



# CAMPUS



A little rain didn't stop the festivities.

## The College's annual Tree Lighting,

planned by Catawba College's Student Government Association, the Music Department and the President's Office, took place Monday, November 24, inside of the Cannon Student Center.



This beloved occasion included ice skating, Christmas caroling & musicians, and an assortment of treats. Santa also made an appearance at the event.

## DATE SET FOR INSTALLATION OF CATAWBA COLLEGE'S 21ST PRESIDENT



Turner was selected as Catawba's president from more than 156 candidates. That pool of candidates included 15 sitting or former college or university presidents, 22 provosts or academic affairs' professionals, and 28 deans. Turner's appointment was announced in February 2008 after trustees approved a recommendation by the College's Presidential Search Committee.

Turner, who was in his sixth year as President of Hardin-Simmons University (HSU) in Abilene, Texas when his appointment was announced, succeeded

**D**R. W. CRAIG TURNER will officially be installed as Catawba College's 21st President on President's Day, Monday, February 16, 2009. The date coincides with the federal holiday, Washington's Birthday or President's Day, and the annual meeting of the College's Board of Trustees.

Dr. Robert E. Knott who retired in May 2008 after six years of service to Catawba.

In October, at the semi-annual meeting of the Catawba College Board of Trustees, Turner noted four key areas that the college needs to focus on over the next five years under his leadership. These included financial stability, increasing and stabilizing enrollment, improving faculty salaries and faculty development opportunities, and improving the college's marketing efforts.

The installation ceremony is slated for 4 p.m. in Keppel Auditorium of the Robertson College-Community Center on campus. Paul Fisher, the new chairman of the College Board of Trustees, will officiate at the event.

## Tom Smith honored by Trustees

**T**OM E. SMITH of Salisbury, who has served for the past 11 years as chairman of the Catawba College Board of Trustees, turned the reins over to Paul Fisher of Salisbury at the Board's semi-annual meeting held October 20-21 at the college.

In recognition of Smith's many contributions to Catawba, administrators announced that the new patio off the Hurley and Whitener Rooms in the Cannon Student Center would be named in honor of Smith and his wife, Martha. Catawba President Dr. Craig Turner made that announcement after Smith turned over the gavel to Paul Fisher.



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## A note to the editor from Judy

I graduated 45 years ago. I usually read your publication from cover to cover. I just had to put my two cents worth in. First of all the article about Alan Mizeras was interesting, particularly because in addition to being in the class ahead of me, he was from my hometown in New Jersey. The other minute thing that caught my eye was in the piece about the great-aunt and great-niece. The mention of one of the aunt's professors, Prof. Greene, triggered my memory. My aunt suggested Catawba College to me when I was looking for a college. She had a friend who was a professor there- Prof. Greene. I don't think I ever met him- perhaps he had retired. I came to Catawba in the fall of '59, 750 miles from home, sight unseen. I was sooooo homesick, was not able to go home until Christmas break, was home a week and couldn't wait to get back.

Thanks for reading and keep up the good work.

*Judy McConnell Richwine '63,  
Urbanna, Virginia*

# TOM SMITH SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS ATTEND LUNCHEON WITH BENEFACTOR AT CATAWBA COLLEGE

**T**HIRTY-THREE Catawba College students, all recipients of Tom Smith Scholarships at the institution, were honored at a September 25 luncheon held in the Hurley Room of the Cannon Student Center.



Christopher S. Beal, a student from Goldston, N.C., expressed the collective appreciation of the group to Tom and Martha Smith who attended the luncheon. He called it “an honor to be a Tom Smith Scholarship recipient” and noted how much “the direction of my life has changed” since he first began the process of selecting a college to attend. He shared the story of those changes with the group.

“My senior year in high school,” Beal said, “I admittedly had one thing on my mind.....that one thing being football...I had a strong junior and senior year on the football field and had a desire to continue to play the sport in college. Once I visited Catawba, I was quickly attracted to the football program here and soon committed to the College.

“I truly believe God had his hand in this arrangement because without football I never would have discovered Catawba... Well...After the first few days of football camp, I quickly determined that playing a sport on the college level was not for me. The decision to quit football was one of the hardest I have ever made. Part of what made the decision so difficult was that with it... came another decision. Did it make any sense for me to stay at Catawba and my parents pay much more for my education than they would have had to pay some where else. With football no longer in the picture, was there any reason for me to stay at Catawba?”

Beal noted that his father had worked to put himself through community college and that when he quit the football team, he felt he was “letting him down and that he was wasting his money by sending me to such a fine school... when I was no longer taking advantage of the major thing that had drawn me here. I wanted to do all that I could to prevent my college tuition from being such a financial burden on my family.”

That financial concern about what Catawba was costing his parents, coupled with the fact that his freshman year started out with difficulty caused Beal great concern. It all began to change the second semester of his freshman year, “when I enrolled in a management class and found that I really enjoyed studying the material. I discovered learning could actually be fun and worthwhile.... and

with this discovery came a new direction.”

“Entering my second year at Catawba, I finally knew that I was on the right track. I was enjoying my classes, I committed to majoring in business administration, I was inducted into the Philomathean Society (a men's service organization) and I began to associate with fellow students who were also committed to being successful and taking the college education seriously,” he said.

“I now realize that there was great value to the extra cost of Catawba education. It was because I was at Catawba that I had support of persons in finding a direction for my life. Because there was an organization like the Philomathean Society available to me, I was given new incentive and encouragement to be successful.”

Beal said that being named as a recipient of the Tom Smith Scholarship “was another boost and incentive to continue on the upward path I had found. It also made it possible for me to call my parents with the news that there was going to be some relief in their efforts to financially provide for my education. I now could feel that I was doing something to deserve the opportunity they had worked to give me and was deserving of the pride which they felt in me.”

Beal told the Smiths that “your scholarships have value that goes far beyond just the money they provide. They provide incentive and encouragement as we seek to find our path in life and to be successful.”

In addition to Beal, other Tom Smith Scholarship recipients include Mayra I. Arroyo of Kannapolis; Kelsey E. Babos of Uniontown, Ohio; Chelsea M. Binder of Woodstock, Md.; Joseph K. Carrigan of Harrisburg, N.C.; Garrett R. Carter of Oak Ridge; Rebecca L. Chinnis of Charlotte; Elizabeth C. Fields of Thomasville; Kirby M. Freeland of Charlotte; Derek Freeze of China Grove; Neil E. Gonsalves of Greenville; Melissa Griffith of Williamsburg, Va.; Kevin D. Hamaker of Beaufort, S.C.; Tyler M. Held of Virginia Beach, Va.; William R. Huneycutt of Locust; Nick Kalogeromitros of Rockwell; Blake A. Ketner of Davidson; Cassandra L. Markham of New Port Richey, Fla.; Caitlyn M. Masingo of Mount Ulla; Bryson S. Nesbitt of China Grove; Patrick J. Novak of Bethlehem, Pa.; Bradford D. Paschal of Summerfield; Thomas A. Readling of Salisbury; Timothy J. Readling of Salisbury; Samantha J. Ritchie of Mt. Pleasant; Bradley A. Ross of Freeland, Md.; Laura W. Sale of Yadkinville; Eric S. Schmehl of Shamong, N.J.; David C. Sinnott of Phenix, Va.; Shahin (Sean) Soltan Mohammadi of Gothenburg, Sweden; Ryan A. Taccarino of Marmora, N.J.; Vang Neng Thao of Spencer; and K. Ross Willard of Jacksonville, N.C.

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## Alumnus makes campaign stop at Catawba College

**1978 Catawba College Alumnus Pat McCrory of Charlotte returned to his alma mater by helicopter on Saturday, Nov. 1st. The occasion was a Salisbury campaign stop for McCrory, the North Carolina Republican gubernatorial candidate, who was hoping to secure a win in the Nov. 4th Election.**

**M**CCRORY, a seven-term mayor of Charlotte, was in a tight race with Democratic Lt. Gov. Bev Perdue to replace outgoing N.C. Governor Mike Easley. Perdue defeated McCrory in the Nov. 4th Election.

McCrory's helicopter landed on the lawn of the Omwake-Dearborn Chapel and he then spoke to a supportive crowd of about 75 people who gathered in front of the College's Corriher-Linn-Black Library. The crowd included Salisbury Mayor Susan Kluttz, a Democrat who had thrown her support behind McCrory, and Catawba College President Craig Turner. One of Turner's twin granddaughters was on hand for McCrory's visit to campus and was photographed hugging McCrory's neck in hopes of securing a ride on the helicopter.



# Alumnus enjoys strong ties, deep roots at Catawba College

"I'm telling you, I really go deep with Catawba," says Randy Southard of Stokesdale, a 1974 College alumnus, and as he explains, one realizes how truthful his statement is.

**S**OUTHARD describes himself as "just a little wet-behind-the-ears kid from Stokesdale" who ended up as a student at Catawba thanks to two people with ties to the institution, both of whom were named Ron. Ron Shelton '72, Southard's next door neighbor growing up, chose to attend Catawba and was a member of Catawba's basketball team. The late Ron Ball '61, who was then football coach at Northwest Guilford High School, brought Southard, the Northwest team's trainer, and his other players to the Catawba campus to see a football game. Between the influence of the two Rons, Southard was sold. "The tie of those two guys to the institution is the reason I went to Catawba," he remembers. "It was like having family there."

Southard and his wife, LaBreeska, want to assure that students from their home county in North Carolina, Guilford, have an opportunity to have a Catawba

College experience of their own. To that end, they have made a gift to create the Southard Family Endowed Scholarship Fund. Preference for that scholarship will be given to upper-class students from Guilford County majoring in business or religion.

"I had an opportunity to go into business with a couple of guys in 2003," Southard explains. "We were more than blessed with five good years in that business (selling and servicing group insurance). We sold it in the fall of this year and for a profit, so the scholarship was a natural way to say thanks to my Catawba family."

Dr. Ken Clapp '70, Catawba's senior vice president and chaplain, was also someone Southard knew when he first came to Catawba. The two were in 4-H together as young men in Guilford County. "He and I weren't on campus together, but because of my respect for Ken, his leadership, and the need to create new witnesses of God's blessings, I chose to add religion as a possible major for students receiving the scholarship."

Southard, who majored in business at Catawba, says his Catawba education "gave me a real perspective on how business people think." Professor Al Carter, he recalls, could explain economics "in a

real world way that I could get my head around." Carter, he says is "a very special professor who is good at filling in the gaps between a book education and a real education." Professor Millard Wilson made Southard and other students make "presentations in class like we were sales people from companies, and although we hated them, it turned out to be the best thing he could have done for us."

Southard remembers with fondness the late Ruby Butner, his dorm mother in Abernethy Residence Hall. "She was such a sweet lady and she made it feel so much like home. Even though I was only 60 miles away from home, I would have been homesick without her."

Life in the residence hall was a wonderful experience for Southard. He roomed with Jim Moore '74 of Mt. Holly, N.J. for all four years and remembers delighting Jim and his other roommate from New Jersey with his Southern accent. "That was their great joy, to hear me talk," he says.

Southard, who just finished up six years of service on the Catawba College Alumni Board, is now in his first year of service on the College's Board of Visitors. This service and frequent visits keep him in touch with his alma mater.



"It feels the same to come back to campus," he explains. "The campus still has the same wonderful personality. Although it has changed in appearance, it has kept the persona that makes the Catawba experience so special."

When Southard's not working or serving his alma mater, he spends time as a volunteer firefighter, something he has done since 1968. "You know how every little boy at some point wants to be a firefighter; I just got the chance to do it and never got over it. I get to drive the trucks and serving in this capacity is one of the best things I've ever done. I served as volunteer chief for eight years and I'm now serving my third year as deputy chief."

Southard and his wife are parents of two children, Justin and Brisha, both of whom are students at UNC Greensboro.

## Estate gift to Catawba College establishes new scholarship, buys choir robes and funds 2008 choir tour



**T**HE LATE RUBY MILLER SANCHEZ of Chicago, Illinois, formerly of Spencer, N.C., was a 1947 alumnus of Catawba College. Through a gift from his estate, her husband, the late Jose R. Sanchez, memorialized her at the institution by establishing the Ruby Miller Sanchez Endowed Scholarship. Monies from his estate also funded the purchase of choir robes and the costs of a 2008 choir tour at Catawba.

Preference for the scholarship will be given to students from Spencer or students from Rowan County. Spencer was where Ruby Miller Sanchez grew up. Her father

was employed there as a fireman with Southern Railway.

After graduating from Catawba with a degree in sociology, Ruby Miller Sanchez earned her master's degree in psychology from MacMurray College in 1950. She was retired as a clinical psychologist with Chicago Read Mental Health Center. She died in September of 2004.

According to Phil Kirk, Catawba College vice president for external relations and a native of Rowan County, the Miller family was a very prominent one in Spencer. "Not only was Ruby active in the community and at Catawba College, but her brother, George, was a prominent member of the North Carolina General Assembly for many years and still practices law in Durham, N.C. Ruby Miller Sanchez's sister, Marie, taught social studies for many years at Salisbury High School. We are most appreciative that the family has remembered Ruby's affection for Catawba College and Spencer in this way."

The patio dedication plaque reads:

## The Tom E. and Martha H. Smith Patio

Named in honor of Catawba College Alumnus and Trustee Tom E. Smith and his wife, Martha H., of Salisbury. Tom, a 1964 Catawba graduate, is the former President and Chief Executive Officer of Food Lion, Inc. He served as Chairman of the Catawba College Board of Trustees from 1997 to 2008, collaborating with three presidents to chart a steady course and strategic goals for the institution.



## October 20, 2008

As Smith made his final remarks as board chairman, he invited trustees to look back on the accomplishments made at Catawba over the past 11 years. These included:

- Bidding farewell to two college presidents, Fred Corriher and Dr. Bob Knott, and searching for and welcoming the institution's 21st president, Dr. Craig Turner, one of 156 candidates for the position;
- Successful completion in 2002 of a five-year \$59.6 million capital campaign;
- Successful completion in 2008 of a \$35 million endowment campaign;
- Successful completion in 2007 of a facilities campaign to raise \$10.4 million to couple with a bond issue which allowed construction of the five new residence halls of Abernethy Village, renovation of the Corriher-Linn-Black Library and the Cannon Student Center, and an addition to the Cannon Student Center;
- Installation of a geothermal heating and cooling system on campus and subsequent air-conditioning of all residence halls on campus;
- Installation of air-conditioning in the Omwake-Dearborn Chapel;
- Installation of Internet access in all buildings on campus and wireless Internet connectivity over most of the campus;
- Construction of a new Shuford Stadium and Kirkland Field and lights for that facility;
- Construction of the Hayes Field House;
- Catawba's successful appeal of NCAA sanction against the college for use of a Native American nickname and related symbolism;
- Construction of Catawba's Center for the Environment, thanks to the largest gift in the institution's history given by the late Mrs. Elizabeth Stanback and her family;
- Creation of several Centers on campus including the Lilly Center for Vocation and Values, the Glenn and Addie Ketner Center for International Studies, and the Shirley Peeler Ritchie Academy for Teaching;
- Celebration of Catawba's sesquicentennial anniversary in 2001;
- Graduation of 2707 students (between 1997 and 2008) with degrees earned in either Catawba's day or evening programs;
- And the addition of 28 new trustees to the Board and the loss of some key trustees including Adrian Shuford, Enoch Goodman, Bob Keppel, Katharine Osborne, Theodore Leonard, Roger Lofland and Clifford Peeler.

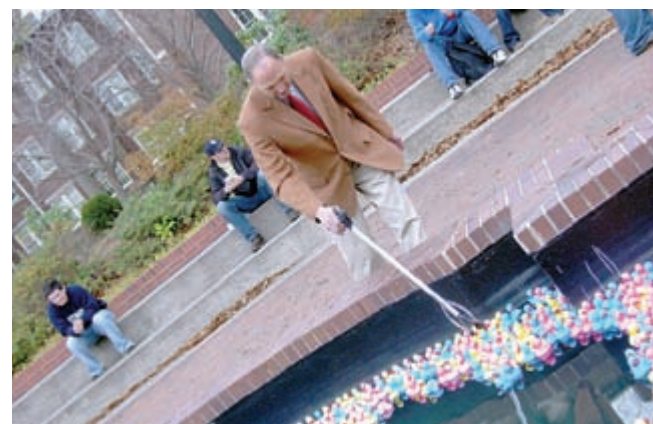


## 2,300 ducks for turkeys

**T**HE FIFTH YEAR of Catawba's Duck Draw Community Service Fundraiser was a quacking success with plastic ducks used to raise money to buy turkeys – actually, turkey dinners to feed needy local families on Thanksgiving. Enough money was raised to feed 120 local families a Thanksgiving meal.

The Residence Life staff, which organized the fundraiser, collected \$1 donations to sponsor each plastic duck that was floated in the fountain at Stanback Plaza on campus. Each duck selected had a number displayed on its bottom which corresponded to the number on a \$1 ticket purchased by community members. These numbers also corresponded to donated prizes from area merchants, ranging from hair cuts to large pizzas, and gift certificates to local restaurants and businesses. Proceeds from the Duck Draw, along with funds raised by selling peanuts, pretzels and cotton candy at Catawba home football games and hosting two Baked Potato Luncheons, underwrote the costs of providing the Thanksgiving meals.

Residence Life staffers worked with several county organizations to select families with the greatest need for a Thanksgiving meal. Meals include a turkey, dressing, a turkey pan, vegetables, bread, rice, and a dessert.



**“THE STUDENTS of Catawba are here not just to take away an education but to give something back, and by giving back to the community, we’re also educating ourselves further,” explains Catawba College senior Daniel Robertson.**



**Daniel Robertson**

Robertson, who hails from Little Rock, Arkansas, not only coordinates volunteers and volunteer projects on campus for Volunteer Catawba, but he is an active volunteer in his own right. He shares responsibility for directing Volunteer Catawba with senior Emily Hoffman of Tampa, Fla. She, like Robertson, is a student who practices what she preaches.

“Something I really struggle with is why there’s such a high level of apathy,” Hoffman says. “I honestly believe it’s because they haven’t been in touch with volunteering enough. If a student just goes to help prepare a meal and feed the needy at Rowan Helping Ministries that gets them more involved and makes them see a world outside of themselves.

“My advice to students is: ‘If you don’t like the world around you, change it.’”

College students like Robertson and Hoffman are among the drivers who have pushed American volunteering to a 30-year high, according to the Corporation for National & Community Service. That non-profit organization suggests that “the growth of school-based service and service-learning” is one factor fueling the volunteerism increase, especially in America’s schools. The Corporation’s *College Students Helping America* report notes a 20 percent increase in the number of college students volunteering between 2002 and 2005.

Volunteer Catawba, the on-campus organization Robertson and Hoffman co-direct, not only coordinates student volunteers with particular service opportunities, but it also tracks and records the hours students spend volunteering on

different projects. According to the Corporation’s *College Students Helping America* report, Catawba College, like other American colleges and universities, promotes “volunteering and community service among their students in an effort to cultivate an ethic of civic responsibility.”

According to Volunteer Catawba records, 122 faculty, staff and students volunteered between the start of school in August and November 5, logging 670 total hours. Community service projects which Volunteer Catawba has recently helped recruit volunteers for include Habitat for Humanity building projects, meal preparation at

Rowan Helping Ministries, and the annual Harvest Moon Ball at the Lutheran Home at Trinity Oaks in Salisbury.

Robertson is personally enamored with the local Habitat for Humanity projects. “Every Thursday I go, it’s just something I do personally,” he explains. “As far as Volunteer Catawba goes, I typically try to send out e-mails calling for volunteers when there’s lot of work to be done – painting, siding, framing, where we need lots of hands and the work goes quickly. We typically get enough response from one e-mail that I don’t have to advertise a lot. I do get a lot of the same people volunteering, but then at the same time I do get responses from people I’ve never met or heard from before.”

Seeing the same people showing up to volunteer is a mixed blessing for Hoffman. “There’s apathy in abundance,” she says. “You start to see the same people at the same projects. But then, it’s so refreshing when you see a new face or new people coming out, you kind of get rejuvenated. I hope that that person will have a good experience and bring a friend next time.”

It was at the recent Harvest Moon Ball, Robertson says, where Volunteer Catawba had “the most first-time volunteers.”

Fifty-three volunteers from Catawba came and went throughout the night at the event held at the Lutheran Home at Trinity Oaks in late October. Catawba first-year student Anastasia Barkova from Belarus, was one of those first-time volunteers. She was in charge of the event, finding volunteers, decorations, and food for the casino night-themed dance which drew about 80 Lutheran Home residents and their families.

“It was different than what I expected it to be,” 20-year-old Barkova explained. “I didn’t think they (the nursing home residents) would be excited as they were. It brought back so many memories for them. For some of them, it made their night just dressing up. We had people dancing in wheelchairs and volunteers having conversations with the residents. It was a great experience for me. I thought it turned out pretty well and I was really pleased with the result.”

Mary Ann Johnson, director of community and foundation relations for Lutheran Services for the Aging in Salisbury, was also pleased with the results of the third annual Harvest Moon Ball. “The compassion, poise and sensitivity demonstrated by the students are truly remarkable. I really can’t say enough good things about the collaboration between Catawba and the ministries of Lutheran Services for the Aging,” Johnson noted. “The collaboration has been a blend of fun and meaningful activities, personal relationships, and the mutual celebration of worth and achievements .... ultimately, improving the quality of life for the entire community.”

“I’ve been involved in community service before,” Barkova said, “but being in charge of such an important event (Harvest Moon Ball) gave me a different perspective on getting involved.”

That change in perspective is exactly what Hoffman hopes volunteering does for many of her fellow students. “Getting people involved personally doing community service, you gain a level of commitment that is so far above what they would have previously done. When I’ve volunteered with organizations, I’ve gotten a better

idea of which organizations I want to continue to support. You do get a really strong idea of who is using the money to the best interest of their clients.”

Robertson echoes Hoffman’s sentiments, using a personal story to illustrate. “I was coming back from WalMart one day and next to the Bojangles, there was a guy standing there with a sign asking for money because he said he was hungry and wanted money for food. Rather than just handing him money, I went through the Bojangles and got him a sandwich. When I came back by and tried to hand it to him, he said, ‘No thanks,’ that he wasn’t hungry.

“I know that when I’m at Rowan Helping Ministries, I am giving those folks what they need – they’re being fed and have a safe place to sleep, and counseling, and help getting a job and back on their feet. I can see for sure the benefit.”

Twelve Catawba College students will travel to Pascagoula, Mississippi during their Christmas break, December 13-19,

with Chemistry Professor Dr. Mark Sabo on a trip co-sponsored by the College and his church, First Presbyterian Church in Salisbury. They will help with rebuilding efforts still ongoing after the 2005 visit of Hurricane Katrina to the Gulf Coast. It will be the fifth such trip that Catawba students have taken with Sabo and volunteers from his church.

“I am extremely impressed by the students who go on the Mississippi mission trips. They not only have logged over 3,000 working hours to help others, but they did this during their cherished Christmas break,” Sabo explained. “The trips have a lasting effect on students and spawned Bible studies, devotions and greater volunteerism.”

Sabo noted that many of the students traveling to Mississippi are the same students who help him and other volunteers from First Presbyterian Church in the “Breakfast Club,” cooking breakfast once a month at Rowan Helping Ministries. This once-a-month volunteer effort which began close to three years ago has interested other Catawba students, like Robertson and Hoffman, in volunteering more frequently at this Salisbury-based non-profit.



**Anastasia Barkova**



**Emily Hoffman**



## Giving back is adding up, Thanks to Catawba College's Volunteers

Catawba student McKenzie White learns a few moves from the Lutheran Home's Julian Manigault.

Catawba students traveling to Mississippi are among a growing number of long-distance volunteers who travel more than 120 miles out of their state to offer their assistance. According to the Corporation for National & Community Service's *Long Distance Volunteering in the United States 2007* report, these people, often college-age adults, "travel with a purpose," and tend to be "individuals highly committed to volunteering." Their efforts, the Corporation concludes in its *College Students Helping America* report, not only bolster "America's civic traditions," but also have "the potential to substantially increase the number of children tutored and mentored, the amount of food distributed to people in need, the number of homes rebuilt after a disaster, and the amount of funds raised for charity."

Volunteer Catawba is housed under the

umbrella of Catawba's Lilly Center for Vocation and Values. The Center's mission is to help participants, especially students, explore, discover and use their gifts in ways that serve others. The Lilly Center was established in 2003 with a \$2 million grant from the Lilly Endowment, Inc. It is directed by Dr. Kenneth Clapp, Catawba senior vice president and chaplain.

"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," explains Clapp. "Through the Lilly Center, we are opening doors to these opportunities and experiences."

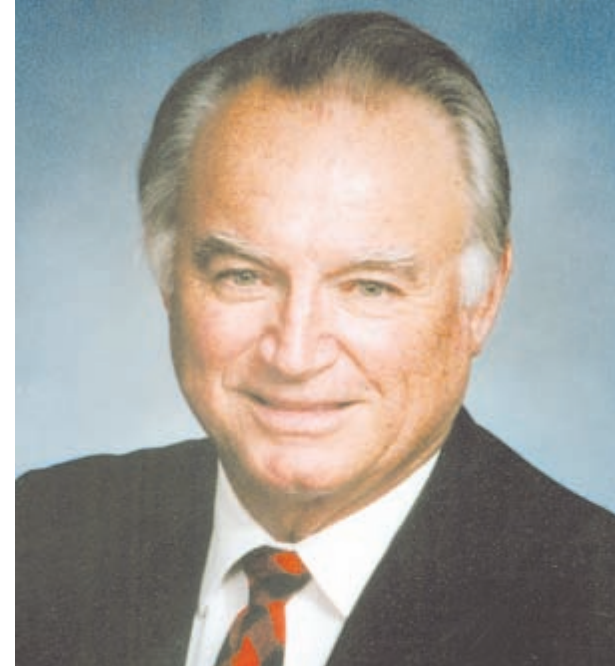


A veritable vision in blue, resident Ruth Leonard enjoys the moment.

Photo above and to the right:  
Courtesy of Lutheran Services  
for The Aging

# SCHOLARSHIP IS JUST ANOTHER WAY TO GIVE BACK

**Albert H. “Tuck” Gudger, Sr., a 1948 alumnus of Catawba College, says a new scholarship he has established at the institution is just another way he is “giving back.” Preference for the Albert H. “Tuck” Gudger, Sr. Scholarship will be given to a wide receiver on the football team, a position that Gudger once held.**



“I should have done this a long time ago,” he notes. “I just feel that Catawba has been great and has meant a tremendous amount to me. I think you should give back to your school in terms of service and in terms of financing.”

Tuck, who makes his home in Asheville, N.C., has led an interesting life as an athlete, a coach, a teacher, a pilot, a salesman, a public speaker, an active participant in civic and cultural affairs in his community, an author, and as a pageant judge, having judged a total of 69 state pageants for the Miss America System in 45 different states. But his interesting life voyage launched from Salisbury, his hometown.

Gudger, a former star athlete at Boyden High School in Salisbury, enlisted in the U.S. Air Force after his graduation from high school in June of 1943. He was only 18 years and two weeks old. He received his commission as a navigator exactly one year later in June of 1944 and was shipped overseas in September of 1944 with the 13th Air Force in the South Pacific Theatre. He was a navigator on a B-24 Liberator Bomb, “a four-engine bomber that was the biggest thing we had,” he remembers, “before the B-29s came out.”

He was promoted to 1st Lieutenant in November of 1944 and by March of 1945, he had flown 42 combat missions, spending 620 combat hours in the air. He had also survived a crash landing in the Pacific which killed four of his 10-member crew. He was awarded the Purple Heart, the Air Medal with Four Oak Leaf Cluster, the Pacific Battle Medal with Five Battle Stars, and the Presidential Unit Citation. He was honorably discharged in November of 1945, but by then he was already married to his wife, Mary Frances “Murf” Jarvis ’49 of Salisbury, and was an active student-athlete at Catawba College due to his accumulated military leave time.

Gudger lettered in three sports while at Catawba – football, basketball and baseball -- and played in the first (1947) and second (1948) Tangerine Bowl Games in Orlando, Fla., under Coach Gordon Kirkland. Gudger recalls the legendary Kirkland saying: “‘When you’re in the game give it all you’ve got! Give it 100%!’ and he always pressed on that. He was an originator. He came

up with a special play for almost every game and I admired him for that.”

But Gudger was not only a stellar athlete, he was an excellent student who majored in education at Catawba. He served as chief marshal at graduation ceremonies during his junior year and then served as a senior representative on the Student Senate. He remembers fondly Dr. David Faust, a professor of religion, who “made the study of religion interesting. He had an ability to mix a little humor in his presentations,” Gudger recalls.

It was the Dean of Admissions, the late Professor M.M. “Chub” Richards ’41 whom Gudger credits for helping him get an assistantship to pursue his master’s degree in education at UNC Chapel Hill. After he earned that degree in 1949, Gudger spent four years coaching in Kannapolis at A.L. Brown High School, leading the Wonders to back-to-back state championships in football and basketball.

He left coaching to go into the insurance business in Asheville. He served as brokerage manager for the Paul Revere Insurance Companies for Western North Carolina and Northern South Carolina, and was later general manager for that company’s Asheville operations. He obtained Paul Revere’s highest honor for sales and service.

While Gudger’s career thrived, so did his family. He and Murf had two children, Cynthia Baldwin ’73 and Harlen ’77.

Gudger also made time to be involved in the civic life of his community. He was active in the Jaycees, serving as vice president of the N.C. Jaycees and a former member of the board of directors of the U.S. Jaycees. He was chosen as the outstanding man of the year in two different cities – Kannapolis in 1952 and Asheville in 1966.

In 2008, he was presented with a lifetime achievement award for community service by the Mountain Amateur Athletic Club and the Western N.C. Sports Hall of Fame. Currently, he is a member of the board of directors of the Western N.C. Veterans Memorial, being built in downtown Asheville. He and two other members of that board raised nearly one half million dollars (\$500,000) to finance the project.

In his hometown of Salisbury, Gudger always came back to judge the Holiday Caravan Parade, beginning in 1960. He has never missed serving as chief judge of that event since that time. In 2002, he was the Holiday Caravan’s Grand Marshal. “It was wonderful going down the street and seeing people I haven’t seen in many, many years – I just felt like something coming back to my hometown,” he recalls.

He served on the board of directors of Catawba’s Alumni Association, served four years as a member of the College’s Board of Trustees representing the Alumni Association, and was active in the Chiefs Club, serving as its vice president during its first year of existence and as its president during its second, third and fourth years of existence. Along with longtime friend Henry Bernhardt ’50 of Salisbury, Gudger originated the Catawba Sports Hall of Fame. He was then inducted into it in 1982, six years after it was begun.

Gudger spent time participating in his “hobby.” For 40 years, he has been judging pageants for the Miss America system. “There are only five states I have not judged, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Georgia and Alabama” he remarks. “This is more than any other person has done in the Miss America system. I’ve met marvelous people and the cream of the crop of the young ladies of this nation. I’m real proud of that and I’ll try to get the other five states, but you only go where you are invited.”

Gudger’s first wife, Murf, actively supported his hobby until her death in 1986. Later, when he remarried, second wife, Peggy Sue Jones, was equally supportive. Both Murf and Peggy are now deceased and Gudger expresses a deep gratitude for the love and companionship they brought him. “The good Lord has been good to me,” he says. “I don’t know how I got to be so lucky and blessed, but I have been. If I die tomorrow, I can truly say I’ve had a wonderful life.”

Copies of Gudger’s autobiography can be found at the Corriher-Linn-Black Library on Catawba’s campus, in the Rowan Public Library, and at the Rowan Museum.



# Public transportation comes to Catawba College community

CATAWBA COLLEGE students and residents around the campus have more than six months to prove that they'll use the Salisbury Transit system. This thanks to a new agreement worked out between Salisbury Transit and the College's Office of Waste Reduction and Recycling.

The service began October 13, 2008 and will continue through May 8, 2009 with Salisbury Transit buses making new stops on Catawba's campus at three convenient sites. These pickup and drop-off sites are located at the corner of Brenner and Summit Avenues (near the College Facilities Office); at the corner of West Corriher and Brenner Avenues (near the College's Music Annex Building); and at the corner of West Innes Street and Summit Avenue (near Hurley Residence Hall). Monday through Friday, the buses will drop off and pick up passengers from these new locations at 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m., 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. On Saturday, the buses will drop off and pick up at these new locations at noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Catawba students riding Salisbury Transit can purchase tickets in the business office on campus by showing their Catawba ID and college officials are currently determining an appropriate on-campus location for these purchases. College employees and area residents can also take advantage of this new opportunity to ride Salisbury Transit to and from Catawba's campus for the standard fare of \$1. The tickets have no expiration date.

Lisa Cardwell in the Office of Waste Reduction and Recycling (part of the Catawba Facilities Department) gave high praise to Salisbury Transit officials for their willingness to provide the additional stops and service to Catawba's campus. "I really think our students will take advantage of this service," she said. "Rising gas costs have a tendency to eat into college students' budgets and Salisbury Transit will provide them with an affordable and safe alternative to get where they need to go."

Cardwell thanked City of Salisbury Transit officials, including Rodney Harrison and Tony Cinquemani, for literally going the extra mile to provide service for Catawba community members. City and College officials will review the ridership numbers at the end of the trial period and decide if the added bus stops at Catawba and the people riding the bus to and from these stops merit continued service. For details on Salisbury Transit routes, including a map of various stops available to riders, visit [www.salisburync.gov/transit](http://www.salisburync.gov/transit).

Cardwell said that two Catawba College students, Corey Darnell and Megan Spidell, both seniors, were instrumental in keeping the dream of Salisbury Transit stops on campus alive. "We simply built on the research



that Corey Darnell had begun two years ago," she said. "These two students are the most enthusiastic supporters of this we have on campus and we'll depend on them to rally their fellow students to ride the bus."

Catawba's Director of Facilities, Henry Haywood, said having public transportation options available to students tie directly into many other initiatives underway on the campus. "As an institution, we're constantly looking at ways to decrease our environmental footprint, whether it is making a switch to use green cleaning products or choosing geo-thermal heating and cooling for buildings on campus. Our students can make these same type of choices. They can choose to have less of an impact on their environment simply by taking the bus."



## Students majoring in religious studies to benefit from new Catawba College scholarship

STUDENTS majoring in religious studies at Catawba College will benefit from a new scholarship, the Raffaelli Family Foundation Scholarship that has recently been established.

The new scholarship was established at the discretion of a board member of the foundation, Catawba College alumnus Thomas Burdette '73 of Clifton, Va. Burdette, owner of The Burdette Smith Group P.C., a CPA firm in Fairfax, explained that a longtime client of his company, who had no heirs, set up a foundation during his estate planning. That foundation, which was funded upon the client's death with some specific instructions on specific charities including two churches and an animal rescue group, also allowed the two directors of the foundation to exercise their discretion in how some of the

foundation's net asset value was distributed to recognized charities.

**"I had the discretion as a member of the board to make a donation to any qualified charity that I chose and I chose Catawba," Burdette explained.**

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

senior year, he was named to Who's Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Burdette started his own CPA firm in the Washington, D.C. area at age 27. Today, his firm, The Burdette-Smith Group, P.C., employs approximately 40 people, and his area of expertise is dealing with high income, high net worth individuals who for the most part own their own businesses. He has served on Catawba's Board of Visitors, has long supported fund-raising efforts related to the institution's football program, contributing generously to the Shuford Stadium construction effort and to the grassroots campaign which raised funds to put lights in that stadium. In 2007, he made a presentation on Catawba's campus, "Quarterbacking Your Firm," to students in the Ketner School of Business, sharing his professional expertise.

## THREE DISTINGUISHED CATAWBA COLLEGE ALUMNI HONORED AT HOMECOMING BBQ



**T**HREE Catawba College alumni were honored as recipients of the College's Distinguished Alumnus Award during a barbecue luncheon held Saturday, October 18th in the Goodman Gymnasium of the Abernethy Physical Education Center before the football game against Tusculum College.

College Alumni Joey Popp '77 of Charlotte, Sally Whitney '77 of Mooresville, and Bill Hall '66 of Salisbury were recognized with these awards which are made annually at homecoming by the College Alumni Association to individuals who have served their community, distinguished themselves in their profession, and served the College community.

### Joey Popp '77

Joey Popp, a 1977 Catawba College alumnus, is a broadcast veteran known throughout Charlotte for his television appearances, radio work, documentaries, and marketing projects. He is seen each week on WTVI, the local Public Broadcasting Service station, hosting "HealthWise," a medical interest broadcast that is widely viewed in the Charlotte area. On the radio, Joey can be heard hosting "Weekend Edition" on WFAE-FM every Saturday morning.

Joey serves as a media specialist for numerous corporations and nonprofits and has contributed articles to The Charlotte Observer. He and wife Catherine operate Marketing & Media Resources/Joey Popp Productions.

He has served as emcee for countless galas and fundraisers for groups such as Hospice Charlotte, Leadership Charlotte, and the Dowd YMCA. He emcees Catawba College's Distinguished CEO Lecture Series, sponsored by the Ketner School of Business, and Catawba's Business Hall of Fame. He chairs the Business Advisory Board for the Ralph W. Ketner School of Business.

### Sally Whitney '77

A native of Lancaster, Pa., Sally Whitney graduated in 1977 from Catawba with a bachelor of arts degree in accounting, economics and business. She played two sports, basketball and volleyball, while she was a student at Catawba.

The year she graduated was the year she began her career with Duke Power Company. Since landing her initial job at Duke Power which is today known as Duke Energy, Sally has held a variety of leadership positions in information technology and information management, and helped develop and support computerized applications for areas including human resources, financial and materials management.

She directed Duke Energy's enterprise-wide Year 2000 Program, which was designated "best-in-class" in independent reviews. In that assignment, she was responsible for matrix management of more than 20 projects throughout the world to assure Duke Energy's systems were Y2K ready. A certified public accountant in North Carolina, she holds her master's of business administration degree from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and is also certified as a project management professional from the Project Management Institute of which she is a member.

Currently, Sally serves as the senior vice president for financial re-engineering and financial information technology for Duke Energy. In this role, she directs the major finance process improvement initiatives and associated revamping of the supporting information systems. A resident of Mooresville, Sally serves on Catawba College's Board of Visitors.

### Bill Hall '66

A Rowan County native, Bill Hall graduated from Catawba College in 1966 after he majored in health and physical education and minored in history. He went on to UNC-Chapel Hill the next year to earn a master of arts degree in teaching.

Thereafter, he came back to Catawba to work as an Admissions Counselor under the late Chub Richards. That first job at Catawba led to others on campus for Bill. He served as Director of Student Activities, Dean of Students and then Dean of Admissions. After leaving Catawba, Bill went to work for Jostens Yearbook Sales Division in 1983, where he has spent the last 26 years, winning numerous awards for his outstanding job performance.

Bill was awarded Jostens Sales Achievement Awards in 20 out of the last 25 years. In 2006, he was inducted into Jostens' Master Club and the Ace Club. He has also been honored by his fellow sales reps at Jostens with the Service Award, given to the sales representative whose peers feel has given the most back to others at Jostens and to the community.

Today, although Bill no longer is employed by Catawba, he still "works hard" for the institution – serving on the Chiefs Club Board, twice as its president, and supporting many of the efforts to enhance the athletic physical plant and the newly renovated library. Bill and wife Rosemary make their home in Salisbury and love cooking for and tailgating at Catawba football games. Last year, the couple established an endowed scholarship at the institution.

# THE MANY FACES OF CATAWBA'S 2008 HOMECOMING



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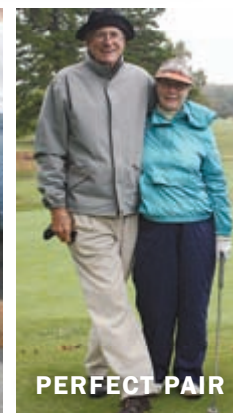
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# 2008 Lessons & Carols

**Not even cancer could have kept Professor Paul E. Oakley from directing Catawba College's 21st annual Service of Lessons and Carols this year.**





**M**OST of the almost 1,300 people who attended one of the two performances held December 2 and 4 in Omwake-Dearborn Chapel on campus weren't even aware of Oakley's personal battle. That awareness only came when Oakley took artistic license during the Dec. 2 event and turned from facing his performers to face the congregation and acknowledge several rows of his invited guests – local health professionals, Dr. Mark Wimmer, Dr. Emil Cekada and Dr. Jack Kribbs and members of their “excellent staffs,” and his mother – all of whom are helping him fight his personal battle against the disease.

The tall, jovial 48-year-old joked that he was interrupting the flow of the performance, although he was not yet protected for such license by being a tenured faculty member at Catawba, to publically express his gratitude and let everyone know that world-class health care is available right in Salisbury. Calling himself blessed, Oakley shared his personal battle and victory with the audience. Many were moved and left the service with a new insight into the man who now serves as artistic director for the popular annual event first begun at Catawba 19 years ago by Professor Rosemary Kinard who retired last year.

Since being diagnosed with colon cancer last summer, Oakley has undergone surgery and is now taking bi-weekly chemotherapy treatments. He is jubilant that recent test results have been positive and his prognosis is “extremely good.”

Catawba College's Development Director Carolyn Peeler had a bird's eye view of Oakley during the two performances. She was one of the seven readers during the service and was seated in the chancel, facing the congregation. She saw the positive reaction his students and community members who sang during the event had to Oakley's direction and left with a renewed appreciation of his talents.

“It was amazing to see,” Peeler notes. “The whole time they are singing, he's encouraging them and smiling. After each song, he would mouth to them ‘good job’ or ‘thank you.’ They bloomed under his direction.”

The number of performers taking part in the service has swelled in recent years to showcase the diversity of talent being fostered in Catawba's Music Department. This year, performers included the Catawba Chorale, made up of community members as well as students who sing in either or both the Catawba Singers and the Catawba Madrigals; the Catawba Wind Ensemble, conducted by Dr. Stephen Etters; the Catawba Children's Chorus, conducted

by Randi Skaggs, and an outreach of Catawba's Community Music Program, directed by Dr. Julie Chamberlain; the Catawba Handbells, under the direction of Dr. Timothy Belflowers; and the Market Street Brass Ensemble.

Readers in the service, in addition to Peeler, included Katie Hill, president of Catawba's Student Government Association; Robert J. Casmus, head athletic trainer and instructor of physical education; Dr. Elizabeth Homan, interim chair of and assistant professor in the Department of Theatre Arts; Dr. Andrew A. Vance, Jr., professor of Modern Foreign Languages and Business Law; Dr. Edith Bolick, interim provost; and Dr. Craig Turner, Catawba's president. Dr. Kenneth W. Clapp, Catawba's chaplain and senior vice president, served as liturgist for the service.

## And the People Said...

**“When all the voices sang, it was like hearing angels.” “It was wonderful and moving!” “I think this was the best Service ever.” “They should really add a third performance because so many people want to come.” “This marks the beginning of my Christmas season.” “I've heard a Service of Lessons and Carols in England and Catawba's is better.”**

These were just some of the comments from those who attended one of the two performances which began each evening at 6:30 p.m. with a prelude of Christmas music. The service is based on the famous ritual that originated at King's College in Cambridge, England, which weaves beautiful carols of the season with scriptures or lessons, relating to the story of Christmas from the prophecies to the mystery of the Holy Trinity. A new addition this year was the reading of an excerpt concerning amazing peace from Poet Maya Angelou's “Celebration,” read by Dr. Elizabeth Homan.

Catawba College senior Jennifer Osborne said of Homan's dramatic reading: “It was done so with such conviction and feeling that the audience was left hanging on to every line, every stanza. It was as if for a few brief moments all that was wrong with the world ceased to exist and the prevalent theme of PEACE resonated.”

Music performed included “Arise, Your Light Has Come,” “Climb to the top of the highest mountain,” “Angels from the realms of glory,” “Choose Something Like A Star,” and “O come, all ye faithful.” An unexpected musical addition in the prelude was a version of “The Rose/Lo, how a rose e'er blooming,” made popular by Bette Midler and performed by the Catawba Madrigals and mezzo-soprano soloist Melissa Alessi, a Catawba College student majoring in music business.

Oakley himself was even wowed by all of the elements which came together during the service. “The splendid acoustics and organ of the Omwake-Dearborn Chapel allow Catawba to offer our community the grandeur of performance in a cathedral-like setting with the intimacy of the beautiful stained glass windows, soft candle lights and elegant greenery. The sights, sounds, smells, and feeling of Christmas reverberate from the beautiful Chapel interior.”

## tickets, Tickets, TICKETS!

Free tickets for this year's performances were at a premium, with the Dec. 2 event open only to invited guests, including trustees, various board members of the College and faculty, staff and students, and the Dec. 4 performance open to the general public. This widely anticipated community event has played to full houses in recent years and after some with tickets to the 2007 service showed up and found no seats available, it caused planners to reassess available seating in the Chapel and to rethink how the event was advertised and promoted.

“More people wanting to attend than can be accommodated is a good problem to have, but it's something we need to look at seriously as we plan for future years,” said College Marshal David Pulliam.

The Service of Lessons and Carols has traditionally been scheduled after Thanksgiving break at the College and before final exams begin. Due to the popularity of the event, a second night's performance was added a half dozen years ago, but thoughts of adding a third night's performance to accommodate public demand is problematic. Most of the singers and musicians cannot commit the time needed for both rehearsals and a third performance date, and few at the College are willing to sacrifice the Chapel setting, its Casavant organ and its acoustics in favor of more seating offered in Keppel Auditorium of the Robertson College-Community Center.

College administrators will be weighing all of their available options as they help Oakley plan for 2009.

# CATAWBA FALL RECAPS

## Cuthbertson runs to stellar season

Senior tailback Jamelle Cuthbertson rewrote many of the schools rushing marks in 2008, helping football to a record 14th-straight winning season. The Charlotte, NC, native ran for a season-best 1,141 yards and a gaudy 7.9 average per carry. He also set a record with seven 100-yard rushing games and with his career-ending 223-yard performance against Lenoir-Rhyne, Cuthbertson became the first back in school history to post two games with over 200 yards during a career.

Lightly recruited out of Harding High School, the 5-8, 185-pound Cuthbertson excelled in his lone season as the featured

back. He ran for just 23 yards in the opening loss to St. Augustine's, but followed with a 150-yard effort against Elizabeth City State. He saw limited action against Livingstone then reeled off four straight 100-yard games. After being held to 57 yards at Wingate, the senior finished with his two highest outputs of the season; 156 against Brevard and a career-best 223 vs. Lenoir-Rhyne.

Last season, Cuthbertson totaled 646 yards behind senior Kory Fisher and George Bell, who set school scoring records. He topped

the 100-yard mark only one time, rushing for 149 yards in the playoff win over Albany State. As a sophomore, he had 421 yards with all but 42 of those yards coming in the final two games. Filling in for an injured Fisher, Cuthbertson piled up 161 yards against Presbyterian then carved up Lenoir-Rhyne for 218 more. He had 22 yards on eight carries as a freshman.

Cuthbertson was one of eight players to

earn post-season honors for the South Atlantic Conference. He was joined on the first team by offensive lineman Terence Crosby, defensive lineman Melquan Fair and linebacker Charles McAfee. Second team honors went to defensive back Jasmon Carpenter, defensive lineman Brandon Sutton and long snapper Chad Case. Linebacker Lakeem Perry was the league's Defensive Freshman of the Year. Fair and Cuthbertson were all-region picks, while Crosby was selected as an All-American by the AFCA.

## Volleyball reaches regional final

For the first time in school history, the



**Jamelle Cuthbertson**  
Senior had a record-breaking season during football's 14th-straight winning campaign



- **LADIES NIGHT WITH HEAD FOOTBALL COACH CHIP HESTER** is Friday April 3rd, 2009.
- **BLUE-WHITE SPRING FOOTBALL GAME** is Saturday, April 4th with an 11am start.
- **WOMEN'S SOFTBALL REUNION** is Saturday, April 18th, 2009.

Softball Alumni should call Gordon Kirkland or email him at [gakirkla@catawba.edu](mailto:gakirkla@catawba.edu) if they have a new address or a concern that we may not have a correct address.

- **CATAWBA SPORTS HALL OF FAME GOLF** at the Country Club of Salisbury on Friday, May 1st at 1pm.
- **CATAWBA SPORTS HALL OF FAME INDUCTION LUNCHEON** is Saturday, May 2nd at noon.

Catawba volleyball team won a NCAA II regional match. Then the Lady Indians dispatched the region's top team before suffering a three-set loss to Armstrong Atlantic in the final, falling by two points in each set.

Melissa Powers became one of the school's most highly decorated volleyball players, taking home All-America, Southeast Region Player of the Year, SAC Player of the Year and SAC Scholar Athlete awards. She is the first player from Catawba or the conference to earn All-America honors in NCAA II. Last year, she was the first to earn the AVCA National Player of the Week honor and repeated that once again this season.

As a middle hitter, Powers set Catawba kill standards for a match, season and career. She opened the season with a record 37 kills against Pfeiffer and in a win over Lander eclipsed the career kill mark, finishing with 1,884. She broke the season mark last year with 674 kills and finished among the top 10 in NCAA II the last two years.

Powers was joined on the All-Southeast Region and first team All-SAC team by fellow senior Melissa Griffith. Griffith shined at the regional tournament, making the

all-tournament team, and finished second all-time to Powers in kills with 1,621. She ranks third all-time with 1,749.



**Melissa Powers**

Senior became the school's first Division II All-American in volleyball

Catawba finished tied for second in the conference behind Wingate and had been ranked as high as second in the region during the season, but a first-round loss to Lincoln Memorial in the conference tournament dropped the Lady Indians to the #4-seed for the eight-team regional. Griffith totaled a career-high 30 kills (21 in the final two sets) against Francis Marion in the opening match as Catawba rallied from a set down

to win in four sets.

Facing a Wingate squad in the semifinals on its home court was a tall task. The Bulldogs had lost just once and had posted 29 straight wins and rolled to a win in the opening set. Catawba rallied from a 24-21 deficit to win the second set, won a tight third set then crushed Wingate in the final set 25-19. In the final against AASU, Catawba held a 23-22 lead in the opening set and a 22-18 edge in set two, but could not close the games out and fell in three tightly contested sets in the championship.



**Alyssa Schoenberg**

This senior helped women's soccer get back to NCAA II Regionals

## Women's soccer gets regional bid

The Catawba women's soccer team returned to regional action for the first time since 2005, gaining

one of three at-large berths to the Southeast Region Tournament. The ladies won their opening match in overtime against Georgia College and State before falling 2-0 to #3 Columbus State. Catawba finished the season at 16-5-2, reaching the school mark for wins. The Lady Indians have posted 16 wins four times under John Cullen.

Seniors Alyssa Schoenberg and Lainey Nichols each earned first team All-SAC and all-region honors. Senior Nikki Blackwelder and freshman goalkeeper Lindsay Webster were named to the second team. Schoenberg, a defender, helped the team to 40 shutouts over her 85 career matches.

Catawba grabbed its regional berth by winning eight of its last 10 games with an overtime loss to Tusculum and a tie with Carson-Newman in the SAC Tournament final. It marked the third straight year Catawba had played the tournament final to a draw and each year the ladies have failed to grab the title in the penalty kick shootout. In 2006, Carson-Newman won the shootout 4-2, last year it was Lincoln Memorial who claimed the 4-3 shootout win and in 2008 it was Carson-Newman who claimed the title 6-5 in the penalty kicks.

## Other fall highlights

Kicker Cory Darnell was named to the ESPN The Magazine All-District III Academic team for football, while Powers was named to the academic volleyball team ... Kyle Ganow was named the South Atlantic Scholar Athlete for men's soccer ... Shay Meeks

was named to the SAC All-Freshman volleyball team ... Mai Zoua Lo and Megan Courson joined Griffith on the Southeast Region Volleyball All-Tournament team ... Susan Hearn finished fourth on field hockey's all-time goal scoring list with 37 ... women's cross country ran in the NCAA II regional meet with freshman Olivia Jacobs earning all-conference and all-region honors ... Jacque Thompson ran to all-conference honors.

## Winter sports

The Catawba men's basketball team has set its eyes on another conference title. The pre-season league favorite ranked 14th in the nation after winning its first six games which included an 86-81 win over #5 Northern Kentucky. The Indians faced a key match-up with Lenoir-Rhyne in early December in a clash of the league favorites.



**Antonio Houston**

Men's basketball opened its season with an exhibition against N.C. State.

Catawba tuned up for the season with an exhibition game against N.C. State at Reynolds Coliseum. The Indians fell down by eight early, but hung with the Wolfpack for 30 minutes. Catawba trailed by just 13 with 10 minutes left before the depth of NCSU kicked in during a late run.

The women's basketball team won four of its first five games with Brittany Higgins posting 20 points or more three times. The Catawba swim teams kicked off action in October pointing towards the conference meet in Charlotte, N.C., in mid-February.



**Brittany Higgins**

Has helped women's basketball to a 4-1 start

## THE TOWER SOCIETY

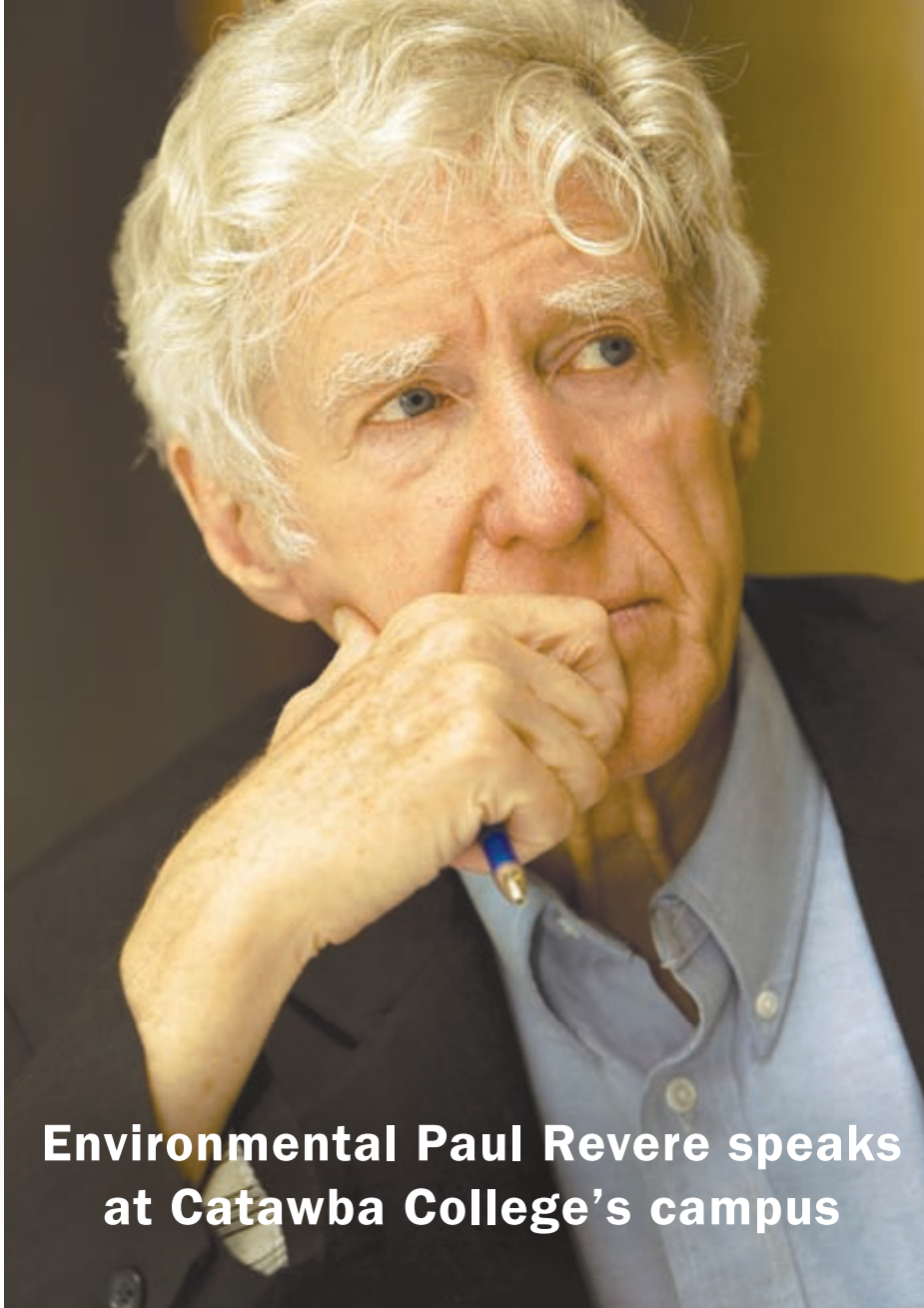
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The Tower Society was created to honor the generosity of alumni and friends who have made a planned giving agreement with Catawba College or who have provided for the college in their estate plans. These gifts may ultimately increase the college's endowment and provide scholarship assistance for the growing Catawba student body.



**W**HEN LESTER BROWN spoke at Catawba College on Nov. 10, he did so with quiet urgency and some hope, warning his audience that unless civilization changes its ways, its end is truly near.



## Environmental Paul Revere speaks at Catawba College's campus

This environmental Paul Revere, the founder of Worldwatch Institute and current founder and president of Earth Policy Institute, says “we’re in a race between natural tipping points and political tipping points,” and that what we need most of all is for “the market to tell the environmental truth.”

Sharing some of the points he makes in his most recent book, “Plan B 3.0 Mobilizing to Save Civilization,” he paints a grim picture of civilization’s current reality. He spoke of unprecedented ice melts occurring in some parts of the world including Greenland, the Tibetan Plateau and in the Himalayas, and the recent shocking rate of glacial flood caused by these melts.

Ice melts from the glaciers in both China and India typically sustain river flow during the dry season, he explains, allowing for crops such as wheat to grow and thrive. But melting at their

current alarming rates may cause these glaciers to disappear and then, he prophesizes, “what happens to these glaciers will affect food prices everywhere.”

Noting that China is the number one wheat producer in the world, India the second, and the United States the third, Brown explains “We are facing the threat that 1.3 billion Chinese may be competing for us for our grain supplies, driving up our food prices.” He notes that the United States will not have the luxury of limiting sales to China because that country is also “our banker.” Brown says he realizes that “even our (American) Christmas are made in China.”

“We don’t need to go beyond our ice melts to know that we’re in trouble. How much are we willing to spend to avoid a 23 foot rise in sea level?” he queries. “Indirect costs are shaping our future,” he continues, and by ignoring these, “we’re doing exactly the same thing as Enron, leaving costs off the books. Consuming today with no concern for tomorrow is not a winning philosophy.”

He spoke of the rapid population growth and deforestation and “two new stresses – rising food and oil prices.” “As oil prices go up, grain prices will follow,” he quips. “The U.S. in an effort to reduce its fuel insecurity has created the world’s food insecurity.”

**Brown says the Plan B program he advocates has three components which must be executed to stop civilization’s demise: 1) raise energy efficiency; 2) development of renewable energy sources; 3) a ban on deforestation and the planting of trees in order to sequester carbon.**

Hope comes into play, he explains, because “we’re suddenly seeing this breakout thinking on a scale that did not seem possible a few years ago.”

“We’re beginning to see a seismic shift in the field of renewables,” he says. “We’re in the early stages of an

economy switching from oil and coal to wind, solar and geothermal.” In Texas, Brown notes, there is a new business of wind-generated power; the Scots have made an investment to create a wind generation farm in the North Sea; in Algeria, plans are being made to produce solar-thermal power plants which can export energy to Europe by undersea cable; and in Indonesia, the land of many volcanoes, geothermal resources are being harnessed from these volcanoes.

In the past, although there was an abundance of renewable energy available, the challenge was “how to harness it efficiently,” he explains. Today, thanks to advancements in wind-generated power technology, “we’re investing in an energy system that can last as long as the earth itself. For the first time since the industrial revolution began, we have the opportunity to build an energy system that will last forever to leave for the next generation.”

Brown spoke of the present as “an exciting time with all sorts of possibilities,” because “we have the potential to build an entirely new fuel economy.” But, he concludes “the question becomes how do we get from here to there.”

He reiterates: “We need to get the market to tell the environmental truth,” because currently the market does not include the cost of climate change which is caused by burning fossil fuels.

“Another way to get there is the cap and trade system,” he notes, wherein carbon emissions are restricted and rights are sold to produce these. Companies which produce these emissions buy carbon permits which are tradable.

“If we don’t act quickly and decisively, we may have to answer questions we don’t want to answer,” he says. “We are looking at a rise in sea level and we are primarily responsible.”

If we do not act, he asks, “How will this affect our sense of self?”

“We need to get involved – politically involved,” Brown says, noting that there is more cause for hope with the recent presidential election of Barack Obama.

Brown’s lecture at Catawba College was sponsored and organized by the College’s Center for the Environment which is under the direction of Dr. John Wear.



# CATAWBA COLLEGE MOVES TO BECOME GREEN AND CLEAN

CATAWBA COLLEGE became a little greener recently. In August, shortly after classes cranked up, the institution's housekeeping staff began using green cleaning products in nine buildings on campus.

But adoption of the green cleaning products did not just happen, it evolved as housekeeping staff tried various green seal products and made their own assessments about which would do the best job. These staffers also participated in green cleaning training sessions and often reassessed their own ideas of what constitutes "clean."

"When they first started the concept of green cleaning, they (housekeeping staff) didn't think the products would work. They thought they had to have bleach and needed that smell to signal an area was clean," explained Catawba's interim housekeeping director, Mike Brackett. "The idea now is that if you walk in a bathroom and don't smell anything – it's clean. Many standard products that we had used in the past just overwhelmed you with their smell. But the more the staff learned, the more receptive they were to the green cleaning products."

Brackett said that when the evaluation process began, several companies which sell green cleaning products visited campus and demonstrated their wares to housekeeping employees. These companies gave housekeeping staffers an opportunity to test their products and provided them with sessions on green cleaning.

"The effectiveness of the products was considered first," Brackett said, "and the cost of the products was considered second." In the end, the housekeeping employees were unanimous in their selection.

In order for a cleaning product to be "Green Seal" certified, it has to be manufactured in an environmentally friendly way, with manufacturers conserving energy in the production process, using less packaging and less fuel to transport the finished products. The Green Seal cleaning products are also packaged in highly concentrated forms and come with an automatic dispensing system which mixes the product to the proper solution ration, taking away the guess work.

"With the old chemical cleaning products, mixing was left up to the employee and some had the idea that the stronger the solution they mixed the better the cleaning," noted Brackett. "In truth, however, all products are designed to work at a certain ratio and if you mix it stronger than you should, you compromise the effectiveness of the product."

The nine buildings where green cleaning products are now used include seven residence halls – Fuller, Purcell, Goodman West, Goodman East, Graham, Pine Knott and Hollifield, along with the Center for the Environment and the Cannon Student Center. In each, the green cleaning process begins from the outside in.

New entrance mats made of recycled tires and floor mats made of recycled plastic are in place in each of the nine

buildings. "The less dirt and outside particles you bring in, the more efficient the green cleaning products are," Brackett noted. "These mats hold more dirt and trap more dirt and water from traffic coming into the buildings."

Brackett sees the green cleaning products initiative as just one of many in place on campus that are making Catawba more environmentally friendly. Using the green cleaning products will complement the efforts of Catawba's Office of Waste Reduction and Recycling and aid the institution as it attempts to fully participate in the President's Climate Commitment initiative and in a planned EPA Peer Audit (through the N.C. Independent Colleges and Universities' Region IV) in the fall of 2009. Brackett's colleague, David Najarian, in the Office of Waste Reduction and Recycling calls it "covering all of the bases."



"This is the first time that I've implemented a green cleaning program," Brackett explained. "At a couple of places I've worked, I tried to institute some environmentally friendly products."

Although there is an initial start-up cost for implementing the green cleaning program, Brackett expects to see a 40 percent overall reduction in cleaning products costs as Catawba makes the move to implement the initiative in all 36 buildings on campus. "As the budget allows, we'll be bringing other buildings online," he said. "We have to use up the other chemicals that we've already paid for, but my goal is by next semester to have 80 percent of all of our buildings online with green cleaning."

Next semester, Brackett also has plans to offer a green cleaning training session for Catawba faculty, staff and students. That session will outline how to do green cleaning properly and with what recommended products and benefits. To that end, he will research products offered for sale by local grocery stores and other retail outlets and make a list of recommended green seal certified cleaning products that he can share.

**"My hope is that my staff as well as other faculty, staff and students will start using these products in their homes. When I hear them talking about that, I'll know that an initiative we started on campus has rippled out into the world."**

Brackett, who joined Catawba July 1, was born in Andrews, N.C. and attended Chowan College. He holds an advanced building trades certification from Haywood Community College, is certified by the International Executive Housekeeping Association and the International Sanitary Supply Association, and is also a certified water restoration technician. He was previously employed for 10 years as housekeeping foreman at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Asheville, has worked as housekeeping supervisor for UNC-Asheville, and was regional director of operations for America's Cleaning Concepts, a contract janitorial firm that cleans banks.



# Classnotes

## 1942

**Dorothy W. Moore** of Charlotte writes that she now has three great-grandchildren – two girls and a boy.

## 1949

**Dr. William H. Weinel** of Wilmington writes that his wife, Robbie Ashburn Weinel, died on May 14, 2008 at UNC Hospital in Chapel Hill three months after surgery for liver cancer.

## 1950

**Rev. Fred A. Hill** of Salisbury writes that he is enjoying retirement by volunteering to speak once a month at a meal site, delivering Meals on Wheels, singing in a quartet, gardening and nurturing his interest in genealogical matters.

**Wade Hampton “Hamp” Shuford** of Hickory, N.C. reports “I still work as a volunteer at Adult Life Programs (daycare for adults) and in the mentor program at Longview Elementary School, and sing in the Carolina Moonlighters and the Joymakers. I’m still active at Corinth Reformed Church and also attend the Hispanic Presbyterian church here. One not so good thing about being retired is that when you are asked for money, you cannot say ‘I GAVE AT THE OFFICE,’ but I like to stay busy and not sit around the house.” Friends and classmates may e-mail him at [whs1@charter.net](mailto:whs1@charter.net).

## 1953

**Frances Norment** of Lumberton writes that **David Beck** ’87 was recently honored by WalMart as Teacher, Coach of the Year at Wilkes County High School for 2008.

## 1955

**Dr. Thomas R. Hamilton**, of Newton, N.C. has recently co-authored, with Dr. Donald P. Flick of Taylorsville, N.C., a Forty Year History (1965-2005) of Churches and Related Ministries of the Western North Carolina Association of the United Church of Christ. The coffee-table, hard-cover book includes histories and photographs in color of the 120 churches, the institutions, and the

specialized ministries related to the Association and documents the clergy who have served these ministries from 1965 to 2005. The book is entitled “Churches Related”. Tom may be reached at [tandjhamil@bellsouth.net](mailto:tandjhamil@bellsouth.net).

## 1960

**Darryl Hugh Evans** of Leland, N.C., says he would like to get in touch with classmates if any live in the Wilmington, N.C. area. E-mail him at [dhevans@teamevans.org](mailto:dhevans@teamevans.org).

## 1964

**Larry Beightol** has now reinvented himself as a local sports radio talk show host on 1190AM-Fox Sports in Northwest Arkansas after a 44-year football coaching career (4 years of high school, 17 years at NCAA Div I colleges and a 23-year NFL career). His show, “Coach Beck and Godbee,” is on every morning from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. CST. It can also be found on the Internet. The show began in August and has surpassed all local viewing shows to date.

## 1967

**Phillip Kirk, Jr.**, vice president of external relations for Catawba College and chairman emeritus of the State Board of Education for North Carolina, served as Grand Marshal for the 49th edition of Rowan-Salisbury’s 2008 Holiday Caravan Parade held Nov. 26 in Salisbury.

**Richard Triplett** writes: “Dear Catawba Alumni: Great News! I have been informed that I will be in the 2009 edition of *Who’s Who in American Art*, published by Marquis Publications. Included are respected artists, finer art dealers, notable gallery directors, significant collectors, art and art history professors at colleges and universities, museum directors, noteworthy art writers, established curators and art magazine editors and their publishers. Each candidate must be nominated by prominent members of the art community. Once the executive board and the editors review all nominees, they make their final selections. I was thrilled to be included.” Richard began with the Louis Newman

Galleries in 1977 as office manager, rose to gallery manager and was promoted again to vice president and chief financial officer as the gallery moved from Los Angeles to Beverly Drive in Beverly Hills. Richard remained with the gallery for 22 years then began working at the Anderson Galleries in Beverly Hills as gallery manager. He remained with Anderson for five years until March of this year when he began his own company, Richard Triplett Fine Arts, an art consulting firm for artists, collectors, galleries and museum acquisition committees. The firm is located at 888 Westknoll Drive, Suite 313, West Hollywood, CA 90069. Richard can be reached at [richardira-triplett@hotmail.com](mailto:richardira-triplett@hotmail.com).

## 1968

**Sandy Asbury Hlubik** of Chesterfield, N.J., retired in 2007 after teaching math for 39 years and serving as department leader of the high school math department. She is now quilting, traveling, and getting together with “old” friends! Please e-mail her at [shlubik@gmail.com](mailto:shlubik@gmail.com).

## 1969

**Glenn Darrel Parks** reports that he and wife Lynn moved back to Salisbury in mid-August. “We are both retired and keep our grandson, Miles, Jake’s boy, during the week. He turned one year old in October,” he writes. “I am looking forward to living in the area with our families and becoming more involved in Catawba activities.” Friends may contact Darrel at [dparks42@hotmail.com](mailto:dparks42@hotmail.com).

## 1970

**Bonita Kiker Crissman** of Thomasville, N.C. reports “We have a granddaughter and a grandson, ages 2 1/2 and 3, and both of our children are expecting baby girls. One is due Oct. 28 and the second is due Feb 26!!! What fun!!!”

## 1973

**Cathy Whidby Honeycutt** of Longs, S.C. writes that her son, Scott Honeycutt, died Sept. 16, 2008. He was 31 at the time. He was predeceased by his father, **Gary “Hoppy” Honeycutt** (of the class of 1972). Friends may contact her at [choney1062@gmail.com](mailto:choney1062@gmail.com).

**John S. Tutterow** of Gastonia was recently named the Non-Teaching Educator of the Year for the Gaston County, N.C. Schools.

## 1975

**Michael Ponticello** of Gloversville, N.Y. writes: “I want to say hi to all of us that turned 55 this year. That is the magical age in New York State if you have 30 years plus service in the field of education. I want to wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season. Please e-mail

me at [MPonticello@gloversvilleschools.org](mailto:MPonticello@gloversvilleschools.org) as I would really like to hear from you. Thanks!”

## 1978

**Carole Hetzer Barber** of Harrisonburg, Va., reports that she has just completed her Master’s in Education after 30 years of teaching. She is still living and teaching 8th grade English in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley of Virginia and would love to hear from former classmates and friends from Catawba. E-mail her at [Carole214@aol.com](mailto:Carole214@aol.com).

**Theresa Wallace Matthews** of Denton, N.C. is currently serving as Vice District Governor for the North Carolina Lions, covering Davidson, Rowan, Cabarrus, Stanly, Union, Anson, Mecklenburg, and Gaston counties.

## 1983

**Lynne Meredith Gordon DeHoff** of Wilmington, Del., writes that she is enjoying life with her husband of 20 years, Marc, and their two children, Brandon, 11, and Katie, 8, and would love to hear from classmates. E-mail her at [luvlars@aol.com](mailto:luvlars@aol.com).

## 1984

**Lyle Huntington Richardson Smith** of Kingsport, Tenn., writes: “Still alive, feeling good. Would like to hear from the freeks, you know who you are. Support Cat-u Soccer, we all bled for the program.” E-mail Lyle at [hjclathm@charter.net](mailto:hjclathm@charter.net).

## 1987

**Carolie DuBose Bartol Brekke** will be living in Sasebo, Japan (where her husband, Conrad, is stationed aboard the USS Essex) until 2010, at which time they hope to head to Europe, or the Pacific Northwest. Carolie works as a freelance graphic designer and is currently the webmaster for Commander, Fleet Activities Sasebo. She is a professional storyteller in her spare time. Touch base with Carolie at [carolie@wordmagix.com](mailto:carolie@wordmagix.com).

**Gregory Ray Shell** of Mt. Holly, N.C. writes: “The image of the little boy on the cover of the (2008 Catawba) Homecoming brochure is our son Gabe.” He also notes that he missed his classmates last year at their 20th reunion. Contact Greg at [gregs@carolina.rr.com](mailto:gregs@carolina.rr.com).

## 1994

**Claudia Augello** was married to Gary Smith on Nov. 8, 2008. The couple resides in Atlanta, Ga. Claudia would love to hear from old friends at [gnc20@bellsouth.net](mailto:gnc20@bellsouth.net).

**Dennis Alan Weddington** of China Grove, N.C. writes: “Feel free to contact me so that we can catch up and keep in touch.” E-mail him at [Dkw4195@aol.com](mailto:Dkw4195@aol.com).

## 1995

**Thomas "Tommy" Edward Benton II** reports that he recently moved from Burns High School in the Cleveland County Schools to R.S. Central High School in Rutherford County Schools in Rutherfordton, N.C. He and wife Lori also have a new son, Jesse Alexander Benton, born Sept. 25, 2008. Jesse weighed 8 lbs. and measured 21 ½ inches. Tommy would love to hear from friends so e-mail him at [tbenton@rcsnc.org](mailto:tbenton@rcsnc.org).

**Don and Karen Maury** are living in the Pittsburgh suburbs and have two children, Maggie, 5, and Mason, 16 months (born on 7/7/7). **Jon Hilliard**, also a member of the class of '95, is godfather to Maggie. Karen is a teacher and Don is senior vice president of Toensmeier Adjustment Service Inc. which specializes in running large catastrophe claims projects including Hurricanes Katrina and Ike.

**John E. Morris** of Edinburg, Texas is currently working on a Ph.D. in Marketing at the University of Texas, Pan-American. He would love to hear from friends at [jmorris2@rgv.rr.com](mailto:jmorris2@rgv.rr.com).

## 1996

**JoAnn Hall Kelly** writes that her husband, Evan, is anchor for Channel 11 News and that the couple had their first daughter, Teagan Elyse Kelly last year on April 10, 2007.

**Valerie (Tomaini) Vasseur** of Arcis-sur-Aube, France writes: "Stéphane and I are very proud to announce the birth of our son, Ludéric Frederick Alain Vasseur. He was born on November 2 and has been the light of our lives ever since! I'm always happy to hear from friends from Catawba, especially those that happen to find themselves on our side of the ocean." E-mail Valerie at [vasseurv@gmail.com](mailto:vasseurv@gmail.com).

**Brad Wylde** and wife Kate are pleased to announce the birth of their second daughter, Brynley Elizabeth, on October 6th. Proud big sister Makenna is 2 1/2. Brad still runs BMW Sports Enterprises and is also the Executive Director of South Charlotte Soccer Association. He would love to hear from friends at: [bmw@ctc.net](mailto:bmw@ctc.net).

## 1997

**Valeree Gordon Adams** and husband, Matthew, welcome a new son, Matthew Benjamin, born Sept. 28, 2008. Benjamin is welcomed by big sister Caleigh, age 4.

**David '97 and Dena '94 Najarian** of Salisbury, N.C. have established a memorial fund to benefit the Lilly Center for Vocation and Values as a tribute to their daughter, Olivia Morgan, who died at birth on August

29, 2008. Friends who would like to make a gift to this fund, which will be used to support student involvement in volunteer efforts on behalf of special populations and the needy, should make their checks payable to Catawba College and mail to: The Lilly Center for Vocation and Values, Catawba College, 2300 W. Innes Street, Salisbury, N.C. 28144. The Najarian family held a private memorial service for Olivia on Saturday, Nov. 1 and a tree was planted in her memory at the family home on Dec. 12, her original due date. Catawba Alumnus **Bill Godley '76** of Salisbury assisted with the tree-planting.

**Stacey Schortz Williams** and husband David would like to announce the birth of their son, David "Ashton" Williams IV. Ashton was born February 15, 2008 and joins his big sister, Katelynn (4).

## 1998

**Dwayne Allen Berrier** and **Becca Miles Berrier** would like to announce the birth of their son, Miles Allen, on June 3, 2008. His big sister, Riley Paige, is now 4 years old and loves her little brother! Dwayne and Becca are both P.E. teachers. Becca would love to hear from friends at [berrierr@wilkes.k12.nc.us](mailto:berrierr@wilkes.k12.nc.us).

**Kelly Green Zopp** and husband Bill would like to announce the birth of their second child. Evan Jacob Zopp joined his sister, Jordan Rose, on August 30, 2008. Evan weighed 6 lbs 15 oz and was 20 inches long. Kelly is currently teaching in Baltimore City Public Schools and is interested in hearing from friends at [kgzopp@netzero.com](mailto:kgzopp@netzero.com).

**Daphane (Olmstead) Suffecool** and husband Matt of Harrisonburg, Va. welcomed a daughter, Makayla Marie, on August 19, 2008. She weighed 8 lbs 1 oz and was 19 inches long.

## 2001

**Susan Conrad Tasker** and husband Daniel celebrated their seventh anniversary in October. They are enjoying their new home in southwest Virginia where they live with daughters Jenna Brooke, 5 yrs., and Morgan Cadence, 2 yrs. Susan is a Certified Pharmaceutical Technician. Friends may contact her at: [shower1979@yahoo.com](mailto:shower1979@yahoo.com).

## 2002

**Jeremy Aggers** of Atlanta, Ga. has recorded a CD of original music which will soon be released. Jeremy performs regularly in various Atlanta venues, and his selections can also be heard on his Myspace page. He will be performing in "Sanders Family Christmas" at Theatre in the Square in Marietta, Ga., in November and December. Contact him at [jerry.aggers@gmail.com](mailto:jerry.aggers@gmail.com).

## 1970s CLOSE-UP

### A Close Encounter after 30 Years



**James L. Taylor, Jr. '76 of Woodleaf, N.C., recently wrote:**

*"I met up with Charlotte Mayor Pat McCrory '78 recently at a N.C. Economic Development Association meeting in Concord. Even though we haven't seen each other in over 30 years, Pat said he still remembered the fact that James Taylor and Glenn Campbell '78 of Council, N.C., roomed together. I know that this rooming was thanks to Dean Bill Hall '66 (of Salisbury) at the time."*

**Jackie Carson** is currently assistant varsity softball coach, elementary P.E. teacher and head women's varsity soccer coach in Douglas, Ga. She would like to hear from friends at [jsoccer6@aol.com](mailto:jsoccer6@aol.com).

**Gabe Dellinger** has returned to North Carolina after working in Washington, D.C. with The Heritage Foundation for over the past year. Currently, Gabe is working at The Civitas Institute in Raleigh, N.C., as the Director of Development & Media Relations. He is also an acting Fellow of the Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation. All past and present friends are encouraged to contact him at [Gabe.Dellinger@nccivitas.org](mailto:Gabe.Dellinger@nccivitas.org).

**Angie Stancar Johnson** and her husband Adrian recently celebrated the birth of their first child. Daughter Ella Grace was born on September 23, 2008 at 3:56 p.m. She weighed 6 lbs. 15 oz. The Johnsons live in London. Angie can be reached at [astancar@hotmail.com](mailto:astancar@hotmail.com). She also maintains a blog at [accidentally.english.blogspot.com](http://accidentally.english.blogspot.com).

## 2004

**Mat "Tank" McCarl** of Alexandria, Va., reports that he and wife **Jessica Fritts** (2005) bought their first house at the end of August and says classmates are free to visit now! E-mail him at [mfmccarl@yahoo.com](mailto:mfmccarl@yahoo.com).

**Sean "Shaggy" Sears** writes to share his accomplishments over the past few years since his graduation. These include: '04-Lost Colony (Principal), Looking Glass Theatre, Court Theatre (Carpenter); '05-Lost Colony

(Principal), Rags to Riches (Ensemble); '06-Rags to Riches(Ensemble) The Lost Colony (Technician); '07-Rags to Riches (Ensemble), Tecumseh (Principal), South Park (Carpenter), Hampstead Players (Ensemble); and '08-South Park (Technical Director/Set Designer), Actors Civic Theatre (Ensemble, T.D., Set Design). Friends and classmates may contact him at [animeowns@hotmail.com](mailto:animeowns@hotmail.com).

## 2005

**Peter Arnold** writes: "After graduating from Catawba, I took a job working as a Residence Hall Mentor at Louisburg College, in Louisburg, N.C. After a year at Louisburg, I applied and was accepted to graduate school at Appalachian State. In May of this year (2008), I graduated from Appalachian State with a master's degree in Higher Education Administration. I am currently applying for positions in college student affairs while living with my family in Edgewater, Fla., until I get a job. I can be contacted by e-mail at [arnoldpeterj@gmail.com](mailto:arnoldpeterj@gmail.com).

**Carolyn (Brannon) Kramkowski** of St. Charles, Missouri reports that she started a new job as instrumental music teacher at Shaw Visual and Performing Arts Elementary, part of the St. Louis Public Schools. Friends may contact her at [Carolyn.Kramkowski@gmail.com](mailto:Carolyn.Kramkowski@gmail.com).

## 2005 *(Classnotes continued)*

**Anthony Johnson** (BFA Musical Theatre) has just joined the national touring company of the musical "Hairspray." For information on the show and its travel itinerary, visit <http://www.hairsprayontour.com>.

**David Pinkston** was married August 2, 2008 in Ft. Wayne, Ind. He and bride Catherine are both attending graduate school at Purdue University.

## 2006

**Karla Gruhn** writes: "I moved to Clayton, Ga. which is in the mountains of northeast Georgia (on the Ga./N.C. border) to work as an event coordinator for the Merrill Trust Resort & Communities of Atlanta's Sky Valley Resort & Country Club in Sky Valley, Ga." Friends may contact her at [karlagruhn@yahoo.com](mailto:karlagruhn@yahoo.com).

**Jessica Lynn Smith** and **Tyler Scot Kulp** are engaged to be married at River Run Country

Club in Davidson, N.C. on July 11, 2009. Jessica is currently employed at Hickory Ridge High School in Harrisburg, N.C. as an English teacher and girls basketball coach. Tyler is employed at Corriher-Lipe Middle School in Landis, N.C. as a mathematics teacher and boys basketball coach. They reside in Charlotte.

## 2008

**Patrick Carman** of Salisbury writes: "A BIG Hello to all my ex-classmates! I hope your degree has inspired you to brighter and better things. If anybody needs my help, just call the Rowan County Sheriff's Office. And NO I cannot fix any tickets. Hope to see you soon at the games....Go Indians!"

**Jon Jordan** reports that he just completed a pyro job with Busch Gardens and starts as flyman on the National Tour of *Annie!* beginning in November for 14 months. To see the route, check on [www.AnnieonTour.com](http://www.AnnieonTour.com) then click 'buy tickets' for the schedule.

# Catawba Alumnus remembers best friend and roommate

From Mike McCracken

**J**IM CANTRELL was the best, closest, and dearest friend I have ever had – and I loved him; loved him in the very best sense of the New Testament word "agape." We roomed together as both undergraduate students at Catawba and in graduate school at Marshall. Although over the years we weren't able to spend a lot of time together, we remained close – and for that I will always be grateful.

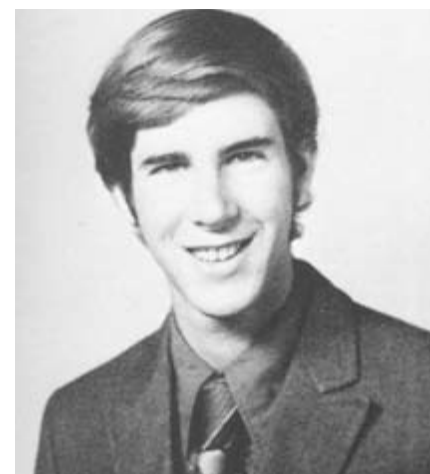
How we became friends is interesting. During our junior year at Catawba, we lived on the same floor in the dorm. As the year progressed, I became more and more dissatisfied with dorm life – and I mentioned it to Jim a couple of times. Then one day Jim came up to me and said that he'd found a nice apartment within walking distance of the campus and asked me if I'd be interested in renting it with him for the next year. We went and checked it out and immediately signed the lease.

Our landlady in Salisbury was a real "doozy." She had a reputation of conducting unannounced inspections of her various rental properties – often making quite a scene when things weren't exactly as she thought they should be. However, with the death of her husband, she no longer had an easy way to get around. It was Jim's idea that each month we would both go to her house with the rent check and spend about 30 minutes with her. That turned out to be an excellent idea – she never once "visited" us and we were able to "re-arrange" the apartment to our liking.

During our senior year at Catawba, we got to know each other and shared a lot of time – over meals and over class work – since we were now both in the same major program. We helped each other out – helped each other get better grades.

Also during that year, we were involved in a very bad auto accident, suffering similar injuries. When we got back to school after the accident, we each knew what the other was experiencing; and we were able to help each other get through it and make it to graduation in May of 1973.

In the fall of 1973, I went on to graduate school at Marshall. I mentioned to Jim how much I liked Marshall and the program there and he applied and was accepted beginning



in January of 1974. Because I already had two roommates, Jim and I weren't able to room together when he first arrived. However, by December of 1974, my two other roommates were gone and Jim and I were once again able to room together for our final semester at Marshall – once again, sharing time over meals, class work, and just everyday life.

And once again, we were able to help each other. As the time approached for our comprehensive exams, I began to worry about passing them – after all it would be an exam over two years of class work. It was Jim's idea to organize a study group – with the others in our department who would also be taking the exams that year. Those study groups certainly helped and we both passed our exams.

When we graduated from Marshall in May of 1975, Jim and I went our separate ways. Over the years, we were in touch off and on – Christmas cards; the occasional letter or phone call; etc.

However, in the early 1990s we reconnected via the magic of e-mail. For the past 16 or so years, Jim and I were able to maintain a fairly regular e-mail relationship; and that really meant a lot to me – and I believe to him, as well. We shared a lot of information with each other about our lives, our jobs, and our families. Although we were able to see each other in person only a few times, we remained close. And once again, that is something for which I will always be grateful.

**As I said at the beginning, Jim was the best, closest, and dearest friend I will ever have and I will miss him terribly. I am a better person for having known him; a better person because of our friendship. I know that the world is a better place because he was here.**

*Rest in peace, Jim.*

## 2007- 2008 PRESIDENT'S REPORT & HONOR ROLL OF DONORS

### Our apologies.

Listed below are errors or omissions in our most recent 2008 Honor Roll publication. We deeply apologize.

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- 9 Mr. Kyle T. Snyder
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# In Memoriam

**1934**

**Alma Louise Richardson Hartsell of Oakboro died Aug. 31.**

She taught school in the Stanly County Schools and was an active member of Central United Methodist Church, teaching Sunday school, playing the piano and participating in the United Methodist Women as long as her health permitted. She was a former president of the American War Mothers.

She was preceded in death by husband Miller James Hartsell in 1976 and daughter Sandra Sue Suzanne Hartsell in 1988. Survivors include son Jeff Phylas Hartsell of Albemarle, seven grandchildren and one great-grandson.

**1937**

**Edna B. Fox of York, Pa., formerly of Spring Grove, died Sept. 29.**

She was formerly employed as a substitute school teacher for the Spring Grove School District and served as librarian at the former Spring Grove Free Public Library. She volunteered for many years at the York Lutheran Home and at CONTACT-York. She was a talented violinist and artist and enjoyed playing tennis, bridge and traveling.

She was predeceased in 1993 by husband John A. Fox. Survivors include sons Daniel L. Fox of Boston, Mass., and J. David Fox of Overton County, Tenn.; daughters Dorothy H. Cross of Smyrna, Tenn., and Mary V. Smith of Heidelberg Township; three grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

**1938**

**Geneva Rosetta Bostian Kirk of Raleigh, formerly of Salisbury, died Sept. 14.**

A native of Rowan County, she was retired in 1978 from East Rowan High School where she had worked as manager of the cafeteria for 19 years. She had previously worked in the office of Cannon Mills. A lifelong member of First United Church of Christ in Salisbury, she taught Sunday school, sang in the choir, served on the church council and served as financial secretary and treasurer for 25 years. She was a member of the Dearborn Bible Class and the church women's organization.

She was preceded in death in 1992 by husband P.J. Kirk, Sr. Survivors include sons

Phillip J. Kirk, Jr. '67 of Raleigh and Salisbury and Ronald E. Kirk of Cary; daughter Patricia K. Mitchell of Savannah, Ga.; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

**1940**

**Dean N. Grove of Englewood, Fla., has died, according to information received from his wife, Mary.**

A native of Altoona, Pa., he was recruited to Catawba to play football for Coach Gordon Kirkland. He graduated with a degree in biology, lettering in football and also in basketball. He went on to earn his master's degree from UNC Chapel Hill, majoring in fresh water biology. He was a retired science teacher.

Survivors include his wife and two children, Martha and Dean, Jr.

**1941**

**Virginia Miller Crouse of Lexington died Aug. 20.**

She was a retired teacher having taught at Hoffman, Tyro and Lexington City Schools. She was a member of First United Methodist Church, UMW Circle 1 and served on the Altar Guild.

She was predeceased in 1976 by husband Seaford Crouse. Survivors include several nephews and a niece.

**1943**

**John R. "Reid" Clement Jr. of Salisbury died Sept. 1.**

It was at Catawba that he met and fell in love with Sara Barnhardt whom he married on June 4, 1945. She preceded him in death in 1996. After his graduation, he was commissioned into the U.S. Naval Reserve and was assigned to the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, D.C., contributing to the war effort through technical developments that saved the lives of allied pilots. He was honorably discharged in 1956. After a distinguished 40-year career at the Naval Research Laboratory, he and Sara retired to Salisbury in 1983.

He was active in First United Church of Christ and Salisbury Civitan Club. He made time to volunteer, delivering Meals on Wheels twice a month. He was an avid photographer.

He was predeceased by his son, Richard Kevin Clement, in 1990. Survivors include daughter Suzanne Clement of Cary and sister Frances Dougherty '43 of Fairfax, Va.

**Ophelia Berrier McClung of Lexington died Sept. 14.**

She was retired from the Davidson County School System after 30 years of teaching.

She was preceded in death by husband Jack D. McClung. Survivors include sons Bill and Tom McClung.

**Rebekah Taylor Sueur of Mount Dora, Fla., died Nov. 5.**

She earned her nursing degree from Duke University and traveled the world as a Navy wife of the late CDR Charles A. Sueur, USN Ret. She moved to Merritt Island, Fla., in 1985 and relocated to Mount Dora in 1998.

Survivors include brother, Byron C. "Jack" Taylor '48 of Rockwell; sister Theresa Taylor McSwain '40 of Staunton, Va.; daughter Rebekah McReynolds; son Rhys Sueur; a granddaughter, a grandson and two great-grandchildren.

**1944**

**Minnie Ophelia Barneycastle Ferebee of Mocksville died Oct. 13.**

Following her graduation from Catawba she enjoyed a 30-year career as a teacher in the Davie County School System. She was a member of the N.C. Retired Teachers Association. She was also a member of Center United Methodist Church where she was active in the United Methodist Women.

She is survived by husband William "Bill" Ward Ferebee, daughters Judith Whitaker, Billie Williams and Betty Smith all of Mocksville and Ann Zimmerman of Greensboro, eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

**1946**

**Patillo Fowler Whited of Charlottesville, Va. died Nov. 25.**

A native of Spencer, she taught high school for a year in China Grove after earning her degree from Catawba. She later worked in Hampton, Va., for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and in Kingsport, Tenn., for Tennessee Eastman Co. (now Eastman Chemical). It was at Tennessee Eastman Co. that she met her husband, the late Don P. Whited whom she married in 1950. She and her family moved to Charlottesville in 1956. She was an active member of Westminster Presbyterian Church where she was ordained as an Elder in 1975. She was also an active member of Community Child Aid.

Survivors include her children, Marcia Whited of South Portland, Maine, Shann Whited of Charlottesville, Va., and D. Peyton Whited, Jr. of Pinedale, Wyo.; four sisters; several grandchildren and nieces.

**1948**

**Edward Madison Heath of Kernersville died Sept. 18.**

After graduating from Catawba, he served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He then graduated from Duke University Seminary and was ordained as a United Methodist minister, serving churches in Western North Carolina. He had been retired for 20 years prior to his death and enjoyed fishing, walking, gardening, reading and taking trips.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Ruth Heath; sons Mike of Durham and Tony of Bakersville; two grandchildren; two sisters, a niece and several nephews.

**1949**

**Glenda McMillan Burkett Graves of Greenville, S.C. died Sept. 5.**

She taught piano in the Granite Quarry, N.C. schools, then went on to a 20-year tenure at a local bank. After her retirement, she worked part time at the YMCA. A member of Aldersgate United Methodist Church, she was a member of the Senior Choir for a number of years.

She was preceded in death by husbands Charles L. Burkett, Jr. and Russell Graves. Survivors include son Charlie Burkett III of Greer, S.C., daughter Bonnie Church of Taylors, S.C., six grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and a sister.

**1950**

**Frederick R. Murko of Roanoke, Va., died Nov. 4.**

Survivors include his wife, Helen.

**Charles Thomas Kivett of Greensboro died Sept. 11.**

He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. After his discharge, he earned his undergraduate degree from Catawba and his law degree from UNC Chapel Hill. A former Superior Court Judge, he held court in Guilford County, but sometimes was assigned to Carteret County in the rotation of his judicial duties.

Survivors include wife Hilda Kern Kivett; daughter Teresa Kivett; son Charles T. Kivett, Jr.; brothers Frank Kivett of Newport '61 and George Kivett of Staff; and sister Jane Kivett Willingham of Greensboro.

**1995** *(In Memoriam continued)*

**Marvin L. Little of Monroe died Oct. 24.**

He was a veteran, serving in the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division as a paratrooper and aide to General James Gain. After graduating from Catawba with a degree in accounting, he spent most of his career as a businessman associated with the auto insurance and finance industries. He was the founder of the Sadisco auto auction chain, which later became Verastar, the largest distributor of Chevron wreckers and car carriers. He also founded Peach State Bank in metro Atlanta.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Lavonne Williams Little, daughters Janet Covey of Braselton, Ga., and Mary Jackson of Monroe, four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and a brother.

**1951**

**Roy Plato Shoaf of Salisbury died Sept. 12.**

He served in World War II in Germany as a conductor in the 140<sup>th</sup> Railway Battalion. After he graduated from Catawba, he earned his master's degree in transportation from the University of Tennessee. He worked for Southern Railway as a conductor for 44 years, running on the Washington Division. In retirement, he studied art and became a well-known artist in Rowan and Davidson counties and was a partner in the operation of the 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue Art Gallery in Lexington.

He was an Eagle Scout and attended the 1939 World's Scout Jamboree in Washington, D.C. He was a member of the Rowan Civitan Club and served as a docent for the N.C. Transportation Museum in Spencer. He was a member of Haven Lutheran Church.

He was preceded in death by wife Lois Pope Shoaf. Survivors include son Dr. Antony R. Shoaf of Lexington, seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

**George H. Wood of Lumberton died July 17.**

Following his graduation from Catawba, he earned his master's degree from UNC Chapel Hill. He was retired as a high school principal.

Survivors include wife Meta.

**1952**

**Clarence I.W. Baity of Yadkinville died July 16, 2006.**

**1953**

**Nancy Crouse Klotz of New Bern died Oct. 18.**

She served as an elementary school teacher in the Carlisle and Northern Joint School Systems in Pennsylvania and was also employed in the Eisenhower College Bookstore in Seneca Falls, N.Y. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in New Bern and a 50-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She was a member of the General's Ladies of Eisenhower College, the Fairfield Harbour Garden Club and the Sassy Chicks Red Hats.

Survivors include her husband of 54 years, Richard R. Klotz, son Robert R. Klotz of Falls Church, Va., daughter Cassandra Klotz of Fayetteville and sister Susan Crouse McAgnon of Novato, Calif.

**1954**

**Jean Wagner Baggett of Colonia Heights, Va. died Oct. 16, 2007.**

She was a retired Petersburg High School English teacher.

Survivors include husband Larkin B. Baggett, Jr. and a son.

**1957**

**Bill L. Bruton of Ooltewah, Tenn., died Sept. 3.**

He enjoyed a career in commercial photography, first working for 18 years for Alderman Studios of High Point. In 1976, he became president and co-owner of Hinkle Photographics in Chattanooga, Tenn., and served in that capacity until his retirement in 2000. He was honored in 1999 when the Professional Photographers of Kentucky honored his work and seminars in Louisville, Ky., by naming him a Kentucky Colonel. He served as president of the Tennessee Professional Photographers Association in the early 1990s and was inducted into the Tennessee Photography Hall of Fame in 1999. He attended Mountain Meadows Church of God.

Survivors include his wife of 27 years, Harriet Rose Bruton; son Michael Bruton of High Point; daughters Renee Mendenhall of Alpharetta, Ga., Kim Walker of Ooltewah, Tenn., and Rhonda Moore of McDonald, Tenn.; sister Janet Ruth Hunt of Sophia; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**1958**

**Joseph Austin Leonard of Lexington died Oct. 9.**

After graduating from Catawba, he earned his master's degree in guidance from

Appalachian State University. His career began in Wake County, then progressed to Alamance County. He completed his 30-year career in Mecklenburg County as guidance counselor. He was an active member of Pilgrim Reformed Church, teaching Sunday school for years and serving on many committees.

Survivors include brothers Tommy Leonard of Thomasville, David Leonard of Midway, Klynt Leonard of Lexington; a sister, Martha Slabach '63 of Lexington; seven nieces and eight nephews, as well as his foster children.

**Russell Darrell Ramsey, Sr. of Albemarle died Nov. 28.**

Retired from Genn Manufacturing in Morvin, he was a member of Prospect Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon, a Sunday school teacher and sang in the choir. He was active with the Meals on Wheels program and the Senior Citizens Center in Albemarle where he played bridge and other senior games. An avid golfer, he was a former member of the Lexington Civitan Club and the Banning, Calif. Jaycees where he served in many capacities and was active with the Men of Song of Lexington.

Survivors include wife Rebecca Ann Glass Ramsey; son Russell Darrell Ramsey, Jr. of Norwood; daughter Teresa Ramsey Bangle of Albemarle; brother Paul Thacker of Reidsville; sisters Jean Jones of San Bernadino, Calif. and Shirley Chapman of Riverside, Calif.; and four grandchildren.

**1959**

**John Wesley White of Little River, S.C. died Sept. 6**

He was a retired business accountant for Cannon Mills, Wiscassett Mills and S.H. Kress and Company. He was a member of King of Glory Lutheran Church and an avid golfer.

Survivors include wife Dodie McSherry White '59; sons the Rev. James B. White of Mt. Pleasant and Michael White of Welcome; brother Fred White of Winston-Salem; and three grandchildren.

**1960**

**Iris S. Bridges of Thomasville died Sept. 1.**

Her education at Catawba was interrupted by World War II and when she returned to complete her degree in 1960 it was as a proud mother of four sons with a fifth on the way. It was at Catawba that she met her husband Moses Bridges Jr. who preceded her in death in 1996 after 52 years of marriage. She taught business classes in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School system until her retirement in 1985.

She was a former member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Winston-Salem,

Clemmons United Methodist Church in Clemmons and had recently rejoined her childhood church, Emanuel Reformed Church in Thomasville.

Survivors include sons Barton Bridges of Tampa, Fla., Keith Bridges of Chapel Hill, Alan Bridges of Clemmons, Frank Bridges of Weddington and John Bridges of Greensboro, 11 grandchildren and four great-granddaughters.

**1961**

**Melton "Mel" Baxter Dobson of Wilmington died Sept. 1.**

A U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War, he served in the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division. After graduating from Catawba, he was employed as an accountant comptroller and was a past president of Glosson Motor Lines.

Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Betty Lomax Dobson; son James Melton Dobson of Apex; two grandchildren and two sisters.

**1962**

**Edward "Ed" Barry Griffin of Monroe died Sept. 6.**

A U.S. Air Force veteran of the Korean Conflict, he was stationed in the Philippines where he served as a radio code interpreter. After his years in the service, he earned his undergraduate degree at Catawba and went on to complete his master's degree in Education Safety and Driver Education at North Carolina A&T. He was a teacher and coach at Piedmont High School in Union County, N.C., and devoted 45 years to nurturing and mentoring local youth.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Jean Grubb Griffin '63; daughter Tracy Griffin Hammaren of Farmington Hills, Mich.; son Christopher Barry Griffin of Monroe; three brothers, two sisters and three grandchildren.

**Herbert H. Youngkin of Huntsville, Ala., died Sept. 8.**

A native of Easton, Pa., he served in the Army during the Vietnam War. He was a retired federal agent with the ATF, having worked with that bureau from 1967 to 1995. He was an avid postcard collector who loved his family, his church, the United Church of Huntsville, and his country.

Survivors include wife Sharon Shepherd Youngkin '65; sons Matt of Huntsville and Ben of Asheville; daughter Heather Youngkin of Birmingham, Ala.; grandson Cole Youngkin; brothers Bill of Dayton, Ohio, and Ed of Easton, Pa.; five nephews and one niece.

**1964**

**Rev. Reece Cook, Jr. of Mooresville died Oct. 24.**



## Friends and family celebrate Dutch Meyer's life

Dr. Dutch Meyer's family invited friends to join them in a celebration of Dutch's life on Saturday, Sept. 20 at Catawba College. Many donned special tribute t-shirts and participated in a fun run/walk and then they fellowshiped over a potluck brunch set up on the lawn outside of Goodman Gymnasium. Dr. Meyer passed on Sept. 14, 2008.

### Beloved professor and coach dies

#### **D**R. FRANK ALBERT "DUTCH" MEYER of Salisbury died Sept. 14.

Educated in the Lincoln, Nebraska schools, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy following his 1943 high school graduation and served several years. He attended the Nebraska Wesleyan University in 1947 and 1948 and was quarterback under Coach Bus Knight against Pepperdine in the Will Rogers Bowl in Oklahoma City, Okla. He graduated from the University of Nebraska in Lincoln in 1951 where he served as backup quarterback. He also served as athletic trainer for the Lincoln A's, a semi-pro baseball team.

He earned his master's degree from the University of Colorado at Boulder and his Ph.D. from West Virginia University in Morgantown. He coached football and/or

wrestling at South San Francisco High School in Calif.; Hancock Junior College in Santa Maria, Calif.; Presbyterian Junior College in Maxton, N.C.; Glassboro State College in New Jersey; and Appalachian State College in Boone, N.C. before coming to Catawba College.

At Catawba, he was a professor of physical education from 1969-2005 and served for many years as chair of the Physical Education Department. He was recipient of the Hearne Swink Award as Outstanding Classroom Teacher in 1983, the Phi Epsilon Award for Campus Leadership and Outstanding Character in 1988; inducted into the Catawba Sports Hall of Fame in 1997, was NAIA Wrestling Coach of the Year for District 26 in 1983, and served as the college's wrestling coach between 1970 and 1983, with 13 winning seasons. He also received the Distinguished Service Award presented by the N.C. Athletic Association. He was the area representative for Wrestling, NAIA VII between 1971 and 1974. He was a

member of John Calvin Presbyterian Church, the North Star Masonic Lodge No. 2227, A.F. & A.M. where he received his 60-year pin in November 2006.

Dr. Meyer started the "Heart Care" Cardiac Rehabilitation Program with Rowan Regional Medical Center using Catawba College's facilities and he initiated the Athletic Training Program at Catawba. In 2006, Catawba named the multipurpose gym in the lower level of Goodman Gymnasium in his honor as the Meyer Auxiliary Gymnasium.

He was preceded in death by wife Margaret "Maggie" Leslie Meyer on April 21, 2008 and son Jeffrey Frederick Meyer on June 13, 1988. Survivors include son Martin Leslie Meyer of Boca Raton, Fla., daughter Wendy Elizabeth Meyer-Goodwin of Fredericksburg, Va., brother Richard H. Meyer of Lincoln, Neb., sister Elizabeth "Liz" Sawyer of Lincoln Neb., and four grandchildren.

Following his graduation from Catawba, he earned his divinity degree from Duke University Divinity School. He was retired after 44 years of service as a minister with the Western North Carolina Conference of United Methodist Churches.

Survivors include wife Elaine Willis Cook; children Celeste Cook Hubert of Austin, Texas, Jonathan Edward Cook of Los Angeles, Calif., Mark Willis of Raleigh and David Willis of Charlotte; and five grandchildren.

#### **Joseph D. Schofield of Simpsonville died Sept. 3.**

A U.S. Navy veteran, he was a business owner and a member of the Hejaz Shrine Club and Simpsonville First Baptist Church.

Survivors include wife Ann, son Joseph, daughter Nicole S. Wilke and three grandchildren.

#### **1965**

**Richard Trevor Jones of Salisbury died Oct. 6.**

He was retired as a pharmacist for Eckerd Drug Company. A member of First Baptist Church of Salisbury and Corbin Hills Golf Club, he enjoyed golfing, hunting and fishing.

Survivors include his wife of 41 years, Carla Slaughter Jones; son Dr. Richard "Richie" Jones of Asheville; brothers Tom Jones of Salisbury; Jimmy Jones of Wilmington, Robbie Jones of Charlotte; and two grandchildren.

#### **1973**

**James C. "Jim" Cantrell of Brentwood, Tenn. died Oct. 22.**

Following his graduation from Catawba, he earned two master's degrees from Marshall University and his Ph.D. from Ohio University. He was a tenured professor of speech pathology and audiology at Tennessee State University in Nashville.

Survivors include his wife of 25 years, Melanie Wert Cantrell; daughter Rachel Cantrell Berry of Atlanta, Ga.; father Bruce

Cantrell of Newport News, Va.; brothers Keith Cantrell of Chicago, Ill., Clifford Cantrell of White Post, Va., and John Cantrell of Herndon, Va.; four nieces and one nephew.

#### **1979**

**Timothy Bradford Roseman of Terrell died Oct. 24.**

A native of Kannapolis, he played football at Catawba for his first three years as a student. He owned and operated Roseman Rentals.

He was predeceased by his step-mother, Doris Roseman. Survivors include his parents, William B. and Judy Little Roseman; daughter Mallory Roseman of Mooresville; son Adam Roseman of Terrell; brother Joey Roseman of Kannapolis; and fiancée Cindy Stewart.

#### **1983**

**Ginger Stodard Thomas of Tallahassee, Fla., died Oct. 20.**

Born in Salisbury, she graduated from high school in Silver Spring, Md.. After earning her degree in psychology from Catawba, she went on to earn her master of arts degree in psychology from East Carolina University in 1987. She worked for nearly 20 years as a behavior analyst, rehabilitating severely emotionally disturbed adolescents and adults at Florida, including Liberty ICF in Bristol, Northeast Florida State Hospital at Macclenny, Behavior Management Consultants and Pace Secondary School in Tallahassee.

She was a regular participant in the Tallahassee's local chapter of Relay for Life, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, and was active in the local PTA and a Bible study group.

Survivors include husband Michael Thomas, daughter Elizabeth, son Benjamin, parents Morris and Elizabeth Stodard, a brother, a sister, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

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## Catawba President asks Trustees to “Dream for Us”

CATAWBA COLLEGE’S PRESIDENT, DR. CRAIG TURNER, asked college trustees to “dream for us” during remarks he made at that group’s semi-annual meeting held October 20 and 21 on campus. The meeting marked Turner’s first official one with trustees since joining the institution as its 21st president on June 1.

He said, “I came to Catawba College full of hope and enthusiasm and when I retire from Catawba, I want to leave with hope, enthusiasm and satisfaction.”

Turner queried trustees: “What is your dream for Catawba College?” and then encouraged them to commit one hour each week just to dreaming for the institution about “what we can do to make it reach its full potential.”

He noted four key areas, which he called “simple and straightforward,” that the institution needs to focus on over the next five years. These included financial stability, increasing and stabilizing enrollment, improving faculty salaries and faculty development opportunities, and improving the college’s marketing efforts.

Turner said the board of trustees is the group which “sets policy to guide the direction of the institution.” He likened his charge to the board to Walt Disney’s charge to his Imagineers when Disney asked them to 1) free up your imagination; 2) have sticktuitivity; 3) make today pay off tomorrow; 4) build for lasting quality; and 5) have fun.

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