

# Catawba College CAMPUS

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## Move in day for class of 2008

**D**espite clouds, rainfall, isolated flooding and the threat of tornadoes caused by Hurricane Charley's passage through the Carolinas, approximately 250 members of the Class of 2008 moved into their residence halls at Catawba College Saturday, August 14.

Students and their parents, concerned about how the adverse weather would affect their move, began calling campus on Thursday, Aug. 12, prompting college officials to provide weather-related messages on the main page of the institutional website and in the overnight message accessed through the telephone switchboard.

Members of Catawba's Office of Student Affairs worked to accommodate students arriving outside of normal check-in times, allowing many to check in early. They reported that some families delayed their travel plans to North Carolina due to inclement weather in their home states, particularly Florida.

The college switchboard was staffed throughout the day  
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on Saturday, opening at 8 a.m. According to Loura H. Taylor, spokesperson for the college's telephone services, the first call received at the switchboard Saturday morning was from the parent of a transfer student from Albany, N.Y. "They were concerned about weather conditions here," Taylor said, noting that the family was also appreciative of both the switchboard



*Family unloads new students belongings on August 14*

## Fall Opening Convocation



*Drs. Bruce Griffith and Pat Whitley recognized  
for 40 years of service*

Catawba College President Robert E. Knott officially convened the college for its 153rd academic year September 2 in the Omwake-Dearborn Chapel. At the convocation, college faculty and staff members were recognized for their years of service to the institution.

Knott encouraged those gathered "to think large about who we are and what we can become." He said the college was entering a year of transition and in the process of developing and implementing a quality enhancement plan "designed to strengthen us in some measurable ways for our future."

One component of the quality enhancement plan, he said, is an analysis of the First Year Experience at Catawba that helps freshmen students  
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## SAT scores for freshman continue to rise

According to data released August 31 by the College Board, SAT scores for Catawba College freshmen have risen, ahead of both national and state averages, for the second consecutive year. This indicates to college administrators that Catawba continues to move steadily toward its goal of shifting from a select to a more selective institution.

Catawba freshmen had an average, combined SAT score of 1050 for the fall of 2004 (526 verbal and 524 math), compared with a state average of 1006 (499 verbal and 507 math) and a national average of 1026 (508 verbal and 518 math).

According to Catawba's Vice President and Dean of Admissions Dr. Russell Watjen, these new figures "show that the quality of the overall class continues to improve and the college's reputation as a more selective institution continues to grow. Therefore, Catawba becomes more attractive to other talented and high ability students."

Dr. Jesse McCartney, Catawba's executive assistant to the president, echoed Watjen's comments noting that "increasing the

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*Dr. Robert Knott*

## President's Letter

**T**he 2004-05 academic year has officially begun with a heightened sense of excitement and enthusiasm pervading the campus. Our official registration counts 1395 students and 393 of those studying in our evening programs and 1,002 enrolled in our day programs. This year's entering class is distinguished by the highest average SAT score of an entering class in 32 years. Seventy-six percent of last year's freshmen have returned for their sophomore year and that seventy-six percent retention rate is highest the college has enjoyed in over 35 years. These improvements in the academic preparation and achievement by our entering students is stimulating the excitement and enthusiasm prevalent in the college community and are evidence of the beginning of our progress toward achieving our strategic planning goal of elevation Catawba College from a "select" to a "more select" college.

In addition to the enlivening spirit with which our students are infusing the campus, we have also been able to make some major improvements in the campus facilities. Significant improvements have been made to the theatres in the Robertson College Community Center and the instructional spaces in the experimental theatre building. These facilities house the Catawba College theatre programs, which in the most recent Princeton Review of the top 353 college in the country, our theatre program is rated second in the nation. The other major improvement to our campus facilities can be found in our newly air conditioned Omwake-Dearborn Chapel. This is a much needed upgrade to the Chapel which is in constant year-around use by the College and the local community. This fall semester will also see the refurbishing of our classrooms with improvements in the classroom furniture and equipment serving 300 of our students through our instructional spaces.

Along with these improvements to our facilities, the faculty of the College is at work developing enhancements to our academic programs. As part of our ten years reaccreditation review by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, we are required to submit what is now called a Quality Enhancement Plan for their approval and review. Teams involving all the College constituents have proposed a plan which focuses on improvements in three areas: 1) the creation of a comprehensive and unified first year experience, including a required first year seminar, 2) the development of an integrated four year "layered" curriculum with related programs. (The goal is to create a common educational experience for all students which emphasize their progressive development building upon the first year experience and culminating in a capstone experience.) and 3) The extension of the Lilly Center emphasis upon vocation and values with a spiritual focus to permeate the campus and the educational experience of all members of the community, particularly students. These three points of emphasis have been approved by the Catawba College Board of Trustees and submitted to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools as our Quality Enhancement Plan which moves us toward achievement of the strategic planning goals of the College. The next few years will see these plans come to fruition through programs and educational opportunities for our students.

These ambitious plans will require a major investment of resources if the College is to be successful in completing a move from "select" to "more select." The endowment building campaign which was approved by the Board of Trustees is in a quiet phase at the current time. Our goal will be to ultimately grow the College's endowment from its current \$30 million dollar level to as close to \$100 million as possible. You will hear much ore about this effort after the meeting of the Board of Trustees in May at which time they will formalize the campaign and establish a campaign goal for us as part of our continuing effort to strengthen Catawba College.

In this space in future issues of Campus, I will invite various members of the college community to bring you information about activities in their areas so that you might get fully informed of the wide variety of areas which are being effected by our new efforts. We have set about to change the culture of the campus and that is an undertaking which does not occur immediately and does not occur in just one or two places on the campus or in the college culture. Therefore, we want you to be as fully informed as possible about the many different ways in which our people are working with our students to improve the quality of the Catawba College educational experience.

We appreciate your continuing interest and support of Catawba College. We are where we are today in large measure because of the support and generosity of the College's many friends. Our pledge to you is to continue to be good stewards of the resources you give us and to continue to enhance the programs and reputation of Catawba College.

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## Scholarship at Catawba established with estate gift

The Claude H. and Ruth L. Trexler Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund has been established at Catawba College with a gift from the estates of the late couple. The scholarship will be awarded to needy students who desire to become teachers in Rowan County.

The late Mr. and Mrs. Trexler were natives of Rowan County. He was a 1932 Catawba College alumnus who died in 1992. She was a graduate of N.C. State University, and a longtime public school teacher who died in 2002.

The late Mr. Trexler completed graduate work in school administration at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill after earning his bachelor's degree at Catawba. A long-time educator, he taught and was a principal in the Rowan County schools for over 42 years. He had worked at Faith, Dukeville, Cleveland and Bostian schools and was a member of NEA, NRTA, Classroom Teacher's Association, and the N.C. Principal's Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Trexler were members of St. Peter's Lutheran Church and were active in all church activities. She had been church secretary, treasurer,

pianist and primary department superintendent. She also taught the Young Ladies Sunday school class and was a member of WELCA. He was a Sunday school superintendent and teacher for a number of years, as well as a former member of the Luther League, men of the church, and the church choir. He had also served on the church council and the building committee for the new church. Additionally, the Trexlers were instrumental in organizing the Golden Age Sunday school class at St. Peter's that Mr. Trexler taught for many years.

The Trexlers are survived by an only daughter, Joan Trexler Rusher, and her husband Bob L. Rusher, both longtime supporters and alumni of the College who most recently provided funding for the Rusher Locker Room in Catawba's new Hayes Athletic Field House. Survivors also include four grandchildren, Bobby II and Joseph, both of Salisbury, Lori Rusher Pope of Pleasanton, Calif., and Kristia Rusher Chatham of Cornelius, and 10 great-grandchildren.

"This family has a long history of supporting Catawba College and assuring that future generations of students can enjoy the same sort of educa-



*The late Ruth L. and Claude H. Trexler*

tional experience that they had here," said Catawba College Senior Vice President Tom Childress. "We are especially grateful for the forethought and planning the late Mr. and Mrs. Trexler made to endow the new scholarship named in their memory."

## Larry and Susan Cloninger fund First Family Scholarship

Catawba College Alumnus and Trustee Larry Cloninger '74 and wife Susan have made a gift to endow the Cloninger First Family Scholarship Fund at the college.

First Family Scholarships are the most prestigious scholarships offered by the institution. Selected students are invited to campus to compete for these scholarships which range in value annually from \$11,000 to full tuition. During the competition, invited students participate in a series of faculty interviews, writing an essay on why they aspire to be a scholarship recipient, and providing confidential written recommendations from teachers or administrators concerning their abilities, academic achievement, character and motivation.

"Gifts like these from Larry and Susan Cloninger allow Catawba to recruit the best and brightest students," explained Senior Vice President Tom Childress. "As we attempt to move from a

select to a more select institution, we want to enroll academically talented students who exhibit a seriousness of purpose. For the Cloningers, this scholarship is another way that they are helping to steer the college in this direction."

The Cloningers' gift to establish the First Family Scholarship comes on the heels of one the couple made in May to furnish and maintain the college guest house - now named the Cloninger Guest House at Catawba in their honor. That house had been the Salisbury-Rowan Symphony Guild's 2004 Designer House and, thanks to the Cloningers' gift, remains elegantly furnished, even after its stint as a designer showcase.

Larry Cloninger, president of Cloninger Ford-Toyota of Salisbury, believes the gifts he and his wife have made to the college "improve the quality of life" in the community they call home.

Cloninger, who grew up in Belmont, was an

accounting major at Catawba. Following his graduation, he worked for a year and a half for an accounting firm in Lexington before realizing that he wanted to change careers. He applied for entry-level jobs with various automobile manufacturers, and was offered one by Ford's Sales Division in Charlotte. He went to work there and met his future wife, the former Susan Kissiah of Concord, who also worked for Ford in the parts and service division.

In 1985, Cloninger bought City Motor Company in Salisbury and married Susan a year later. He changed the name to Cloninger Ford and moved to his business' current location on Jake Alexander Boulevard in 1988. The couple has two children, 16-year-old Madison and 10-year-old Miles, both students at Cannon School in Concord.

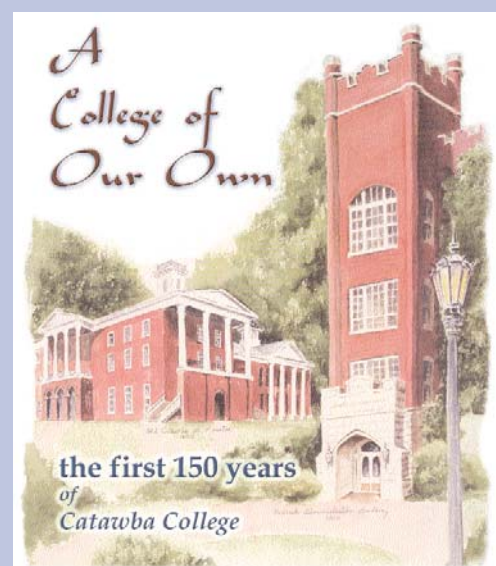
First Family Scholarships at Catawba are established with gifts of \$150,000 or more.

### CATAWBA HISTORY BOOKS AVAILABLE

We still have copies of "A College of Our Own" available, free of charge. The caveat is that folks, who live in the Salisbury area, should stop by the Development Office to pick up their copy, or the first 100 out-of-towners who call the Development Office at 704-637-4394 will have a copy mailed to them free of charge.

This edition written by Martha Kirkland West '59, David E. Setzer, William F. Palmer '56 and J. Fred Corriher, Jr. '60, is a chronicle of the first 150 years of Catawba College. It is a factual and pictorial history of the College, including photos of approximately 180 faculty and staff who served Catawba since the 1920s, profiles of all Catawba's first ladies from 1925-2001, anecdotes from alumni, and a timeline that shows both national and Catawba highlights during the 150 years.

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## Scholarship established in memory of parents of Catawba Alumna

Dr. Walter Clyde Taylor, Jr. '54 and his wife, Mary Catherine Miller Taylor '57 of Hickory have established a scholarship at Catawba in memory of Mrs. Taylor's parents, the late Robert Bingham Miller, Jr. and his wife, Julia Catherine M. Miller. Preference for the scholarship will be given to commuting students from Rowan, Davie or Davidson counties who are teacher education majors.

The late Mr. Miller grew up in Lexington, in Davidson County. After completing business school and serving in World War I, he moved to Salisbury, expanding his father's Lexington-based produce business, R.B. Miller & Company. The late Mrs. Miller grew up in the Cherry Hill area of Davie County and attended Mont Ameone Academy in Mt. Pleasant. In the years prior to her marriage, she was employed as a teacher/principal.

The Millers' four children all graduated from Catawba. They include the late Robert "Bob" Miller '55 of Salisbury, Mrs. Taylor '57, Elizabeth Horton '61 of Bethania, and Linda Price '64 of Hillsborough.

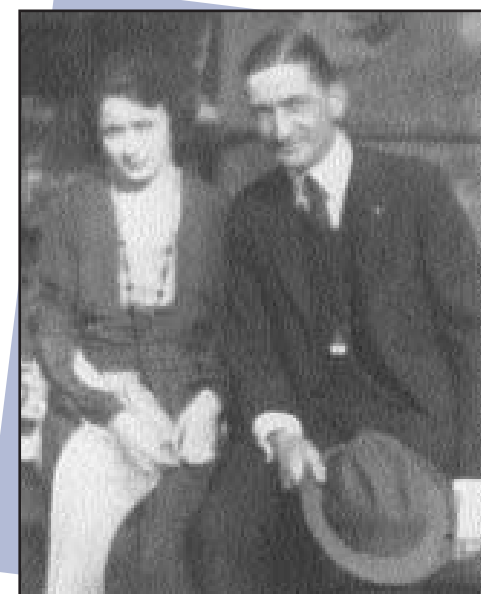
"I always knew I was going to Catawba," Mrs. Taylor recalled. "Bob was in college and I was going, and I had planned to transfer to UNC-Chapel Hill. But Catawba was warm, open, and a good fit, so I stayed." Lamenting the fact that the

scholarship was not established before the death of her parents, she continued, "This scholarship, I feel, is a way to give something back to the college."

While an undergraduate, Mrs. Taylor was active in many areas of campus life: a cheerleader, secretary of Catawba's student government association and a member of the student senate. She also met her husband, who was a friend of her brother's, while at Catawba. She laughed at her memories of the "terrifying, but wonderful" Elizabeth Scranton. "I always very much appreciated her," she said. "She really loved and respected me a great deal."

Mrs. Taylor, who majored in English and education at Catawba, earned her master's degree in education from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She enjoyed a career as an educator. She was employed as a teacher and designed the gifted program in Hickory. She also served as a teacher for gifted students in grades 4, 5 and 6 in the Hickory Schools and worked for a year in the education department at Lenoir-Rhyne College.

Her husband, Dr. Taylor, is retired as chair of the education department at Lenoir-Rhyne, after 32 years on the faculty there. He helped found that college's graduate and counseling program. He earned his master's degree and Ph.D. from UNC-Chapel Hill. Both Taylors have been actively



*The late Julia Catherine and Robert Bingham Miller*

involved in civic, service and professional organizations locally and within the state. They have also served in many ways in their church.

"The Taylors' gift to establish this scholarship in memory of the Millers is a wonderful tribute with long-term benefits for future generations of students here," said Catawba Senior Vice President Tom Childress. "The scholarship also speaks to the importance of education to this family."

The Taylors are the parents of one adult daughter, Dr. Melinda Taylor Wyatt, a pediatrician who makes her home in Raleigh, and a grandson, Nicholas Taylor Wyatt, age 4.

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make a successful transition from high school to college. He said that program was responsible in part for an increase in the college's freshmen to sophomore retention rate. From the 2003-2004 to the 2004-2005 academic year, that rate increased to 76 percent, the highest retention rate recorded at the college in over 30 years.

Another point to be addressed in this transitional year, Knott said, was to incorporate the focus of vocation and value throughout all college experiences.

### FACULTY & STAFF RECOGNIZED

"We are who we are today because of the dedicated service these folks have given us today," Knott said of those honored. Two employees, recognized for 40 years of service to Catawba, were Bruce Griffith, professor of history, and Pat Whitley, professor of physical education and recreation.

Bethany Sinnott, a professor of English, was recognized for 35 years of service, while Michael Baranski, a professor of biology, and Sandra Roseman, an administrative assistant for the humanities department, were cited for 30 years of service.

Those recognized for 20 years of service included Dennis Davidson, athletic director; Bill Haggerty, assistant coach of men's basketball and head cross country coach; and Janice Fuller, writer-in-residence and professor of English.

Recognized for 15 years of service were Geraldine Mitchell, manager of custodial services;

Sylvia Shepherd, business office cashier; Julie Chamberlain, director of community music; Ken Clapp, chaplain and director of Catawba's Lilly Center; and Sandra Owen, custodian.

Employees cited for 10 years of service included Carol Miderski, professor of chemistry; Jim Gantt, head baseball coach; Nan Whitley, assistant athletic director and head women's softball coach; Gary Freeze, associate professor of history; Tim Moreland, associate professor of communication arts; John Zerger, associate professor of mathematics; and Ron Venable, accountant.

Those college employees recognized for five years of service included James Allison, custodian; Howard Collins, maintenance; Margie Perry, custodian; Elaine Carothers, administrative assistant in Ketner Hall; Sharon Miller, controller; Michael Overcash, maintenance; Michael Eden, Jr., instructor in physical education; Charlesetta Dawson, assistant professor of teacher education; Cynthia Wittum, instructor of communication arts; and Jane Young, coordinator of admissions records.

The Length of Service Recognition Program was a project of the college's Staff Personnel Committee.

### JUNIOR MARSHALS RECOGNIZED

Fifteen junior class students were recognized during Opening Convocation for both their academic achievements and their willingness to serve the college as Junior Marshals.

Each year, Junior Marshals are chosen from the rising junior class on the basis of academic excel-

lence. They officially represent the college in the formal ceremonies of the academic year, including Opening Convocation, Awards Convocation, Baccalaureate and Commencement, where they add order and dignity to the proceedings. Additionally, the Junior Marshals serve at other college functions such as the Service of Lessons and Carols, special assemblies and presidential social gatherings.

Junior Marshals for the 2004-2005 academic year include Julie Ann Bahr, a political science major from Uniontown, Ohio; Cathrine Bennett Balentine, a psychology major from Charlotte; Terri Ann Boyd, a therapeutic recreation major from Jacksonville, Vt.; Faith Elisabeth Clapp, an environmental science major from Whittsett; Geoffrey George Fouad, an environmental science major from Simpsonville, S.C.; Sara Renae Gray, a middle school education major from Mt. Pleasant; Erin Christina Hyde, an athletic training major from Lilburn, Ga.; Stacey Marie Lentz, an elementary education major from Kannapolis; Stephanie Ann Morey, a sociology major from Ephrata, Pa.; April Dawn Naylor, a music major from Mocksville; Danielle Renee Scearce, an elementary education major from Salisbury; Jessica Lynn Smith, an English major from Westfield; Andrew Robert Sufficool, an athletic training major from Brooksville, Fla.; Anthony Cole Weddington, a chemistry major from Salisbury; and Summer Kari Zuck, an elementary education major from Kinston, Tenn.

# Catawba faculty and staff welcomed for start of new academic year

Members of the Catawba College faculty and staff gathered for the annual fall conference Thursday, August 12 in Hedrick Theatre. Administrators provided updates on new hires, relocations and renovations, and challenges facing the college community as it enters its 153rd academic year.

Reflecting on his two years as Catawba College president, Dr. Robert Knott explained that his first year focused on putting together a strategic plan for the institution. In year two, he worked to put together an administrative team which could take the lead in implementing the plan. The coming year, he said, would be the year of working toward the goals of the strategic plan and effecting changes in the college culture.

Thanks to the generosity of donors, several critical facility needs on campus are being addressed, Knott said. These include installation of a central air-conditioning system in the 40-year-old Omwake-Dearborn Chapel; new theatrical rigging systems, new stage curtains, upgraded dressing rooms and renovated office space in the Robertson College-Community Center; relighting of the indoor pool in the Goodman Gymnasium; and the pending arrival of a generator for the Cannon Student Center for use during inclement weather.

He spoke of relocations underway on campus, including the creation of an academic axis on the second floor of the Hedrick Administration Building in which the academic dean, career services, and the new Center for International Studies will be housed.

Knott gave faculty and staff an update on the work of the endowment campaign steering committee and the silent phase of that effort now underway. He also noted several recent estate gifts which had been made to the college.

Institutional priorities for the 2004-2005 academic year, Knott said, included completing of a successful Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) review; developing of the quality enhancement plan; honing of the enrollment management plan, sustaining enrollment growth in quantity and quality; successfully launching of the college's endowment campaign; and continuing of efforts to strengthen the college culture.

Dr. Jesse McCartney, executive assistant to the president, shared projected enrollment figures for the fall semester with those gathered, noting that they were "fluid and subject to a good deal of change in the next week." The number of continuing students enrolled in the day program indicates improved retention rates from the freshmen to sophomore years, he said. Total enrollment for the fall semester is expected to be approximately 1,350 students, including traditional day students and those enrolled in the Lifelong Learning Program.

Vice presidents on the president's staff each introduced new employees in their areas of responsibility.

## New Faculty & Staff

*New additions to the Catawba faculty and staff since September 2003*

Bridgette S. Edwards	9/23/2003	Administrative Assistant - Public Relations
William White, Jr.	10/20/2003	Maintenance Technician
Douglas Stanley	1/1/2004	Technical Support Analyst
Jeffrey Hartley	1/5/2004	Grounds Assistant
Taft L. Brown	1/28/2004	Maintenance Technician
Dr. Russell Watjen	2/1/2004	Vice President and Dean of Admissions
Robert Nargi	2/19/2004	Area Coordinator - Office of Student Affairs
Henry Haywood	3/1/2004	Director of Facilities
Eric Nianouris	4/1/2004	Director of Major Gifts and Planned Giving
Carl Lynn Beaver	4/5/2004	Maintenance Technician
Kimberly A. Betts	4/21/2004	Administrative Assistant: Center for the Environment
Harry Bridges, Jr.	5/17/2004	Public Safety Officer
Brandi J.B. Orbin	6/7/2004	Fund Raising/ Volunteer Coordinator for the Center for the Environment
Jeffrey Childress	6/14/2004	Head Coach- Men's & Women's Tennis and Assistant Athletic Director
Breann M. Donnelly	8/1/2004	Area Coordinator - Office of Student Affairs
Georgann N. Nedwell	8/5/2004	Area Coordinator- Office of Student Affairs
Andrea L. Brewer	8/15/2004	Visiting Instructor - English and History
Dr. Carla M. Eastis	8/15/2004	Assistant Professor of Sociology
Karen B. Gaskill	8/15/2004	Instructor in Accounting
Dr. Robert A. Voelker	8/15/2004	Associate Professor of Biology & Religion
Dr. Shirley A. Wright	8/15/2004	Assistant Professor of Spanish
Keith D. Engwall	8/16/2004	Assistant Librarian/ Systems and Technology Librarian
Mary Ettle	8/23/2004	Reference Librarian and Assistant Librarian
Sandra Haywood	9/1/04	Administrative Assistant - Career Development
Constance Grant	9/13/04	Assistant Librarian Cataloguer

### We Apologize

The following is a correction to the 2003-04 Honor Roll of Donors

President's Circle (\$1,000-\$2,499)  
Mr. & Mrs. Warren L. Beaumont

Class of 1999  
Heritage Circle  
6\* Mr. Danny S. Worley, Jr.



## New Whitley wall adds home field advantage

The new baseball field wall at Catawba College's Newman Park was dedicated Saturday, August 28, in a ceremony held before the college's opening game of the football season. A crowd of around one hundred gathered to show their appreciation to Cecil and Nan Whitley of Salisbury who once again spearheaded a major sports improvement project at the college.

At the dedication, Catawba College President Dr. Robert Knott lauded the Whitleys for their continuing support of the institution and its varied athletic projects. He recalled meeting with Cecil Whitley in 2003 and said Whitley did not ask for money to undertake the wall project, but instead asked for permission to complete it.

Following the unveiling of a bronze commemorative plaque honoring the Whitleys, which will be displayed at Newman Park, Cecil Whitley shared remarks with those in attendance. He offered special thanks to "all the folks at F & M Bank" for their belief in and willingness to help finance the project. He saluted men of vision, those with the ability to look past today; men of honor and courage, noting the American Legion's support of baseball; men of dedication, such as Catawba Head Baseball Coach Jim Gantt, who stay the course toward excellence; and Catawba baseball team members, who he said have been called the "boys of summer," but who should be called "the men of spring."

Recalling a \$300 scholarship he received which

M Bank, Centralina Orthopedic & Sports Medicine, J.C. Fisher Insurance Agency, RoMedical Center, Doran Shelby Pethel & Hudson P.A., Bradshaw's Bail Bond Co., Rowan County American Legion, Salisbury Moving and Storage, Klutz Wrecker Service, Concrete Asphalt Paving in Memory of Tyler Poole, Shoaf's Wagon Wheel, Mid-State Metals, Power Curbers, Outdoor Power Products, First Step Counseling, Davis Law Firm, Attorney Marshall Bickett, Salisbury Emporium, McCoy Hillard & Parks CPAs, Duckblind, Wayne Eller Home Team Century 21, Fisher Athletic Equipment, Dale's Sporting Goods, The Trophy Shop, Casa Grande, and Trexler Trucking.

The 18-foot high, 10-foot wide wall replaces an aged metal wall and gives the home team a distinct advantage in play, according to Catawba senior baseball outfielder Thomas Giles of Lynchburg, Va. "The wall is a disadvantage for opposing teams. They don't get the opportunity to practice playing the baseball off the

wall like we do. When we're hitting, their inability to react to the baseball turns some doubles into triples for us, and when we're playing defense, we have an advantage and can prevent a double from turning into a triple by knowing how the ball comes off the wall."

Newman Park is not only home to Catawba's Indians, but hosts many other tournaments and events such as the South Atlantic Conference tournament, American Legion games, Junior American Legion state and regional tournament, and the area high school classic tournament. Downtime is rare at the field, according to Coach Gantt.

"Cecil Whitley brings a whole different outlook on things even if you put baseball aside," Gantt said. "He and Nan are giving people. They enjoy doing things to help others."

The Whitleys, married for 31 years, are parents of two adult children, both of whom are also Catawba alumni - Adrian Gantt '98 of Salisbury, Alex '00 of Mt. Pleasant, S.C.

*This article was compiled by Thomas Giles and Tonia Black-Gold, both of Catawba College's News Service.*



*Dr. Knott unveils plaque as Cecil and Nan Whitley look on*

The Whitleys' financial commitment, leadership and coordination efforts allowed the project to reach fruition, Knott said. He noted that the couple was also responsible for the improvements to the college's softball field, which is named in their honor.

Both Whitleys are Catawba alumni. Cecil Whitley '66 is a prominent attorney in Salisbury, while wife Nan '74 serves as head coach for Catawba's softball team. She is also a member of the college's Sports Hall of Fame.

enabled him to attend Catawba College, Whitley said he was grateful to be able "to give something back" to the institution and joked "that you never can tell what a \$300 scholarship will end up doing."

"Our team got better when the wall got higher," said Coach Gantt. "The new wall has also helped with our recruiting. The field now gives an 'awe' or 'wow' effect to the recruits.

"The project took about three months from October to January for it to be playable. While the wall itself is complete, they're still placing advertisement signs on it to help with its financing."

Forty area advertisers will be displayed on the wall. They include American Legion Baseball, WSAT, C & H Cafeteria, Bridgestone Tire and Auto Center, Stout Heating and Air Conditioning, Trexler Watson and Thomspson CPAs, Salisbury Post, Checkered Flag Barbecue, Towne Pharmacy, Rowan Business Alliance, Foster's Prime Sirloin, Chamberlain Exterminators, T.M. Schnal Carpentry Service, Whitley Castor & Jordan, F &

*"Our team got better  
when the wall got higher"  
- Coach Gantt*

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# Catawba's Theatre Arts Department highly ranked in the Princeton Review's "The Best 357 Colleges" Guide

If a strong theatre arts program is what you're after, Catawba College's Theatre Arts Department ranks number two in the nation. That is according to the 2005 edition of The Princeton Review's "The Best 357 Colleges" guide which hit bookstands Tuesday, August 17.

In the 2004 edition of "The Best 351 Colleges" Guide, Catawba's Theatre Arts program was ranked 11th in the country. Climbing nine rankings ahead in the new edition, Catawba's program trails only Wagner College (located in Staten Island, N.Y.) in offering "Great College Theater," according to the publication. Other institutions making the top 10 in this particular category include Emerson College, Stephens College, Drew University, Ithaca College, Sarah Lawrence College, Whitman College, Yale University, and Vassar College.

According to an explanation printed in "The Best 357 Colleges," "...this guide represents our version of the cream of the crop - comprising the top 10 percent of all colleges in the nation - and our best 357." Although institutional officials submit annual data concerning enrollment, tuition, financial assistance, and

SAT averages, it is survey information provided by the students who attend a particular institution, which provide an insider's view of a college or university.

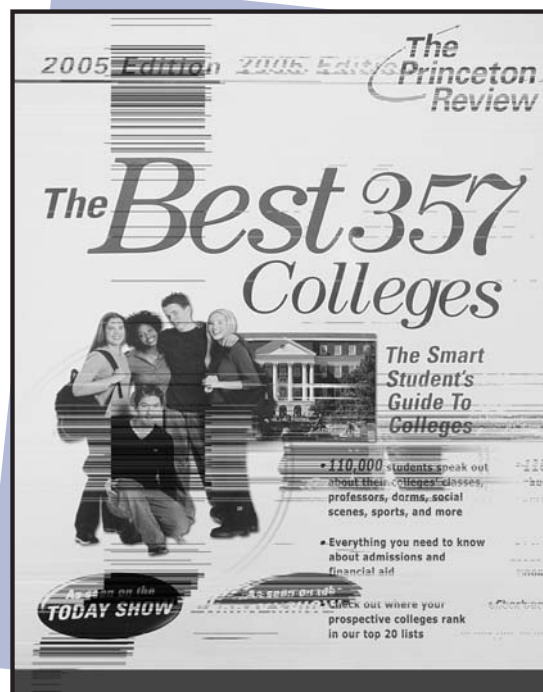
Catawba College students who responded to the survey reported they

were happy with both academics and the quality of life on campus, earning Catawba three out of four stars in both of these categories. Students reported that their most popular majors were business administration/management, drama and dramatics/theatre arts, and sports and fitness administration/management.

The guide notes that Catawba has a 15:1 student/faculty ratio, with its professors garnering a 94 percent rating in both accessibility and their ability to interest their students. Additionally, professors, and not assistants, teach all undergraduate courses.

Catawba students also noted that they liked "Small classes," "Athletic facilities are great," "Students are friendly," "Everyone loves the Indians," and "Theater is popular."

Established in 1851, Catawba College is the sixth oldest college in North Carolina. A private, coeducational college affiliated with the United Church of Christ, Catawba has deliberately chosen to remain a four-year institution rooted in the liberal arts tradition. Its purpose is to enrich the educational experiences of students and to prepare these students for productive and meaningful lives of purpose following their graduation.



## MOVE IN...

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and website messages concerning expected weather in Salisbury. "I reassured them about our conditions and told them we were planning to accommodate all new arrivals regardless of when they got to campus."

Taylor said another caller phoned en route from the Myrtle Beach, S.C. area. This family was leaving their home as part of a mandatory evacuation there. "They just wanted to make sure that we would be ready to accommodate their student."

Students in Catawba's Class of 2008, who hail from 24 different states, Canada and New Zealand, continue to demonstrate the higher academic quality that college officials are seeking as they strive to move the institution from a select to a more select institution. The class SAT score average is approximately 15 points higher than that of last year's freshmen class, and the grade point average is also significantly improved.

Approximately 40 Alphas (upperclassmen who act as peer helpers during orientation), along with upperclass resident assistants, and volunteers from a local church, assisted the freshmen as they unloaded cars, vans and trucks into the first-year residence halls. As rain intermittently fell, most wore plastic panchos with hoods as they helped carry boxes from the vehicles of arriving students to specific rooms.

One mother of a transfer student from the Lexington area expressed delight at the assistance being offered to her as she moved her daughter into her residence hall. "She's transferring here from another N.C. college and we weren't treated anything like we've been treated today," she said, smiling broadly. "I looked at my daughter and I said, 'What's wrong with this picture?' And then I told her, 'This may be an example of why you wanted to come here.'"

One freshman student, who arrived earlier in the week in order to participate in a freshman retreat, had brought with her a U-haul full of her belongings. Due to some travel issues, she and her mother were a little late arriving on campus. As the daughter hurried off to join the others at the

freshman retreat, the mother and six Catawba volunteers spent an hour unloading that student's belongings into her room.

"It's amazing how much stuff students bring with them to campus," says Dan Sullivan, Catawba's director of residence life. "It's like they can't feel at home unless they're surrounded by their belongings. The student with the U-haul will have no trouble making this her second home."

Various stations were set up across campus Saturday where new arrivals registered vehicles, signed up for the college meal plan, telephone service, and obtained student identification cards. The business office was also open for students and their parents who stopped by to check on their accounts.

The freshmen students joined members of various athletic teams, including football and soccer, resident assistants, and the Alphas who were already in place in the resident halls. Catawba's upperclass students began to move in on Tuesday, Aug. 17, and officials said that with their return close to 650 students will be housed on campus this academic year.

This year, administrators are utilizing the nine residence halls on campus a little differently than they have in years past. Pine Knot, which had been an all-male residence hall, will serve as a living/learning community for 32 students, segregated into its various suites according to gender. Some of these students are freshmen involved in a first-year seminar course being taught by Dr. Barbara Hetrick, vice president and dean of the college, while others are involved in service learning and student activities. Two of the residence halls, Abernethy and Woodson, will continue to house first-year students, with programs dedicated to helping them make a successful transition from high school to college.

Catawba's fall semester classes began Thursday, Aug. 19, and enrollment figures indicate approximately 1,350 total students. This figure includes boarding students, commuting day students and close to 400 adults in the Lifelong Learning program.



## The heart of Salisbury-Rowan's performing arts community gets upgrade

In 1964, the grand opening of the Robertson College-Community Center at Catawba College provided both the College and the Salisbury-Rowan Community with performance venues for various theatrical and musical events. Now 40 years after its opening, the facility will continue to provide those same venues thanks to some much-needed system upgrades now underway.

Christopher Zink, a Catawba College associate professor of theatre, notes that while most of the upgrades are "behind the scenes," they are vital for the facility to continue to meet the needs of its users. The theatrical rigging systems (which raise and lower curtains, backdrops, scenery and lighting) in both the 1,500-seat Keppel Auditorium and the 240-seat Hedrick Theatre have been replaced. The stage drapes for both theatres have also been replaced as part of the latest renovation. The dressing rooms are also undergoing a long-awaited renovation that includes new tile floors, paint, new lighted make-up mirrors, new counters, and a drop ceiling.

The office space located above the Keppel lobby has also been renovated with fresh paint and new carpet. Additionally, all of the emergency exit lighting in the facility has been replaced.

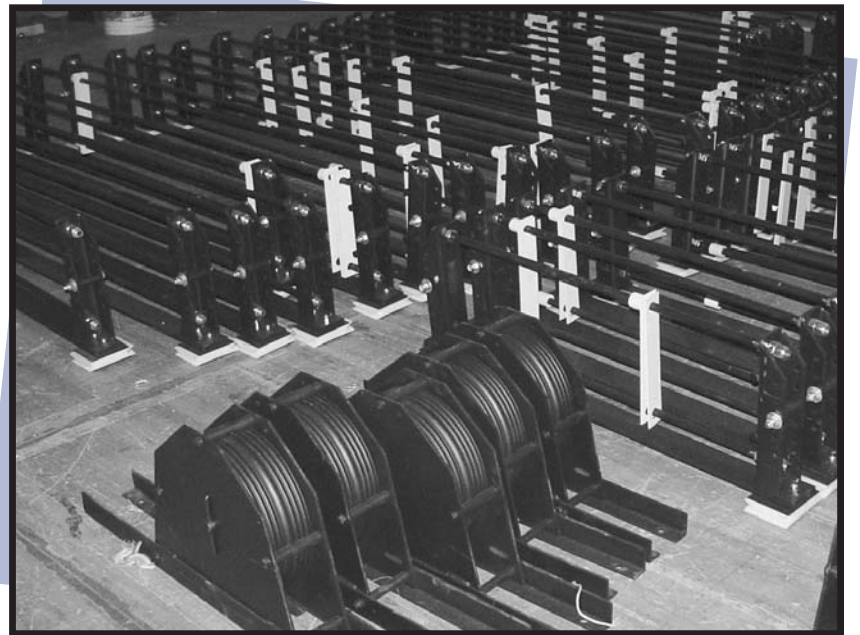
Additional renovations are also underway in the theatre annex, formerly known as the Catawba Experimental Theatre. A new dance floor is being installed there along with drop ceilings and upgraded lighting.

This latest round of renovation and upgrades is an effort on the part of the College administration to keep the facility functional and safe for its patrons, students, staff and faculty. In recent years, other upgrades have included the installation of new seats in Keppel and Hedrick, new curtains in Crystal Lounge, and repair of the exterior columns at the building.

"This facility has served the community very, very well, but it had begun to really show its age and raise some safety concerns," Zink explains.

"There are untold events that go through there," he continues as he begins to enumerate some of these -- the community college and high school graduations, touring children's shows, beauty pageants, dance competitions, concert series, symphony performances, theatrical productions, symposia, and even shareholders meetings.

There are still other facility needs at the Robertson College-Community Center awaiting funding. These include the replacement of the stage floor in



*New rigging systems for theatres*

Keppel and Hedrick, along with the installation of a new lighting system and a fire suppression and fire alarm system.

Zink and his colleagues are grateful for the current renovations and upgrades which would not have been possible without donors from the community. The theatre arts faculty know that the learning experience will be enhanced for the students and that members of the Salisbury-Rowan Community who use the facility will find the spaces friendly and inviting to use.

This year, a coup for both the facility and Catawba will be the hosting of North Carolina's American College Theatre Festival and the N.C. Theatre Conference. That event is slated November 1-7 with performances to be staged in Keppel, Hedrick and the Florence Busby Corriher Theatre on campus.

**Catawba College Theatre Department offerings for the 2004-2005 season include:**

- Sept. 28-Oct. 2, 7:30 p.m. "Playhouse Creatures," Hedrick Theatre
- Oct. 6-10, 7:30 p.m. "A New Brain," Florence Busby Corriher Theatre
- Nov. 15-20, 7:30 p.m. "The Cradle Will Rock," Florence Busby Corriher Theatre
- Feb. 15-19, 7:30 p.m. "The Cherry Orchard," Hedrick Theatre
- Mar. 30-Apr. 2, 7:30 p.m. "Exit the King," Florence Busby Corriher Theatre
- Apr. 12-16, 7:30 p.m. "The Marriage of Figaro," Hedrick Theatre
- Apr. 19-20, 7:30 p.m. "One-Act Festival," Florence Busby Corriher Theatre
- Apr. 26-27, 7:30 p.m. "Danceworks," Hedrick Theatre

The Department's prestigious Peterson Emerging Playwright Workshop, with play and readings, is slated Jan. 18-22 in the Florence Busby Corriher Theatre.

"The college and the community owe a debt of gratitude to the late architect John Ramsay (of Salisbury) for his well-thought-out design of this facility," concludes Zink. "I don't think he could even have envisioned just how many thousands of people would pass through its doors."



*Dressing rooms get face lift*

## SAT SCORES...

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gap between state and national averages and our scores are part of the institution's overall strategic plan."

College Board officials say that more than 1.4 million students in the class of 2004 took the SAT, representing 48 percent of the national graduating class. Nationally, this year's verbal scores are up one point from last year to 508, while this year's math scores decreased one point from last year to 518.

Profile information gathered by the College Board on SAT takers in the Class of 2004 indicates that more students continue to report advanced math and science course work, while fewer report English and grammar course work or experience. Racial and ethnic diversity of SAT takers continues to increase, with the proportion of minority students taking the SAT at an all-time high of

37 percent and the percentage of white students taking it declining to 63 percent. The gap in SAT scores between whites and other racial/ethnic groups continues to increase.

A new SAT debuts this school year with its first administration slated in March 2005. While both the verbal and written sections of the test remain, a new essay section has been added by the College Board. Colleges called for the addition of this new section citing the poor writing skills of high school graduates. On the new SAT, each of the three sections will be worth 800 points for a perfect score of 2,400 points, as opposed to a 1,600 on the current test with only the math and verbal sections.



# Making a difference, one life at a time

Salisbury, N.C. - It's thanks to funding from Catawba College's Lilly Center for Vocation and Values that 2004 Catawba graduate Rachel Bahr of Plant City, Fla. will be going to divinity school at Chicago Theological this fall.

"The Lilly program enables students to unite one's faith with one's career," explained Bahr. "I finally realized that I did not have to separate my theatre background and my hunger for peace and justice in our world. These two passions can walk hand in hand. And now, Catawba's Lilly Center is helping me actualize this dream by providing financial support while I complete my education. I am so blessed!"

Funding from the Lilly Center is also making it possible for Catawba students to be paid while participating in internships at area non-profit organizations. Laura Althaus of Salisbury is working at the Rowan County Animal Shelter, while Elizabeth Gill of Woodbury, N.J., and Lauren Corriher of Landis, both 2004 graduates, are learning the intricacies of the American Red Cross at the local Elizabeth Hanford Dole Chapter in Salisbury. Three Catawba students will be working with children during their internships at non-profits this summer, including Amy Honeycutt of Mt. Ulla at Nazareth Children's Home, and Meg Jordan of Brevard and Danielle Scearce of Salisbury at Partners in Learning Child Development Center.

Due to funding provided by the Lilly Center, each of the aforementioned students will see firsthand through their own experiences what constitutes a life of purpose and meaning. Chances are that the jobs they eventually land will not make them wealthy, according to Dr. Kenneth Clapp, director of Catawba's Lilly Center, but rather, the jobs they land will be personally meaningful for them and impact society in a positive way.

Clapp takes the long view when he assesses the work of Catawba's Lilly Center, now one year in existence and funded with a \$2 million grant the College received from the Lilly Endowment, Inc. He knows that student attitudes are molded and changed, one at a time, and that many ignore the call to live a life of purpose.

"Seeing service to others modeled by peers and mentors, experiencing the joy of knowing you have made a difference in someone's life, becoming aware of the needs and opportunities.... these are

factors that cause students to make a commitment to pursuing vocations and activities that can make our communities and the world a better place," said Clapp. "Through the Lilly Center, we are opening doors to these opportunities and experiences."

## Lilly Center Awards Scholarships and Grants

The 2003-2004 academic year was the first year that Catawba's Lilly Center awarded a series of scholarships and grants to Catawba students. "Year of Inquiry" scholarships of \$1,000 per semester were made available to students who wanted to explore the possibility of pursuing a vocation in Christian ministry. Nine students received these including Nicholas Savko of Worthington, Ohio, Matthew Causey of Salisbury, Joy Brandli '04 of Bonifay, Fla., Will Reedy of Oviedo, Fla., Kamille Plocinik of Baltimore, Md., Dennis Reed, Jr. of Charlotte, GeoRene Jones of Salisbury, Emily McGaughy of Upland, Calif., and Mary-Helen Eppelsheimer of Greenwood, S.C.

Four upper-class students majoring in religion and philosophy and preparing for a ministry vocation qualified for a grant of \$2,000 for each semester in the 2003-2004 academic year. Lilly Fellows grants were awarded to Kristen McCachren of Cleveland, Joy Denton of Salisbury, Tal Brewer '04 of Asheboro, and Laura Althaus.

Rising seniors at Catawba who plan to continue their studies in divinity school or seminary qualified for a \$28,000 grant to cover tuition for their senior year in college and their first year of seminary study. This Lilly Scholars grant was awarded to Rachel Bahr.

## Readings, Retreats, Discussions and Colloquium

Lilly Center funding in 2003-2004 made it possible for the entire campus community to participate in a dialog concerning a common reading, Parker Palmer's book "Let Your Life Speak." Copies of that text were purchased by the Lilly Center and distributed to most of those on campus. It served as a focal point for conversations at the Freshman Retreat, Opening Convocation, sessions of the Freshman Seminar groups, the Wednesday morning ethics seminar, the fall Spiritual Growth Retreat, and a Faculty/Staff Retreat. Catawba's common reading for this fall is Rabbi Harold Kushner's "Living a Life That Matters."

Various retreats were also planned and organized by the Lilly Center during its first year of existence and all of these are to be repeated during the upcoming academic year. These included a Freshman Retreat held in late August which challenged entering students to consider the gifts and talents they possess and how they could use those to realize their potential.

A Faculty/Staff Retreat allowed participants to think about practices that lead to the building of community and encouraged them to help students focus on vocation.

Two Spiritual Growth Retreats for students were offered in which students were guided in thinking about practices that can be helpful in developing their spiritual lives. Catawba student Cyonna Hallums of Clinton, Md. described her experience at one of these retreats like this in a November 2003 article in the Catawba student newspaper, *The Pioneer*:

"If you ever feel yourself disconnecting from your spirituality, try to attend a spiritual retreat with Dr. Clapp. It's much more than a hike in the mountains....It's very hard not to connect with nature when you stand on top of the massive mountain, underneath the sun or under the shade of the rocks or caves. You learn to appreciate all that God has created."

One of the most publicized projects of the Lilly Center this past year was the March colloquium on campus featuring author David Borenstein, who studies and writes about social entrepreneurs and their impact on societies. Members of the college and local community attended both his lecture and workshops and were able to engage in a collective dialog about social entrepreneurship.

According to Clapp, one of the most significant developments on campus involved the Liturgy Team initiative. With leadership from Lilly Scholarship recipients, two groups were formed to lead and provided music for campus worship services. Clapp attributed an increase in attendance at worship services to a student-organized contemporary music team and multicultural ensemble.



Dr. Ken Clapp

# Retired Catawba faculty and staff feted at luncheon

Retired Catawba College faculty and staff members were feted at a luncheon held Thursday, July 22 in the Hurley Room on campus. The annual event was a time for former employees to gather socially and to also hear an update from college officials about happenings at the institution.

Catawba College President Dr. Robert Knott briefed those attending on enrollment figures for the 2004-2005 academic year. He spoke briefly on the silent phase of Catawba's endowment campaign underway now before an official goal for the effort is announced next May. Several recent estate gifts have been received

and counted toward this effort.

He cited improvements and renovations being made on campus, including updating some office space on the second floor of the Hedrick Administration Building for academic use and the purchase of 300 tables and chairs to provide more flexibility for seating in the classrooms.

Dr. Knott noted that a third center has been established on campus. The Center for International Studies, directed by Dr. Kurt Corriher, joins the Center for the Environment and the Lilly Center for Vocation and Values that are already operational.

Dr. Jesse McCartney, executive assistant to the president, gave an update on the college's reaffirmation of accreditation process which is now underway on campus.

Retirees and their spouses who attended the event included Al and Marcia Carter, Fred Corriher, Betsy Detty, Arlene and Dan Duffala, Jim Epperson, Hilda and Tom Foreman, Bob and Cathy Greene, Jack and Mae Keeter, Daniel Kirk, Ruby and Floyd McSwain, Dutch and Maggie Meyer, Bill and Ann Palmer, Eloise Peeler, Frosty Rich, Chub and Elaine Richards, Ken and Evelyn Sell, Buddy and Barbara Thomason, Louise Tucker and Ruth Young.



## In the footsteps of Darwin

A small group of students and faculty members from Catawba College followed the footsteps of Charles Darwin and Russell Crowe when they traveled in May to the Galapagos, a Ecuadorian national park located 600 miles off the coast of that country. The trip was a capstone experience for the students, all members of an honors class, "Birds: Evolution and Imaginations," team-taught by Drs. Janice Fuller and Steve Coggin.

The Galapagos were in the news during the 19th century after Darwin visited them and later published his "Origin of Species" (Theory of Evolution), based in part on his findings there. The archipelago made headlines of a less scientific nature again during the 21st century as the location for the filming of the historical film, "Master and Commander," starring actor Russell Crowe.

Trip participants, in addition to Drs. Fuller and Coggin, included students Kate Nielson of Tolland, Ct., Antonia Bowden '04 of Burlington, Michelle Haynes of Rockwell, Joy Brandli '04 of Bonifay, Fla., David Loudermilk of Richmond, Va., Amy Gunther of Asheville, and Ellen Hindman of Spartanburg, S.C., along with Dr. Joe Poston, a Catawba biology professor, and his wife.

### Trip Preparations Start in Class

Preparations for the Galapagos trip began in the classroom, long before suitcases and cameras were packed. Student chose a bird, most found in the Galapagos, that they were interested in and focused their independent research efforts on it.

Michelle Haynes chose the owl and its symbolic meaning in literature, while Kate Nielson selected the blue-footed boobie. It was the penguin that Joy Brandli researched, investigating "why the bird is given comical characteristics and why people in general just get excited about them." Antonia Bowden chose flamingos for their "exaggerated features," and Amy Gunther sought information about "the misinterpreted since Medieval times" pelican.

By focusing their research on these birds and their places in literature, the class became "not so teacher-taught, but a class where we learn from each other," explained Michelle. "It brings a lot more meaning," added Kate. "We actually know what's going on in the Galapagos," said Amy.

"They (the students) surprised us again and again," noted Dr. Fuller. "They made connections between the texts we studied and every class day was exhilarating."

"The course work for the professors was significant, but we could appreciate it because the students were doing it too," said Dr. Coggin. "It was



*Bird watching in the Galapagos*

definitely challenging, and then to be able to go to this place that has been so important in science and literature and to have the birds be the thing that would seal all of our class work together. It was amazing."

### First Stop, Quito

The Catawba group flew from Charlotte to Miami and then caught another plane that carried them to Quito, Ecuador, the country's capital city located at 10,000 feet in the Andes. They spent only one day there, but managed to capture the flavor of the place, according to Coggin.

Using a minibus to get around, they toured the Indian market, Otavalo, where indigenous people from that country gather weekly to sell their wares. Mainly textiles are sold there, for which the area is "justifiably famous," Coggin said, along with musical instruments, woodcarvings, and paintings. The group also visited an artisan's house (the great Juan) where he and his whole family create musical instruments, and visited a weaver's house (Jose's) where again an entire family is involved in the cottage industry.

One thing Coggin noticed was how the high altitude in Quito affected him. That effect came in the form of a headache and instead of ibuprofen, Coggin said, he took what he called "the cure," a cup of coca leaf tea. And almost as soon as he drank it, he said, his headache was gone.

With all the vegetarians on the trip, Coggin joked that they did not seek out the local specialty - cuy or guinea pig. "We did see guinea pigs in people's houses," he explained. "They just ran around on the floor and the folks would throw them a scrap of vegetable such as cabbage."

### Next Stop, The Galapagos

After one night in Quito, the group boarded another plane that carried them to the Galapagos, landing on the island of Baltra (where one of two airports in the islands is located.) "We went directly from the plane to our boat, the 65-foot Floreana. For the next seven days, that was the home base where the 11 people in our group, along with six crew members and a guide, lived."

"We ate a lot of fish - tuna, mackerel, Mahi, and lots of fresh fruit, potatoes and rice," Coggin continued. Potatoes, he noted, are a staple part of the Ecuadorian diet. Potatoes evolved in the Andes and were domesticated there and even today at the Quito market, he said, there are sellers hawking several dozen varieties of them.

Most days, the group traveled by dinghy to make a landing on one of the islands - 13 large ones, aptly called islands, 13 small ones, labeled islets, and rocks. "There were two types of landings," Coggin recalled, "wet ones and dry ones. And dry landings are considerably more exciting than wet ones."



*Dr. Steve Coggin sits in foreground of dinghy with Catawba Group*



The temperature was really moderate, he said, with highs in the 80s, lows in the 60s. "Even though we were on the equator, the Humboldt current brings cold water from Antarctica. That's why there are penguins living on the equator, but they tend to be uncommon where we were," Coggin explained. "I saw four or five the week we were there. They live on the western side of the archipelago because the water is much colder there. The western side is also where the whales are found."

On each island, islet or rock, the group hiked for two or three hours, investigating various features. They studied nesting sites for blue-footed boobies, flamingos, fur seals, giant tortoises, and land iguanas. "We'd spend a couple of hours observing the creatures and we'd usually do some snorkeling," Coggin said. However, the water was very cold this year, and most in the group wore wetsuits.

This year's water temperature in the Galapagos was in stark contrast to what Coggin had found during his 1998 visit there. 1998 was an El Nino year and the water temperature was much warmer. In that El Nino year, the food chain in the Galapagos was disrupted and all the marine life suffered, Coggin recalled. There were dead sea lions on the beach - victims of starvation - fish were rare, there were very few sea turtles, and the marine iguanas were starving too.

Coggin said the animals in the Galapagos are very tame. "Mockingbirds would land on your head, sea lions would come up and sniff your leg, or come face-to-face with you in the water. Human visitors, however, are not allowed to initiate contact like the animals can, according to Ecuadorian National Park rules. Our first morning there, we walked into a colony of blue-footed boobies and we got within a foot of their nests. They were actually nesting on the trail we were walking in on."

The crew on the Floreana provided for the Catawba group. They cooked meals, shuttled them to and from the boat to the islands on a dinghy, and sailed the boat to make the crossings between the islands. Because their basic needs were provided for, the Catawba group was able to concentrate on their studies, Coggin said.

#### Darwin's Finches

The Galapagos' scientific significance really began with the visit of Charles Darwin in 1835, Coggin explained. There, Darwin discovered islands that were virtually identical in size, climate and features and many were in sight of each other, but they contained and supported different related species.

When the Catawba group was there, Coggin said, the students could see the islands and birds that had so heavily influenced Darwin's theory of evolution and became the source of inspiration for many writers, including Herman Melville, David Quammen, and Annie Dillard.

One of the Catawba group's emphases was to study Darwin's finches, of which 13 are documented. "We were able to find eight of the thirteen species and their differences which were both subtle and dramatic. It takes a lot of energy for a small bird like that to travel between the islands, but

when one does it could create the possibility of a new species evolving."

#### Post Office Bay

Starting in the early 1800s, sailors passing through the Galapagos would leave personal letters in a barrel located in Post Office Bay on the island of Floreana. Tradition was, and still is, that the next ship passing through would pick up those letters left by the previous sailors and deliver the mail when they made port. The Catawba group helped perpetuate that tradition, Coggin said. Each person in the group not only left a postcard, but also took a postcard from the barrel and brought it back to the States to be mailed.

Coggin said two days after he got back home and "was still washing his dirty clothes," a woman from Charlotte pulled up in his driveway to deliver the post card he had written to his family and left behind in the barrel on Post Office Bay. In delivering the postcard to his home, that woman beat the postal service of at least two countries (Ecuador and U.S.) by two weeks, he explained.

#### Six Years Make A Difference

Coggin noticed the impact the 70,000+ visitors each year to the Galapagos had made between his 1998 trip and his 2004 visit. "The little town of Puerto Ayora is growing and expanding up into the hills. There were more visitor boats and more people on the islands than in my previous visit," he said.

There had even been a government-sanctioned resort constructed on the island of Santa Cruz since Coggin's last trip there. But despite the fact that an increase in tourism threatens the future of those unique species in the Galapagos, Coggin was told by Ecuadorians that their government plans to continue its courtship of foreign visitors to the archipelago.



Antonia Bowden stands with one foot in the northern and one in the southern hemisphere as Dr. Janice Fuller and other look on

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If you have any estate planning questions or concerns please contact Eric Nianouris at 1.800.CATAWBA or email at [enianour@catawba.edu](mailto:enianour@catawba.edu).

This spring, Eric Nianouris of Salisbury joined Catawba College's Development Office as director of major gifts and planned giving. He will have as his primary responsibility to continue the development of and building upon the estate-planning program already in place at Catawba. Through his efforts, friends and alumni will learn of the benefits both for them and the College through this program.

A native of Columbus, Ohio, Nianouris had been president and owner of Allied Carpets, Inc. in Salisbury for 15 years prior to joining Catawba. His other work experience included employment as a sales representative for Galaxy Carpet Mills in Chatsworth, Georgia, and as a financial consultant for Lehman Brothers in New York City and Chicago.

Nianouris earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from Miami University in Oxford Ohio. He is married to wife Tami and they have two children, 10-year-old Alex and 18-month-old Emma.



## Women's soccer team starts with a trip to Europe

The Catawba women's soccer team was provided with an outstanding opportunity to begin the new year, spending nine days of their pre-season training in England and Wales. The team played three matches, saw many of the sights of London and began to learn about their new teammates for the upcoming season.

The team departing Charlotte at noon on Wednesday, August 11th and left Atlanta at 6 pm, arriving at London's Gatwick Airport at 7 am local time. We met up with our tour guide, Jacqui, from Harvard Sports Management and our bus driver, Dave, and departed for Windsor Castle. We then went on the 'Round London' motorcoach tour, we headed for Covent Garden for lunch. We then departed for check-in

at the International Hotel in the Docklands area of London. After our 7 pm dinner at the hotel it was time to get some much needed sleep.

We went to Covent Garden for a pre-game meal and then departed north of the city to Watford to face the Queens Park Rangers women. After surrendering an early goal, scores by Hayley Bollinger and Carrie Wollaston helped gain a 2-2 against the team of semi-professionals.

A morning workout was scheduled on Saturday before heading off to the suburb of Tottenham to watch the Premiership League opener between host Tottenham and Liverpool, two of the top teams of the top English League. The teams battled to a 1-1 tie in front of a packed house of 35,000 at White Hart Lane. The afternoon was free to explore the Docklands area around the hotel which includes the newly renovated Canary Wharf.

A short drive from Bath led us to Keynsham for the second match of the tour. A sparkling first half led to a 4-1 win. Lauren Whitley, Stephanie Morey, Jennifer Lowe and McKenzie Burman tallied the goals. A social with the Keynsham squad followed before departing for the Ramada Plaza Hotel in Bristol.

After breakfast on Tuesday, we returned to the Welsh capital of Cardiff. We looked at Cardiff Castle and spent time siteseeing in the town, including the sprawling shopping areas. We returned to the Quality Hotel for a pre-game lunch before the final match of the tour against the Cardiff Bluebirds. McKenzie Burman helped cut into a 2-0 deficit, but the Bluebirds went on to take a 3-1 win.

Wednesday morning they had an eight-hour flight back to Atlanta and arrived in Charlotte around 7 pm.

### FALL SPORTS ROUNDUP

A couple of Catawba teams have earned national rankings in the early part of the season. Football was poised to move into the top 10 after a 52-19 pounding of then

ninth-ranked Indiana, PA, while women's soccer was among the top 20 and men's soccer began the season #16 before an early loss to #14 UNC-Pembroke knocked the Indians out of the rankings.

The football team rolled to wins in its first three games, averaging nearly 53 points per game in earning wins over Fayetteville State 49-21, Livingstone 57-10 and Indiana, PA. Luke Samples, candidate for the Harlon Award as the best player in NCAA II, has completed two-thirds of passes and was averaging nearly 220 yards of passing despite sitting out the second half of the first two games.

Catawba has used a balance backfield to churn out over 250 yards per game with Rodney Wallace averaging just under 100 yards a game and Mario Crowe adding 85 a contest. Corey Ready has been the top receiving target with 14 catches over three games. Catawba's defense was allowing only 225 yards per game to the opposition and generated nine turnovers in the first three games.

The men's soccer team has made the early season exciting with some high-scoring contests. After a 6-0 win to open the season, the Tribe fell behind UNC-Pembroke 5-0 before a rally brought the team within 5-4 in the closing 10 minutes only to fall 7-4. The squad would add six goals against Pfeiffer and four vs. WV Wesleyan to begin the season 4-1. Zay-Zay Gilewala has paced the way with five goals, while defender Kenny Crowe has four. Ryan Frommel has assisted on six goals.

The women's soccer team has been impressive in its opening wins. The team posted three shutouts to begin their campaign. The squad beat Barton and Concord 4-0 and blanked Charleston 10-0. The shutout streak ended in a 6-2 win over the region's seventh-ranked team, Francis Marion. Freshman Paige Harrington has scored a team-leading six goals with McKenzie Burman adding four. Senior Jennifer Lowe equaled a school record with four assists in the win over FMU and set a new career mark with 30 over her three-plus seasons.



Soccer team is all smiles in front of Big Ben

## Catawba's athletics undergoing strategic planning

As part of the strategic planning process underway at Catawba College, officials have initiated an overall review and evaluation of the college's athletic programs. A 15-member task force, consisting of trustees, coaches, alumni, faculty and members of both the Boards of Visitors and Chiefs Club, held meetings in July and August and will meet again in September.

According to Senior Vice President Tom Childress, the task force mission will be to examine the current athletic program and its complete operation, including personnel, facilities, budget, scholarship, academic progress, gender equity and level of competitiveness against other institutions. The task force will also serve as a recommending body for the future directions of Catawba athletics regarding conference affiliation, National College Athletic Association (NCAA) divisional status, athletic mascot and other considerations as they arise.

Task force members include trustees Darlene Ball of Greensboro and Claude Hampton of Salisbury; alumni Trent Newell of Mooresville and John Hartpence of Salisbury; members of the Board of Visitors Judy Newman and Bob Wilson, both of Salisbury; members of the Chiefs Club Board Eric Slipp of Salisbury and John Lewis of Mooresville; faculty members Dr. Cheryl Peevy and Joyce Caddell; coaches Craig Turnbull and Elizabeth Graham;

Catawba Athletic Director Dennis Davidson; Catawba Chief Financial Officer Chuck Williams; and Catawba Vice President and Dean Barbara Hetrick.

"A well-thought-out strategic plan for athletics will ultimately help strengthen and improve our athletic program overall. This is a process that the NCAA recommends that all institutions undergo on a regular basis," said Childress. "Some aspects of our program are more visible than others, but our concern is equity and parity for all of our athletes, whether male or female."

Childress expects a comprehensive report of the task force's findings to be made available to Catawba College President Dr. Robert Knott and the College Board of Trustees later this fall.

More than a third of Catawba College students participate in one of the college's 17 NCAA-sanctioned sports teams. Thanks in part to the structure and self-discipline which these teams provide to Catawba's student athletes, these students consistently perform well academically. According to a NCAA annual report regarding graduation rates for student athletes, Catawba's student athletes graduate at a slightly higher rate than all other Catawba students do.

Over the past five academic years, Catawba has enjoyed a second place finish in the South Atlantic Conference in Athletic Excellence Award Standings three times, in 1998-1999, 2001-2002, and 2002-2003.



# Catawba Chiefs Club announces new leaders

The Catawba Chiefs Club recently announced its leadership team for the 2004-2005 year and shared the news that there is potential for record memberships this year in the organization.

Chiefs Club Coordinator Bill Pieczynski reports that interest in joining the Club has been heightened and memberships, to date, are running well above those from the same period last year. While some premium seats remain available, over 730 reserved seats have already been sold.

Reserved and premium seats are available only to Chiefs Club members. Those interested in joining, should contact the Catawba College Development Office at 704-637-4394 or visit [www.goindiansgo.com](http://www.goindiansgo.com) for more information.

In late spring, the leadership team of the Club was announced. It includes President Summie Carter and Vice President Melanie Bowles, both of Salisbury. Keith Chalmers of Salisbury, a 1986 alumnus, is the immediate past

president for the Chiefs Club.

New Board members include John Rink of Salisbury, a 1949 alumnus and John Munday of Salisbury, a 1978 alumnus.

Those serving on the Chiefs Club Board in the Class of 2005 include Dr. Rudy Busby, W. Summersett "Summie" Carter, Bill Hall, Tippiie Miller, Richard H. Smith, Jr., Steve Yang, Wayne Dalton, and Joseph M. Trainor, all of the Salisbury area, and Darrel Parks of Trinity. The Board's Class of 2006 includes Melanie Bowles, Bill Vanderford, Floyd Burton, Keith Chalmers, Sam Moir, David Patterson, and Marion M. "Chub" Richards, all of the Salisbury area, David VanAken of Charlotte, and Frank Fields of Mooresville. The Board's Class of 2007 includes J. Reid Bradshaw, Joyce Caddell, Dr. James "Chip" Comadoll, Charlie Little, Robert S. Setzer, and Eric Slipp, all of the Salisbury area, along with John H. Lewis of Mooresville.

## In Memoriam

'34 **John Dennis Hege, Jr.**, of Mooresville, formerly of Salisbury, died Aug. 2.

He attended Duke University and the University of North Carolina before earning his bachelor's degree from Catawba. A U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, he was retired as a postal carrier with the U.S. Postal Service.

He is survived by his wife of 71 years, Theresa Cooke Hege of Cornelius, daughters Cynthia Rogers of Clemson, S.C. and Mari Rink '56 of Cornelius, four grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

'35 **Kathryn Rogers Taylor** of Fitzgerald, Ga., formerly of Kannapolis, died June 14.

A homemaker, she was a former nurse's aid. She was a member of Royal Oaks United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death in 1969 by husband Clayton Raymond Taylor. Survivors include sisters Sue Nix of Fitzgerald, Kathy Warlick of Gainesville, Ga., and Emma Greene of Holly Springs, six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

'36 **Bernice Byrd Overcash** of Salisbury died June 16.

Following her graduation from Catawba, she completed graduate work at Duke University. A homemaker, she was a member of First United Church of Christ, Ladies Circle 4 and Primetimers.

She was preceded in death in 1981 by husband Leroy Walter Overcash, and in 1994, by daughter Frances Overcash Cartmell. Survivors include sons Thomas L. '65 and W. Steve Overcash, both of Salisbury, brother Thomas M. Byrd of St. Petersburg, Fla., eight grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

'37 **Margaret Preston Kirk Holshouser Raines** died June 8 at her home in Madison, Tenn.

She held degrees in music and primary education and taught in the Salisbury school system until her retirement in 1968.

Survivors include a stepdaughter, Mrs. Anita Raines Elliott, three step-grandchildren, and six step-great-grandchildren. Dr.

Daniel E. Kirk, retired professor emeritus at Catawba, and Mrs. Bessie K. Mickle '35 are cousins of the late Mrs. Raines and reside in Salisbury.

'38 **Mildred Garrett Burdette** of Salisbury died July 26.

A native of Rowan County, she was employed as a secretary for Isenhour-Freeman Insurance & Realty for a number of years, and for a few years worked for W.A. Brown and Sons. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Salisbury, the Kings Daughter Sunday school class and the YWA.

Survivors include her husband of 67 years, John C. Burdette, two sons, John C. Burdette, Jr. '64 of Advance and Boyd G. Burdette of Clayton, Calif., three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Carrie Lou Allen Baker** of Concord died Aug. 8.

She had attended Marlboro Business School and General Motors School of Business and was a charter member of CPI. She was a member of Epworth United Methodist Church where she was active in the United Methodist Women.

She was preceded in death by husband Cecil Glenn Baker. Survivors include daughter Glenda Baker Home of Concord, son Daniel G. Baker of Weaverville, and two grandchildren.

'39 **The Reverend Wendell G. Davis** of Statesville died July 10.

He was educated at Spartanburg College, Catawba College, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. He served as a church pastor for over 55 years, at Grundy Baptist Church in Grundy, Va., College Avenue Baptist Church in Bluefield, W.V., Western Avenue Baptist Church in Statesville, Milwood Baptist Church in Charlotte, and Fairview Baptist Church in Statesville. Although he retired in 1984, he remained active as an interim pastor.

Active in denominational service, he led preaching missions to Cuba, Brazil, Chile, and Alaska. He served as president of the N.C. Christian Action League, National Advisor for American United, and as a trustee of Wake Forest University.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Cynthia Irene Davis, but survived by his wife of 62 years, Elsie. Other survivors include his children, Thomas Davis of Elon,

Bonnie Davis Hanvey of Hickory, and Edward M. Davis of Charlotte, six grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

**Margaret Fink Beam** of Mooresville died June 30.

A homemaker, she was a member of Central United Methodist Church in Mooresville.

She was preceded in death by husband John Durham Beam. Survivors include son John D. Beam, Jr. of Rock Hill, S.C.

**Cornelia Caroline Earnhardt** of Salisbury died June 14.

She retired in 1987 after 35 years of employment as a N.C. Superior Court reporter. She was a member of First United Methodist Church, the English Speaking Union, Historic Salisbury Foundation and the Rowan Museum.

There are no immediate survivors.

'41 **Mary Katherine Whitener** of Lenoir died June 18.

A homemaker, she was a member of Zion United Church of Christ where she served as a deacon, treasurer of the Women's Guild, chairman of the church Consistory, Sunday school teacher, youth advisor and deacon emeritus. She was a member of the Lenoir Junior Women's Club and organized the Caldwell County Women's Club. As a member of the N.C. Federation of Women's Clubs, she served as district president, second vice president, recording secretary and state treasurer. She served on the N.C. Specialty Hospital Board, and volunteered with the Heart Association, Cancer Association, and Easter Seals. She was also a Den Mother for a Cub Scout Pack.

She was preceded in death in 1993 by her husband, Orin Sigmon Whitener, Sr. '41 who served on the Catawba College Board of Trustees and its Academic Affairs Committee. The couple were long-time supporters of Catawba College, contributing to various college efforts both personally and through the Whitener Foundation of High Point. The couple, through the Whitener Foundation, established the Whitener First Family Scholarship in memory of Dr. and Mrs. Edgar Whitener, and James and Sarah Whitener, and in honor of O. Sigmon Whitener, Jr. Shawn Edgar Whitener, and Rebecca Katherine Whitener. The late Dr. Edgar Whitener attended Old Catawba and was president of the Catawba board of trustees from 1925-44. His sons and their wives were all grad-

uates of Catawba. His great-grandson, Shawn attended Catawba, and great-granddaughter Rebecca Katherine became the fourth generation of Catawba graduates in 1997.

Her survivors include two sons, Edgar Whitener and wife Karen '69 of Lenoir, Orin Sigmon Whitener, Jr. '67 and wife Sadakok of Montrose, Calif.; four grandchildren, Shawn Whitener and wife Kimberly, Rebecca Smith and husband Stuart, Orin Whitener III and Kiyoji Whitener, and five great-grandchildren.

'42 **Frances Cozart Beaver** of Salisbury died June 27.

A native of Salisbury, she also attended the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, formerly known as the Woman's College in Greensboro. She was employed for 40 years by the City of Salisbury as the City Clerk and Administrative Assistant. She was a founding member and former president of the Business and Professional Women's Club. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, the Saint Ann's Circle, the Catholic Daughters, the Metro Civitan Club and the International Institute of Municipal Clerk.

Survivors include brother Clarence B. Beaver, Jr. of Salisbury, sister Genera B. Kelly of Rockingham, two nephews, two nieces, several grand-nieces and grand-nephews, and first cousins.

'45 **Eleanor Caudell Daniel** of Mocksville and Kiawah Island, S.C. died Sept. 1.

She was part owner and an officer of Caudell Lumber Company from 1948 until the sale of her share of the business in 1998. A lifelong member of First Baptist Church in Mocksville, she participated in the choir and assisted in the nursery and children's departments.

She was preceded in death by daughter Barbara Daniel Johnson in 1983. Survivors include her husband of 56 years, William C. Daniel, daughter Margaret Daniel Harris '74 of Charleston, sister Louise Caudell Bowden '49 of Mocksville, and two grandchildren.

'47 **The Rev. Gray L. Freeze** of Sarasota, Fla. died recently.

'48 **Ray Newman Cauble** of Salisbury died June 26.

Following his graduation

from Catawba, he earned his master's degree in physics from Clemson College. He worked as a civilian employee for the Army Signal Corps at Camp Gordon, now Fort Gordon in Augusta, Ga. He later worked as an instrument engineer for DuPont at the Savannah River Plant before joining Johns Hopkins University's Applied Physics Laboratory in Silver Springs, Md. in 1953. When he retired in 1953, he belonged to the Principal Professional Staff and was group supervisor and projects manager for Short Range Systems.

He received awards for his activities in the Point Defense Surface Missile System Program, Ship Anti-Missile Integrated Defense Program, the TARTAR Guided Missile Weapon System, and NATO SEA-SPARROW Surface Missile System.

He was preceded in death in 1999 by wife Kathryn Elizabeth Curd Cauble. Survivors include sons Fred Townley Cauble of Laurel, Md., and Richard Lee Cauble of Gaithersburg, Md., sisters Virginia C. Aaron of Sun City, Ariz., and Ruth C. Surratt of Salisbury, and four grandchildren.

**'49 Harris H. Peacock, Jr.** of Milledgeville, Ga., formerly of Salisbury, died July 16.

He served as a fighter pilot in the U.S. Navy during World War II and retired in 1983 as a civil servant at Robbins Air Force Base in Georgia. He was a Methodist and a member of Macon Masonic Lodge No. 5 AF & AM.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Rose Hadley Peacock, son, Dr. Charles Harris Peacock of Raleigh, daughter Rosemary P. Digby of Milledgeville, sister Virginia P. Dennis of Greenville, S.C., and four grandchildren.

**Miles Durham Scott** of Charlotte died Aug. 13.

A veteran of World War II, he retired from Columbia Gas Systems in Charleston, West Va., and the American Red Cross in Charlotte. He was an active volunteer at Presbyterian Hospital.

Survivors include his nieces and nephews and a sister-in-law.

## Class Notes

**'58 Edwin O. Wenck** has a new e-mail address: [ibawenck@mac.com](mailto:ibawenck@mac.com).

**'63 Jane Crofts** ended her 40-year career at Central Davidson High School. She was a science and math teacher while she was there. She will definitely miss teaching but she plans on having a nice retirement.

**'66 Myra Meadows Blackburn** finished her Masters Degree in Liberal Studies at UNC - Greensboro in May 2003. She also received National Board Certification in 2003. She is currently teaching Advanced Placement English in Guilford County Schools.

**'69 Charles W. Faure** had a career as an Army officer, then real estate and has been enjoying life ever since! If you're in the Northern VA area, give him a call at (703) 913 -1304.

**'50 James C. McLain** of Thomasville died Aug. 1.

Following his graduation from Catawba, he completed graduate work at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II. He was employed until 1959 as a teacher and coach at Thomasville High School. Thereafter he worked for Gray Concrete Pipe Co., now known as HydroConduit Corp, as personnel manager until his 1986 retirement.

He served on Thomasville's School Board, its Human Relations Commission, and the City Recreation Commission, spending five years as its chair.

Survivors include wife Nancy, daughters Mary and Janie and son William.

**'51 Garland L. Barker** of Greensboro died July 5.

He retired in 1989 from AT&T as a material planner.

Survivors include wife Geneva Anne Barker and son, Gregory L. Barker of Elon.

**'52 Nancy Lou Ramsey Faggart** of Salisbury died June 23.

She owned and operated Star Laundry and Cleaners and later worked for the school system as vocational education secretary until her retirement in 1999. She was a member of First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include son Michael Faggart of Salisbury, daughter Christine F. Triplett of Faith, brother Larry Ramsey of Tennessee, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

**The Rev. Robert Jackson "Jack" Napier** of Marshville died July 28.

He was a graduate of Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky. A retired minister, he had served numerous pastorates in Union, Stanly and Mecklenburg counties. He was a longtime member of Long Creek Masonic Lodge #205 in Huntersville.

He was preceded in death in 1998 by wife Manie Moore Napier. Survivors include sons R. Shields Napier and R. Flynn Napier, both of Charlotte, daughters

Carlotta Upton of Asheboro and Jacquelyn Napier Ford of Lenoir, five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, a brother and three sisters.

**'54 Frank G. Bowers of Morganton** died July 11.

He also graduated from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. While a student at Catawba, he was a player and coach of the golf team. He was a member of Mimosa Hills Country Club, where he held the office of president for several terms.

He joined his father in business in the Bowers Insurance Agency in 1953 and was named Man of the Year by the Nationwide Insurance Co., in 1970. Active in his community, he served as a United Way volunteer and a member of that organization's board of directors. He was also a member of the Board of Director of Bank of Granite. He was a member of First United Methodist Church and held many church offices.

Survivors include wife Patsy Clodfelter Bowers, son F. Keith Bowers of Morganton, daughters Lynne Bowers Luther of Raleigh and Kelly Bowers Messenheimer of Morganton, two sisters, six grandchildren and a number of nephews and nieces.

**Tommy Jean Tomlin Creasy** of Union Grove has died.

She was a retired teacher who taught for 32 years in the Iredell County Schools.

**'56 Barbara McPherson Roark** of Burlington died June 14.

She was a high school taught business courses until her retirement from Western Alamance High School. She was a member of First Reformed United Church of Christ.

Survivors include husband Bruce L. "Bob" Roark, daughters, Kelly Owen, Erin Kroenung and Cristin Britt, all of Burlington, and six grandchildren.

**'64 Martha Ann Love Carter** of Mocksville died Aug. 6.

She attended Wingate Junior College, Forsyth Nursing School and East Carolina

proud parents of Adam (a sophomore at Xavier University) and Emily (a junior at Kings High School).

**'74 The Reverend Dr. H. William "Bill" Green** was awarded the Ross Freeman Leadership Award by Bishop Marion Edwards during the

N.C. Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church this past June, 2004. The award is in recognition of superior leadership in the area of men's ministry in the United Methodist Church. Recipients of this award from each Annual Conference in the Southeastern Jurisdiction will gather to be part of a "Think Tank" in January, 2005, at the Hinton Rural Life Center in N.C. The participants in this retreat will contribute toward the publication of a book on men's ministry. Bill can be reached at [WGreen@FUMC-Cary.org](mailto:WGreen@FUMC-Cary.org).

**'75 Lynn Deas** has been named the 2004 recipient of the Sidney H. Lazard Sportsmanship Award.

**Rona Revels** works with PatientCare. They are a patient advocacy company with headquarters in New Orleans and their local

University before graduating from Catawba. She taught for 12 years in public schools in Yadkinville and at William R. Davie, and was selected Teach of the Year in Davie County. She worked for several years with Mother's Morning Out at Mocksville First Baptist. She was a member of Chestnut Grove United Methodist Church where she established a children's church, started a mother's morning out program and taught Sunday school, as well as being a United Methodist youth Fellowship leader.

Survivors include husband Jimmy Roger Cart, son Drew Smith Carter of Winston-Salem, brother Gordon Love of East Bend, sister Penny Nolaine Love '64 of Charlotte, and stepbrothers James Mills of East Bend and Charles Mills of Denver, Colo.

**'65 Sarah Virginia Kelley Sims** '65 of Spencer died July 7.

She had taught for seven years in the Davidson County School System. She was a member of Central United Methodist Church, the United Methodist Women and past president of the Mamie Lynch Circle.

Survivors include her husband of 51 years, Bruce E. Sims; two daughters, Rita Sims and Ginger Honeycutt, all of Spencer; and two grandchildren.

**'67 Susanne McCarn McMahan** of Mount Pleasant died May 27.

She taught English in the N.C. school system for 28 years.

Survivors include her husband of 36 years, Alan McMaha

## CORRECTION

In the June edition of CAMPUS, we inadvertently reported 1936 Alumna Neely McCubbins Pillsbury of Charlotte as deceased. We have since learned from one of her friends that she is still living, although she continues in poor health at a nursing facility in Charlotte.

Jacksonville office is located at the Mayo Clinic. She would love to hear from old friends at [Noleslvr@aol.com](mailto:Noleslvr@aol.com).

**'76 Danny Leonard** has been named the new girls' basketball coach at Western Guilford High School. He will also be teaching physical education.

**John H. Rapp** has relocated to N.C. and is teaching 8th grade NC & US History at Bradley Middle School in Huntersville. He still does Civil War reenactments & gives Living History programs portraying "A.R. Waud, special artist with Harper's Weekly." He gave living history programs for the Friends of the National Parks at Gettysburg on the anniversary days and for the National Park Service at Petersburg National Battlefield and he will be doing additional Civil War events in N.C. in the future.

**Frances Haines Ross** would love to hear from friends. Their son is getting married in March, 2005. She would like Dr. Martha West to know that she went back to school and is finally teaching 5th grade and absolutely loves it!



'77 **Joey Popp** enters his second season as full-time host for the popular local program, "Healthwise" on WTVI.

**Jim Stallings** received a commission from the Coweta County School System for the Visual and Performing Arts for the opening of The Centre for Visual and Performing Arts in Newnan, Ga. His composition, "Victory at Brown's Mill," was a symphonic band piece performed by Newnan County Honors students and premiered on April 1, 2004 under his direction.

'80 **Katherine Murdoch** owns "The Historic Murphy House Bed and Breakfast" in the Historic District of Salisbury, N.C., which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. She welcomes guests to enjoy and experience true southern hospitality. For more information call (704) 636-2794.

'81 **Jeffrey D. Schaeberle** recently obtained his MS in Information and Telecommunications Systems from John Hopkins University. He is working as a Senior Program Manager for RS Information Systems in McLean, Va.

'82 **Jane Wyatt Beard** has started her own home-based business creating tatted gift items that are sold at local specialty shops and bed and breakfasts, as well as at local craft fairs and festivals. Tatting is the vintage art of making lace using only cotton thread and a needle or shuttle. She would love to hear from old friends! Her e-mail address is [BlessedTat@comcast.net](mailto:BlessedTat@comcast.net) or snail mail her at 304 E. Wabash Avenue; Wakarusa, IN 46573.

'84 **Deborah "Debbie" Beam Hopper** and her husband Michael announce the arrival of their child, Haydn Luke born November 11, 2003. He joins his sister Kayleigh Scarlett (8) and brother Aulden (5). She would love to hear from some old friends at [carocare@earthlink.net](mailto:carocare@earthlink.net).

**Laura Beach Nessley** moved to a new address: 5200 Baker's Mill Road, Durham, NC, 27707.

**David H. Reed** would love to hear from friends at [thr60m@yahoo.com](mailto:thr60m@yahoo.com). He hopes to see everyone at Homecoming.

'87 **Joe Crapster** has been Manager of the Investor Relations Department at Duke Energy for the past five years. He has recently been named Director-Investor Relations at Duke Energy. Joe has worked at Duke Energy for 18 years. He and his family reside in Charlotte, N.C.

'88 **Robert Connelly** wanted to give everyone his new address/e-mail address. 312 Windsor Avenue; Haddonfield, NJ 08033; [digitalhomes@yahoo.com](mailto:digitalhomes@yahoo.com).

'89 **Amanda Taylor Brooks** graduated in December 2003 with a Masters of Science in Real Estate from Georgia State University.

'90 **Chris Haefner Nazario** and husband Joe proudly announce the birth of daughter, Isabel Marie, born June 23rd. Isabel has an older brother Joseph (5). The Nazarios live in Greensboro and would love to hear from friends: [cnazario@traid.rr.com](mailto:cnazario@traid.rr.com).

**Jim Tomsula** is among the youngest coaches in NFL Europe. He has recruited several players from Catawba throughout his time coaching.

'91 **Ashton Byrum** just returned from Maine where he played the role of "Munkustrap" in CATS at the legendary Ogunquit Playhouse. His wife, Gina Valentine, starred as Grizabella in the production. Ashton comes to N.C. this fall to play "Biff" in 1940's **Radio Hour** and then "Jinx" in **Forever Plaid** at the Flat Rock Playhouse.

'93 **Donna Grubbs Rymer** and husband Rodney had their third child, Bethany, on April 12, 2004. Bethany joins her two older siblings, Kira and Caleb.

'94 **Chris Jacobs and Stephanie Gudger Jacobs** are happy to announce the birth of their first child, Caroline Woodson. She was born on May 21, 2004. She has her own website: [www.hhiyouth.com/jacobs](http://www.hhiyouth.com/jacobs).

**Kenneth Lore** would love to hear from old friends and Wigwam Productions alum at [lore9418@earthlink.net](mailto:lore9418@earthlink.net).

**Jennifer P. Novitsky** married John P. Novitsky on June 5, 2004 and they want to say thanks to **Mark and Rebecca Maser** and daughter Katie for coming to the wedding.

**Bill Pieczynski and Lana '92** announce the birth of Joseph Eastwood on June 14, 2004. He joins his older brother Will who is 23 months old.

'95 **Trent Bradshaw**, an investment adviser representative with Rowan Bank, recently completed all of the requirements necessary to become a Certified Financial Planner (CFP).

'96 **Jennifer Trumbower Agrillo and Paul Agrillo '98** are delighted to announce the birth of their second child, Grace Ann. She was born November 5, 2003 weighing 7 lbs. 10 oz. and 20" long. Big brother Paul Samuel, IV (4 1/2) is an incredible big brother. Paul and Jenn reside in Troutman, N.C. They would love to hear from old Catawba family at [agrilloj@aol.com](mailto:agrilloj@aol.com).

**Tiffany Davis** is happy to announce the birth of her second child, Gabriel Richard. He was born on April 27, 2003. She is even happier to announce her impending divorce from Howard Davis.

**Kimberly Hannigan** is head coach of the South Rowan Lady Raider's varsity softball team and was chosen as the Central Piedmont Conference coach of the year for softball during the 2004 season.

**Devane LaMarr Harvey** and his wife, Kim gave birth to Brea Faith, on March 15, 2003. Brea was 7lbs. 10oz. and 20" long. He works in Anson County as the Youth Services Director and coaches Varsity Boys Basketball in Anson. He would like to hear from friends at [Devane04@cs.com](mailto:Devane04@cs.com).

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## 1960s Close-up

### Catawba College Alumni celebrate anniversary of Kentucky library they helped found

Two Catawba College alumni were among more than fifty people who gathered in Booneville, Kentucky in early July to celebrate the 35th anniversary of the Owsley County Public Library located there.

Most of those gathered at the celebration were not aware of the role that Catawba College students had played in getting the library up and running. Two Catawba alumni who attended, Donald "Donnie" Moose '71 of Faith, N.C. and the Rev. Galen Hahn '69 of Mocksville, N.C. were happy to share that story.

In the late 1960s, Catawba's Student Christian Association initiated this library project. Hahn and Jenna Ray (now Clayton) '69 chaired its World Service Committee that began the work in '66 -'67 and '67 - '68; Glenn Wolfgang '70 and Ray chaired this same committee in '68 -'69 when the library materials were gathered and delivered.

The World Service Committee wanted to set up a library in one of the poorest counties in Appalachia. After sending out letters of inquiry to various county seats, the committee received a positive interest from Booneville, the county seat of Owsley County, Kentucky, one of 14 counties in that state without a library at that time.

The Rev. Michael Smathers, then pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Booneville, was the contact person in advance and during the 1969 set up of the library. He spoke in chapel services at Catawba and guided the project in Booneville. Booneville was chosen as the location for Catawba's action project because of its eagerness to cooperate. Booneville citizens worked hard to find a place to house the library and someone to run it.

Throughout the 1968-69 academic year, Catawba students and faculty gathered books and held fundraisers to buy books for the library project. When school concluded that academic year, six Catawba students loaded a van with 5,000 books and set out for a six-week mission trip to Booneville. Students who traveled to Kentucky in addition to Moose, Ray and Wolfgang (previously aforementioned) included Janet Hufnagel Geiger '72, Linda Foust Hobson '69, and Robert "Bob" Reindollar '71.

The Catawba students worked with Owsley County citizens to set up the library books in a room of Booneville's Callahan Motel (currently Goodman's Motel) and secured a bookmobile from the Kentucky state library system. During the visit, they stayed in the homes of area residents and interacted with county teens at a makeshift teen center; and they shared in a number of vacation Bible schools with area children. Granny Turner, one of the Catawba students' favorites among hosts it turned out, was that area's first librarian; she had delivered books to people's homes on horseback in 1936.

Each of the students who helped set up the library in Booneville was deeply touched by this experience. In response to the question, "What was your proudest achievement in college?" Jenna Ray Clayton said, "Working with the Student Christian Association to build a library in Booneville, Kentucky."

In a letter to the Owsley County Library and in response to an invitation to attend the anniversary celebration, Wolfgang responded, "Personally, the experience in Booneville has meant a lot to me over the years. It was an early lesson that when you think you are giving, you often are getting much more instead."

Linda Foust Hobson said, "Our experience in establishing the library in Booneville was a very defining moment in my life. We planted a small seed that has grown and continues to grow." It is interesting to note that Linda stayed on in Booneville for another four weeks beyond that six-week mission trip in 1969.

Janet Hufnagel Geiger, unable to attend the anniversary celebration because she was recovering from an accident, sent "Best wishes for a joyous anniversary celebration."

Although Hahn was not one of the original Catawba students who traveled to Booneville in 1969, he has kept that library and its impact on his personal life in mind. He has recently renewed contact with library personnel and continues to gather and send books to stock the library shelves. He helped establish a Founder's Fund for the library that is hoped will become the basis for a new facility someday.

"In my heart," Hahn said to folks at the library anniversary celebration, "I had a role in helping to establish the library. The library is more than books or a project. It is a part of a vision of community, and community is an on-going thing."

"The story of this library is a story about a bridge: a bridge from Salisbury to Booneville, a bridge from the past to the future, a bridge from the people of Booneville and Owsley County of the past to those here in the future. We from Catawba are thankful to have been a small part of that bridge building effort."

Hahn, today a minister at New Union United Methodist Church near Mocksville, N.C., recalled that the two things which touched him most from this celebration "was being in the same room with 50 or more folks who had worked on this project for their community for 35 years, and walking around Booneville with Donnie (Moose), reliving through his eyes the wondrous memories of those days and weeks he spent in Owsley County."



## Two Catawba alumni to be honored during homecoming weekend

Catawba College will honor two of its alumni during Homecoming Weekend activities, slated October 8-10.

LTC Chester C. "Trip" Buckenmaier III, M.D. '86 of Gambrills, Md. and D. Bryan Jordan '84 of Vestavia Hills, Ala., will be recognized with Catawba's Distinguished Alumnus Awards. These awards are given annually by the Alumni Association Board of Directors to alumni who have served their community, distinguished themselves in their profession, and have served the Catawba College community.

The award presentation will take place at noon, Saturday, Oct. 9, during a barbecue luncheon scheduled in the Goodman Gymnasium.

Dr. Buckenmaier is chief of the regional anesthesia section with the U.S. Army at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. He served four months in Iraq last year and is currently doing extensive research in battlefield anesthesiology.

Following his graduation from Catawba, Buckenmaier earned his master of science degree in biology from East Carolina University and his medical degree from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. He and his wife have three daughters.

D. Bryan Jordan is executive vice president and chief financial officer of Regions Financial Corporation in Birmingham, Ala. Prior to his current position, he was employed with Peat, Marwick, Main & Co. and then First Union in Charlotte. He serves on Catawba's Board of Visitors. He is married to wife Kimberly.

### SPECIAL MEDICAL PRESENTATION

While on campus for Catawba's Homecoming Weekend, Dr. Buckenmaier will make a special presentation to which the public is invited concerning new methods of pain control on the modern battlefield. That presentation is scheduled at 4:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 8 in Tom Smith Auditorium of the Ralph Ketner Building.

Buckenmaier, along with Col. (Dr.) Jack Childs, the consultant to the Army surgeon general for anesthesia, started the Army's regional anesthesia pain management initiative in 2000. Childs is now performing the procedure at the 31st Combat Support Hospital in Baghdad.

Buckenmaier says he initiated his research "out of concern about wounded soldiers being evacuated from the battlefield in excruciating pain." The administration of regional anesthesia through a catheter, he and Childs found, can be administered to a specific area where the patient is experiencing pain. This allows doctors to block signals to the brain from the wound region, providing improved battlefield pain control and for the administration of longer-lasting anesthesia.

The procedure, he explains, does not require a lot of equipment and allows patients to maintain their sensorium providing "excellent conditions for a surgeon to do his job." Regional anesthesia pain management is an alternative to morphine, the traditional battlefield drug, first systemized in 1803, to control pain.

## Meet your friends on campus!

Homecoming Weekend is fast approaching and the Alumni Office is very excited about the over-whelming reservations. If you haven't yet made arrangements to join us, please do so immediately. The Homecoming Weekend schedule and accommodation options can be viewed online at <http://www.catawba.edu/dept/alumni/hc2004/> and questions may be directed to **Margaret Wilsey** at 1-800-228-2922 or [mwilsey@catawba.edu](mailto:mwilsey@catawba.edu).

Whether you can make it for the full weekend or only one day, be here to join in the fun. All friends of Catawba are invited back with a special request for the classes celebrating reunion years: 1954, 1959, 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999.

### Homecoming Weekend schedule at a glance!

#### Friday, October 8th

8:00 a.m. (1st of two start times)	Alumni Golf Tournament
9:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.	Golden Club Meeting
1:30 p.m. (2nd of two start times)	Alumni Golf Tournament
4:30 p.m.	Medical Presentation
6:00 p.m.	Pre-concert conversation
7:30 p.m.	"A New Brain" - Musical
7:30 p.m.	Jen Chapin Concert
8:30 p.m.	President's Reception

#### Saturday, October 9th

9:00 a.m.	Alumni LaCrosse Game
9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Homecoming Check-in
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	OctoberTour™
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	Reunite with Faculty and Staff
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Barbecue Luncheon
12:00 p.m.	Distinguished Alumnus Awards
1:30 p.m.	Football versus Wingate
4:30 - 6:30 p.m.	Center for the Environment Reception
5:30 p.m.	Women's Soccer versus Carson-Newman
7:00 p.m.	Class of 1954 Reunion Dinner
7:30 p.m.	"A New Brain" - Musical
7:30 p.m.	Men's Soccer versus Carson-Newman
8:00 p.m.- midnight	ALL Alumni Dance Party and Reception

#### Sunday, October 10

9:00 a.m.	Homecoming Worship
12:30 - 5:30 p.m.	OctoberTour™
2:00 p.m.	"A New Brain" - Musical



**Nathan Allan Hrinsin** has recently accepted a position at Deloitte & Touche's National Office in Wilton, CT. Nathan, Amy & Aidan are settling in from the move and would love to hear from friends. Their new address is 7 Dover Street; #4; Norwalk, CT 06850 and e-mail address is [hrinsin@optonline.net](mailto:hrinsin@optonline.net).

**Andrew Latchford** graduated from the UNC - Greensboro in May with a Masters degree in School Administration. He has accepted a position as an elementary school principal in the Athens Area School District in Athens, PA. He will work with parents, teachers, and students in three small rural schools - Gladys Burnham Elementary, Harriet Child Elementary, and Sheshequin-Ulster Elementary. He and his wife are expecting their first child, a boy, in late Dec.

**Ryan Michael Shearer** has changed careers after working 7 years as a financial advisor with Raymond James Financial Services. He is now following his father's footsteps to become a dentist. He has returned to school to finish some pre-dental requirements and hopes to start dental school in 2005.

'97 **Elizabeth "Beth" Etheridge Coughenour** and her husband, Brian welcomed their first child, Shanna Nicole, to the family May 23, 2004. Beth would love to hear from her friends at [see752000@yahoo.com](mailto:see752000@yahoo.com).

**Torri Gilbert** and Sean Jackson were married on June 26, 2004 in Airlie Gardens in Wilmington. The couple resides in Raleigh.

**Katherine O'Brien Hendricks** hopes everyone is doing well and would love to hear from old friends at [Khendricks@usiinc.net](mailto:Khendricks@usiinc.net).

**Gina Shuhala McCloskey** and husband Frank have bought a house in Northern New Jersey. Their new address is 7 Van Nostrand Lane; West Milford, NJ 07480 and e-mail at [gmcloskey@movadogroup.com](mailto:gmcloskey@movadogroup.com).

**Kent Poplin** and Melissa Godfrey (current student) were married on Saturday, July 24, 2004 at Omwake-Dearborn Chapel.

**Karen Mealey Simmons** and husband Jason are proud to announce the birth of their twins, Tyler Ryan and Shelby Donna born on June 7, 2004. Tyler was 6lbs 3 oz. and Shelby was 5 lbs. 4 oz. The whole family is happy and healthy.

'98 **Arika Josette Dickens** married fellow alum **Scott Dickens** in a small ceremony in Hawaii in early 2002. Since graduation, they've lived in La., Fla., N.C., and their new home, Wash. She earned her Masters in Library/Information Science from the University of S.C. in 2003, and she has been a children's librarian for the past 3 1/2 years.

**Susan M. Fisher** would like to announce her marriage to Jason Fisher on April 24, 2004. Catawba Alumni **Courtney Philbin Billings** and **Christy Bergman** served as Bridesmaid. They would like to thank all their friends and family that attended.

**Molly Rogers Flowers** married William Flowers on June 5, 2004. They now reside in Matthews, N.C.



**1970s Close-up**  
**Alumnus named Florida's Optometrist of the year**  
**Stephen Kepley** was named Florida's "Optometrist of the Year" at the Florida Optometric Association's 2004 annual convention in Panama City, Fla. Selected by a committee of their peers, this award is presented annually to a Florida optometric physician whose service has contributed to the enhancement of the profession. He currently serves on the FOA's Legislative Committee, and is a board member of the FOA Charities Foundation. He also serves as a clinical examiner for the Florida State Board of Optometry.

**Mike Jacobs** graduated from law school at Georgia State University in Atlanta, Ga. on May 14, 2004.

**Trent Newell** and Ruth are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Emma Ruth on August 5, 2004. Her big brother Trenton will be three in October.

**Timothy Owen** and Holly Ruppe are engaged to be married on September 18, 2004 at Shiloh Baptist Church in Rutherfordton.

**Renee Ravenel** and **Andrew Gaunt '00** were married in Washington, DC on August 14, 2004. Members of the wedding party from Catawba included: **Mike Murphy '98**, **Peter Bourque (Catawba Head Men's Lacrosse Coach)**, **Rob '95** and **Margaret Elliott '98**, **Rhonda Riddle '00** and **Kelly Taylor Espito '98**. Other Alums in attendance were: **Justin Marlett**, **George Faustino**, **Gil Valentin**, **Tim Murphy**, **Allison Mansfield Carr**, and **Jim Jordan**. The couple honeymooned in Key West.

**Megan Porterfield Hodde** and Jon are very excited to announce the arrival of their first child, Ian Robert on August 5th. He weighed 7 lbs. 7 oz. and is growing like a weed! Megan is working with HealthSouth physical therapy and was the assistant athletic trainer for the Carolina Cobras (Charlotte's arena football team) this past season. She will be working with 15 different racing teams this fall/winter (NASCAR, Busch, and truck series).

**Ken Mowery** was recently named project manager of Rowan Regional's Emergency Department and Patient Tower construction project.

'99 **Carl Boldt** and Madelon Black were united in marriage at the Omwake-Dearborn Chapel on June 5, 2004. He is employed as a chemist at National Starch and Chemical in Salisbury. She is employed by Rhonda's Picture Place in Salisbury as an artisan and designer.

**John Edward Cook III** and Kathy Latham James were united in marriage on Friday, May 7 at Sloan Park Gazebo. He is employed by Freightliner Inc. of Cleveland as a production supervisor. She is employed by Risk Management Services Inc. of Salisbury as a claims adjuster.

**1970s Close-up**  
**Alumna's Business Creates Home Away from Home**

Catawba College Alumna **Cherrath Hager '73** hopes her new business ventures are appealing to people visiting Salisbury and seeking a temporary home away from home. Her concept is unique - provide people a place to gather for a weekend or weeklong visit, or to hold a business conference and give them both privacy and inviting spaces to congregate.



Hager and her Twin Oak Development Co. manage two unique properties less than two miles from Catawba's campus and about six blocks from the square in downtown Salisbury. One is **Mama Josephine's House**, a massive five-bedroom, 3.5 bath brick home built in the 1930s and located on W. Innes Street. The other is a **Dianne's House**, an 1877 home with three bedrooms and two baths.

"We're hoping that people coming to the area will discover that these are wonderful places to stay," Hager explained. "Some who stay at a bed and breakfast may find it too structured or a typical hotel too informal, but we hope they will love these homes. They both have private spaces and gathering spaces."

Hager who encourages college alumni and friends to investigate the possibilities for using the properties, may be reached at [twinoak@salisbury.net](mailto:twinoak@salisbury.net) or by phone at 704-490-2001.



**Robert Kershner** and Jessica Gaines were married on September 5, 2004 at the Chesapeake Bay Beach Club in Kent Island, Maryland.

**Brian Moffitt** married Candice Boyd on Saturday, May 29, 2004 at St. Thomas Episcopal Church. He is employed at the N.C. Transportation Museum and she is employed with Waterworks Visual Arts Center. The couple will reside in Spencer, N.C.

**Tom Wilsey** and Stephanie were married on May 8, 2004, and live in Concord, N.C.

'00 **Jaime Harper** and William Autry were married on June 12, 2004 at the Haw River United Methodist Church. She is a kindergarten teacher at Corinth Holder School, Zebulon. He is fire chief in Clement.

**Jonathan Slaughter** has a new e-mail address: *SlaughtJ@musc.edu* and phone number: (843) 327-1460.

'01 **Susan (Susie) Ahlfeld** is the new wildlife interpretive specialist for Alligator River and Pea Island National Wildlife Refuges.

**Michael Cabana** and **Meredith Jones '03** proudly announce their recent engagement. They were engaged on August 6, 2004 and are planning a wedding in June 2005. Meredith is currently teaching third grade and coaching the Morehead High School volleyball team in Eden, N.C. Michael is teaching high school business and coaching the boy's and girl's tennis teams at Weddington High School in Matthews, N.C.

**Amit Chandra** is working on his 2 year masters program in International

Business (IMBA) at Gardner Webb University. His expected graduation date is Dec., 2005.

**Paul Fulk** would like to announce his engagement to Kimberly Spielman on May 20, 2004. They are planning a May 6, 2005 wedding. They can be reached at: 112 East Main Street, P.O. Box 574, Sharpsburg, MD 21782 or (301)432-7466

**Kyle Kalemba's** first book will be available to the public in Nov. of 2004.

**Joel Lucas** married the former Tennille Sanders on Sunday, December 14, 2003 in Greenville, N.C. at Community Christian Church where they're active members. He began working at Pitt County School as a Teacher Assistant at the Alpha Center Alternative School. Anyone wanting to contact him can e-mail him at *lucas\_joel72@hotmail.com*.

'02 **Bridgette S. Edwards** has completed the N.C. Environmental Education Certification Program. This award is a significant achievement because of the demonstrated desire to develop and promote understanding and stewardship of N.C.'s natural resources.

**Jacob Parks** is currently pursuing an associate's degree in graphic design.

**Carrie Snider** and Thomas "T.J." Leonard Jr. will be married in a ceremony on October 17 at Castle McCulloch in Jamestown.

**Heather Underhill** and Mark Schmitz were united in marriage June 5, 2004 at Wake Cross Roads Baptist Church in Raleigh. She is employed by Nationwide Insurance as a customer relations coordinator. He is employed by Data Design Associates as a comput-

## 1990s Close-up

### Catawba alumna runs family business, touts efficacy of Wounded Warrior Ointment

Catawba College Alumna Amy Alderman MacKay '93 of Wilmington is running her family's business and loving it. Her company only sells one product at present, but by all reports that one product is a retail hit.

MacKay oversees the production, distribution, sales and marketing of Wounded Warrior Ointment, an all natural topical ointment that her father, Red Alderman, developed in the late 1980s after several years of experimentation. At that time, he was in the business of supplying herbs grown in the N.C. mountains to pharmaceutical, cosmetic and natural product companies around the world. For years, he shared the concoction, Wounded Warrior Ointment, with family, friends and neighbors until word of mouth and popularity of the product helped establish the Wounded Warrior Company in 1989.

"My dad had a professional fisherman ask him what he would use for sore hands and fingers," MacKay recalled. "We had a lab associated with the business at that time, and we made up batches. People used it on burns, bug bites, on their horses, cats.... When people would run out of what dad had given them, they called and wanted more, so we started making it in larger quantities and marketing it in health food stores in Boone. Slowly but surely, word of mouth spread the news of Wounded Warrior."

Wounded Warrior Ointment, touted as "a medicine chest in a bottle," is made from wildcrafted or organically grown herbs that are processed, while still fresh, in pharmaceutical grade alcohol, derived from corn. The extraction process for each herb follows the standards of the Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia of the U.S. and the extracts are then blended into aloe vera gel. The ointment's shelf life is indefinite; the company has a test bottle it has been using for 15 years and the ointment is still effective.

The logo for both the ointment and the company brings to mind the Native Americans' use of natural herbs for medicinal purposes. It incorporates a red-tail hawk holding a branch of ginseng and a crescent moon that includes the face of a Native American in its outline. "We've always used Native American type names for company products," MacKay explained. "That's what our family is interested in."

As Mr. Alderman began moving toward retirement, he gave the company to his three daughters, tapping daughter Amy to run its day-to-day operations. When she took over in 2000, the ointment was

available in 130 stores in 18 states. Today, Wounded Warrior is available in over 800 stores in 32 states and via the company's website at *www.woundedwarriorointment.com* or the company's 800 number, 1-800-232-7713, which MacKay herself answers.

"We've grown from a word of mouth business to what we are today," she said, with pride in her voice. "It's almost an obsession for some people. We have a really loyal customer base."

The company now depends on a manufacturing company in Brevard to grow, harvest and mix the ingredients to make Wounded Warrior Ointment.

And, as the popularity of Wounded Warrior Ointment has increased, so has the list of disparate ailments it is used to treat. The company's website notes that key topical uses of Wounded Warrior include abrasions, acne, bites, blisters, burns, cuts, fever blisters, inflammation, itching, mosquito bites, poison ivy, rashes, sunburn, sun poison, wound healing and pain relief. The site notes that customers have told them that they have used the ointment effectively on bee stings, cracked fingers, earaches, nail fungus, new scars, open sores, fire ant bites, cold sores, pierced ears, psoriasis, radiation sores, shingles, warts, eczema, diabetic lesions, jock itch and Darier's Disease.

MacKay and husband Will Cocke are parents to daughter Lilli and make their home in Wilmington. MacKay's father lives in Florida and serves as consultant for the family company. Her two sisters, Ashley and Alison make their home in Wilmington and Tallahassee, Florida, respectively.

MacKay said for now plans are for the company to continue as a family-owned and run business "for which we forecast steady growth for the Wounded Warrior Ointment product. We have other products for which development has been completed and others which will require additional development," she noted.

"Our plans are to gradually introduce these products over a period of several years all being linked to the Wounded Warrior brand," she continued. "As everyone knows, product development and marketing is expensive. With our priorities focused on the ointment, we can only bring new products to market as capital is generated. Our goal is to have the Wounded Warrior brand recognized as a premium natural health care product."



er programmer. The couple make their home in Raleigh.

'03 **David Durham** and **Amy Davis (2002)** were married on July 10, 2004 at the Omwake-Dearborn Chapel. They both are employed by Mt. Pleasant High School and reside in Salisbury.

**Ryan Stoodley** married his high school sweetheart, Karen Searles. He completed his External Degree Program with Johnson State College - 7-12 Teaching Licensure in Physical Education.

'04 **Donald (Donnie) Atwell** and **Natalie Roper** were united in marriage on July 10, 2004 at Central Baptist Church in Kannapolis. He is employed by John Wieland Homes. She is employed by RCCC while pursuing a Master of Education in School Counseling at Liberty University. They make their home in Kannapolis.

**Amy Archer** and Christopher Brown were united in marriage on June 19, 2004 at Omwake-Dearborn Chapel. She is the Finance and Administrative Assistant at Rowan Partnership for Children in Salisbury. He is employed as a Field Engineer with Oce North America in Charlotte. They reside in Salisbury.

**Matthew Foard McCarl** would like to announce his engagement to Jessica Fritts (current student). They will be married in July 2005.

**Monisha Smith** graduated in May and started working with the DNC on the 2004 Presidential Campaign. It's been an awesome experience but of course she misses her friends from Catawba. You can find her getting out the vote in DC as the Director for the Grassroots Campaigns DC Street.

## Catawba professor finds that learning English can turn tide for foreign orphans

There is a way for orphans in both Russia and Cambodia to improve their lots, Catawba College Mathematics Professor Dr. Paul Baker learned this summer during mission trips to both countries. Those orphans can learn to speak English.

Speaking English provides an escape route for these children, Baker says, allowing them to work as translators, or to work in hotels frequented by international travelers. These options stand in stark contrast to the normally preset fate for Russian boys, who typically head straight into the military at age 18, or to the fate of Cambodian youths who look forward to poor-paying jobs as young adults in agriculture, mining or in sweatshops.

Traveling with his 17-year-old adopted Russian son, Kolya, Baker made his ninth trip to visit orphans in St. Petersburg and the surrounding area. Kolya served as his father's interpreter as the two first looked up orphans befriended on previous mission trips, now young adults, to check on their progress.

They reconnected with Yura, "a nice fellow, who admits he smokes and drinks too much," Baker says. And they found Andre, now going to the university and living with his brother Alexi.

They met with a former translator from Baker's 1995 trip, Ivan, now Dr. Krulov, who recently earned his doctorate from St. Petersburg State Polytechnic University in computer science after completing a year of graduate study at M.I.T. in the United States. "That was sort of neat," Baker recalls, "to have seen him as a kid and now as a colleague."

The pair also traveled to Boravichi, 200 miles outside of St. Petersburg to visit orphans participating in a summer camp there. They made the acquaintance of Edgic, a small-for-his-age, 14-year-old who Baker describes as "tough as nails." And, they befriended Serozha, Baker's 13-year-old shadow who seemed to be wherever Baker was, and Nadia, a very athletic competitor.

Of Edgic, Baker says, "He's a survivor, so he'll do okay. Everybody worked, but nobody worked really hard like Edgic did."

And after almost a week of visiting with the orphans, it was time to say farewell - something Baker admits he's not very good at. "I didn't want leave them," he recalls.

Kolya boarded a plane to head back to the United States, while Baker headed in the opposite direction - to Cambodia. He was a guest in the home of Julio Jeldres, the personal ambassador of Cambodian King Norodom Sihanouk, an employee of the United Nations, and also head of the Khmer Institute of Democracy. Jeldres arranged for Baker to visit a Cambodian orphanage.

The conditions in the Cambodian orphanage were not dismal. Baker found everything very clean, the children well fed and well behaved, and even a couple of computers for the children to use at the orphanage. As in Russia, he learned that about one-third of the orphanage's residents were actual orphans,

while two-thirds have at least one parent living but unable to provide for them.

He met Jen Lin - the 12-year-old boy "who can fly," thanks to Baker swinging him around in the air. Jen Lin's father abandoned him and his mentally ill mother could not take care of him. And there was a girl in the orphanage who made a lasting impression on Baker with her gift to him.

"I was taking photos with my camera, and she asked for me to wait a minute and ran off. She came back with an intricate crocheted bag that she insisted that I take. She wanted to give me something so I had the joy of receiving it," he recalls.

Baker saw widespread poverty in Phnom Penh - families living in tenements in war-damaged buildings, with few social programs available for them. Seventy percent of the Cambodian government's budget is provided by foreign aid, he says.

And Baker saw many handicapped individuals, victims of landmines. Cambodia, he also learned, has the highest per capita handicapped population. Baker was told that an individual maimed by a mine is a much stronger reminder than a dead individual. So, landmine makers ponder how to make better mines - those that will help both victims and their friends and families remember the threat of those who planted them.

He found "more joy in Cambodia, than in Russia," and people with "kind spirits." "They probably don't have the altruistic instinct," he explains, "because they can't afford it. They don't have a jealousy of success like the Russians, but then, there isn't a lot of success in their country.

"At least they admit there are Gods - too many Gods for me," Baker continues, noting the majority Buddhist population of Cambodia.

What Baker discovered while visiting the Cambodian orphanage was a desire by many there to learn English and now, he's pondering how to meet this need. "Cambodia was uncharted territory for me. I don't want to go back just to go back. I want to be able to do something."

The coming months will find Baker planning exactly what to do next within his church, Resurrection Lutheran in Charlotte, which continues its strong support of missions.

### 2000s Close-up

*Jerry Hancock is serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom II. "Don't take anything you have for granted. The Iraqi people*

*have so few things and we should not forget how lucky we are to be born in the US!" No matter what position you take on the Iraq issue. Be proud of the gift that we have given the Iraqi people: FREE-*

*DOM!" He would like to*

*hear from friends at troyboy20\_99@yahoo.com.*



*Cambodian orphans gather outside facility where they live*



## Mayan numerology inspires Catawba mathematics professor

Catawba College Mathematics Professor Joyce Caddell said she plugged a hole in her knowledge this summer when she visited Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula to study the numerology of the ancient Mayas. Caddell was among 35 educators from across the U.S. who participated in a faculty development program offered by the National Science Foundation (NSF).

According to Caddell, she learned that the ancient Mayas of Mexico and Central America were the most advanced mathematicians in the New World. In pre-Columbian Americas, they were the only culture to create the concept of "zero," a concept necessary for engaging in higher mathematics. Their numeration system, she said, had only three symbols, used base 20 instead of base 10 as we do, and was written vertically, beginning at the bottom.

The Mayas were also adept, she said, at using mathematics and astronomy to predict astronomical events with their complex and accurate calendar system. Many of the buildings at their religious sites were so positioned to capitalize on the occurrence of various equinox and solstice events.

Perhaps most intriguing to Caddell's group was the Mayas' ability to use geometry and the concept of proportions in their building techniques. To study this recently discovered Mayan phenomenon, the educators traveled to various ruins, taking measurements of different architectural features and helping to confirm for themselves the whole theory of Mayan geometry.

"This new slant on Mayan sacred geometry has to do with their proportionality," Caddell explained. "When we took measurements of various rectangular objects - door frames and rooms for example - we saw the same proportionalities being used at different sites all over the peninsula. It made you wonder what there was about the Mayas' understanding of these relationships that made them use the ratios over and over.

"How did they measure? How did they know how to do it? The repetitive nature was what I found so fascinating."

Caddell also puzzled over the Mayas need to shock and awe with their religious sites. The enormous sites were laboriously constructed of limestone cubes by people who had to quarry and ferry these cubes to the building sites without the aid of beasts of burden, such as elephants or oxen. Images of jaguars and serpents were used to decorate wall panels. And, incorporating their knowledge of astronomy and astronomical events, the Mayan rulers could have used on-cue sunrises, or eclipses striking in a particular place on their buildings to affirm their potency as leaders.

"This was a very observant people," she explained. "They noticed the sun, the moon and the stars, and the movements of the celestial bodies. They built their ceremonial pyramids in relation to their observations."

This ancient people was also very violent, Caddell said, and put "enormous effort into ceremony, with human sacrifices playing an integral part of



Group views Mayan ruins in Yucatan Peninsula

it." On their legendary ballfields, she noted, participants played to win, because winning meant they would continue to live, while the losers were punished with death by decapitation.

Also prevalent at the ancient sites were sacred cenotes, she described as "pristine looking pools or bodies of water." But, she noted, archaeologists have discovered the remains of human sacrifices at the bottom of these, again revealing the very dark side of the Mayas. And, she wondered if their violent nature could have been part of their undoing, since the religious sites were abandoned long before the arrival of the Spanish conquistadors.

In marked contrast to their violent ancestors, the Mayan people who live in the Yucatan Peninsula today, are "a pleasure to be around - kindly and soft-spoken," Caddell said. When her group visited a multigenerational family on their homestead, they found them living a very simple and happy life.

"The grandfather was scraping sisal to make a rope or a hammock, while the grandmother was sitting on the dirt making and cooking tortillas over an open fire. She was using a piece of tin balanced on two sticks over the fire and with her bare hands, shaping, then turning the tortillas. She offered one to Caddell who accepted and ate it with relish. "They lived simple lives and although they had to work hard, they seemed so content and happy," Caddell explained.

She said she came away from her Yucatan learning experience with a better understanding of the Meso-American peoples, but with more questions than she had answers. Additionally, she came away with "pride that I was able to survive" the strenuous walking and climbing in the hot, humid climate.

Caddell, who joined Catawba's mathematics department in 1988, is already making plans to share her new-found knowledge with several groups, including a class of graduate-level elementary education students studying numeration, and a modern mathematics class concerning proportion and symmetry.

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9	—••••	Bolon
10	— —	Lahun
11	—•	Buluc
12	—••	Lahca
13	—•••	Ox lahun
14	—•••	Can lahun
15	— —	Ho lahun
16	— —•	Uac lahun
17	— —••	Uuc lahun
18	— —•••	Uaxac lahun
19	— —••••	Bolon lahun
20	•	Hun kal
21	••	Hun tu kal
22	•••	Ca tu kal

Sample of Mayan numerology



Caddell didn't climb all of the narrow, steep steps, but she made it about a third of the way up this pyramid