne may well be destined for higher causes but she is content to resolve today's challenges."

Safrit credited the education she received at Catawba for much of her success in life. "I came to Catawba as a sophomore and I fell in love with this college. I knew that the people at Catawba cared about me as an individual," she said.

A native of Kannapolis, Safrit began her career working at Cannon Mills while an English major at Catawba. She later received her master's degree in psychology from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. She is a member of the Catawba College Board of Trustees.



Catawba College's Ralph W. Ketner School of Business inducted seven individuals into its new Business Hall of Fame on Saturday, Nov. 3, in the Peeler Crystal Lounge of the Robertson College-Community Center.

Nearly 200 people attended the induction of the inaugural class which included local business leaders, Ralph W. Ketner, co-founder of Food Lion; Claude B. Hampton, Jr., retired executive vice president of Nabisco; and Lynne Scott Safrit, president of Atlantic American Properties and Castle & Cooke, developers of the North Carolina Research Campus in Kannapolis. Also inducted were Thomas S. Carroll of New Canaan, Connecticut, retired CEO and President of Lever Brothers; and three who were inducted posthumously: Dr. Millard F. Wilson of Salisbury, chair of the business department at Catawba for more than 30 years; Adrian L. Shuford, Jr. of Conover, retired business executive and trustee of the college; and J. W. Abernethy Sr. of Newton, business executive and benefactor of the college.

Joey Popp, a 30-year broadcasting veteran and 1977 alumnus of Catawba, served as emcee for the program, sponsored by the Business Advisory Board for the Ketner School of Business at Catawba. College President Robert E. Knott assisted with the induction ceremony. Phil Kirk, Vice President for External Relations, welcomed the group, which included faculty, administrators, trustees, students, alumni, and other friends of the inductees. Professor Paul Oakley and Eric Finland provided music during the reception and dinner.

F&M Bank was the gold sponsor for the event. Silver sponsors included Rowan Regional Medical Center, Summit Developers, Robert and Tara Van Geons, VeloceNet, and Food Lion. The bronze sponsors were Duke Energy, Tom Abramowski and Rockwell Farms, Carolina Aircraft, Multi Wall Packaging, Norandal USA, Inc., Square D, SunTrust, and Walker Marketing.

## The Business Hall of Fame

The Catawba College Business Hall of Fame will be held in the fall of each year to showcase the Ketner School of Business and its successful graduates and supporters. According to the Hall of Fame bylaws, four candidates will be inducted annually and nominations are accepted, although the candidates must meet these criteria:

- A candidate must either have attended Catawba College as a full-time student, been employed at Catawba as a full or part-time faculty/staff member, including adjunct faculty or Executive-in-Residence, or contributed to the success of the College by performing outstanding service as a volunteer.
- A candidate, if eligible as a former student, must have completed his/her degree at Catawba College at least 10 years immediately preceding the date of induction.
- A candidate's business achievements and contributions to business while at Catawba College or as an alumnus must have been widely recognized over the area served by the College, enhancing the reputation of the College as well as himself or herself.
- A candidate must be of good character and reputation and must have been in good standing at the termination of such relationship with the College.

**A permanent exhibit of Business Hall of Fame inductees is being installed in Ketner Hall.**



### DR. MILLARD F. WILSON

The late Dr. Millard F. Wilson, who led Catawba's business program from 1948 through 1979, was inducted by Al Carter, associate professor emeritus of accounting who taught with him. Carter called Wilson "not only a colleague, but a friend." He discussed the high expectations that Wilson had for his students and the efforts made by students to meet those standards.

Accepting on behalf of Wilson's widow, Helen, former Catawba President Fred Corriher, a former student of Dr. Wilson's, recalled the days when Wilson's students were required to wear coats and ties to make presentations in class.

"We were all addressed as 'Mr.' No one had ever called me Mr. Corriher. I had always been called 'Freddie.' He made you feel as if you were really someone of importance. It helped shape whom we all became. It taught us how to think on our feet and to be able to express our ideas verbally and coherently."

Corriher added, "Without the work done by Millard Wilson, there might not be a Ketner School of Business today. He laid the groundwork and set the course for the business school. Ralph Ketner then provided the funds to make Millard Wilson's dreams a reality and to provide a beautiful facility in which to house that dream."



### THOMAS S. CARROLL

Thomas S. Carroll, who was unable to be present, was inducted by Henry Bernhardt, former Vice President for Institutional Advancement of Catawba, who praised the former Lever Brothers CEO, for opening the doors to the offices of many foundations and corporations in New York City for Catawba College. "He was so gracious and such a gentleman in everything he did," Bernhardt said.

Carroll was the first speaker at the symposium for business people and students at Catawba and later assisted in inviting CEOs from across the country to come to the Catawba campus to speak.

David Setzer, former Executive Assistant to the President at Catawba, accepted the award in Carroll's absence. "He walked in the halls of the mighty as a leader and counselor and he did it with class."

Carroll, a native of New York City, majored in math at Catawba and served as a trustee for many years. Carroll retired as CEO of Lever Brothers in 1980 and then assumed the role of president and chief executive officer of International Executive Service Corps.



### ADRIAN L. SHUFORD, JR.

Dr. Martha West, a trustee of Catawba and former faculty member, presented Dr. Adrian Shuford for membership in the Business Hall of Fame. Of him she said, "Truly he considered Catawba to be part of his family. He nurtured the college with love, leadership, knowledge, and resources." She recalled experiences with Dr. Shuford when her late husband preached at Dr. Shuford's church, Trinity United Church of Christ in Conover, calling him a "kind, gentle man."

Accepting the award, Dr. Ken Clapp, senior vice president and campus chaplain, said, "Adrian was one of my most valuable advisors and friends, a person who was supportive of the different ministries in which I have had the opportunity to engage. His wisdom, practical advice and encouragement have been exceptional."

Continuing, Clapp said, "Adrian had a personal commitment to support causes that he believed were worthwhile and valuable work that positively impacted the lives of others. In Catawba College, he saw an institution that was true to that mission and gave value to the resources provided it. If Adrian were alive tonight to be here to receive this, he most likely would respond by being embarrassed and saying something to the effect, 'I appreciate your thoughtfulness, but it is not about me. Let's get on with the work that still needs to be done.' "



### J.W. ABERNETHY SR.

Dr. Karl Hales, professor emeritus of communications at Catawba, inducted the late J. W. Abernethy by calling him a "generous benefactor, member of the board of trustees for more than three decades, financial advisor, and valuable voice of reason for Catawba College throughout a long association with this school. The college grew and prospered from his extensive counsel."

Hales traced Abernethy's successful business career, as well as his accomplishments in the military and as a philanthropist. Catawba President A. R. Keppel was quoted by Hales as listing the ways Abernethy helped in building Catawba. "First, his unswerving faith in the institution and in its administration; second, his indomitable spirit to achieve his objective at all costs; and, third, his consistent practice of setting the example himself."

Hales concluded, "Between raising money, giving money, and his uncanny ability to know when to buy and when to sell the college's stock, could easily be a fourth reason for his success for the college."

Christine and James Abernethy accepted the award and expressed the family's appreciation and recalled the love which J. W. Abernethy had for Catawba, even though he was not an alumnus. His interest in Catawba originated from his active role in the Grace Reformed United Church of Christ in Newton.

## Save the Date for the Ketner School of Business Distinguished CEO Lecture Series

with **Robert A. Ingram,**  
*Vice Chairman  
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GlaxoSmithKline (plc)*  
**4:00 to 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday,  
March 19, 2008**  
Hedrick Theatre  
- Robertson College-  
Community Center



# Alumnus shares two stories from Catawba, 50 years ago

Catawba Alumnus Ed Wenck '58 of Baltimore, Md., recently shared two stories from the rich history at Catawba College. The stories which follow, "The First Golden Screw" and "The Revival of the Track Team," both took place 50 years ago this year.

FRIENDS CAN CONTACT ED AT [IBAWENCK@MAC.COM](mailto:IBAWENCK@MAC.COM).

## THE FIRST "GOLDEN SCREW"

It was the spring of 1957. The school year had seen the production of "A Streetcar Named Desire" in October '56. Then, in December '56, student director Harold Blackwelder gave us "Arsenic And Old Lace". Department head, Prof. Hobgood directed "Henry IV, Part I in March '57. And, in the spring of '57, Prof. Colbath directed "They All Got Away," a selection from the "new play series". It had been an exciting year for the Blue Masque and the drama department.

Even more excitement was to come. In September of 1957 a troupe of Catawba students, led by Prof. Colbath, would participate in the "Premier Festival International Du Theatre Amateur" in Monaco. That group would be the smash hit of the festival. So, in the spring of 1957, it was with tired excitement and anxious anticipation that the Blue Masque members celebrated, as they usually did, with a "strike party" after dismantling the set of the last production.

It was the custom to give awards of different types for the on stage actors at this final "strike party". But up until the spring of 1957 no thought had ever been given to honoring the work of the backstage crews. Those persons who built the sets, rigged the lights, and set up the sound were thanked for their hard work, but no award was ever presented until that spring. Harold Blackwelder, the president of the Blue Masque that year and Jim Lineberger, the group's historian, did not think that omission was quite right. They believed some kind of recognition should be given to the back stage Blue Masque workers as well as the actors. From their very fertile imaginations they came up with the idea of giving an award to the best back stage worker and that trophy would be given each year thereafter. But what to give? Harold and Jim, both funny guys when they wanted to be, decided that the proper award would be a "Stage Screw". The got a stage screw, had it gilded and then created an entertaining presentation ceremony with which to make the award. After all the actor awards had been given out, the moment came. Without announcement down the aisle they came, one holding an American flag and the other holding high for all to see the gilded screw. Up to the stage they proceeded. Then they called to the stage Donald "Dink" Wack, the house carpenter for that semester. Dink had worked long and hard that spring on the Henry IV production and the new play. Harold and Jim thought he deserved to be the first recipient of the "Golden Screw". The award was made to raucous laughter and good humor, and it was the beginning of the tradition of honoring the backstage workers that is now, in 2007, some fifty years old. "Dink" went on to graduate in 1958 and become a high school teacher. Harold and Jim would be part of the group that would wow the audience at the Monaco Festival after graduating that spring of 1957. And from that year on some backstage worker of the Blue Masque would be honored for his or her hard work. "Kiss the turtle".

*Ed Wenck '58*

## THE REVIVAL OF THE TRACK TEAM

During the years 1954 to 1957, for whatever reason, Catawba had only three varsity sports for men. The Catawba Indians played football, basketball and baseball, but nothing else. One evening at the beginning of the Spring 1957 semester, a group of students in "E" section of the old "S-R" dorm decided there should be a track team. And that evening they acted upon their decision.

Dr. A. R. Keppel was president of Catawba College at that time. Each time President Keppel took the podium to address the Catawba students he would say: "If ever you have a problem come see me. My door is always open." Taking him at his word that particular evening, Harold Blackwelder '57, John Fromm '57, Donald Wack '58, Al Goosman '58 and Ed Wenck '58 went to see President Keppel at his home around 7:30PM. They asked if Catawba could have a track team. In their presentation they pointed out that the school had had a team in the past. There were Catawba students who had run track in high school and would come out to participate if Catawba had a team. They even had a coach in chemistry professor, Kenneth Ackerman, who would agree to coach the team.

True to his word President Keppel listened to the plea. When the students were finished with their presentation Dr. Keppel surprised them with his response. He had run track in college. He thought it was great idea. To top it all off he would provide a budget of \$ 300, which was a goodly sum in those days. The decision did not make Athletic Director, Earl Ruth a happy camper because he did not want money taken from the three major sports. But President Keppel was, after all, the president and the decision stood. That was the beginning of the revival of track at Catawba. The students found hurdles and other equipment under the stadium stands and the first season of the revival was the spring of 1957. At the end of the season varsity letters were given to track team members but they were not allowed to be inducted as members of the varsity club with the explanation that only the three major sports participants were entitled to that honor. Over the years that has changed. Now the Catawba Indians have a full menu of sports including track.

*Ed Wenck '58*

**1939 JO SURRATT CARPENTER** was the Homecoming Weekend "Who's Here?" board signee who attended Catawba the most years ago! Lucky for us, we get to see Jo frequently as she resides in Salisbury and still enjoys coming out for Catawba football!

**1949 WILLIAM H. WEINEL, JR.** is still playing golf after all these years. He recently came in third place in Girls' and Boys' Golf Tournament with teams of 3 men in their 80s and 1 in his 40s.

**1950 REV. FRED A. HILL** is grandfather to 14 grandchildren, including a set of quadruplets who are now college seniors, and three great-grandchildren.

**RICHARD L. JAMES** resides in Southern Pines, N.C., and is a Sales Manager with Kennedy & Co. Richard may be reached at [kennedyco@embarqmail.com](mailto:kennedyco@embarqmail.com).

**1955 ANNE HALDEMAN DALY** is retired and residing in Moneta, Va. with husband Don. Anne can be reached at [annedon1@jetbroadband.com](mailto:annedon1@jetbroadband.com).

**BILLIE WEBER SHELTON'S** granddaughter, Billie Sullivan, is a happy freshman at Catawba this year. She loves her professors, the college and the students she has met.

**1961 FRANCES REAVES** is a retired middle school principal and has two children, Frances E. Snyder and Susan H. Valentine. Frances resides in Mt. Gilead, NC. Frances e-mail is [francesr@embarqmail.com](mailto:francesr@embarqmail.com).

**1962 JIMMY A. DEW** of Winston-Salem and wife Toni have established a new scholarship at Catawba which will assist student-athletes who demonstrate financial need. Jimmy Dew continues to be employed by Republic Mortgage Insurance Company which he helped found in 1972.

**1963 WALTER S. SNOWA** and wife Diane are living in Louisville, Ky, where he pastors a church in the revitalized downtown area. If you are in Louisville or passing through, they would love to see you.

**SUR SHUGARTS ULLERY** and husband Thomas, reside in Ft. Myers, Fla. and both are retired. Sue Shugarts wanted everyone to know that her address has changed to 4570 Trawler Ct., #202 Ft. Myers, FL 33191. She can be reached via e-mail at [weighanchor@juno.com](mailto:weighanchor@juno.com).

**1964 WILLIAM (BILL) E. FUOSS** is a financial consultant with Fuoss Consulting Group and resides in Plano, Texas. Bill has two children, John, age 42 and Debbie, age 38. He can be reached at [Bfuoss@FuossConsulting.com](mailto:Bfuoss@FuossConsulting.com).

**1967 PHIL KIRK** was honored for his contributions to education and business in North Carolina by the National Kidney Foundation of North Carolina on October 18, at the Prestonwood Country Club in Cary, N.C. He currently serves as the vice president for external relations at Catawba College and is the owner of a speaking and consulting firm.

**1971 DOROTHY A. COOKE LEONARD** and husband Roger reside in Suffolk, Va. They have two children, Christina, age 27 and Nicole, age 29. You may contact Dorothy at [Leonardkitty@aol.com](mailto:Leonardkitty@aol.com).

**KRISTIN PIERSON CRATE** writes: the last of my nine children, Nicholas is a senior in high school. I have just had two milestones at the same time; I completed my MA, and I helped birth my 17th grandchild - both were moments of great pride and exhaustion!

**1972 DAVID MCCOY** and wife **JANET '73** are new grandparents to John David McCoy, born July 12, 2007.

**1973 CYNTHIA GUDGER BALDWIN** works for Asheville City Schools and her spouse, Bob, works for N.C. State University. They have one child, Robbie, age 23. Cynthia can be reached at [cgbaldwin@charter.net](mailto:cgbaldwin@charter.net).

**SHARON SOLT JOSEPH** can be reached at [revssj@gmail.com](mailto:revssj@gmail.com).

**ALLISON GRIMES WHEELER** lives in Hickory, N.C. and is married to Edward. They have two children, Robert and Neal. You may contact Allison at [agwheeler@embarqmail.com](mailto:agwheeler@embarqmail.com).

**1974 ALVIN ROSS PARK** and wife Sandra reside in China Grove, N.C. where Alvin is managing VP at Gartner, Inc.

**TOM PUTNAM** can be reached via e-mail at [tomputnam@comcast.net](mailto:tomputnam@comcast.net).

**1975 ELAINE MYERS** was recently spotlighted in "Southwest Virginia Today" for her unique quilting ability. Myers was a theater major and claims the influence of her costume design teacher, James Parker, played a role in her development as a quilter because "he was always thinking outside the box and using recycled items in his work." Her quilting style has evolved into free form, patternless designs - art quilts- using bold colored silks and grassy materials instead of the usual pastels.

**1976 STEPHEN BONA STEPHEN** resides in Jacksonville, Fla. along with wife **STEPHANIE '99** and son Andrew. Stephen can be reached at [scbona@comcast.net](mailto:scbona@comcast.net).

**1977 JOAN MARIE BARRINGER** celebrated her first solo art show at Vienna Art Society. Her painting "Gift from the Sea," was recently featured in the Washington Post. She travels to various churches bringing her message of "Magic for Manifesting" as a spiritual counselor.

**JEAN (BUFFY) FORTENBERRY MACSHERRY** resides in Denver, NC and can be reached via e-mail at [jbfbm@bellsouth.net](mailto:jbfbm@bellsouth.net).

**1978 PAT MCCRRORY** won his 7th straight term as Mayor of Charlotte in November. "This guy could be mayor forever if he wants", says Ted Arrington, a longtime political scientist at UNC Charlotte.

**1983 BERNARD CHEEKS** is the associate minister of Mount Olive Baptist Church of Cape May Court House, New Jersey. He is the owner and CEO of Kristianmaya Entertainment & WJSR-FM 96.3. He and wife Jewel founded the Power of Praise (P.O.P.), a fast growing ministry on the Jersey Shore.

**1983 CALVIN E. HUDGINS, JR.** is currently the head Track and Cross Country Coach at Northwestern High School in Rock Hill, S.C. where he resides with wife **EMILY '80** and children Brandon, Tyler and Calli.

**PHILIP SCOTT JOHNSTON** has partnered with Ricky Proehl (17th year NFL Veteran and former Carolina Panther) and started a college athletic scholarship recruiting company. Phil has worked for the Collegiate Sports of America for the past four years. Phil and Ricky will help high school student athletes receive valuable exposure to college coaches across the U.S. and assist them in receiving athletic scholarships. Phil can be reached at phil@proehlficpark.com and his phone number is 336-253-0380.

**1984 LAURA LEITNER MURRAY** Correction: Laura and her son, Alex, have moved to Florida. Her husband and Alex's Dad passed away in February 2006.

**LINDA NOE** is HR Director for GlaxoSmithKline in The Netherlands. She recently moved and is living with her kids near Schiphol Airport on the way to Amsterdam. She has two children, Juliette, age 9 and Sebastian, age 12. You may contact Linda at lindamnoe@hotmail.com.

**1986 CHESTER "TRIP" BUCKENMAIER** and his team of anesthesiologists at Walter Reed Army Medical Center have received a six million dollar grant to continue their groundbreaking research on the link between acute and chronic pain. They are responsible for bringing high-tech nerve blocks to the battlefield that treat the soldiers' injuries much more aggressively in the hopes of eliminating the chronic pain later. Recently, Gordon Kirkland, Catawba's Director of Athletic Development, visited with Colonel Buckenmaier and was thoroughly impressed with his energy, dedication and ability to field questions from his colleagues as Gordon followed him around the halls at Walter Reed. Read the article titled "New Research Into Pain Treatment" in the June 4, 2007, edition of "Newsweek."

**1987 BILL MCFEELEY** and wife Carolyn reside in Mullica Hill, N.J. where Bill is Vice President of Direct Sales for Broadview Networks. He and Carolyn have three children, Chelsea, age 13, Chandler, age 9 and Chase, age 6. You may contact Bill at mcfeeley@atx.com.

**PATRICK ORNDORFF** and wife Vivian reside in Manhattan, Kansas, where Patrick is a Production Manager/Technical Director at Freelance. They have two children, Kathryn, age 12 and Matthew, age 9. You may contact Patrick at patorndorff@mac.com.

**RODNEY C. PITTS** resides in Burlington, N.C. and is employed as a Branch Manager at ECK Supply Co. He and wife, Tracy Fogleman Pitts have two children, Elizabeth and Josh. You may contact Rodney at thepitts88@aol.com.

**JAMES O. ROBINSON JR.** and wife Tanja reside in Hawaii and he is with the U.S. Military. They have two children, Carima, 17 and Jordan, 11. You may contact James at samjomac@yahoo.com.

**GREGORY R. SHELL** resides in Mt. Holly, N.C., and is employed with Strickland & Company. He and his wife, Gina, have an 18-month old child, Gabriel Thomas. You may contact Gregory at gregs@carolina.rr.com.

**JUNE TSURUTA** resides in Kingwood, Texas, and is a Sr. Director/Technical Purchasing for Continental Airlines. He and wife Kim, and daughter Kinsey, age 8, have lived in Texas over a decade. June says he is excited and proud to be a part of the team that will launch the 787 Dreamline in 2009. Things he misses besides the reunion and classmates is Carolina BBQ, sweet tea and Winter. June may be reached at jtsuruta@comcast.net.

**NANCY SHEETZ WYRICK** was recently promoted to Senior Vice President and Senior Retail Banking Officer at F & M Bank. She also serves on the board of directors at Waterworks Visual Arts Center in Salisbury. She and husband Tim have a seven year old daughter.

**ANDREW ZIMMERMANN** has joined Coldwell Banker Howard Perry and Walston, the largest full service residential real estate company in the Raleigh Triangle area, as a sales associate. He resides in Raleigh with his two sons and coaches a local soccer team.

**1989 CHRISTOPHER T. FRYE** has been the chief botanical conservation biologist for the state of Maryland since 1996. Chris's eldest son, Stephan, is a junior at Virginia Tech and his youngest son, Will, is a sophomore at St. Mary's College of Maryland.

**SANDRA HUCKABY HANNA** and husband Barry and their daughter, Emily, age 3, reside in Swedesboro, N.J. Sandy may be reached at sandyhanna1@verizon.net.

**1992 MOLLY ANDERSON STOLTENBERG** is a Speech Language Pathologist for the Moore County Schools. She has three children, Zackery, age 9, Cassidy, age 6 and Katy, age 3. You may contact Molly at mstoltenber@nc.rr.com.

**1993 ERICA LEE (SWETZ) MASCARELLO** and her husband, Scott, would like to announce the birth of their child, daughter Carie Rose. Carie weighed 6 lbs. and 15 ozs. and measured 19 3/4" at birth on April 17, 2007. Scott is finishing his last two years of a 20-year Navy career and Erica continues to work as an affiliate relations representative for MediaSpan Online Service. They still reside in Newport News, Va. and they have lots of pictures of their "new edition" to share. Please send requests/inquiries to Erica@shinerescue.org.

**KENDRA DEMARCO** resides in Charlotte, N.C. and is in real estate with Keller Williams. She would love to hear from old friends at kdemarco@carolina.rr.com.

**CATHERINE AKERS GREENE** says this year's choirs are super and she can't wait to hear more. Vernaculars ROCK! It was great to see everybody at Homecoming. She didn't see Tracy G., Tara-Lynn S., Matt V., John-David S. and Lori L. and wonders what they are up to? Catherine can be reached at cagreene@hotmail.com.

## 1990S CLOSE-UP ALUMNUS IN IRAQ

*Editor's Note: We received this communiqué from Raymond Everhart '98 one of our alumni who is currently stationed in Iraq. We decided to run it just like he wrote it, in the first-person.*

**JACKIE (OWEN) '98** and I are still newlyweds. We are going on nine years married and 12 total. We have two girls, and one on the way. Yes, I know, three girls I am going to have my hands full. They are so beautiful, and here are their names: Madeline Grace is five, Ellie Marie is three, and our newest which is due in December is Isabelle Lauten.

Jackie and the girls are up in Norfolk (Va.) now while I am deployed over here in Iraq. She is holding a laboratory job in the Catholic School system at Christ the King School, and she loves it because the job keeps here close to family. I am the Maintenance Control Officer for the 1st Brigade 82nd Airborne Division, "Devils in the Baggy Pants." I love the job and the cool things we get to do, especially jumping out of perfectly good airplanes. This will be my second time over here, and it does not get any easier, but I will say that the time is going quickly.

Well, that is the quick and easy on the Everharts. Feel free to contact me via e-mail. raymond.m.everhart@us.army.mil



**1LT RAYMOND M. EVERHART  
B CO. 307TH BSB  
82D ABN DIV  
MAINTENANCE CONTROL OFFICER**

**1993 DANA ORCHOFF-GENCARELLI** has been named Executive Director of the Greater Anderson Musical Arts consortium in Anderson, S.C. She and her husband, Brian, live in Greenville, S.C. Dana would love to hear from old friends and may be reached at orchoffl@juno.com.

**1994 JONATHAN PADGET** created and produced "The Blue Lagoon: A Musical" for the 2007 Capital Fringe Festival in Washington, D.C. He wrote the music and lyrics for the show, based on the novel, "The Blue Lagoon: A Romance" by Henry de Vere Stacpoole. Padget also designed and directed the production, which enjoyed a sold-out run. Additional information is online at Jonathanpadget.com.

**1995 LUTHER JOHN LYERLY** and Lauren Denise Gregg were married November 17. After a trip to the Western Caribbean, they will make their home in Salisbury. Lauren is employed as a physician's assistant and John is employed as a veterinarian at the Large Animal Medicine and Surgery in Salisbury.

**MARK BRYAN** and wife **ALLYSON CHWASTYK BRYAN '95**, are happy to announce the birth of their first child, Ainsley Caroline Bryan, a daughter, born in Scotland on September 29, 2007. They would love to hear from friends at pbmmaze@yahoo.com.

**SAMARA LEE GEROFISKY** and **DARRELL BRYANT '95**, are pleased to announce their marriage on October 21, 2007. They are residing at 616 Rolling Green Dr. in High Point, NC 27260 and would love to hear from old friends.

**RENEE LAMOUREUX** resides in Glen Allen, Va., and is a dog trainer at Follow Me Dog Training. You may contact her at renee@followmedogtraining.com.

**1995 ALLISON ANDERSON MAKOVEC** and husband, Mark nounces the birth of their third son, Mark "Austin" Makovec, born January 2, 2007. He joins brothers Mason Garrett, age 4 1/2 years old and Morgan John, age 22 months old. Nicole Marie Geluso '95 is Austin's godmother. They would love to hear from friends at themakovecs@cox.net.

**1996 ELIZABETH CURLEY** and her husband, Brian reside in Crownsville, Md. where she is a mentor teacher for the Anne Arundel County Public School Systems. Liz can be reached via e-mail at lmagiera@hotmail.com.

**1997 SELENA M. WILKES TORY** married Andrew Tory of Ontario, Canada on June 30, 2007 in her hometown, Williamsport, Md. Selena retired from the LPGA Futures Tour professional golf circuit in 2003. She earned an MBA in HR Mgmt. from NY Institute of Technology in 2005 and is currently pursuing her Ph.D. in Organization and Management from Capella University. Selena and Andrew reside in Spartanburg, S.C. Selena's sister, Lettie Wilkes '03 is the Head Women's Volleyball Coach and Sr. Women's Administrator at Belmont Abbey College in Charlotte, N.C. Selena can be contacted by e-mail at par72shweet@aol.com.

**WILLIAM (DOC) CECIL** and wife Tara would like to announce the birth of Abbie Elizabeth born on August 21, 2007. Abbie weighed 7 lbs. and 3 ozs. Big brother, Jackson, age 3, is thrilled with his new little sister. Doc and Tara can be reached at dcecil0573@aol.com.

**ELISE M. HOUCK** is a Marketing Analyst and resides in New York.

**1998 DAN NIELAND** and wife Sharon are living in Harrisburg, N.C. Dan handles the Food Lion account for Georgia-Pacific paper products. His daughter, Ashlea, was baptized in the Omwake-Dearborn Chapel by Pastor Ken (Clapp) on April 22.

**MEGAN PORTERFIELD HODDE** and husband Jonathan reside in Shelby, N.C. She is the lead PE instructor at Gaston Day School and starting her third year as head athletic trainer. She will be the head ATC for the NC vs. SC Independent School Shrine Bowl football game for the second year in a row.

- 1998 MIKE JACOBS** has been named a partner in the law firm, Harvey T. Siegel & Associates. They primarily handle criminal defense cases.
- VALERIE DAVIS KIGER** is employed with Edwards, Falls & Renegar, PLLC as a CPA. She and husband Scott recently welcomed their second daughter, Noelle Rose to their family and big sister Emma, age 4, is very excited.
- AMY S. MORAND** resides in Cornelius, N.C. and is married to Anthony. They have two children, Will, age 5 and Samantha, age 3 1/2. You may contact Amy at amypyr@earthlink.net.
- WENDY ALBRIGHT NEAL** resides in Oriental, N.C., and works as a Radiology/CT Technologist at the Naval Hospital. You may contact Wendy at waneal09@yahoo.com.
- 1999 KEN ALLAN ROSENBERGER** and wife, Kimberly reside in Rockville, Md., where he is a property manager for a real estate company. They have two children, Kayla Joy, age 6 and Gavin Thomas, age 14 mos. Kent can be reached at kentrosenberger@yahoo.com.
- 2000 JASON DELUKE** resides in Myrtle Beach, S.C. and is employed as a Help Desk Supervisor at Burroughs & Chapin Co. in Myrtle Beach. He has one child, Cary Mac, age 3. Jason's e-mail is jdeluke@inbox.com.
- BARBARA W. FULLER** and her husband, Todd reside in Mocksville, N.C. where Barbara opened her own accounting, bookkeeping and tax practice. She and Todd have two children, Micah, age 13, and Amanda, age 11. You may contact Barbara at mockfuller@yadtel.net.
- RUSSELL HOLSHOUSER** Sales Manager with Black & Decker and wife, Jill would like to announce the birth of their first child, a baby girl, Calliann, born August 4, 2007. Calliann weighed 7 lbs., 4 ozs. They would love to hear from old friends and can be reached at Rudd1295@hotmail.com.
- PHILLIP HOFFMAN** and Jessica Shuler were married on April 28, 2007 in Cashiers, N.C. in a small ceremony including family and close friends. They now reside in Victor, Idaho where Phil works for the Jackson Hole Mountain Resort-Mountain Sports School and Jessica is employed as a Dealer Services Representative for Mountain Khakis.
- TIM KAVANAGH** and wife Kathy are proud to announce the birth of their son, Landon James, on October 2, 2007, in Toms River, N.J.
- MARIE MAY** and **LEE C. DEAL '02** are engaged and plan a July 12, 2008 wedding in Albuquerque, New Mexico. They both reside in Concord, N.C. and would love to hear from friends at muremay@yahoo.com.
- CHRISTOPHER MCCOY** and wife, **SHANNON '03** celebrated the birth of a son, John David on July 12, 2007.
- JENNIFER DUNCAN SEAMON** is a Data Analyst with Duke Power Co. Her husband, Rodney, is a police officer with the Granite Quarry Police Department. They have one child, Kathryn Annette, born July 30, 2007. You may contact Jennifer at jdseamon@duke-energy.com.
- 2001 KRISTIN LEE WOOTEN** resides in Easley, S.C. where she is a teacher. She can be reached at kmeg23@hotmail.com.
- TODD BACHMAN** is the Marketing and Business Development Manager for Florida Coast Equipment/WESTRAC Equipment. He can be reached at Tbachman@FloridaCoastEQ.com.
- PETRA HARDEN** and Payton Vicknair were married October 21, 2006. Petra is an ICU nurse and Payton is an airline pilot. They currently reside in Longwood, Fla.
- MANDY MILLS NANCE** and husband, **BRADLEY JOEL NANCE '99** are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Cameron Adam Nance, born July 19, 2007.
- SARAH MARTIN SCHIAVONE** and her husband, Nick built a new home in Bangor, Pa. You may contact Sarah at sem2swim@aol.com.
- 2002 ERIN ALISSA GROT** and her husband, Jonathan, reside in Kannapolis, N.C. and Erin is associate pastor at Trinity United Methodist Church. Erin can be reached at 704-933-1127 or via e-mail at erin.grot@gmail.com.
- 2002 JULIE ANNE ROSAMOND LOCATIS** and her husband, Kurt, reside in Concord, N.C.
- DAMON MCDUGALD** is residing in Chicago, Ill. He can be reached at robspierre19@yahoo.com and says, "if you want some good eats, beer, and fun, come to Chicago."
- SCOTT PICCOLA** and **JAMIE FINK '05** were married June 23 in Norfolk, Va. They welcomed their son, Ryan Scott, October 18, 2007.
- JASIKA PRUITT** is up for the lead in a movie directed by Sam Mendes ("American Beauty" and "Jarhead") with John Krasinsky (from "The Office") as the male lead. She also had a recurring role in a new FOX sitcom called "The Return of Jezebel James," starring Parker Posey and Lauren Ambrose, that will air in March. In her spare time, she is working on a deal with QVC to put her artwork onto organic cotton tees and tote bags as part of an eco-friendly campaign involving several other artists, and has begun an online mini-comic which she hopes to get published in the future. You can view the comic at www.sugarbooty.blogspot.com.
- 2002 KELI WRIGHT** and **MIKE ROBBINS '02** of Apex, N.C. were married on September 22, 2007.
- 2003 SHANNON DAVENPORT MCCOY** and husband **CHRIS '02** are proud to announce the arrival of their first child, John David McCoy, born July 12, 2007. You may contact Shannon at sdavenport307@hotmail.com.
- 2004 ALICE MAE SANDERSON** is a kindergarten teacher and resides in Austin, Texas. You may contact her at asanderson2003@yahoo.com.
- LAURA BETH HARTIS** and Kelly Craig Barnhart were married September 8 in Omwake-Dearborn Chapel. Laura is a Copy Editor with Lowe's Companies, Inc. in Mooresville, N.C. Kelly is employed with United Beverages. They reside in Salisbury and can be reached at laurabeth0004@gmail.com.
- TWANITA JONES-LASSITER** is a Program Analyst for BCF Solutions. She and her husband, Kevin, who is in the U.S. Military, reside at Bolling AFB in Washington, D.C. You may contact Twanita at twanita.lassiter.ctr@mda.mil.
- ASHLEY QUINONES** recently appeared in the production of "Hamlet" with Burning Coal, a Raleigh-based Equity theatre company, www.buringcoal.org.
- SHERRY ROGERS** wanted her friends to know that she and husband Kevin had a beautiful baby boy, Zebulon Dean, on February 20, 2006. Sherry is currently attending Western Piedmont Community College, and enrolled in the nursing program.
- 2005 MATTHEW "TANK" MCCARL** graduated in May from High Point University with a Master's Degree in Sports Studies. He is currently working as the Student Activities Coordinator at Northern Virginia Community College in Woodbridge, Va. He and his wife, **JESSICA '05** live in Burke, Va. Jessica is the 1st grade lead teacher at Belle View Elementary School in Alexandria, Va.
- MYESHIA CLAUDINE BLACK** and her husband, Samuel reside in Concord, N.C. Myeshia is employed with Salisbury Pediatric Associates as a Receptionist/Triage. Myeshia can be reached at qtshia@hotmail.com.
- JAMIE FINK** and **SCOTT PICCOLA '02** were married June 23 in Norfolk, Va. They welcomed their son, Ryan Scott, October 18, 2007.
- MELANIE GOERGMAIER** lives in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla, and works as an Enrollment Counselor for the University of Phoenix. Her e-mail is mgoergmaier@alum.elon.edu.
- CHRIS LINDSAY** has landed a major part in a new feature-length film called "Get Some," starring Djimon Hounsou ("Blood Diamond," "Amistad," "Gladiator"). See the trailer at <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1023111/>.
- BLAIR MATTHEWS** is currently residing in Colorado. You can reach him at 13010 Lowell Ct., Broomfield, CO 80020.
- ALAN ANTWAN MORRISON** would like to announce his engagement to **SHEENA E. LEAVEN '06**. Antwan can be reached at aamorris@catawba.edu.
- ALLAN ROHRBAUGH** is living in San Francisco, Calif. and is employed as the Ad Operations Manager for Outsourced Ad Ops. His e-mail address is allanrohrbaugh@hotmail.com and he would love to hear from his friends from Catawba.
- 2006 JENNIFER O'CONNELL SPANO** married Matthew Spano, on September 29, 2007 in Charlotte, N.C.. Jennifer and Matthew now reside in Charlotte, N.C. and can be reached via e-mail at spano.jennifer@gmail.com.
- LAURA RUSSELL** and David Moore were married in Omwake-Dearborn Chapel May 17, 2007.
- LINDSAY MICHELE SEIFARTH** and her husband, Bryan reside in Columbia, Md., where Lindsay is a Project Manager.
- PEGGY SUE MEKEBAK** and Travis Walker were united in marriage on September 16, 2007. Peggy says hello to all her friends, classmates and former teachers. Peggy can be reached at pegster1434@yahoo.com.
- 2007 HEATHER CASHATT WRIGHT** and her husband, Jason own a dairy farm, Wright Farms, in Franklinville, N.C. She married Jason, an '06 graduate from NCSU, on June 27, 2007 in Pigeon Forge, Tenn. You may contact Heather at jhwright@embarqmail.com.
- TIFFANY COX** resides in Santa Maria, Calif. and is an actress with Pacific Conservatory of the Performing Arts. She can be reached at tip\_fgpg@yahoo.com.
- CARLY MELISSA MOORE** is a math teacher for the Rowan Salisbury School System. She resides in Mt. Ulla, NC.
- BRITTANY TABER** and **WHIT EFIRD '08** are happy to announce their engagement. The proposal happened on Friday night of Homecoming Weekend! They look forward to a 2008 wedding.
- AMANDA BETH WILSON** and Aaron Lawrence Burleson are planning a January 19, 2008 wedding at Omwake-Dearborn Chapel.

# CLASSNOTES

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**1932**

**VIRGINIA L. LAWSON OF GREENVILLE, FORMERLY OF SPENCER, DIED NOV. 12.**

Following her graduation from Catawba, she earned a degree in library science from UNC-Chapel Hill. She served as a public school librarian in Forsyth County, Concord High School and Knox Junior High School in Salisbury. She also was employed for a time as head of the reference and circulation department at Davidson College Library, as a staff member of the Tremont Branch of the New York Public Library, and in teaching library science at Wingate College and Appalachian State University.

A lifetime member of Central United Methodist Church in Spencer, she was a member of the Administrative Board and served as church librarian, literature secretary and coordinator of Meals on Wheels. She was one of the editors and contributors to the *History Volume of Central United Methodist Church, Spencer, N.C., 1897-1997*, and was a “distinguished contributor” to *The Heritage of Rowan County, Volume I*. Her hobbies were wood carving and writing short true stories of small animal pets.

Survivors include nieces, great-nieces and nephews, and great-great nieces and nephews.

**1935**

**DONALD MCCREA OF COON RAPIDS, MINN., HAS DIED.**

He had been employed as a real estate broker.

**1939**

**LLOYD E. WITMER OF DOVER, DEL., FORMERLY OF SHELTON, DIED OCT. 11.**

He enjoyed a stellar career in the U.S. Marine Corps, rising to the rank of Colonel before his retirement in the late 1960s. After his retirement, he lived in Shelton for 25 years and was employed at United Technology Corp. for a brief time before becoming the executive director of the Shelton Economic Development Corp.

He was predeceased by wife Joan Platt Witmer. Survivors include several cousins and close friends.

**1941**

**JAMES EDWARD HADEN OF CONCORD DIED NOV. 25.**

A U.S. Army veteran of World War II, he was a former Rowan County Tax Collector and later retired from Federal Pacific Electric Company in Albemarle. He was a member of Harold B. Jarrett American Legion Post 342, Salisbury.

He was predeceased in 2002 by wife Barbara Lois Hoffman Haden and brother, Nelson Haden, who was listed as MIA in World War II. Survivors include daughter Barbara Haden Reavis '76 of Kannapolis, sister Ethel Haden White of Henderson, brother William C. Haden '46 of Asheboro and grandson Grayson Isenberg of Aliso Viejo, Calif.

**DR. ROBERT T. “BOB” HENRY, JR. OF WOODSTOWN, N.J., DIED JUNE 20.**

Born and raised in Haddonfield, N.J., he entered the U.S. Navy as a lieutenant after his graduation from Catawba. He was awarded the Purple Heart Medal, the American Campaign Medal, the World War II Victory Medal and the European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with three stars. After his discharge, he earned his degree in veterinary medicine from the University of Pennsylvania. He worked for a number of years as a large/small animal practitioner at the Quakertown Animal Hospital in Quakertown, Pa., and was also employed in the medical research field by Merck, Sharp and Dohme, Thomas Jefferson University Hospital and Coriell Institute of Medical Research.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn Mackin-Henry; his children, Heather Legatz of Michigan, and Suzanne Frost, Cindy Henry and Robert T. Henry III, all of New Jersey; six grandchildren and a sister.

**1947**

**HAROLD C. LINGLE OF SPENCER DIED NOV. 23.**

A native of Rowan County, he attended Catawba on a basketball scholarship. A U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, he served on a PT boat in the Air-Sea Rescue. He was a long-time employee of Carter Industries where he worked in shipping.

A member of Oakdale Baptist Church, he served on the cemetery committee, sang in the choir and was a former deacon.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Naomi Walton Lingle; two daughters, Peggy Lingle Mills and Dana Lingle Yarbrough, both of Spencer; four granddaughters and one great-grandson.

**1949**

**JEAN MYERS REID BROWN OF LEXINGTON DIED OCT. 19.**

She taught for 31 years at Lexington Senior High School. She was a member of First Baptist Church. Survivors include her husband of 56 years, Harold Bowen '48, a sister and several nieces and nephews.

**1953**

**WILLIAM ANGEL KESLER OF SALISBURY DIED NOV. 9.**

A U.S. Army veteran, he served from 1954 to 1957. He was employed for 25 years by the Pilot Life Insurance Company. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church for 73 years where he taught Sunday school, and in his later years, also attended Calvary Lutheran Church in Spencer.

He is survived by several cousins and friends.

**1954**

**DAVID J. GESSNER OF PORT SAINT LUCIE, FLA., HAS DIED.**

Survivors include his wife and four children.

**HARRIET V. LEONARD OF DURHAM DIED NOV. 11.**

She earned a master of divinity degree from Yale Divinity School and a master of science degree in library science from UNC-Chapel Hill. She was employed as a reference librarian at Duke Divinity School, retiring after 32 years of service. She was a member of First Presbyterian church for 45 years where she taught the Blackknall Bible Study class, was affiliated with the Presbyterian Women, served on the worship and the pastor search committees, and was a ruling elder.

Survivors include three cousins and many close friends.

**1956**

**JAMES WALTER GRIFFIN, SR., OF KANNAPOLIS DIED SEPT. 24.**

A U.S. Air Force veteran of World War II, he was a life member of Poston Perkins VFW Post 8989. He was employed by Cannon Mills as a supervisor in the sheet department and later worked for Shoe Show as a delivery driver.

Survivors include wife Montine Osley Griffin, son James Griffin Jr. of Kannapolis, sister Judy G. Bostian of Kannapolis, two grandsons and a number of nieces and nephews.

**PEGGY BERNHARDT WALKER OF CORNELIUS DIED NOV. 22.**

Following her graduation from Catawba, she earned her master's degree in education from UNC-Chapel Hill. She had worked as an educator in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools.

Survivors include her children, Ann Marie Critcher of Tampa, Fla., and Jonathan Walker of Charlotte, her sister, Mary Louise Trexler, her brother, Donald M. Bernhardt, Jr., three grandchildren, and a longtime friend, Edward Byers of Charlotte.

**1957**

**WILLIAM “BILL” BLEASE CUMMINGS OF GREENVILLE, S.C., DIED OCT. 17.**

He was retired from State Farm and a member of the Lutheran Church of Our Savior. He was also an alumnus of Anderson College where he received the 2003 Alumni of the Year Service Award. He was a U.S. Naval Reserve veteran.

Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Jean Triplett Cummings, three children, William Michael Cummings of Clinton, Karen Kelly of Simpsonville, and Lannie Mascio of Jacksonville, Fla., five grandchildren and a sister.

**1962**

**DON H. ELKINS OF HENDERSONVILLE DIED SEPT. 8.**

He attended Catawba on a football scholarship and was commissioned as a second lieutenant with the U.S. Air Force the summer after his graduation, serving there for four years. When he was discharged, he had achieved the rank of first lieutenant. He graduated from the Wake Forest University School of Law in 1969. He operated a law office in Henderson County for over 35 years and recently was in partnership with his son, H. Trade Elkins of Hendersonville, who survives him. He served as Henderson County's Attorney from the late 1980s through the 1990s.

In addition to his aforementioned son, he is survived by a second son, Jackson Tyler Elkins and grandson Braden Iverson Elkins, both of Hendersonville; two brothers and several nieces and nephews.

**1978**

**WILLIAM ROGER HARRIS OF INDIAN TRAIL DIED NOV. 11.**

He was the founder of Diamond H. World Class Rodeo Production and was president of the Mid-Atlantic Professional Rodeo Association. He was a member of Diamond Hill Baptist Church of Statesville.

Survivors include his wife of 24 years, Katherine Johnston Harris; his parents, Grey and Ruth Wyatt Harris of Troutman; three children, Donna Stewart of Haddonfield, N.J., Michelle Watson of Garner, and Darrel Watson of Locust; five grandchildren; a grandmother; two brothers; and nieces and nephews.

**1979**

**LAFREDIA VONCELLE “FREDIA” WILLIAMS CHAMBERS OF STONE MOUNTAIN, GA., DIED SEPT. 29.**

She had been employed by Southern Bell, first in Charlotte, and later in Atlanta, Ga., when the company became Bell South. She was recognized for her job performance with numerous awards, including the Pinnacle Award and the Turkenett Leadership Group Award. She designed and developed a program, STEP – Stimulating Talent, Excellence and Potential, to cultivate and professional and personal growth of entry level managers in the company.

Survivors include her husband, Steven Chambers; her mother, Mary Foster Williams of Mocksville; children, Amie Addae of Conyers, Ga., Taneaia Davenport of Tampa, Fla., and Joshua Chambers of Stone Mountain, Ga.; eight grandsons, five siblings, numerous uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

**IN MEMORIAM**

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## CATAWBA FOOTBALL



The Catawba football team saw its surprising season end in the second round of the NCAA II Playoffs against #8 Valdosta State. The Indians were tabbed fourth in the pre-season league poll, but nearly pulled off an undefeated season, losing only at Tusculum 31-28. That loss came at the end of a stretch of games that saw Catawba face Mars Hill on national television, take on the defending league champs in Newberry and top Carson-Newman on the road 55-49 for its first win in Jefferson City in 20 years.

Catawba answered the loss at Tusculum by winning its final three regular season games to earn its first league title since 2003 and a berth in the NCAA II Playoffs for the first time since 2004. The Tribe crushed Albany State 66-35 in the opening round of the playoffs to give SAC Coach of the Year Chip Hester his first post-season win as the Catawba Indians' coach. It also marked the first home playoff game in the renovated Shuford Stadium.

Quarterback Brad Roach, who was named the SAC Offensive Player of the Year, put in a stellar senior season as he broke school records for passing (3,322 yards) and touchdowns (32). He also set marks for completions (224) and pass efficiency (153.6). He broke one school game record in the playoff win over Albany State by throwing five TD passes, but he put on his best show against Carson-Newman when he completed 37-of-64 passes for 486 yards and four scores.

Senior receiver Brent Johnson was Roach's top target and became just the second Catawba player to catch 60 passes in a season. He set a record in the win over Carson-Newman with 13 receptions. For the season, he tallied the third best season yardage total at 858 which fell just behind junior teammate Antwan Strong, who amassed 891 receiving yards.

Another record-breaking player was junior George Bell. The Virginia Tech transfer topped Lee Spears' 1948 scoring record of 104 points by scoring 20 touchdowns in the year to pile up 122 points. His 18 rushing touchdowns were three more than the previous mark of 15 held by George Zengale (1930) and Red Meehan (1935). Senior backfield mate Kory Fisher finished his career as Catawba's #2 all-time rusher with 2,623 yards which included a record 1,079 yards as a sophomore.

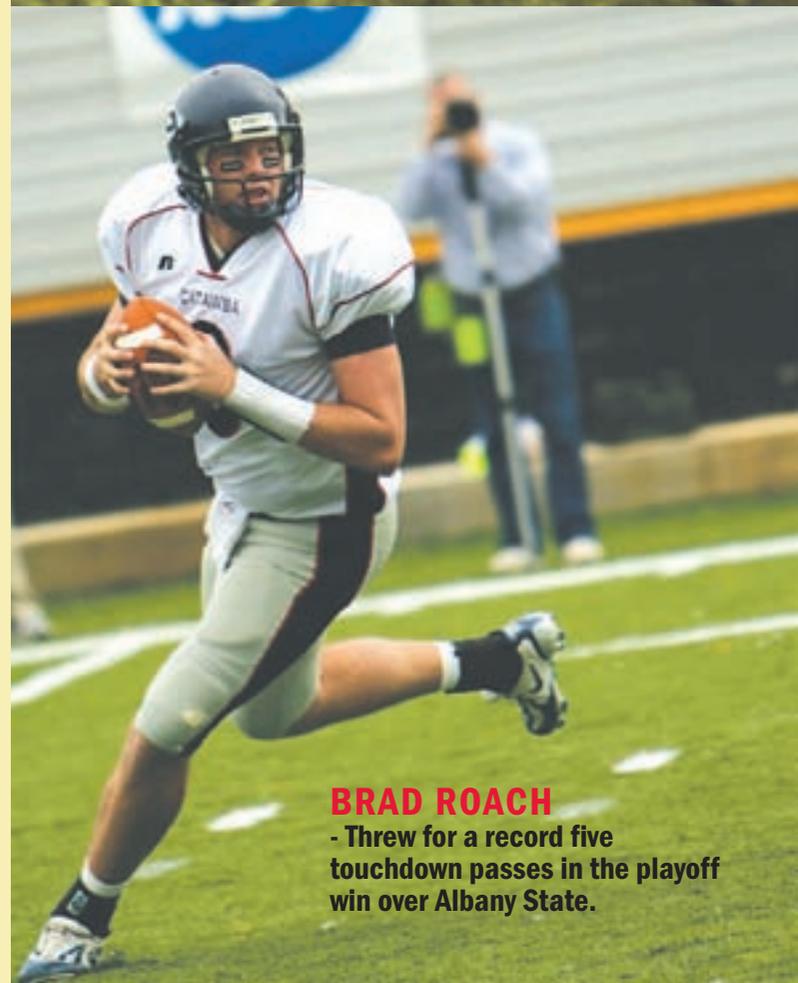
Catawba's offense shattered previous marks for points and yardage as the Tribe scored over 30 points in all but three games. The Catawba Indians finished the year with 578 points and averaged 44.5 points per game. The old marks were 403 points for a 36.6 average in 2004.

### FOOTBALL RECAP



### GEORGE BELL

- Transfer scored a record 20 touchdowns in his debut season with Catawba.



### BRAD ROACH

- Threw for a record five touchdown passes in the playoff win over Albany State.