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Catawba College inaugurates its 20th president

Dr. Robert E. Knott was inaugurated as Catawba College's 20th President Feb. 18 in Omwake-Dearborn Chapel on campus. His investiture took place before a large gathering of delegates from various educational institutions, trustees, family, friends, community guests, faculty, staff and students.

After Knott was invested with the signs of office by Tom Smith, Chairman of the Catawba College Board of Trustees, he called the day "a celebration for this college community." To the trustees, he pledged that he and wife Brenda would "live up to the responsibility you have place upon us."

Then, in typical Knott fashion, he turned the occasion into an opportunity to thank those gathered for the contributions they had made and continue to make to the institution.

Saying the college community "is an intertwining of the stories of individuals who make it up, past and present," Knott recognized with appreciation key groups in the audience. He lauded former presidents and first ladies of the college, including Fred and Bonnie Corriher, the late Steve Wurster and his wife Jean, Jacquie Leonard and her late husband Theodore, as well as Mary Dearborn and her late husband Donald.

Knott thanked friends gathered for the
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College Marshal David Pulliam slides medallion over Dr. Knott's head during inauguration ceremony as college Dean, Dr. Edith Bolick, looks on.

Catawba Trustees approve strategic plan and set tuition for 2003/2004

The Catawba College Board of Trustees approved the outline of a strategic plan for the institution and set tuition and fees and room and board for the 2003-2004 academic year at their annual meeting Feb. 18. Trustees' votes were unanimous on both issues.

COLLEGE STRATEGIC PLAN

Catawba College President Dr. Robert Knott walked the trustees through an outline of the strategic plan, saying that it first and foremost "affirms the historic mission of the college as a residential, liberal arts institution," and "also affirms our identity as a college rather than to seek to become a university." Over the next five years, he said, the plan proposes to move Catawba from the category of "select" colleges to "more select" colleges, raising the academic bar for admitted students.

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College names director of new Lilly Center for Vocation and Values

Catawba College has named college Chaplain and Senior Vice President, Dr. Kenneth W. Clapp, as director of its new Lilly Center for Vocation and Values. The appointment of Clapp, a 1970 alumnus of Catawba, follows news received in late November that Catawba College was one of 39 colleges and universities in the country to be awarded a grant from Lilly Endowment, Inc.

All of the 39 four-year, church-related liberal arts colleges which received Lilly Endowment grants had devised programs that encourage their students to reflect on how their faith commitments are related to their career choices and what it means to be "called" to lives of service. The grants will allow these institutions to begin or enhance programs that help prepare a new generation of leaders for church and society.



Dr. Kenneth W. Clapp '70

The programs also provide opportunities for students to explore the rewards and demands of Christian ministry and consider a career as a minister.

"We at Catawba College are excited that Ken Clapp has accepted the challenge of directing the Lilly Center for Vocation," said Catawba College President Dr. Robert Knott. "Dr. Clapp brings a lifetime of interest and experience in pursuit of the values upon which the programs of the Lilly Center are to be based. He also has extensive exposure to our students and to contacts beyond the College which are essential groups for the project.

"Dr. Clapp has a strong desire to assist our students to explore, intentionally, the vocational dimensions for their education and to assist them in pursuing their own paths and personal growth at the same time they are preparing professionally," Knott continued.

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Dr. Robert Knott

President's Letter

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

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

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

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

Merry Christmas to all.

Sincerely,

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College receives gift from trust of '33 alumnus

E. B. Frock '33 of Hanover, Pa., loved Catawba College. So, when a gift of \$133,783 came to his alma mater almost a dozen years after his death from a trust he had established, it came as a blessing, but not as a surprise.

"My dad always came back to Catawba for homecomings all during his life," recalls E.B.'s son Dan Frock, remembering his family's trips from Hanover to Salisbury. "He felt like it was important to support Catawba because it did so much for him." Dan Frock says one of the pinnacles of his father's life occurred Oct. 7, 1986, when Catawba granted him an honorary doctorate of humanities degree.

E. B. even convinced his wife, the late Rebecca B. Frock, who died in May of 2002, to share his affinity for Catawba. "My mother was proud of the fact that all of the earnings from the trust my dad established were put back in to increase the principal of that trust," Dan Frock says.

Although none of E.B. and Rebecca Frock's three children attended Catawba, three of their grandchildren (Dan's children), are proud, loyal and active alumni. They are Julie F. Crapster '87, Carole Baublitz-Frederick '82 and John D. Frock '91. Julie serves on the Catawba College Alumni Association Board of Directors.

"He would be proud of his family and his grandchildren and their continued support of the institution he cherished," explained Catawba Senior Vice President Tom Childress. "Catawba continues to live for his family and generations of others because of his and their continued support."

Frock was a longtime member of the Catawba College Board of Trustees. Frock Athletic Fields at the college are named in his honor. In accordance to his wishes, E.B.'s posthumous gift to the college will be used to create the E.B. and Rebecca B. Frock First Family Scholarship fund. A scholarship award from this fund will be presented each year to a student(s) from Pennsylvania pursuing a major in Catawba's Ketner School of Business.

E.B. Frock himself enjoyed a long and productive career in business, but he graduated from Catawba with an English degree and intended to be a teacher. Instead, according to son Dan, he took a job at a local company, Hanover Wire Cloth, as a loom oiler.

"It was during the Depression and he could not find a job as a teacher," Dan Frock explains. But reviewing E.B. Frock's career with Hanover Wire Cloth, which spanned more than four and a half decades, his post-graduate decision to join that company seems fated.

"They started moving him around pretty quickly," recalls Dan Frock of his father's promotions within Hanover Wire Cloth. "His big break was when he moved to the shipping department. When he finally retired from here in 1980, he was that company's president and general manager."

Known as "Mr. Hanover" in his hometown, to say E.B. Frock was involved there would be a gross understatement. He was vital there, helping to nurture the town's economic base with his own efforts. He served on the board of directors and as chairman of that board for a local Hanover bank and was deeply involved with the local chapter and national organization of Christian Business Men's Committee. Active in his home church, Emanuel United Church of Christ in Hanover, he was also a supporter of Hoffman Homes, Inc., a home for youths, in Littlestown, Pa., and the H.A.R.T. Center, a sheltered workshop for mentally and physically impaired individuals in New Oxford, Pa. All of these aforementioned organizations, along with Catawba, were designated as recipients of monies from the trust E.B. Frock established before his death.

"Dad set up the trust before his death," Dan Frock says. "He knew what he wanted to happen after he wasn't here any more. He was always positive minded and distinctly interested in young people, encouraging them to grow.

"He taught us stick-to-itiveness and always impressed on us: 'Do your best. You are as good as anybody else out there. All you have to do is perform.'"

E.B. Frock's children heeded the lessons of their father. Today, Dan works with his oldest brother, Ed Frock, in the business they established, Frock Bros.Trucking, Inc. And, E.B. Frock's children, including daughter Judy F. Bortner, still make their home in Hanover, and like their father, they take pride in helping to improve that community.

Gift from Catawba alumni upgrades Chaplain's Study

The late Catawba College chaplain, the Rev. Dr. Porter Seiwel '35, would no doubt be pleased if he walked into the Chaplain's Study of the Omwake-Dearborn Chapel on campus today. Thanks to a donation made by his children and their spouses, the study he once occupied has been refurbished. The old furnishings there, in place since the mid-1960s when the Chapel opened, have disappeared.

Gone is the floral couch, its yellow flowers faded from use. Gone is the tile floor. Gone are the archaic lamps, the harsh fluorescent lighting, and the wooden end tables that had seen better times. Replacing these are a comfortable couch and two over-sized wing chairs which make one want to sit down, stay a while and chat. Wooden parquet covers the floor and atop it, a large oriental rug that helps mute sounds. Modern lamps are placed strategically around the room and they, like the new couch and chairs, seem to encourage a visit and meaningful conversation.

"The study is named the Seiwel Study," explains Catawba Chaplain and Senior Vice President Dr. Ken Clapp '70, "and its new incarnation provides appropriate recognition and honor to the memory of the man whose name is synonymous with campus ministry at Catawba. The Rev. Dr. Porter Seiwel embodied the best of Catawba and the Christian ministry. His wife, Maria '34, shared in that ministry in a very special way and the study is a tribute to her as well.

"The refurbished study provides an inviting place for students to come, engage in meaningful conversations and pour out their concerns and life questions," Clapp continues. "This is something Pastor Seiwel encouraged and students knew him as a great listener, friend and confidant."

The gift to refurbish the Seiwel Study was made by Dr. Seiwel's son and his wife, Richard "Dick" '67 and Linda Seiwel of West Chester, Pa.,



Newly refurbished Seiwel study in Omwake-Dearborn Chapel

and Dr. Seiwel's daughter and her husband, Martha "Marty" Seiwel '63 and James "Jim" '64 Dayvault of Lakeland, Fla. (Both Dick Seiwel and Jim Dayvault serve as members of Catawba College's Board of Trustees.) Both couples were married in the chapel by Dr. Seiwel, the Dayvaults' daughter, Susan, was also baptized in the chapel by her grandfather.

Of the family's gift, Dick Seiwel says, "The Chapel and Pastor's Study were great joys in Dad's ministry at Catawba. Everyone in the family felt both Mom and Dad would be pleased to have the Pastor's Study refurbished after 40 years of enthusiastic student usage. Our hope is that the improved facility will be an asset to Ken Clapp in his ministry with the students at Catawba."

The Rev. Dr. Porter Seiwel was born in St. Clair, Pa. in 1912. During his undergraduate years at Catawba, he was very active on campus serv-

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Catawba receives \$200,000 gift for track at Shuford Stadium

There is a method to the gifts Irwin "Ike" Belk makes to institutions like Catawba College, and he is quick to point out to you why that method is effective. "The most important thing in your life is to educate your brain," he says, "but you can't do that unless your body can function. I believe in education and I believe in the state of North Carolina."

In receiving the \$200,000 gift from the 81-year-old Belk, Catawba gratefully joins 17 other colleges and universities in the Southeast that have seen tracks built on their campuses through his benevolence. These include Davidson College, UNC-Chapel Hill, UNC-Charlotte, Johnson C. Smith University, Wingate University, AT & T and UNC-Pembroke.

Belk retired 10 years ago as head of the financial department at Belk, the company his father founded that is incidentally still the largest privately owned department store in the United States. But since his retirement, he has had an opportunity to methodically give

while a student at the University of the South, professes a great interest in amateur sports, particularly track. When the track at Catawba is completed, it will be named in his honor, says Catawba College Senior Vice President Tom Childress.

"Mr. Belk's gifts have allowed tracks to be constructed at so many of our sister institutions," Childress explains. "Catawba is fortunate to be among the recipients of his generosity and privileged to be able to acknowledge his gift by naming the track in his honor - the Irwin Belk Track.

"Catawba also owes a special thanks for this generous gift from Mr. Belk to Phil Kirk, class of 1967," Childress continues. "It was Phil who shared Catawba's need for a new track with Mr. Belk."

Tracks, buildings, scholarships, sculpture - the list of projects at educational institutions that Irwin Belk has funded grows more numerous with passing days. Belk, who served as a senator in the North Carolina General Assembly for eight years in the late

50s and early 60s, jokingly enumerates his philanthropic efforts: "Do you know where the largest bull in the world is located?" he asks and then answers: "At Johnson C. Smith, it's their mascot. How about the largest pelican in the world? It's at the track at Furman University. How about the largest bulldog? That's at Wingate."

And despite the jokes, you know that Belk has been serious about education for a long time. With a quiet pride, he recalls perhaps a favorite moment during his legislative years: "I introduced the bill that created UNCC," he says. "Forty-nine senators endorsed that bill and that's the only time that (senatorial unanimity) has been done in the history of the state."

Belk, a native of Charlotte, N.C., and his wife of 54 years, Carol Grotnes Belk, have four children and nine grandchildren.

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ing as student government president, a cheerleader and participating in intramural sports. The recipient of the prestigious Whitener Medal, given each May at graduation to a male and female student who most embodies the ideals of Catawba - scholarship, character, culture and service, he was also voted most popular student in his class. Between summers in undergraduate school, he returned to his hometown to work in the coal mines.

A 1938 graduate of Lancaster Theological Seminary in Lancaster, Pa., he served several churches in his native Pennsylvania until 1957. He returned to Salisbury as pastor of First United Church of Christ, a post he held until 1960 when he joined the Catawba College community as campus pastor and assistant professor of religion. He retired from Catawba in 1977 and made his home in Salisbury until his death in 1986.

During his 17-year tenure at Catawba, Dr. Seiwel was very involved in the planning, fund-raising and even construction of the college chapel. Construction of the chapel began in 1962 and concluded with its dedication February 2, 1964. Dick Seiwel recalls his father's excitement during the construction period.

"I remember how thrilled he was when, after having written to the proper dignitaries in England, we received a stone from the Salisbury Cathedral for the chapel," Dick Seiwel explains. That stone is located in the chapel's narthex along with a small bronze plaque that tells its story.

In 1976, Dr. Seiwel was the recipient of the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award, an award given annually at Catawba to a non-student who upholds the spiritual standards of the college by noble characteristics. In 1978, he was presented the O.B. Michael Alumnus of the Year award, the top honor given annually by the Catawba College Alumni Association.

Today at Catawba, the spirit of Dr. Seiwel lives on not just in the refurbished pastor's study, but in the scholarship named in honor of him and his wife, the Porter W. and Maria Long Seiwel First Family Scholarship. Established by the family, this scholarship is given annually to help deserving students pursue majors in religion and philosophy, business, science or education.

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- Irwin "Ike" Belk

back to both the state of North Carolina and its institutions of higher education.

"My father always taught us that those who were fortunate enough to possess or earn wealth had a special responsibility to both use it wisely and to share it with those less fortunate," he explains. "If you don't take care of this generation, the next one won't be worth shooting. My advice is throw the roses where you can smell them. Don't wait until you're dead and gone. Do it now."

Belk, who set a 2-minute, half-mile record

Catawba announces recipients of First Family Scholarship

Twenty-three incoming freshmen for Catawba College's fall 2003 semester have competed successfully and been awarded the college's prestigious First Family Scholarships. These students were among 62 who vied for the awards at a First Family Scholarship Weekend held Feb. 21-22.

The average GPA for those competing students was 3.9, while their SAT score average was over 1200. They vied for awards ranging from \$11,000 to full tuition scholarships (approximately \$16,400) by participating in a series of faculty interviews, writing an essay on

why they aspired to be a scholarship recipient, and providing confidential written recommendations from teachers or administrators concerning their abilities, academic achievement, character and motivation.

Students receiving full tuition scholarship include Amy Guenther of Asheville, N.C., Eva Manney of Olmsted Falls, Ohio, and Jared Wietbrock of Loganville, Ga. Other recipients of First Family Scholarships include Lauren Connolly of Moon Township, Pa.; Tiffany Cox of Woodbridge, Va.; Lauren Ebersole of Hagerstown, Md.; Victoria Hamilton of Wake

Forest, N.C.; Andrew Howe of Salisbury, N.C.; Angel Lanning of Lexington, N.C.; Jennifer Mehl of West Creek, N.J.; Jessica Moretti of Charlotte, N.C.; Amanda Nantz of Troutman, N.C.; Kristen Phillips of Hartwood, Va.; Lisa Ponce of Tolland, Conn.; John Poulos of Rockville, Md.; Jessica Pruett-Barnett of Georgetown, Del.; Will Randall of Tifton, Ga.; Jordan Richards of Hendersonville, N.C.; Kara Robinson of Black Mountain, N.C.; Meagan Robinson of Belmont, N.C.; Shane Timmons of Denton, N.C.; Stephanie Webster of Madison, N.C.; and Joey Yow of High Point, N.C.

Tom Smith Scholarship recipients honored at luncheon

Thirty-seven recipients of Tom Smith Scholarships at Catawba College were honored Feb. 26 at a luncheon in the Hurley Room of the Cannon Student Center.

Junior Christopher Slaughter of Whitsett spoke on behalf of his fellow scholars and thanked Tom and Martha Smith for the scholarships they had provided for Catawba students. "When I graduate next year from Catawba, I want to make a difference in all that I pursue, like you have, Mr. Smith," Slaughter said.

Slaughter explained that he chose Catawba because he was looking for a place where he could fit in, be active and involved, and mature as a young adult. However, he also needed a college that offered "much needed financial assistance and scholarships." During his years at Catawba, he said he had followed his family's admonition to "take advantage of the opportunities." Doing so has led to his being a member of the cross-country team, the Phileatheons, the student government association, Alpha Chi honor society and Phi Epsilon honor society.

Junior Lindsay Hughes of Silver Spring, Md. also thanked the Smiths "for the opportunity to attend a private college and to be able to make a difference both inside and out." Hughes, too, spoke of her involvement on campus, noting her membership in Students Involved in Free Enterprise (S.I.F.E.) which led her to assume a leadership position in Catawba's current Habitat for Humanity project.

Catawba College President Dr. Robert Knott told the students that "Catawba's ability to have you here is greatly dependent on people like Tom Smith. We, as an institution, are grateful to and proud of him as a graduate of Catawba College."

Knott explained that one of the qualities of a person with a liberal arts education is "gravitas," a Latin word meaning a seriousness of purpose or a commitment and dedication to a task. He said that quality "grows out of a sense of gratitude when we become aware of what others have done to help us be where we are." Gravitas, he explained, is a way "to pay back those who have helped make a difference in our lives."

In concluding remarks, Tom Smith '64, who also serves as chairman of the Catawba College Board of Trustees, congratulated the students on their

decision to attend Catawba College. He encouraged them to get involved in all aspects of campus life, saying these activities would help "expand and broaden your views." He recalled a business professor of his at Catawba who made such participation a prerequisite for receiving a good grade in his class. "Thanks to him, many of the things I enjoy today started right here at Catawba," he said. "These extracurricular activities really add to your education and will flow right out of here into your life after graduation."

Smith also asked the students to remember Catawba after their graduation. "You're here because a lot of people have given to this college. That's important to Catawba, but it's important to you too. When you give back, you're going to be giving others like yourself the same opportunities you have had, and in this way,

Catawba can continue the quality of education which has distinguished it."

In addition to Slaughter and Hughes, other Tom Smith Scholarship recipients include Rachel Black of Acworth, Ga.; Scotty Boler of Columbia, S.C.; Evan Bowling of Pearisburg, Va.; Forrest Breedlove of Advance; Andrea Brown of Central, S.C.; Gregory Brown of Rose Hill; Grant Cain of Kennesaw, Ga.; Derek Camps of Sanford, Fla.; Douglas Carroll of South Riding, Va.; Jason Dalton of Salisbury; Donna Davis of Harmony; Shannon Dente of Coral Springs, Fla.; Derek Gault of Salisbury; John Godfrey of Ipswich, Mass.; Melanie Goergmaier of Groebenzell, Germany; Cari Griffin of Olney, Md.; Marja Hatfield of Winthrop, Maine; Ricky Hill of Bennett; Jesse Howes of Huntington, Mass.; Lindsay Hughes of Silver Springs, Md.; Jason Hupp of Mooresville; Elizabeth Ingle of Salisbury; Kristen Kyle of Greer, S.C.; Helgi Mar Magnusson of Reykjavik; Megan Mainer of Raleigh; Miriam Martinez of San Salvador, El Salvador; Todd McComb of Thomasville; Nicholas Means of Thomasville; Sean Middleton of N. Augusta, S.C.; Allan Rohrbaugh of Lexington; Oshen Sands of Mt. Airy; Christopher Slaughter of Whitesett; Cedric Squirewell of Ridgeway, S.C.; John Vernon of Walnut Cove; Amber Williams of Clay, N.Y.; and Maryia Zhuk of Belarus.

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Students' academic achievements recognized at opening convocation

Academic achievements of students were recognized at Catawba College's Opening Convocation for spring semester Jan. 30. A large number of faculty, staff and students gathered in Omwake-Dearborn Chapel to laud those students among them who excel.

"You represent the best among us and embody the purpose for which we exist," Catawba President Robert Knott said, addressing the students among those who attended. "Today we celebrate the growth, expansion and maturation of the mind, as well as those who exhibit a high level of caring and service."

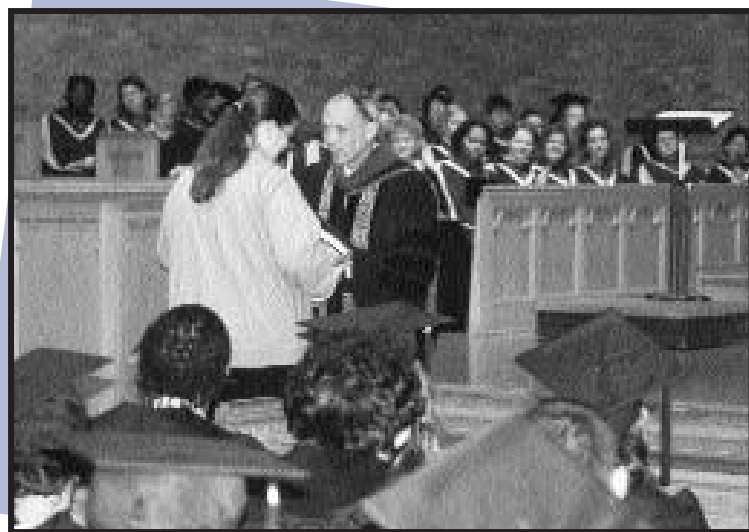
Catawba's Acting Academic Dean Dr. Edith Bolick recognized seniors in the graduating class of 2003, some of whom had donned their caps and gowns for the occasion. Senior class members stood to the applause of the audience.

Students in Catawba's B.A., B.F.A., B.S. and B.B.A. degree programs who made the Presidential Honor Roll for spring semester

2002 also stood and were recognized. To achieve this ranking, a student in the B.A., B.F.A. and the B.S. degree programs must earn a 3.70 GPA on 30 or more semester hours during the two semester of an academic year. Students in the B.B.A. degree program who achieve this ranking must earn a 3.70 GPA on 24 or more semester hours an academic year.

Students making the Dean's List for fall semester 2002 were recognized. The Dean's list includes Day students who earn a 3.50 GPA on 15 semester hours in a given semester and Evening students who earn a 3.50 on 12 semester hours in a given semester.

Spring and fall 2002 inductees into Alpha Chi National Honor Society were noted. These are junior and senior students who have demonstrated outstanding scholarship and character in



Dr. Ken Clapp congratulates Paul Fisher Service Award recipient Lindsay Hughes

pursuit of a liberal arts education. Membership is limited on the basis of academic standing and the faculty must elect all members. Inductees included Seniors Mandy Dawn Adcock of China Grove, Maria C. Aguirre of San Ysidro, Calif., Jennifer Lynn Elium of Salisbury, Kathy Morrow Haynes of Salisbury, and Sherry Lynn Rogers of Salisbury; along with Juniors
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Catawba Habitat for Humanity Project underway

Students, faculty and staff members of Catawba College gathered Feb. 1 on Celebration Drive in the Forest Creek Development to begin construction of a Habitat for Humanity home. This building efforts follows a year of fund-raising in which close to \$21,000 were raised for the project.

become a reality."

Catawba President Robert Knott thanked those gathered to begin work on the home. "I speak on behalf of the college when I tell you we are grateful to you for the contribution you are making to this family and community," he said. "When you collectively put your efforts together, good things can happen - that is the true meaning of citizenship."

Loressa Barnes and her children Antonio and Angela, Catawba's Habitat homeowner partners, were also at the construction site to not only symbolically turn a shovel of earth during the groundbreaking, but to work on their single-family home with the other volunteers. After Barnes and her children were introduced by Catawba students, she simply said, "Thanks," both to the volunteers and to God, promising to take care of her new home and maintain it with pride.

Weather permitting, the Catawba Habitat House should be completed in April. Dr. Andrew Morris, a Catawba College professor of business, will serve as house leader during the construction phase.

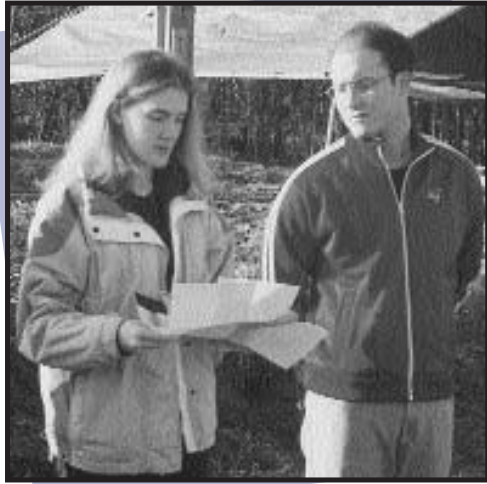
Plans are to schedule an April event at which the house will be turned over to the Barnes family and also dedicated to the memories of two Catawba students who died during the 2001-

2002 academic year, Andrew Grooms and Darris Morris. The families of both students will be invited to attend. A large sign erected at the Habitat site bears the name of both young men and what would have been their graduating class years - '04 for Grooms and '02 for Morris.

"The way to overcome bad situations and tragedies is to create good situations," explained Dr. Nan Zimmerman, director of Volunteer Catawba and a board member of Habitat for Humanity of Rowan County. "This Catawba Habitat House is a loving response to adversity and the families of both of these students very much appreciate the fact that their sons' peers chose to undertake a project to help others as a way to memorialize them."

Zimmerman also explained with some pride that this Habitat project marks the first time that the entire Catawba College community has come together for "a collaborative and comprehensive volunteer effort on a project of substance."

Donations to the Catawba Habitat project continue to be welcomed. Checks can be made payable to Catawba College sent to the attention of Volunteer Catawba, Catawba College, 2300 West Innes Street, Salisbury, N.C. 28144. Please designate on the check for what the gift is intended.



L-R: SGA Pres. Michelle Kowalsky and S.I.F.E. Pres. Jason Dalton at Habitat groundbreaking

A Catawba College student organization, Students in Free Enterprise or S.I.F.E., and its advisor, Mr. Ralph Ketner, an adjunct professor in the Ketner School of Business, continue to spearhead fund-raising efforts on campus, with a final goal of \$40,000. S.I.F.E. President Jason Dalton, a college junior, told those at a groundbreaking ceremony at the site which preceded Saturday's construction that "what was a dream has

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"Catawba College could not have found someone better qualified than Dr. Clapp to lead the Lilly Center and to assist all of us at the College to bring vocational issues and questions to the heart of the educational experience at the College"

Dr. Barry Sang, Program Officer of the Lilly Grant and chair of its Advisory Council also chairs Catawba's Religion and Philosophy Department. He lauded Dr. Clapp and his appointment saying, "One of the exciting features of this decision was the sudden realization that we already had within our midst just the kind of person we needed to lead the program. Dr. Clapp will bring to this post a wealth of leadership experience that bridges the Church and the Academy, and a deeply held vision of and demonstrated commitment to Christian vocations. It will be a distinct pleasure to work with him in this endeavor."

Clapp, a native of Whitsett, N.C., holds degrees from Lancaster Theological Seminary and Yale University and is a graduate of Harvard's Institute for Educational Management. Prior to joining the Catawba College faculty and administration in 1989, he served churches in Connecticut and North Carolina, and was the executive director of the Blowing Rock Assembly Grounds, a retreat and conference center of the United Church of Christ. In 1999, Clapp was one of the first recipients of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries "Excellence in Teaching" awards.

Clapp will transition out of some of his current on-campus responsibilities over the next several months. In the meantime, he will begin implementing the 27 components of Catawba's grant proposal. One of these is the expansion of the "Year of Inquiry" program that has been funded this year by grants Clapp received to provide scholarship for

students interested in taking a year to explore a call to the ministry. The "Year of Inquiry" is one facet of a three-tier approach to providing scholarship to students interested in the ministry.

"One of the most gratifying dimensions of my 30 years in ministry is having had the opportunity to work closely with nearly a dozen men and women who have gone into the ministry," Clapp said. "I am excited about the possibilities of Catawba reclaiming its role in training a significant number of persons who enter the ministry and bring quality leadership to local churches and communities."

Helping students explore what is important in life and what they can do with their lives, including careers in ministry is not new to Clapp. "From my many counseling sessions and informal conversations with today's students, it has become very evident that one of the greatest dilemmas (and often very debilitating from a college success perspective) facing our students is the decision about what to do with their lives - finding something that excites them and that they feel will bring meaning and a sense of purpose," he said.

"The components of this program have the potential to reach across the campus in aiding students in getting in touch with who they are and how they are called by God to be of service to others and to participate as a part of the larger community," Clapp continued. "These realizations in turn can bring that sense of purpose and provide an understanding of ways they can find meaning through the work they do and the service they render."

Catawba College received \$1,999,503 for implementation of its on-campus program, You Can Make a Difference! A Lilly Program for the Theological Exploration of Vocation. This program

will facilitate the search for an authentic life among students, faculty, staff, and the larger college community, and will help them discover and use their gifts in ways that serve others. Its special focus is to encourage students to consider seriously how they can make a real difference in today's world through the Christian ministry.

The new Lilly Center for Vocation and Values, which Dr. Clapp will direct, will coordinate the multifaceted program operating through the college's curricular and co-curricular activities including new courses, scholarships, internships, and a seminary mentoring program; along with a lecture series, retreats, dinners and information focused on vocational exploration; as well as additional community service opportunities across the campus. The Center has an Advisory Council consisting of faculty, staff, students, trustees and community members.

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

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

Professor publishes new volume of Catawba County history, learns new things about Catawba College in the process

Catawba College Associate Professor of history Dr. Gary Freeze has published a new volume on Catawba County history, *The Catawbans: Pioneers in Progress*. Freeze signed copies of this new book, his second on the history of Catawba County, Feb. 8 at Literary Bookpost in downtown Salisbury.

In 1989, the Catawba County Historical Association approached Freeze about writing a history of Catawba County. "They wanted a book in three years, to coincide with the 150th anniversary of the county," Freeze recalled. "It took me six years. Now 12 years later, we've published volume 2."

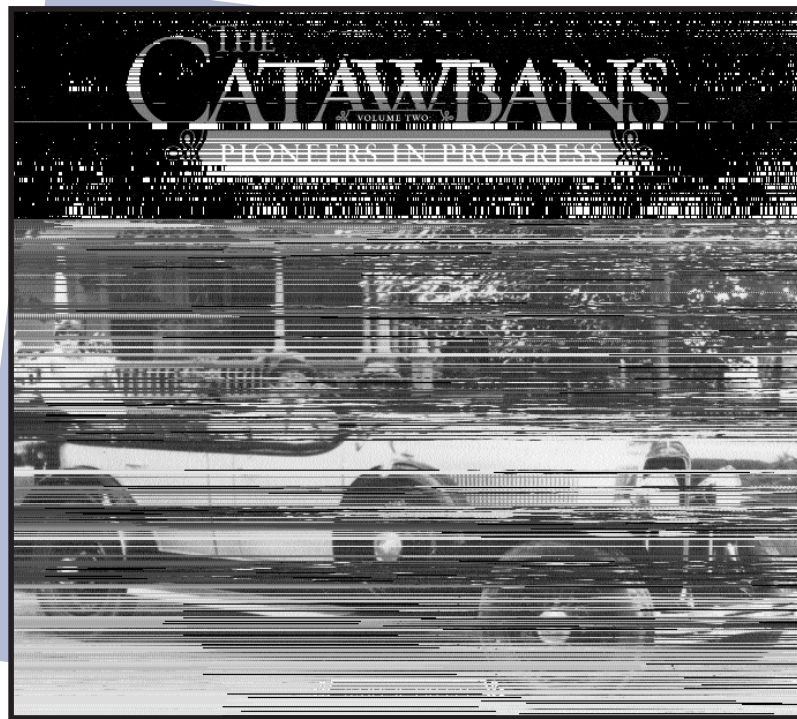
Volume 1, *The Catawbans: Crafters of a North Carolina County*, covered the settlement of that county and profiled the traditional habits and agrarian customs of the people living there. The concept of neighborhood ruled this volume which concluded, Freeze said, "with Catawban customs falling apart with the advent of the railroad and the Industrial Revolution."

Volume 2 of the history concerns the Catawbans' response to industrialization and, Freeze explained, "How a new generation emerged by 1940 that was completely industrial." Automobiles, he said, figure significantly in this book which features on its cover a photo of long-time Hickory mayor, the late Joseph D. Elliott, sitting in a 1928 25th anniversary edition Buick.

Ninety nine percent of Volume 2 is an historical account from newspapers, Freeze said.

And, he noted the toughest thing for him to do while he was researching and writing Volume 2 was to "pace the newspaper reading." He calculates that he read 11,420 issues of the Hickory Daily Record printed between 1901-1947, while his assistants read 5,000 issues of the Newton weekly newspapers from that same time period. "By my estimation, it took a little more than one hour to go through a month's worth of newspapers, or 15 hours for a year's worth," he said.

While doing research for Volume 2, Freeze said he uncovered three things about Catawba College which was founded in Newton (in Catawba County) in 1851 and operated there until 1923, before temporarily closing to relocate to Salisbury in 1925. He learned the names of the first graduating class of the institution (1853); the role that was played by the preparatory department in keeping the college alive during the late 1800s; and that the building of a local public high school in Newton in the early 1900s actually killed enrollment at Catawba College there, forcing its relocation to Salisbury.



Freeze's new volume on Catawba County, N.C. history



Dr. Gary Freeze, Professor of History

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Antonia Michelle Bowden of Burlington, Tony Renae Bowman of Salisbury, Jeffrey Christopher Boyles of Pinnacle, Justin Lee Buckwalter of New Holland, Penn., Cherie Elizabeth Collum of Salisbury, Elizabeth Ruth Gill of Woodbury, N.J., Hannah Lily Haddix of Salisbury, Laura Elizabeth Hartis of China Grove, Ashley Elizabeth Holmes of Mocksville, Anne Marie Horton of Salisbury, Alan Christopher Jacobs of Mocksville, Emilee Jo Rangel of Millersburg, Ohio, Christopher Scott Slaughter of Whitsett, and Krista Sue Yantis of Casstown, Ohio.

Members of Alpha Sigma Lambda, the national honor society promoting academic excellence in non-traditional programs and recognizing the academic accomplishments of outstanding students in the Lifelong Learning program, were asked to stand and be congratulated.

Catawba's Junior Marshals, chosen from among the students with the highest grade point averages in the junior class, were recognized. These individuals serve the college community by assisting with all ceremonial functions of the college during their junior year. Junior Marshals for the 2002-2003 academic year include Gina Michelle Austin of Salisbury, Tonya Renae Bowman of Salisbury, Ashley Blair Barrow of Hendersonville, Antonia Bowden of Burlington; Justin Lee Buckwalter, Lauren Nichole Corriher of Landis, Elizabeth Ruth Gill, Christopher James Goff of Raleigh, Sandra Sides Greene of Salisbury, Amy Diane Hardister of Clemmons, Laura Elizabeth Hartis of China Grove, Ashley Elizabeth Holmes of Mocksville, Annie Horton of LaPlata, Md. Alan Christopher Jacobs of Mocksville, Kristen Marie Prather of Alliance,

Ohio, Christopher Scott Slaughter and Maryia Pilipovna Zhuk of Davidson.

Catawba's Academic All-District Athletes were honored. Verizon recognized these young men and women last fall for their achievements on the field or court and in the classroom. To be selected for this distinction, a student athlete must have played in at least 50 percent of the team's games and achieved a minimum of a 3.2 cumulative grade point average. Academic All-District Athletes were soccer player, Mike Beber of Beaver Dams, N.Y.; volleyball players, Elizabeth Hewitt of Hickory and Hope Miller of Newton; football players, Todd McComb and Nick Means, both of Thomasville, along with Luke Samples of Elkin.

Four members of the Catawba College community received Paul Fisher Service Awards. These awards are named in honor of the chairman of the board of F& M Bank and trustee of Catawba College, Mr. Paul Fisher, and are given to those who have made the greatest contribution through service to others and who make service an integral part of their lives. Three students who have worked extensively on Catawba's Habitat for Humanity project, Jason Alan Dalton of Salisbury, Lindsay Lauren Hughes of Silver Springs, Md., and Bryant Tyson Byrd of Mebane, were Paul Fisher Service Award recipients. Don Nilson, manager of Chartwells, Catawba's food service provider, was the fourth recipient, honored for his work in serving students hot meals during the March 2003 ice storm and subsequent power outage on campus.

Catawba holds reading of anti-war play, "Lysistrata"

In early March, 22 members of the Catawba faculty and staff joined people around the world to protest against a pending war with Iraq. Ironically, the modern day protest utilized a fifth century play by Greek Dramatist Aristophanes, "Lysistrata," to make its point.

Catawba's reading featured the participating members of the faculty and staff, carrying notebooks containing their scripts as they delivered their lines in the round at the Florence Busby Corriher Theatre. Dr. Woodrow Hood, chair of Catawba's Theatre Arts Department, opened the gathering with a few words about the play, explaining, "The point is the act of dissent and not the grand theatrical endeavor."

"Lysistrata" relates a possible resolution of the Peloponnesian War orchestrated by the women from both sides. These women use their most powerful weapon, sex, to counteract the weapons of war employed by their men. Female characters vow to abstain from sex with their "husbands, lovers, and casual acquaintances" until their men agree to end the war.

Lysistrata, the heroine of the play, takes matters into her own hands to end the war and enlists the help of her fellow females to join her in a sex strike. The others are reluctant to follow her proposed plan even as they proclaim, "to secure peace I would climb to the top of Mount Olympus." Despite all protests, they are eventually led to conclude, "Peace must come first." Through a series of humorous and bawdy situations, the men resolve to agree to the terms of the women and end the war.

Readings of "Lysistrata" were conducted in other communities, cities and towns across the country and the world as "A Theatrical Act of Dissent" on March 3 against the potential war with Iraq. According to the official website, www.lysistrataproject.com, there were 1029 readings in 59 Countries.

The play shows how a group can work together to achieve a common end. A discussion which followed the Catawba reading provided a forum for the college community to air concerns and ideas about the possibility of war.

Hood opened the discussion admitting that it was comforting that there were others against the prospect of war saying, "This sends a message that there are a lot of us out there who disagree and I haven't been getting a lot of that from the media these days."

There were about 50 people that came to see the reading and discuss the prospect of war. Many wanted to know, "What is the next step?" in the campaign to avoid war. Rodney Lippard, one of the participating staff members, answered the question with, "Gather people together and discuss it."

Dr. Lyn Boulter, a professor of Psychology at Catawba and participant in the reading told the crowd that for her, "It was an honor to be asked to participate and an honor to be a part of this project."

Perhaps words that best sum up the lesson learned from "Lysistrata" came from a female in the audience who said, "We can each do something, even if it is just a little bit. We can all find some way to voice our dissent."

VALUE ADDED

Minister and author gives advice to clergy on effective youth ministry

Clergy from across the state gathered Feb. 25 at Catawba College to gain some insight on how to make their youth ministries more effective. The Rev. Donald Richter, one of the writers and co-editor of "Way to Live; Christian Practices for Teens," spoke about how to begin and sustain a dialogue with teens concerning participating in practices as "a way to walk the Christian faith."

Richter's visit to the college was funded through a United Church of Christ grant. Attendees at his program were provided with a copy of his book and a CD-ROM containing a leader's guide to the text.

"Way to Live: Christian Practices for Teens," explores 18 different practices that are referenced and repeatedly engaged in in the Bible by Christians. Each chapter was written by a teenager and an adult who collaborated on a practice, such as "play" or "prayer."

"The book is an affirmation of things we can do constructively without telling youth 'no,' to everything," Richter explained. Heavy on graphics, the book seeks to engage teens of today in exploring how they can incorporate these practices into their way of life.

"Every practice is gift before task," Richter said. "God provides for us and then we are responsible for passing on that gift."

The title of one of the book's chapters is "Body," and it explores the practice of honoring the body. Another chapter, entitled "Food," suggests ways to lead teens into discovering the biblical link between food and "the basic way the Christian community is shaped," Richter said.

"What our way of life is," he explained, "is from the Bible. In so many of the stories from the Bible, the people were gathered, there was the breaking and sharing of bread, and then the telling of stories or parables. Something bigger than hunger motivates us, and when we explore this with teens we are inviting them into this way of life. One learns practices from other people."

Richter, who makes his home in Asheville, is an associate project director of the Valparaiso Project on Education and Formation of People in Faith, an initiative funded by the Lilly Endowment, Inc. He was founding director of the Youth Theology Institute at Emory University and served in that capacity from 1992 until 1998. He also has taught Christian education at Emory's Candler School of Theology and Bethany Theological Seminary.

Catawba College Alpha Chi Chapter celebrates 25th year

Catawba College's Omicron Chapter of Alpha Chi, the national college honor scholarship society, celebrates its 25th anniversary this year. It is among 10 chapters in the country marking the occasion.

The Omicron Chapter will receive from the national office an engraved commemorative bar to hang from the official charter plaque presented at the time of the chapter inauguration.

Dr. Bethany Sinnott, Chair of Catawba's Department of English, is the advisor for the honor society which is very active and currently has 28 student members. Last year, it received the Star Chapter recognition, an honor only 15 percent of the chapters in the country receive.

The Omicron Chapter planned to send a delegation to the National Alpha Chi meeting in Washington, D.C. during spring break and several

members were to make presentations while there. Senior Alice Sanderson of Cartersville, Va., an English major, was to play a flute selection at the meeting, while Junior Antonia Bowden of Burlington, also an English major, was to deliver a paper.

Additionally, the Omicron Chapter recently received a \$150 chapter grant from the Alpha Chi national office to help fund an Interdisciplinary Symposium slated April 17 on Catawba's campus.

Alpha Chi inducts no more than the top 10 percent of juniors and seniors from all academic fields. Founded in 1922, the society has active chapters at more than 300 colleges and universities in 45 states and Puerto Rico.

Poetry collection of late Salisbury woman donated to Catawba College Library

The late Beverly Fowler Jones of Salisbury loved poetry, so much so that she amassed an extensive collection, including volumes by many North Carolina poets. In her memory, her family has donated part of her collection, including N.C. poetry books and Jones' correspondence with various N.C. poets, to the Catawba College library as part of the Poetry Council of North Carolina collection. It will be designated the Beverly Fowler Jones collection.

The donation was formally made last fall by Jones' son, Robert Jones of Salisbury, during the Poetry Council of North Carolina's Poetry Day. Included in the donation were rare, signed editions of early books of poetry by such renowned North Carolina writers as Fred Chappell, Reynolds Price, Betty Adcock, A.R. Ammons and John Foster West, as well as Jones' correspondence with the poets, including the late Helen Bevington of Duke University. (Last year, Bevington was inducted into the N.C. Literary Hall of Fame.)

Robert Jones said he and his three brothers decided that the poetry collection donation would be an appropriate tribute to his mother who was "a lover of words." And, he said, this was a way to keep the books she amassed during her lifetime intact.

Born Sept. 4, 1916 in South River, Beverly Fowler Jones

was educated in Woodleaf schools before attending Appalachian State Teaching College. She came back to Salisbury and briefly worked at Boyden High School. At age 30, she married A.S. Jones, Jr. and the couple started their family; sons Sid, Foard, Lloyd and Robert were born two years apart.

According to Robert Jones, his mother had many interests, but cooking was not one of them. Instead she kept journals, wrote poetry for herself, collected poetry books, sewed and painted. "Mom was the outgoing one - very independent," recalled Robert Jones. "Daddy indulged her." Beverly Fowler Jones was also a member of Birdwatchers, the English-Speaking Union and the Rowan-Salisbury School Board, serving during the integration of schools in N.C.

Beverly Fowler Jones died in June of 1992, but her love of poetry and words live on in her collection. Volumes from the Beverly Fowler Jones collection at Catawba College may be borrowed by library patrons.



The late Beverly Fowler Jones

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Other features of the multi-year plan which he explained included on the enrollment and academic side: attaining an enrollment in the college's day program of 1,200, and in the evening or Lifelong Learning program, maintaining an enrollment in the range of 400-600 students; achieving a student/faculty ratio of between 12 and 14 students for each faculty member; moving faculty salaries to the national average thereby assuring that Catawba maintains a quality faculty at the institution; improving the SAT average for successive entering classes of students; increasing the percentage of admitted students who are in the top 10 percent of their class; and building a serious concern for character in the young people recruited to Catawba.

Concerning the college's operating budget, Knott said the plan proposes to decrease the college's dependence on annual private unrestricted gifts and to grow the endowment significantly to help fund financial assistance to "able students" and to provide resources to strengthen the faculty through professorships and chairs.

In the area of campus culture, Knott explained the plan proposes work to strengthen the honor code and to "build a set of shared expectations in the college community." The plan also calls for creation of a campus master plan as well as improvements to the residence halls, classrooms and the library.

"What we're proposing is not new to Catawba College," Knott said. "We have been there before. We are seeking to build upon what we have had when we have been at our best in the past and go beyond that." He said although

the plan outlines large directional parameters, action plans for each item outlined therein are forthcoming and will be presented to the Board of Trustees at their annual retreat in May.

TUITION AND FEES, ROOM AND BOARD FOR 2003-2004

Catawba College's tuition and fees and room and board charges for the 2003-2004 academic year will increase an average of six percent over rates charged this year. However, these increases are in line with those charged by the college's peer institutions within the state.

Tuition and fees will increase by 6.4% from \$15,420 to \$16,400. Room and board will increase by 4.9% from \$5,340 to \$5,600. This average 6% increase will move the price of attending Catawba as a residential student from the current \$20,760 to \$22,000.

In 2002, Catawba's tuition and fees were ranked seventh among selected private N.C. colleges and universities, trailing those of Duke University, Davidson College, Wake Forest University, Guilford College, Warren Wilson College and Elon University. Its room and board charges were ranked ninth among the same selected private N.C. colleges and universities, trailing charges levied by Duke University, Belmont Abbey College, Davidson College, High Point University, Queens University, Guilford College, Greensboro College and Lenoir-Rhyne College.

Trustees learned that Catawba will drop several add-on charges to students' tuition and fees in the 2003-2004 academic year with the approved increases. These included a \$70 per

semester charge for a microfridge and laundry card, and a \$300 one-time fee for new students.

OTHER MATTERS

Trustees unanimously approved the tenure candidacy of Dr. Stephen Etters, an associate professor of music at Catawba. Etters joined the faculty of Catawba in 2000 and has been instrumental in the start-up of a community band, a jazz band and a pep band at the college. He has also worked to schedule various band competitions and camps at the college, thereby exposing the institution to a new generation of prospective students.

The trustees also unanimously approved Faculty Emeritus status for Professors James Parker of Theatre Arts and Alvin Carter of the Ketner School of Business. Carter retired from the college in December after 34 years of service, while Parker will retire in May after 33 years of service.

The board approved an auditor for the college. The Salisbury firm of McCoy, Hillard & Parks, CPAs, P.A. will conduct the Catawba's annual audit for the fourth year in a row, with the college making an additional commitment to use the firm for its annual audit in 2004 and 2005.

The board also elected trustee members in the Class of 2007. They include Robert B. Arnold, Jr., Sara D. Cook, Claude B. Hampton, Jr., Winslow H. Galloway, Phillip J. Kirk, Jr., Barry D. Leonard, Richard G. McGimsey, Patricia P. Rendleman, Lynne S. Safrit, James G. Whitton, and James L. Williamson.

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impact they had made on his life, including former professors and a college roommate. He noted the contributions of the faculty, staff and students of the college. He also spoke poignantly about the impact that members of his family had made on his life, recognizing his mother who taught him his "love of literature and poetry," and his father who admonished him "to listen to what a person says, but look much more closely at what he does." He named his children, their spouses and grandchildren and his mother-in-law. He reserved special words of thanks to his wife, Brenda, whom he joked was the reason for his hiring at Catawba.

In his inaugural address, Knott alluded to the outline of a strategic plan which the Catawba College Board of Trustees had approved at their meeting earlier in the day. He called their vote of confidence in the plan "an act of faith." Despite uncertain economic times and global unrest, he noted that there was something in "the history and current reality (of the college) that give substance to this trustees' act."

"Our academic challenge is to step up to another level, but not one we haven't met before. We must build a strong and challenging academic environment which is merged with a caring and nurturing community," Knott said. "We must renew the college's commitment to focus on character."

Knott paraphrased a chapter from Dr. Frances Dedmond's history of the college, "A College of Our Own," saying that the phrase "Our past is prologue to our future" aptly describes the course Catawba is poised to plot with the trustees approval of the strategic plan. "Catawba College has been committed to an educational quest to understand our highest human good and therein to bring meaning and purpose to our lives," he said. "Our challenge is to bring this concept to new life for new generations of students."

"May it be said of us that we honor our traditions and serve a greater common good - that we are dedicated to the quest for the highest human good in each of us. Let us be found worthy of the education that has come to be known as Catawba College."

Delegates from more than three dozen different educational institutions, including Harvard Divinity School, Rhodes University, Queens College and East Carolina University, paid tribute to Knott by participating in the academic processional. Also processing were members of the Catawba College faculty, the board of trustees, the class of 2003 and special guests including Catawba's nineteenth president, J. Fred Corriher, Jr.'60.

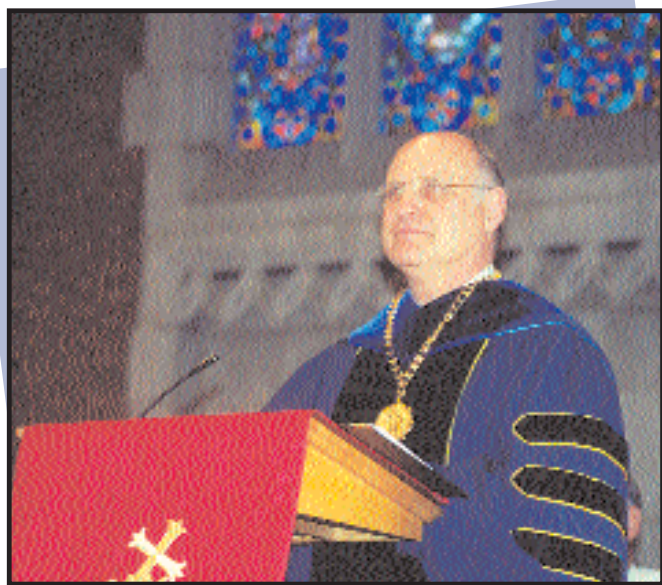
Bringing greetings during the ceremony on behalf of the Catawba College community were Student Government President, Michelle Kowalsky '03, and Chair of the Faculty Senate, Dr. Carl Girelli. Dr. A. Hope Williams, president of North Carolina Independent Colleges



Catawba SGA Pres. Michelle Kowalsky delivers greetings from student body

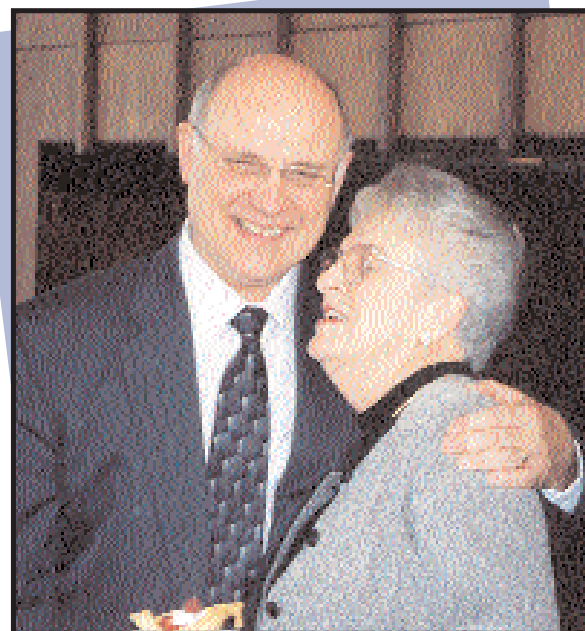


Dr. & Mrs. Knott along with their children and their spouses and granddaughters



Dr. Knott delivering inaugural address

and Universities, also brought greetings on behalf of the 36 private colleges and universities in the state which area members of her organization. Catawba's Writer-in-Residence and Professor of English Dr. Janice Fuller honored Knott by reading an inaugural poem she had written for the occasion, "Reading the Omens on Inaugural Day."



Dr. Knott and his Aunt June Rikard share a special moment

"Pericles" is Parkie's last production

The following article, written by Katie Scarvey, ran Feb. 20, 2003 in *The Salisbury Post*. We thought it was so well-written and so telling about Catawba's own James Parker that we decided to run it in its entirety in *CAMPUS* so all of Parkie's former students could enjoy it too.

"Pericles" is Parkie's last production. "This is the same robe that I wore when I played Polonius in 'Hamlet,'" says James Parker at the rehearsal for "Pericles" earlier this week.

Parker dons the robe this time to play Old Gower, the narrator of "Pericles," one of Shakespeare's lesser-known plays. "Pericles" will be his last Catawba production.

After 33 years at Catawba, Parker will retire at the end of this academic year.

As a swan song, the play is not a guaranteed crowd-pleaser, but Parker has always been up for a challenge.

He selected the play because it is a fairy tale for grownups and has never been staged at Catawba. Parker has made it his mission over the years to bring the classics to students who might not be exposed to them otherwise. The one year that he didn't direct, no one staged a classic at Catawba, he says.

During his years at Catawba, Parker has directed nine Shakespeare plays.

Besides directing and acting in "Pericles," Parker also designed the sets and costumes. What better way to make an exit than by showing one's versatility?

Jim Epperson, who worked with Parker in the theatre department at Catawba for more than 25 years, says that Parker's many talents make him unique.

"Most of the time someone is just a costumer or just a director or just a scene designer," he says, but Parker has ability in all of those areas.

"We've become so specialized these days," says Parker, who considers himself a generalist. "That wasn't the kind of theatre that I came of age in. Everybody did everything then.

"I think you're better if you understand what other people have to do to accomplish their jobs." Parker has a reputation as a director who brings a unique approach to the plays he directs.

"His shows are not going to be like everybody else's," says Reid Leonard, director of Piedmont Players Theatre and one of Parker's former students at Catawba.

Parker likes to stage plays using the original conventions, which often change over the years. He encourages experimentation.

"There's more than one way to do a play," he says. He's not a director who will simply reproduce the blocking from a New York production. College theatre is the perfect place for trying new things, he says.

"Where else can you experiment like this?" he asks.

Parker's production of "Lysistrata" was one of his most unique shows, Leonard says.

Leonard remembers a production of "Blood Wedding" for its lush costumes. "That was one of the original patchwork shows," Leonard says. "He

took all the different fabrics and sewed them together - and the show was off-the-charts gorgeous."

Patchwork became a signature style for Parker, who can often be seen wearing patchwork pants of his own creation.

Besides designing and directing, Parker has also written adaptations of plays, including "A Coupla Guys Named Mike," which he wrote as a "freely adapted" version of the classic farce "The Twin Menaechmi" by Plautus.

Professor Parkie

Parker may perhaps be most fondly remembered as a teacher. During the 33 years he spent at Catawba, Parker developed an enviable teaching reputation.

"I was not a particularly good teacher when I started out, but I got better," Parker says. In 1978, he won Catawba's Swink Award for Outstanding Classroom Teaching.

One of his students once described him to an incoming student as "tough but fair."

"That is a description I'm happy with," Parker says.

Parker encourages his students to think for themselves and likes for them to make connections instead of regurgitating material they've been fed in the classroom.

Dr. Bethany Sinnott of the Catawba College English Department remembers the time that a student burst into her office and declared "Parkie is God."

When Parker is reminded of this, he laughs and says, "Remember, God can be vengeful."

As much as he is respected and sometimes feared by his students, nobody calls him Professor Parker. He's always been "Parkie," to both students and colleagues alike.

One of his current students, junior Ashley Barrow, says that Parker is always there to give his students the extra push that they need.

"It could hurt your feelings," she says, "but there's never a doubt in your mind that he cares." Sometimes, actors need a dose of Parker's bluntness, she says.

Barrow played the hooker in a "A Coupla Guys Named Mike" last spring and she has taken five of Parker's theatre arts classes at Catawba. She plays Marina in "Pericles."

"It's really fun to do this play with him - he's so easygoing," Barrow says. "And it's even better that he's in it."

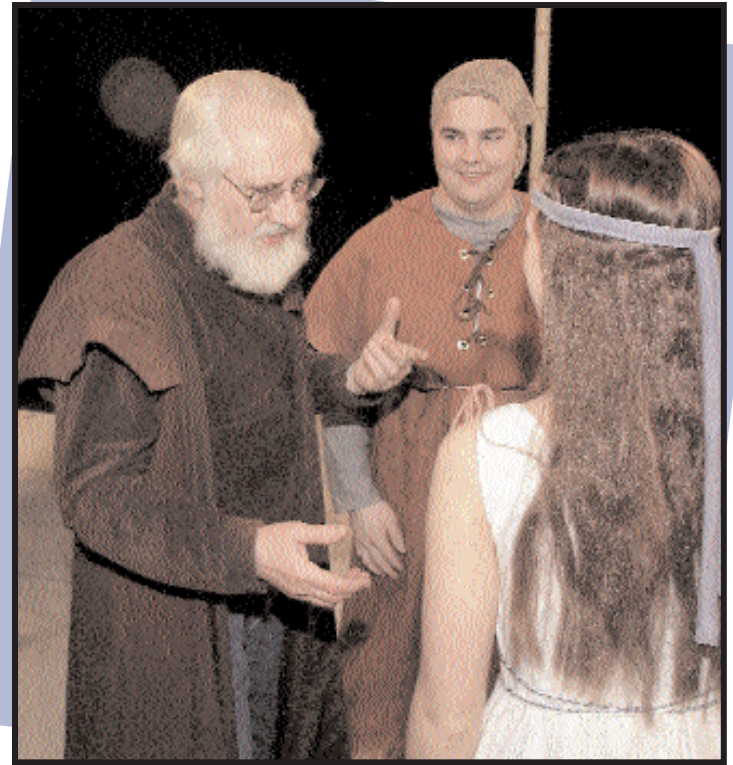
Barrow took Parker's Shakespeare class and appreciates his willingness to take the stage. "Most of them don't have the guts to get on stage and do this themselves. He totally practices what he teaches," she says.

Silk purses

With his characteristic wry wit, Parker says that he was hired at Catawba because they were looking for someone with professional experience who could get a play on "without causing trauma throughout the breadth of the land."

He quickly earned a reputation as the school's costume guru, a creative magician who could make something out of nothing. He's proud of being "Mr. Cheap," someone who knows the value of recycling.

"If something is needed for the play, my first



Parkie as Old Gower, narrator of "Pericles"

reaction is "What do we have that we can make it out of?" " he says.

Piedmont Players director Reid Leonard laughs about the time that Parker had a grant of \$6,000 to spend on a play but could only manage to spend half of it.

"I just couldn't spend it all," Parker says. "It's just not in my nature."

He remembers doing a show back in the 1960s when he had to costume 53 people on a budget of \$120.

"We were brought up poor and taught to save," he says. "If you didn't finish it on Saturday, you ate it on Sunday."

His mother used to brag about making him a snowsuit out of a wool bathing suit, and Parker inherited her attitude - that you have to work with what you've got.

"It's in the genes, I suppose," he says. "I find it fascinating to see how many different things I can make out of a plastic milk jug."

As chair of the Theatre Arts Department at Catawba College, Epperson appreciated Parker's frugality. "He saved me big bucks," Epperson says. "He could design costumes for virtually no budget at all through his creative use of found objects."

Both Epperson and Sinnott recall being asked to save little round discs with the Elsie the Cow insignia on them from Bordon milk cartons. With gold paint, Parker transformed them into medallions. Pop tops from cans became chain link armor, Sinnott says.

Way back when

Parker graduated from Ithaca College in 1954 and went on to do some off-Broadway shows in the mid-1950s. He then left the theater for a while, he says, but returned when he got a call to finish a set in Chagrin Falls, Ohio. He took that call as a sign from God that he was supposed to get back in the business.

Alan Alda, who would later find fame through his role as Hawkeye Pierce on *M*A*S*H*, was the juvenile in the company at the time. Parker recalls reading the part of Alan Alda's wife during a rehearsal of "The Little Foxes."

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Catawba students get the facts on "Beer, Booze and Books"

Jim Matthews, a nationally recognized speaker on alcohol and substance abuse at college campuses throughout the country, spoke to Catawba College students, faculty and staff Jan. 16. During his remarks, he remembered the words of a college student he had counseled, and admonished those listening to ponder them.

The student whom Matthews recalled was a college basketball player who had been kicked off his collegiate team because of problems created by his alcohol abuse. The player also broke up with his girlfriend because of this. "Here's what that student told me as he sat in my office," Matthew said: " 'People told me that college would be the best time of my life. I just don't want the time of my life to ruin the rest of my life.' "

Matthews urged those gathered not to end up like that college basketball player. He said the choices they made about alcohol and drugs were "not just about saying 'No,' but about planning ahead." He gave them these tips to assist with their planning:

- Set a low risk limit for alcohol consumption;
- Alternate non-alcoholic beverages with alcoholic beverages;
- Arrive later and leave earlier from gatherings where alcohol is served;
- Stick to your principles.

Matthews spoke at 11 a.m. to first-year students, faculty and staff. He made an additional presentation at 7 p.m. to student leaders who had been invited by the Office of Student Affairs. His presentation was a lecture combined with computer-generated, multi-media graphics and video encouraging audience participation. It was a non-judgmental approach to confronting high-risk alcohol consumption on campus.

Some of the statistics he shared were startling. Thirty-one percent of 12th graders get drunk at least once a month, he said, while four percent of high school seniors drink every day. The average wine cooler, he explained, contains more alcohol than a beer, a glass of wine or a mixed drink. And his sharing of information about alcohol, he insisted, does not mean that the students are given permission to drink.

Other topics he discussed included acquaintance rape, alcohol poisoning, blackouts, hangovers, one-night stands and the walk of shame. Fifty percent of college students admit to engaging in sexual activity while under the influence of alcohol, he said, while the next day, most say that they regret having done it.

Matthews' on-campus visit is similar to other events slated this academic year which are funded with monies designated for non-alcohol programming by the Catawba College Board of Trustees' subcommittee on student enrichment.

A faculty member and former Special Assistant to the Vice President for Alcohol and Other Drug Programs at Keene State College in New Hampshire, Matthews is the author of "Beer, Booze and Books... a sober look at higher education." His presentations are approved by the NCAA as part of that organization's Sports Science Speaker Program.

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Parker met his wife, Betty, at the Boothbay Playhouse in Maine doing summer stock in 1959 - she was a member of the company and Parker was a designer. They got married that fall, and their daughter, Deirdre, was born in 1961.

Before coming to Catawba, Parker spent five years doing regional theater in Washington, D.C. When he was hired at Catawba, he agreed to earn a master's degree within the first three years there.

After completing that degree at UNC-Greensboro, he began designing costumes. Then, after 14 years of working with sets and costumes he began to direct. His first play was "Antigone," the first in a long line of classics that Parker would direct.

One of Parker's students in the 1970s was Reid Leonard. In the mid-1980s, Leonard took over Hoyt McCachren's teaching and directing duties at Catawba College when McCachren was busy organizing the Shuford School of Performing Arts.

When Leonard directed Hamlet in 1984,

Parker played Polonius, one of his favorite roles - a role that he was born to play, says Deirdre Parker Smith, his daughter. Sinnott was also in "Hamlet," playing Gertrude's lady in waiting.

Sinnott and Parker have known one another for more than three decades, brought together by their mutual love of Shakespeare. As Catawba's resident Shakespeare scholar, Sinnott has served as a consultant during Parker's Shakespeare productions.

The two Shakespeare lovers founded Parker/Sinnott Vanity Productions, an extra-curricular project that allows Catawba faculty and staff members - some with no theatre experience - to participate in staged readings of "King Lear" and "The Tempest."

After he retires this spring, Parker is interested in teaching some master classes and creating more of his patchwork garments, which can currently be found at the Green Goat Gallery in Spencer.

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Graduation Event Schedule

What: LifeLong Learners (BBA) Senior Dinner
When: Friday, April 11 6 - 10:30 pm
Where: Peeler Crystal Lounge
Attire: Sunday dress (Black tie optional)

What: Senior Investiture
When: Thursday May 8 - begins at 5:30 (arrive at 5:15)
Who: Seniors, families, guests, faculty & staff.
Where: Assemble for procession, in any order, on sidewalk in front of library to go to Chapel.
Attire: Cap, tassel, and gown, Sunday attire or business casual underneath.
 Will receive hood at Investiture.

What: Day students' Senior Dinner
When: Thursday May 8 - begins at 7:00 pm (arrive just before 7:00)
Who: Seniors only
Where: Peeler-Crystal Lounge
Attire: Sunday attire/business casual.
 Remove cap and gown from Investiture.

What: Commencement Rehearsal
When: Friday May 9 - begins at 9:30 am (arrive at 9:15)
Who: Seniors only
Where: Abernethy Quadrangle (rain location, Keppel Auditorium)
Attire: Casual

What: Alpha Chi Honor Society Spring Induction (Day program seniors)
When: Friday May 9 - begins at 1:30 pm (arrive at 1:15)
Who: Inductees, existing members, faculty, families and guests
Where: Omwake-Dearborn Chapel
Attire: Sunday attire

What: Baccalaureate Service of Worship
When: Friday May 9 - begins at 7:30 pm (Seniors arrive at 7:00 pm)
Who: Seniors, families, guests, faculty, staff, trustees
Where: Omwake-Dearborn Chapel
Attire: Cap, tassel, hoods and gown with Sunday attire or business casual

What: Marshal's Walk and Reception
When: Friday May 9 - immediately following Baccalaureate
Who: All who attend Baccalaureate. Seniors will process with candles.
Where: Begin in the chapel, process through the arbor, reception in Peeler Crystal Lounge

What: Commencement Ceremony
When: Saturday May 10 - begins at 10:30 am (Seniors be in the Student Center by 10:00 am)
Who: Graduating Seniors and guests
Where: Abernethy Quadrangle, Catawba College campus (rain location = Keppel Auditorium)
Attire: Caps, tassels, gowns and hoods with Sunday attire/business casual

Catawba students participate in leadership conference

Eighteen students attended the Student Leadership Conference held on January 24 and 25 that was hosted by Catawba College's Division of Student Affairs. According to Dr. Roy Baker, Catawba's Vice President and Dean of Students, students were selected from an applicant pool to attend the conference, in an effort to begin to identify student leaders of the future.

Activities ranged from a workshop on Myers-Briggs Personality Types to identify leadership styles, a diversity program, an alcohol education program, and an exercise designed to change attitudes about difficult tasks.

Baker expressed pleasure with the event, saying, "The conference was very successful because it brought a group of students together who were not well acquainted with one another and allowed them to begin to develop their leadership skills in a non-threatening environment."

Baker also noted the effectiveness of several exercises, "The high points of the program included the Myers-Briggs Personality Type Indicator workshop hosted by Dr. Nan Zimmerman, Director of the College Counseling Center and the Leadership Survival Simulation exercise that the staff of the Division of Student Affairs hosted. These two exercises were highly interactive and taught students about their own personality and leadership type as well as provided an opportunity for students to interact as a team in making very difficult decisions."

Junior Lauren Corriher of Landis, a participant in the conference, revealed that she learned a lot from the activities and felt that the group of student participants worked well together. "We got clay and had to make something that symbolized what we had learned. I made a fish because of the FISH video we watched about teamwork," Corriher revealed. "Dean Baker said he would like to do other things with the group since everything went so well."

Junior Joy Brandli of Bonifay, Fla., had similar things to say about the success of the conference. She noted that the sessions helped her see herself as a leader in different ways. "I enjoyed and learned a lot from the personality test that we took and exploring the differences in the types of personalities. I also enjoyed the FISH video, about making any work fun.

"Attitude is very important," Brandli continued. "If you don't expect to have fun, you won't. It is always great to be reminded of this. I learned more about my personality and how to recognize my strengths and weaknesses and use others who may be stronger where I am weaker."

Sophomore Katherine Moore of Haymarket, Va., learned more about her personality and how she should interact with others. Even though she already viewed herself as a leader, she felt the conference helped her refresh her skills and made her more effective. "I learned the importance of communication and attitude," Moore said. "The most helpful thing about the conference was that it



Catawba V.P. and Dean of Students Dr. Roy Baker speaks at leadership conference.

allowed us to know better how to deal with other people. It enhanced our people skills, and showed us how to work together as a team."

Another participant, Sophomore Peter Arnold of Edgewater, Fla., noted, "After attending the conference with my fellow students, it was interesting to find out that we all had a lot in common and want to lead Catawba to bigger and better things in the future."

Perhaps the success of the conference is best illustrated by Arnold's comment and the sentiments of Joy Brandli, who revealed, "The conference allowed me to recognize myself, as well as the others, who need to step up into leadership roles in order to better the culture here at Catawba."

Catawba Late Nite

The third installment of Catawba Late Night was held between 10 p.m. and 2 p.m. Mar. 1 in the Cannon Student Center and all indications are that this type of student event will enjoy future success on Catawba's campus.

A total of 363 students attended the event. Dr. Roy Baker, Catawba College Vice President and Dean of Students said the event "attracted another large segment of the student body who choose to participate in an entertainment event that was alcohol-free.

"Our challenge for next fall's Catawba Late Night," Baker explained, "will be to do something very different than we have in the past. We plan to host the event in the gymnasium rather than the Cannon Student Center and utilize other facilities and resources on the campus."

Activities at the Mar. 1 Catawba Late Night included Bingo, movies, NASCA Racing Simulators, Pop-A-Shot Basketball, Electronic Darts, Billiards, Ping Pong, Air Hockey, Downhill Skiing Simulation, Skateboard Simulation, video games, a live band and dancing to Justin the DJ. Additionally, there was lots of free food including pizza, donuts, cotton candy, chips, salsa, vegetable trays and soft drinks.

Participating students also received free Catawba Late Nite t-shirts.



Students enjoy arcade games at Catawba Late Nite

Author's Symposium

Author Frances Mayes spoke Mar. 6 to a gathering of several hundred people during the 17th Annual Brady Author's Symposium. Mayes, who has written "Under the Tuscan Sun," "Belle Tuscany" and "Swan" joins a cadre of other celebrated authors who have spoken at the annual event, including Pat Conroy, Ann Hood, the late Tim McLaurin, Gail Godwin, Doris Betts, Reynolds Price, Kaye Gibbons and John Berendt.

Plans are already in motion for next year's event scheduled Mar. 17, 2004. It will feature Rick Bragg, author of "Ava's Man," "All Over but the Shoutin'" and "Somebody Told Me."



Author Frances Mayes

Catawba Sports Hall of Fame Weekend

Catawba College's 26th Annual Sports Hall of Fame Weekend is scheduled April 4 and 5. The weekend begins again this year with the traditional golf tournament at Crescent Golf Club on Friday with a 1:15 p.m. start, and concludes with a Sports Hall of Fame Luncheon and Induction Ceremony scheduled at 12:30 p.m. Saturday in the Goodman Gymnasium on campus.

Four former Catawba student athletes are slated for induction into the college's Sports Hall of Fame during the ceremony and luncheon sponsored by the Catawba College Chiefs Club. Inductees include James D. Bucher ('77) of Virginia Beach, Va.; Jan Armfield Shields ('73) of Charlotte, N.C.; J.W. "Lefty" Lisk ('47) of Albemarle, N.C.; and Andre L. Godfrey ('92) of Salisbury, N.C.

James D. Bucher was a football tight end at Catawba in 1972 and between 1974 and 1976. He is eighth in the college history in all-time receptions with 105; fourth all-time in receiving yardage with 2,073 yards; first all-time in average yards per catch with 19.7 yards; fifth in best single game in receiving yardage with 164 yards; and holds the school record for the longest pass reception of 97 yards. He was a member of the second team All-Conference in 1975 and a member of the first team All-District in 1975 and 1976. Following his graduation, he signed as a free agent with the Dallas Cowboys.

Originally from Ephrata, Pa., Bucher is employed as a manager with

Averitt Express in Virginia Beach, Va. He and his wife, the former Laura Davis '75, are the parents of two children, Carol and Andrew.

Jan Armfield Shields was a goalkeeper on Catawba's field hockey team between 1969 and 1972. She is first in all-time shutouts with 33 such games; had a streak of 12 consecutive shutouts; did not allow a goal in the 1971 and allowed only one in 1970. In her entire career at Catawba, she only allowed eight goals. She was a member of the Southern Conference Champions team in 1969 and a member of the Deep South Champions in 1970 and 1971. Her team's record was 41-1-5.

Originally from Fayetteville, N.C., Shields today makes her home in Charlotte and has three children, Joe, Adam and Rebecca.

J.W. "Lefty" Lisk was a Catawba baseball star between 1941-42 and between 1946-47. He hit .316 for his career (68 of 215); scored 43 runs with 46 RBIs; hit 13 doubles, three triples, nine home runs and stole eight bases; and in 22 games as pitcher, he had a 10-5 record and 2.60 ERA in

141.2 innings pitched and recorded two saves and three shutouts. He earned All-State honors in 1947 and was a member of the North State Conference Champions in 1946 and 1947. Before entering Catawba, he played on the 1940 Little World Series (American Junior Legion) team from Albemarle.

Following his years at Catawba, Lisk played for three years in the Pittsburgh Pirates' farm system. He is a member of the N.C. American Legion Baseball Hall of Fame and a member of the Stanly County Hall of Fame. Today, Lisk is retired from Alcoa in Badin, N.C. and he and wife Billie Dry Lisk make their home in Albemarle and are the parents of two children, Marvin and Johnny.

Andre L. Godfrey played basketball all four of his years at Catawba and was voted the team's MVP each of those years. He is the third all-time leading scorer with 1,673 points; ranks seventh in his best scoring season (1992) with 607 points; and ranks fifth all-time in blocked shots with 100. He was a member of the All-South Atlantic Conference first team in 1991 and 1992; a member of the second team All-South Atlantic Conference in 1990; selected as the South Atlantic Conference Tournament MVP in 1991; a member of the South Atlantic Tournament champions in 1991; and the Kirkland Award winner in 1992.

Today, Godfrey is employed by Kimberly Clark Corporation in Lexington, N.C., and he and wife Amelia have one child, Taylor.



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CATAWBA COLLEGE

Catawba Women's Basketball earns second league title in three years

The Catawba women's basketball team claimed its second South Atlantic Conference Championship in the past three years this season as the Lady Indians completed a 12-2 league mark to win by three games. The Lady Indians fell to Lenoir-Rhyne in the tournament final 77-75, but received an at-large bid for NCAA II post-season play.

Catawba had posted a 24-6 record entering the regional tournament, in reach of the school record of 25 wins set two years ago. The Lady Indians were chosen to host the event at Goodman Gym.

Catawba used a perfect home mark in claiming its title. The Lady Indians have won 18 straight at home and 36 of 27 at Goodman Gym. In fact, under current head coach John Duncan, the women have posted a home mark of 78-10.

Catawba closed out the season with several record-breaking performances. In a 91-55 rout of Presbyterian, junior Danyel Locklear hit on 19-of-22 shots and set a new single-game scoring record with 41 points. It bettered the old mark of 40 previously held by Jowita Sokolowska. With the outburst, Locklear also broke Lisa Kearns' junior scoring record of 442 points and is set to become just the fifth player to record 500 points in a season. In the opening round of the league tournament, sophomore Ashley Cox equaled Angela Harbour's three-point record by canning seven in the win over Newberry. Catawba, who ranked near the bottom of the league in three-pointers, punished a Newberry zone by making a school-record 12 in the win.

Locklear and Cox were all-tournament selections, while Locklear earned first team All-SAC honors and Dorthell Little made the second team.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Catawba men's basketball team tried to turn around a sub-par season in the final weeks, winning four of its last five games, but came up just short in the league tournament. Catawba fell by four points at Lenoir-Rhyne in the opening round. The



Sophomore Ashley Cox hit the game-winning shot in the SAC tournament semifinal. She tied a school record with seven three-pointers in the opening round win.

loss was the third of the season to the Bears, coming twice by four points and once by two.

The tight loss was nothing new for the Indians, who were just 2-6 in games decided by three points or less. Three of those were league games, falling by two at Carson-Newman, to Lenoir-Rhyne at home on a basket in the final 10 seconds and to Presbyterian at home on a shot at the buzzer.

Catawba graduates three senior starters from this year's team. Alex Luyk has decided to skip his final year of eligibility to graduate this May. He leaves as the school's all-time blocked shot leader with 158. Guard Kevin Petty reached 1,000 career points in the SAC Tournament loss at Lenoir-Rhyne, getting a three-point play with 33 seconds left to finish at 1,001 points. Forward Brian Carter, a three-time All-SAC selection, finished his career as the 14th leading scorer in school history with 1,480 points, just ahead of his high school coach Tracey Scruggs, who tallied 1,471 points for Catawba from 1985-90.

Several freshman along with rising senior Duke Phipps will give the Indians a good nucleus for next year. Phipps was the team's second leading scorer and dropped in 38 points in a win over Wingate late in the season. Helgi Magnússon, a SAC Freshman team selection, set a school record in free throw shooting by hitting 89.9% for the season. He had one stretch where he converted 44 consecutive tries, also a school record. Carter was named to the All-SAC team, while Magnússon was an All-Freshman team selection.

SPRING SPORTS

Weather has played havoc with much of the spring schedule. The Tribe baseball team has seen the most action, posting an 14-8 record, while softball has a 9-9 mark. The Tribe men's tennis team is 4-5, while the women are 0-6. Lacrosse has a 1-2 record, while the golf teams have managed to play just one event apiece.

The Catawba baseball team was the pre-season league favorite and the starting pitching has lived up to the billing. Junior Zach Snyder, who finished seventh in NCAA II last with a 1.61 ERA, has won four of his five decisions this year and has a 2.44 ERA. Fellow junior Brian Hatley has a 4-1 record and a 2.88 ERA. Offensively, sophomore Matt Baker has been the top hitter with a .413 batting average, while freshman Aaron Rimer is hitting .397. Junior Spence Southard is hitting .340 with 11 stolen bases in 22 games. He set a record last season with 30 steals.

The softball team got off to a hot start by winning its first five games. The ladies are currently 9-9. Freshman Stacey Handy has led the hitters with a .447 average, while her sister, Shannon, has posted a 4-1 mark on the mound with a 1.65 ERA. Catawba has also received good production from sophomores Jessica Rivera, with 12 RBI in 18 games, and Katie Phelps, who has driven in 11 runs in 17 games.

Evan Bowling is off to an outstanding start for the men's tennis team. He has twice been named the SAC Player of the Week. The Indians opened the spring with losses to NCAA I High Point and to a pair of nationally ranked NCAA II squads, but recently shutout Queens 9-0. The women's tennis team has struggled after the early graduation of #1 player Gina Ayala, but have been competitive with a three 5-4 losses. Junior Amy Behrman moved up to the #1 spot.

The Tribe lacrosse team won its opener over St. Vincent 17-8, then fell to Mercyhurst 16-10 and Greensboro 11-10. Senior Josh Maphis has scored nine goals to lead the team and has five assists. Freshman Jason Windett had five goals in the loss to Greensboro. Frank Fish has been solid in goal, posting an 11.5 goals against average and a 62.6 save percentage.



#1 Men's singles player Evan Bowling has twice been named SAC Player of the week.

In Memoriam

'28 Ruth Lyerly Fisher of Charlotte died Feb. 21.

She was the daughter of J.M.L. Lyerly, who was in the first graduation class of Catawba College. She taught home economics in the Rockwell school system for five years before her marriage the late Lutheran minister the Rev. Ray R. Fisher. Active in the Lutheran Church, she was president of the Women's Missionary Society of the N.C. Synod of the ULCA from 1952-55, president of the Lutheran Church Women of N.C. (LCA) from 1961-1963; and a member of the Auxiliary Board of the National Organization from 1962-1968. She served as a Mission Interpreter for the LCW in 1977 and was also a member of the N.C. Synod Executive Board.

Survivors include son Richard Fisher of Charlotte, a sister, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

'30 Josephine Carrigan Eagle of Salisbury died Feb. 18.

For 31 years, she taught the second grade in China Grove, Spencer and Rockwell schools. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church, member of Circle #4 Women of the church, former Sunday school teacher and a pastor's aid. She was a former member of the N.C. Educational Association, the Salisbury-Rowan Retired School Personnel Association, and a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, a society for women educators.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold Eagle, Sr. in 1982. Survivors include a son, Harold M. Eagle Jr. of Greensboro, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

'32 Mary Hendrix Boger, formerly of Charlotte, died Jan. 9 in Puyallup, Wash.

Following her graduation from Catawba, she was a high school teacher and later, started her own real estate business along with her husband, Charles c. Boer Sr. who preceded her in death in 1994. She was a charter and founding member of Christ Lutheran Church in Charlotte.

Survivors include son Charles Boger, Jr. and a grandson.

Elizabeth Rogers Brown of Concord died Feb. 25.

A retired teacher with the Kannapolis City Schools, she spent most of her tenure at Charles B. Aycock School. She was a charter member of Royal Oaks United Methodist Church.

Her husband, A. Curtis Brown, preceded her in death in 1981. Survivors include daughter Kay Ervin of Concord, sons Bobby Quay of Kannapolis, Albert Brown, Jr. '67 of Hickory and Larry Brown of August, sister Kathryn Rogers Taylor of Fitzgerald, Ga., nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

'33 Ruth Kesler Uzzell of Salisbury died Jan. 10.

She helped organize the kindergarten at St. John's Lutheran Church, where she was a life-long member, and taught there for several years before joining the Rowan County Schools where she taught elementary education for 31 years. She received the Teacher of the Year Award in 1964. Active in Delta Kappa Gamma teachers' sorority, she was also a member of the N.C. Association of Educators.

Survivors include daughter Barbara Uzzell Wagoner of Salisbury, three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

'35 Robert E. Pearson of Pembroke Pines, Fla. died Jan. 18.

He retired from the U.S. Postal Service in 1970 after 28 years of service, last employed in the accounting office of the Hagerstown Post Office. He was inducted into the Catawba College Sports Hall of Fame as a 12-letter athlete and regional Golden Gloves champion.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Kathryn Bingham Pearson in 1959, and by a daughter, Marianna P. Maccaroni. Survivors include his wife of 24 years, Irene Pearson, a daughter, three sons, two brothers, eight grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, three stepchildren and six step-grandchildren.

'36 The Rev. Arthur L. Grove of Hagerstown, Md. died Jan. 11.

He served as minister of Zion United Church of Christ in Hagerstown.

His wife, Janette Finger '36, survives him.

'38 Mary Belle Parks Yarbrough of Gastonia died Dec. 2.

A retired school teacher, she served for 25 years at N.C. Orthopedic Hospital in Gastonia. She was an active member of First Presbyterian Church of Gastonia, where she attended circle and was president of the Eunice Warren Sunday school Class. She was also president of the Women's Club Music Department, program director for A.A.R.P. and N.C. Association of Educators, National Education Association, N.C. Retired School Personnel and alpha Delta Kappa, serving as president of the Alpha Eta Chapter.

Survivors include daughters Doris Yarbrough and Norma Jean Huffstetler '60 of Gastonia, sister Daisy P. McDowell '32 of Salisbury and Mildred P. Reece of Atlanta and two grandchildren.

'39 Mary Elizabeth "Lib" Fink Weddington of Concord died Jan. 5.

Following her graduation from Catawba, she served for over 43 years as a business educator in the N.C. school system. She taught in

Wadesboro, Concord and Raleigh, and was instrumental in the integration of the Wake County School System. She was a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Salisbury.

Her husband of 53 years, Luther Addison Weddington, preceded her in death in 1997. Survivors include her twin sister, Margaret Fink Beam '39 of Mooresville, along with several nieces, nephews and cousins.

'40 John N. Smoot of Johnson City, Tenn. Died Jan. 22.

Following his graduation from Catawba, he taught and coached in Granite Falls, N.C. for two years before entering the U.S. Air Force where he served as a Special Services officer during World War II. During his tour of duty, he was promoted to captain and earned the Bronze Star. After his discharge, he worked for Security Life and Trust Co. and moved to Johnson City in 1950 to establish a general agency that he ran for 33 years.

Survivors include wife of 57 years, Jeannette Hickman Smoot, sons John Michael Smoot of Uxbridge, Mass. and C. Steven Smoot of Wake Forest, daughter Cynthia Arnold of Thomaston, Ga., five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

'41 John Locke Foil of Virginia Beach, Va., died Jan. 26.

He was retired after 30 years as an officer with the U.S. Navy Supply Corp. A Mason and a member of the Scottish Rite, he was a charter member of Wycliffe Presbyterian Church, former member of Virginia Beach Sports club and the Broad Bay Country Club.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Mary Current Foil '44.

'48 James Taylor Fink of Mocksville died Feb. 11.

A U.S. Air Force veteran, he served during World War II. He was retired as a supervisor with Bonitz Insulation Company in Columbia, S.C.

His wife, Margie Dukes Fink, preceded him in death. Survivors include sister Carol V. Fink of Winston-Salem.

The Rev. Charles Wilbur Sigler of Granite Quarry died Dec. 18.

In 1951, following his graduation from Catawba, he earned his master's degree from the Lancaster Pennsylvania Theological Seminary. A retired United Church of Christ pastor, he served churches in Pennsylvania before moving to Rowan County to pastor at Shiloh United Church of Christ. After retiring in 1993, he was designated as pastor emeritus at Shiloh and served as interim pastor at many area churches. In 1999, he received the Exemplary Life Service Award from Catawba College.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Martha Black Sigler '50, son Chuck Sigler '82 of Harrisburg, daughter Miriam Koon '74 of Faith, sister Phyllis King of Jonesboro, Ga., and six grandchildren.

Virginia Brinkley Yoe Kirchin of Salisbury died Jan. 4.

Following her graduation from Catawba, she worked for the Rowan County School System, served as secretary and treasurer of W.F. Brinkley Construction and president of Scepter Realty and Granite Realty. A member of Christiana Lutheran Church, she was a former member of Shiloh United Church of Christ, Granite Quarry.

Her first husband, Thomas H. Yoe, Jr. preceded her in death in 1987. Survivors include husband William S. Kirchin, two sons, a daughter, two stepsons, two stepdaughters, a brother, a sister, five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and nine step-grandchildren.

'49 Wylie Moore Neal of Waxhaw died Jan. 24.

He attended N.C. State University before entering the U.S. Navy in 1942. During his four-year tour of duty, he served in the invasion of Normandy, D-Day and the Pacific and Atlantic theatres, receiving the Silver Star. Following his discharge in 1946, he entered Catawba where he majored in Business Administration.

A retired District Manager for the U.S. Freight Company, he was a Mason and a Shriner, a member of the Waxhaw Scottish Society, and a former member of the Waxhaw Town Council. He was a member and past president of the Carolina Genealogical Society, past president of the Waxhaw's Historical Festival and Drama Association, and a member of the cast for the "Listen and Remember" drama staged annually in Waxhaw since its inception. He was a member of the Waxhaw United Methodist Church, where he served as Sunday School teacher and Scout Master for a number of years.

Survivors include his wife, Alice Austin Neal '48, and a daughter, Cecilia Neal of Waxhaw. A son, Stephen, preceded him in death.

Dr. Frederick Clyde Shaw of Lenoir died Feb. 11.

Following his graduation from Catawba, he earned his doctorate degree in dentistry from the College of Virginia. He was retired as a dentist.

Survivors include his wife, Frances Smith Shaw.

'51 Ralph Hartman Jr. of Frederick, Md. died Dec. 31.

While in undergraduate school, he was known as the "Big Man of Section E Black Demons." He was employed by N.W. Ayer and Son Advertising Agency for 34 years, first in Philadelphia and then, in Manhattan. He was an active member of Frederick's South End Coalition. In the 1940s, he was a member of the Pickup Seneca Football Team coached by Mike Britain.

Survivors include his wife of 46 years, Gloria Fulton Hartman, two daughters, a son, five grandchildren and a brother.

'52 Dorothy Rink Adams of Brevard died Jan. 9.

Born in Salisbury, she was a teacher. Her husband, Nelson F. Adams, preceded her in death in 1975.

Survivors include sons Richard Adams of Brevard and Sandy Adams of Shelton, Wash., daughter Kristy Adams of Centreville, Va., five brothers and sisters including Carolene Rink Peeler '44, Naomi Rink Bernhardt '52, John Rink '49 and Hillary Rink '49, and six grandchildren.

L. Earl Henry of Tyrone, Pa. died Nov. 2.

A U.S. Air Force veteran, he served during the Korean conflict. While at Catawba, he excelled in sports. He was a four-year letter winner and an outstanding football player. He earned his master's degree in education from Penn State University. He retired in 1982 after 25 years of teaching and coaching football at Bellwood-Antis High School. He was a member of the Tyrone Lodge F&AM, where he served as chaplain, a member of the Altoona Consistory, Jaffa Shrine and the John M. Anderson American Legion in Bellwood. He was a member of Wesley United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife of 49 years, Shirley Ort Henry, a son, a daughter and a grandson.

'55 Dr. William Morris Irvin of Concord died Dec. 3.

A veteran of the U.S. Army in the Korean War, he spent his career as an educator. He held degrees from Catawba College, Appalachian State University, UNC-Chapel Hill, and earned his doctorate in education from Duke University. He was a teacher, a principal and retired as superintendent of the Concord City Schools. He was a member, an elder, elder emeritus, deacon and Sunday school teacher of Concord Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. He was awarded Catawba College's Exemplary Life Service Award in 2001.

Survivors include his wife, Ernestine Litaker Irvin '53, four sons, three sisters, one brother and seven grandchildren.

'57 Henry D. Harper, III of Charlotte died Feb. 22.

He majored in business and played on the golf team as a scratch golfer while a student at Catawba. After graduation he began his business career with Esso Standard Oil in Charlotte. In the early 1960s, he was a pharmaceutical salesman with S.E. Massengill and then, McKesson. In the 1970s, he began another successful career in residential real estate and continued it until his retirement in the mid-1980s.

Survivors include wife Jeanne Sloan Harper, daughters Beverly Forsythe, Kimberly Pavelich and Ginger Mutterer, son Jeffrey Harper, and nine grandchildren.

James Franklin Jackson, Jr. of Concord died Dec. 27.

He entered the U.S. Army in 1955 and was honorably discharged in 1961. After his discharge, he joined his father and Mr. O.A. Swaringen in their busi-

ness, Food Centre Stores, Inc. He was a lifelong member of the N.C. Food Dealers Association and continued his employment with the family business until Food Lion Stores acquired it in 1982. He was a member of Central United Methodist Church and a member of the former Bill Jenkins Sunday school Class. Active in his community, he was a member of the Cabarrus Chamber of Commerce, the Concord Jaycees, the Boys and Girls Club of America, Rotary Club International, the United Way and the Cabarrus Country Club.

In addition to his wife of 46 years, Patsy Helms Jackson, five sons and ten grandchildren survive him.

'58 James Ralph Beam, Jr. of Cherryville died Feb. 15.

The former mayor of Cherryville, he was retired as owner and operator of J. Ralph Beam and Son. He served with the N.C. National Guard in Kings Mountain.

Survivors include his wife of 44 years, Rita McGinnas Beam '58, son James Russell Beam and daughter Lucinda Beam Davis, both of Cherryville, a sister and four grandchildren.

'64 Gwendolyn Anne Lesser Call of Merritt Island, Fla., died Feb. 11.

A homemaker, she enjoyed gardening, working with stained glass and cooking. She was a member of Indian River City United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband of 36 years, Charles M. Call, Jr. '68, daughter Michelle Phillips, son Anthony Call, brother Fred Lesser, sister Marylyn S. Butcher '71 and two grandchildren.

'68 Spencer Hoyt Moose of Landis died Nov. 18,

A U.S. Air Force veteran of World War II, Moose was a production supervisor for Cannon Mills Company. He was past president and secretary of the John R. Mott YMCA Service Club, past president and secretary of the Landis Lions Club. He was a member of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, serving as a member of the church council and a Sunday school teacher of the Hoyt Moose Sunday school Class for 36 years.

Survivors include wife Kathleen Beaver Moose, sons Donald E. Moose and Alan H. Moose, both of Kannapolis, daughter Susan Moffatt of Landis, two brothers and a sister.

'81 Kimberly Dawn Hoover of Charlotte died Mar. 2

After she received her undergraduate degree in Business from Catawba College and Appalachian State University, she was employed by U.S. Airways as a flight attendant for over 20 years.

Survivors include her parents, Louise Martin Hoover of Salisbury and Kenneth Hoover of Cramerton, two sisters and a niece.

Class Notes

'33 Margaret Menges Kesler

enjoys living near her daughter in Redmond, Wash., a suburb of Seattle. Her husband, Tom Kesler, originally of Salisbury, passed away in 1997. They had been married 65 years. Margaret has four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, and, with the exception of two grandchildren, all live close by and visit often. She is busy with genealogy research, bridge and family activities. Her Catawba memories are happy ones, and she would enjoy hearing from her classmates. She can be reached at Cascade Plaza Retirement Center, 7950 Willows Road NE, Room 211, Redmond, WA 98052.

'46 Helen Hamden writes that

her husband Woodie is retired. They are living the good life, traveling and having fun. They have 11 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

'48 Malcolm Barnhardt and his

wife Beckey have returned to the farm where he was raised, close to the Catawba campus. This move comes after working with forty houses for Habitat for Humanity. He looks forward to helping the college in a similar endeavor later. His current address is 4630 Old Salisbury Rd, Kannapolis, NC 28083.

John Conrad (Jack) Weiser's address has changed. He can now be reached at 300 West 109th Street, Apt. 6M, New York, NY 10025 or at jacksonconrad8@aol.com

'56 Ralph "Buz" Yarborough has published "What Me Thinkst Shakespeare Would Say to Liberal Democrats."

Yarborough received a master's degree from East Carolina University and is a retired teacher and coach. For more information or to order the book, check the web site at www.1stbooks.com.

'57 William Glenn Hiatt is a

volunteer worker for the Public Library in Westminster, Md. and has been for 16 years. He organizes the annual Library Book Sale in July, which makes \$4,000 a year. His daughter, Mary Elizabeth, is Senior Vice President for Corporate Marketing at Earth Data Holdings, Inc. She is married to Jeff Leonard who is General Manager of the company.

Edwin Marten Kiser has been a computer programmer at IBM for 30 years. He has four daughters, all married, and seven grandchildren. He spent '53-55 at Catawba before transferring to UNC-Chapel Hill where he received his Master of Education degree in '58. He taught at Myers Park High School in Charlotte for six years. Then he was a programmer at UNC-CH for two, moving from their to IBM in Research Triangle Park from '66-'75, he then transferred to IBM in Boca

1960s Close-up

Phil Kirk resigns as chair of NC Board of Education

Phil Kirk, a 1967 Catawba alumnus, is resigning from his position as chairman of the N.C. State Board of Education, a position he has held for five and a half years. Kirk, the second-longest serving chairman in the history of the State Board, called his years in the position "exhilarating, challenging, and most enjoyable."

Kirk, who also serves as president of North Carolina Citizens for Business and Industry, cited fatigue as his reason for leaving the appointed post. He said he feels his resignation from the Board of Education will enable him to focus his energy toward making the NCCBI more effective.

Former N.C. Governor James Hunt, Jr. noted much progress was made during Kirk's tenure and said, "I am deeply grateful for his leadership and urge his continued strong involvement in improving education and the economy in North Carolina."

During his years of service, Kirk was able to meet many of his goals, including visiting all 117 school systems and more than 750 schools, working to maintain and enhance public school initiatives in accountability and working to improve the salaries and working conditions for educators.

Kirk and his wife, Margaret, have four daughters and three grandchildren and are long-time supporters of public schools. He has served the state in many important capacities throughout his career, including teaching English and journalism in the Salisbury City schools, service as chief of staff for two former N.C. governors and a United States senator from the state, and serving in the N.C. General Assembly. He has been vice chairman of the State Board of Community Colleges, treasurer of Smart Start, and the chair-elect of the Public School Forum.

Raton, Fla. from '75-'91. He retired in '91. After retiring he taught part time adult education in computers until 2001.

'64 **F. Scott Bailey** writes that he has two grown daughters and one granddaughter as well as 10 and 6 year old boys at home. He is working as a school psychologist in Loudoun County Public Schools in Virginia.

'68 **John E. Joslin** has received the Council for Resource Development Special Recognition Award for Service to Two-Year Colleges. This is in recognition of his work as a consistent supporter of the organization in his presence as a vendor and sponsor at the regional and national levels. John's publications in the areas of annual funds and foundation boards have helped many CRD members develop skills and strategies for their work. This is the first time this award has been given outside a college campus.

'71 **Debra Bingaman Romas** visited campus with father, **George Bingaman '47**, in the spring. George is now living in Friscoe NC. Debra's daughter Kelly graduates from high school this year.

Bob Selby was one of three receiving Honorable Mention in the Society of Illustrators' competition for the Carol Anthony Award for 2002. The winner and the three honorable mentions were recognized Dec. 11, 2002, at the Museum of American Illustrators, New York City.

'72 **Deborah G. Huffman** retired from teaching January 1, 2003. She is looking forward to traveling with her husband, Bill, and spending more time with daughter, Christina, who is multi-handicapped.

Charles Edmund Tomlinson is proud to announce the birth of his first grandchild, William Alexander Bryant, born Jan. 8, 2003 to daughter, Jennifer, and son-in-law, Charley Clifton Bryant, IV.

'74 **John Douglas Kuentzel** is currently the Program Coordinator for and Lecturer in the Program for Religion and Education at Teachers College, Columbia University. He received his Ph.D. from Princeton in 1999. He has two sons, Stuart, 16, and Robert, 12.

Nancy Teel writes that she moved from Salisbury to Milford, Del. in 2000 and is active with the ARC. She is also a mentor for the retarded in group homes, where she has her own mentees and helps them. It is part time, but she enjoys it. Nancy is now divorced, but happy.

'75 **Sharon Losco Green** has moved to Annapolis, Md. where she is Building Facilities Manager of

Dahlgren Hall. Dahlgren is a historic building on the Naval Academy. Her husband, Buddy, is the Defensive Coordinator of the Naval Academy football team.

'76 **Nancy Cheek Wagoner** and **Johnny Wagoner '77** have moved from Atlanta, Ga. to 441 Charles Spring Drive, Powell, OH 43065.

'80 **Al Manning**, head football coach at Taylor High School in Fla., was selected as the West Volusia Sportsperson for the month of October. His wife, Jodi, was a previous honoree for her work with the girls' tennis team at DeLand High School. Al and Jodi have three children Matt, 16, Rezzi, 13, and Megan, 5.

'84 **Regions Financial Corporation** has promoted **D. Bryan Jordan** from Executive Vice President and Comptroller to Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. He joined Regions in 2000 as a comptroller. He oversees the company's finance, accounting, taxation, investor relations and purchasing functions. He was previously a Senior Vice President with First Union Corp. in Charlotte.

Ronda Ritchie married Lynden Anthony on Nov. 8, 2002. Ronda is the Director of Family Support Services at the Clarendon County Disabilities and Special Needs Board, and Lynden is the Clarendon County Controller. They live at 1165 Heritage Drive, Manning, SC 29102. Ronda will retain her maiden name and can be reached at 803-473-4025 or at rondar@ftc-i.net.

'86 **Glenda Parrish**, a former Catawba volleyball player and MVP, was appointed head volleyball coach at Guilford College on Jan. 7. She will become the third volleyball coach in school history. She coached at Lenoir-Rhyne for the past eight years where she guided the Bears to three straight winning seasons from 1999-2001. She founded the Hickory Inspirational Spikers Club in 1995 and coached teams in two national tournaments. She is a member of the American Volleyball Coaches' Association and Fellowship of Christian Athletes and completed Coaches Accreditation Program I and II in USA Volleyball's certification program.

'87 **Joe Crapster** earned his MBA in Dec. 2002 after completing the Executive MBA program at Queens University in Charlotte, NC. Joe is employed with Duke Energy as a Manager of Shareholder

Communications in the Investor Relations Department. Joe resides in Charlotte with his wife, **Julie '87**, and their two sons Joey and Jake.

Patrick Orndorff is now the Technical Director for the Florida Grand Opera in Miami/Ft. Lauderdale. He, his wife Vivian and their two children Kathryn, 7, and Matthew, 5, have recently relocated to Pembroke Pines, Fla. and would love to hear from friends. They can be reached at patorndorff@mac.com.

'91 **Steven R. Clark** has recently moved. His new address is 970 Confederate Avenue, Salisbury, NC 28144. He can also be reached at steveclark@salisbury.net.

Amy Miller (Hansted) was looking through some old photo albums and was overcome with wonderful memories. She would like her "dear old" classmates and teachers to know how much they mean to her. She writes that she thinks of you often and fondly and hopes that your lives are colorful and happy.

'92 **Leigh Smith Friday** would like to ask everyone at Catawba to pray for her children and herself. Her husband passed away Dec. 3, 2002 from cancer. She writes that it has been difficult going through the holidays without him. Leigh advises everyone to make the most of their time with loved ones and always take the opportunity to tell them that they are loved.

Jody Grooms has been named the new head varsity football coach at Anson County High School in Wadesboro, N.C. He has been head coach at Central Cabarrus High School for the past three seasons, and led the school to its first playoff appearance in over a decade.

'93 **Teresa Cash** married Steven Canterbury on Dec. 14. She is still in graduate school working on a double Master's in Business and Human Resources. She would love to hear from friends and can be reached at cashqua@comcat.net.

Craig Cohen was promoted to 2nd Officer onboard the 204 Private Yacht "Cakewalk." He has been working onboard for over two and a half years.

1970s Close-up

Catawba Grad is successful playwright

Catawba graduate Kannan Menon's play, "At a Plank Bridge," played at the Theater for the New City in New York in January. The production was also produced in Kuala Lumpur in February as a part of the 40th Anniversary celebration of the Fulbright Program in Malaysia.

The play focuses on two men who run into each other on a back country road in 1945 Malaya, just after the Japanese surrender. The play makes reference to such little-known aspects of history as the "Death Railway Camps" in Siam where thousands were forced to work as slaves for the Japanese to build railroads. It is estimated that 150,000 Asians may have died under these conditions. Also being referenced is the anti-Japanese resistance in Malaya led by Indian Nationalist Subbass Chandra Bose, who is a character in the play.

Kannan Menon, a 1974 alumnus, is a Malaysian playwright. That makes his "At a Plank Bridge" the first Malaysian play ever to receive professional production by a New York theater. He now lives in New York and has been writing, directing and acting since his teen years. After acting in and directing several productions while at Catawba, he went on to receive his Master of Fine Arts in Directing from NYU. In 1989, he received his law degree from New York Law School and worked for an international law firm. Later, he worked for a firm in Bangkok and spent the much of the nineties living in South-East Asia. He now lives in Manhattan with his wife, Girija Menon who has produced several of his plays, and his yellow Labrador, Princess Jasmine.



He currently holds his USCG 200 Ton Captain's License. He has traveled all through the Caribbean, Eastern & Western Mediterranean Ocean. During his four years working on yachts, he has crossed the Atlantic Ocean six times. The yacht's web site is www.my-cake-walk.com.

Suzanne Friend O'Connor and her husband Terry had a son, Gavin Patrick on Jan. 15. He joins his big sister Hailey who is 2.

'94 **Kathryn Krueger Allen** would like to announce the birth of her daughter Haley Rose, born on Nov. 6. She joins brother Jacob, 20 months.

Philip Smith and his wife Kelley would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Hannah Reagan Smith. She was born Jan. 16, 2003. She was seven weeks early, but everything is going great. Philip would love to hear from friends at flipgreer@charter.net.

Dinamarie Fonzone Van cleave married Paul Van cleave on Oct. 26, 2002 at Corolla Chapel in Corolla, NC. The couple lives in Wake Forest, NC and can be reached at dfonzone@nc.rr.com.

'95 **W. Callum Brown** is licensed as a Certified Public Accountant with the firm Thomas, Stout & Stuart, LLP. Callum joined the firm in Jan. of 2000. He lives in Burlington, N.C. with his wife, Ashleigh, and their daughter, Gracie.

Robert Kavin Corl married Kellie Michelle Strickland on Jan. 11, 2003.

Judith L. DeBoer Culpepper was married to Andrew "Bray" Culpepper at the Omwake-Dearborn Chapel at Catawba College on Saturday Oct. 26, 2002. **Jennifer Friedman Carlson '94** and **Sherry McInnes Smith '94** were attendants. Judy and Bray live at 8816 Darcy Hopkins Drive, Charlotte, NC 28277. Judy is a Loan Integration Analyst for Wachovia Securities. Judy would like to hear from friends at jdeboer@carolina.rr.com.

Christie Gardner married Jeff Ryan on Saturday, Feb. 15 in Chapel Hill. Christie graduated with a degree in Elementary Education and teaches fourth grade at New Hope Elementary School in Chapel Hill, NC.

Jeffrey Scott Mumford would like to announce his engagement to Elise Kristin Williams. They are planning a winter wedding.

'96 **Ian Campbell Brinkley** has been reassigned to Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-163 (Reinforced) as part of the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit. He will be deploying for a third time this fall/winter to the Middle East in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. His new email address is brinkleyic@3mav.usmc.mil.

Denise Edwards is working as an actress in Broadway productions of *Beauty and the Beast*, *42nd Street*, and *Mama Mia!*.

Andrew Latchford is currently a full time student in the school administration Master's program at UNCG. He became engaged to Monica Howard Oct. 2002. They are planning a Jan. 4, 2004. I would like to receive email from friends at latchforda@hotmail.com.

Chad Price has sold his Texas investment business and has moved back to Pa. He married Kathy Kirch on June 8, 2002 and they are living at 4220 Plymouth Street, Harrisburg, Pa. 17109. They can also be reached at 717-651-5620.

Timothy Carl Shore is engaged to Kimberly Anne Newton. He works as a physical therapist at Davis Regional Medical Center and she is a physical therapist at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center. Their wedding is planned for May 17, 2003.

Dr. Charles E. Suber is getting married to Lisa Glasgow on April 12, 2003 in St. Simon's Island, Ga.

'97 **Rebecca Casey** is engaged to Stephen Steinberg, both live in Charleston, S.C. The wedding is planned for June 1, 2003 in Stoneleigh, Va.

Miguel Antonio Ferreira would like to say hi to old friends. He can be reached at theatreofdionysus@angelfire.com.

Karen Geissinger and Chris Colson '98, were married Oct. 26, 2002 in Flat Rock, N.C. Attending were Best Men **Morgan Kershner '98** and **Wade Lowe '98**, Groomsman **Bryan Campbell '97**, Maid of Honor **Courtney Crosby '98** and Bridesmaid **Dawn Geverd '97**. The couple now lives in Boise, Id.

Jennifer Carbonaro Green writes that her son Caleb, 11 months, is going to be a big brother in July.

Elise Marie Houck Johnson married Chad Edward Johnson on Nov. 24, 2002 in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. The Johnson's will reside in Miami, Fla. Elise can be reached at catugrad@hotmail.com.

Audrey Elizabeth Reitz married Clarence Neron Channell, III on Sept. 14, 2002. Bridesmaids included **Desha Evans**, Maid of Honor; **Wendy Dempsey** (Catawba attendee); and **Andrea Smith '99**. **Bridget Cuffie '98** and **Andrea Smith** were soloists. They both live and work in Alabaster, Ala. Her new address is 155 Thoroughbred Lane, Alabaster, Ala 35007.

Melanie Kilby Storie, husband Matthew, and child Aidan, 1, are building a new house in Edenton, NC with plans to move in March. She would love to hear from friends at Melanie@storie.ws. Visit the family website at www.storie.ws for pictures of her adorable son.

'98 **Christine Lee Berna** writes that she is starting the Masters in International Studies program at NCSU. She is getting married to Kenneth James Liuk in Oct. of 2003. She would like to hear from friends, especially Julie Rathwell '99. She can be reached at clberna@unity.ncsu.edu or 4033 Quail High Blvd, Morrisville, NC 27560.

Peter Christopher Capece and Trudie Crawford Capece were married Nov. 2, 2002 at the Omwake-Dearborn Chapel. Catawba alumni, all '98 classmates **Trent Newell**, **Matt Mullins**, **Lara Taggart**, **Kelly Taylor**, **Robbyn (Kurtz) Szvetitz**, and **Jessica (Norris) Drumwright** were all members of their bridal party. They both live and work in Denver, N.C.

Kelly Green married Bill Zopp of Baltimore, MD on Aug. 31, 2002. Members of the wedding party included: Maid of honor, **Sue Malicki**; Bridesmaid and vocalist **Janay Austin**; Reader, **Heather Ries Labau**; and Officiant, **Stephanie Mauk**, all from the class of '98. Kelly and her new husband are both elementary school teachers in Baltimore. Kelly would like to hear from friends at kgreen524@excite.com.

Kristina Kjome moved and got married in Sept. She is now Kristina Nohe and can be reached at 14760 Kogan Drive, Woodbridge, VA 22193.

'00 **Jay Chalk and Mandy Mullis '01** were married Dec. 7, 2002. The couple lives in

Raleigh, N.C.

Sara Louise Gilliam is engaged to Ryan Mitchell Crater. Sara works at West Forsyth High School as a dance teacher and volleyball coach. Her fiancé works at CVS Pharmacy in Yadkinville as an assistant manager. A June 7 wedding is planned.

Marie May completed all requirements for a Master's degree in Secondary Education at Wake Forest in July of 2002. She is teaching History at Glenn High School in Kernersville, N.C.

Toby Odegard writes that he is engaged to Kristin Pedersen from Minneapolis, Minn. They are planning an April 11th wedding in Ocho Rios, Jamaica. They will reside in Minneapolis. Toby works for Paddock Laboratories and Kristin works for EDS.

'01 **Jason Todd Bachman** writes to say he worked on Elizabeth Dole's successful 2002 U.S. Senate campaign in Salisbury as her Central N.C. Field Representative. He currently works for Senator Dole in Raleigh, N.C. as her North Carolina Political Staffer.

Sandra Belci Smith is married and living in Winston-Salem where she is teaching dance at Parkland High School.

Jody Widener and Sara Surkin want all their friends to know that Jody has his Masters of Business Administration and Sara is teaching P.E. and math in Philadelphia, Pa. Jody is currently in the Manager in Training program through Staples in Johnstown, Pa. They can be reached at joewidener@hotmail.com and trainer27@aol.com.

Meredith Davine is engaged to **Matthew Guerard '01**. Meredith can be reached at mdavine@yahoo.com and Matt can be contacted at catlax33@hotmail.com.

'02 **Ben Foti** is working with the Americorps' VISTA program through the Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments in Henderson, N.C. He can be reached at 252-438-3366 or e-mail at bennfoti@hotmail.com.

Vanessa Randazzo is replacing someone on the National Tour of South Pacific for Troika Entertainment.

Timothy Scott Sensing married Shanna Leigh Knox on March 8, 2003.

Adam J. Tomer writes that he is currently pursuing his MBA at the Walker College of Business at Appalachian State University. He plans to attend law school after graduation. Adam was recently engaged to Robin D. Garrett. The wedding is planned for the summer of 2004.

Loni Williams writes that she is going to school at UNCC and is in the Masters of Accountancy program there. She started working for the City of Charlotte Office of Internal Audit on Jan. 6. Loni recommends the Information Systems minor at Catawba for students interested in accounting.

1970s Close-up

Catawba Alumna works on CBS-TV sitcom

Catawba College Alumna Martha Elizabeth Holmes Sheldon '79 of Burbank, Calif. is wrapping up her first season as Property Master on the hit CBS-TV sitcom, "Still Standing." Beth reports that after three years of prop mastering the effects-heavy, FOX-TV sitcom, "Titus," this new show is "almost like a paid vacation." She asks that all of her friend and fellow alumni tune into "Still Standing" at 9:30 p.m. Mondays and help keep her "employed on this sweet little show for a few years." Beth's husband, Ernie, is a freelancer who is employed creating special effects miniatures.



Catawba College hosts college history book signing

Catawba College hosted a book signing for a newly published history of the college Feb. 23 in the atrium of Ketner Hall. At the event, the four people who collaborated on "A College of Our Own: the first 150 years of Catawba College" signed copies of the book for more than 150 people.

Work on the updated history began in 2000, as the college was poised to celebrate its sesquicentennial anniversary. Local authors Martha Kirkland West '59, David E. Setzer, and J. Fred Corriher, Jr. '60 each wrote portions of the history and collaborated on photo selections. West served as editor of the project, while William F. Palmer '56 and Setzer were contributing editors.

"We actually did not write the 150 year history of the college. We borrowed from the work of the late Drs. Donald Dearborn, Raymond Jenkins and Alvin Robert Keppel, all of whom collaborated to write the centennial history of the college in 1951," said West.

"Our work of updating the history spanned 1951 to 2002, ending with the retirement of Catawba's 19th President, J. Fred Corriher, Jr."

Catawba's graphic designer and staff photographer, Laura Quadrini, worked with the group to design the book's layout. For the cover, she adapted the sesquicentennial artwork of Catawba's campus landmarks past and present created by Artist Betty Sedberry '69 of Spencer. The cover features administration buildings of the college when it was located in Newton (1851-1923) and Salisbury (1925 to present).

"Most of the book is a factual history of the college based on Board of Trustee minutes and other sources," West explained. Other notable features include profiles and photos of each of Catawba's 19 presidents; anecdotes from old Catawba lifted from college and student publications; remembrances from

22 alumni of Catawba, spanning the years 1936-2003; photos and profiles of Catawba's first ladies from 1925-2002; the sesquicentennial poem about Catawba written by the college's Writer-in-Residence Dr. Janice Fuller; a timeline stretching from 1851 to 2002 where happenings at Catawba are seen in relation to world events; and a photo collage of the faces of many long-time Catawba faculty and staff employed at the college since it moved to Salisbury.

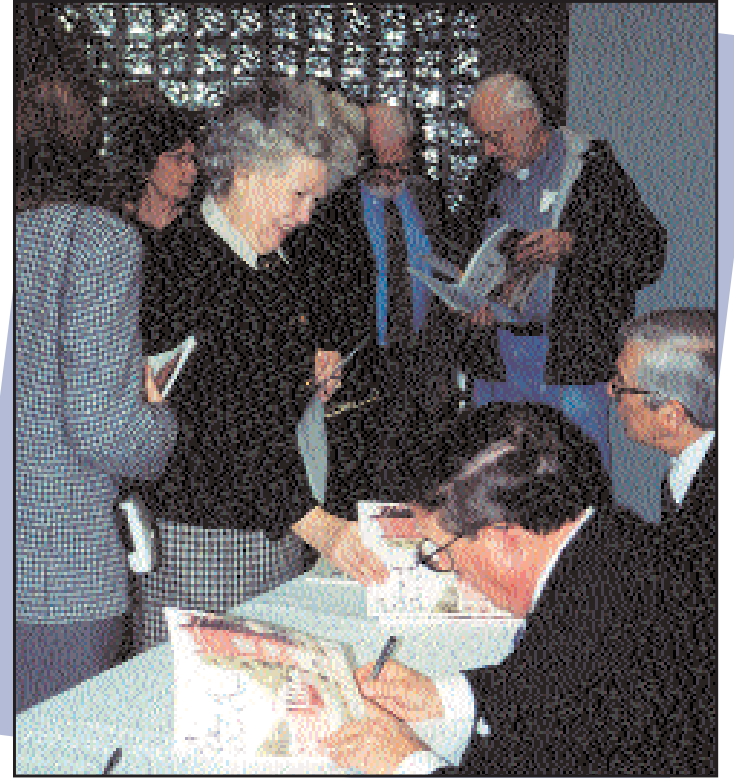
"I consider the photo collage of the faces of Catawba faculty and staff to be the riskiest part of this history," West said. "The photos included are of Catawba employees who have one thing in common, and let me quote from the history saying that they each shared 'the

commitment of a significant portion of their working lives to the college and its students.' We admit up front that there are some omissions due to space considerations, editorial judgements and simple human error.

"All of us who worked on this history share a love of Catawba," West said, "and this is our labor of love

for the institution."

West has served on the



Catawba College Betsy Rich greets the authors

Board of Trustees since 1993. She grew up on the college campus, the daughter of legendary football coach Gordon Kirkland, for whom the playing field at Shuford Stadium is named. She also served as a member of the faculty for 16 years, between 1965-1981. Her late husband, Dr. James King West, was a professor of religion, whom she met while employed at the college. A long-time resident of Salisbury, she was employed for 18 years with the Rowan-Salisbury Schools as director of elementary education following her tenure at Catawba. Today, she serves as vice-chair of the Rowan-Salisbury Board of Education.

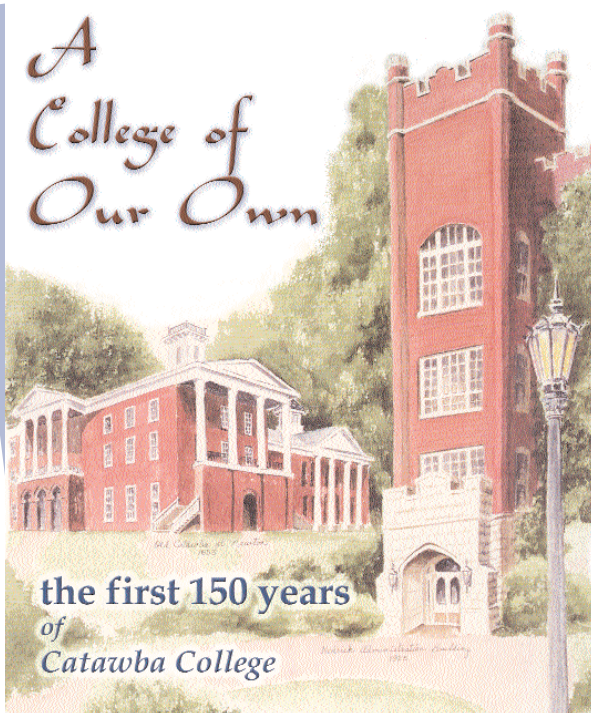
Setzer currently serves as the executive director of the Blanche and Julian Robertson Family Foundation, Inc. He was employed for 36 years by the college, beginning as Director of Public Relations and retiring as the Executive Assistant to the President and Vice President of Communications. His wife, Barbara Grimmie Setzer, is a 1962 alumna of the college and he actually met her while he was employed there. He was also a recipient of Catawba's Exemplary Life Service award in 1997.

Palmer is the son of graduates of old Catawba - Jacob Alexander Palmer '10 and Etna Terress Little '10. But his family's association with Catawba goes back even further than their graduation dates. His grandfather, James Monroe Little, attended Catawba, while his great-grandfather, William L. Mahaffey, was one of the donors for the original Catawba College building in Newton. Palmer returned to his alma mater as chair of its Education Department in 1973 and continued as a faculty member until 1996. He currently serves as the college archivist and is busy assembling a collection of photographs from old Catawba which will be published in book form by the Catawba County Historical Association in Newton. He and his wife Anne own and operate Management Services for Organizations, a business serving non-profit educational institutions.

Following the footsteps of his father and grandfather, Corriher served on the Catawba College Board of Trustees between 1975 and 1992. Corriher's grandparents, Lotan and Ida Linn Corriher, attended old Catawba. Lotan Corriher, in fact, was instrumental in moving the college from Newton to Salisbury. Corriher resigned his position on the board of trustees when he was initially appointed interim president of the college in 1992. In 1993, the trustees unanimously elected him to serve as the college's 19th president.

"This book was a dream of Fred Corriher's who saw it as a way to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the college," West explained. "We thought it only appropriate that it be dedicated to him." That dedication was announced at Corriher's retirement reception in April 2002.

The Catawba College Development Office will be distributing copies of the history to alumni and friends of the college as staff members travel, making visits. For more information about how to obtain a copy, please contact the Development Office at 704-637-4394.



L-R: Minnie McCachren, Betsy Rich & Dr. Renee McCachren compare notes on new history book.