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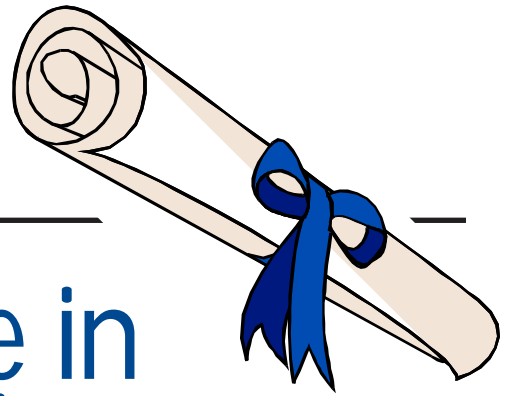
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## 321 students graduate in two separate ceremonies

**O**n Saturday, May 8, Ashley Quinones was not just the Catawba College student who had had a double lung transplant, she was simply one of the crowd -- one of the College's 321 graduates who received their diplomas during two separate commencement exercises.

For 23-year-old Quinones who suffers from cystic fibrosis, graduation activities marked a milestone in her life and the end of her long, challenging, and often difficult undergraduate years. The Sanford, N.C. resident enrolled at Catawba in the fall of 1998, but several severe bouts with respiratory ailments, includ-

ing hospitalizations for the flu, caused her to withdraw in 1999 for medical reasons.

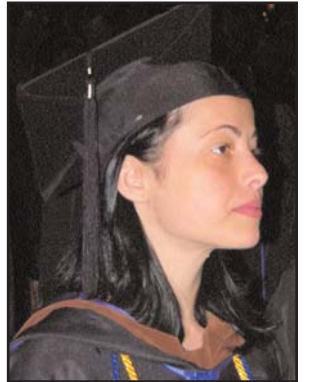
She received a double lung transplant February 15, 2001, and in the fall of that year "came back against everybody's advice," she explained.

"My mom was very, very scared because people who have transplants have setbacks and the idea of me living by myself off-campus because of my lowered immune system was frightening."

But came back she did, and continued to work toward her bachelor of fine arts degree in theatre arts. May 8, she met her goal, and graduated with honors from Catawba as a member of Alpha Psi Omega, the largest dramatic fraternity in the world.

"My life -- I don't even consider it hard. It's not like everyone else's but it's mine and I like my life. I don't feel like I have anything to complain about," the now 93-pound Quinones said, flashing a smile, the corners of her wise, brown eyes crinkling.

"I was told I was never going to live to  
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Ashley Quinones



2004 graduates are all smiles. L-R: Kate Merrell, Ashley Ervin & Erin Nauman

## Catawba Trustees meet at annual retreat

The College Board of Trustees learned at their annual retreat May 14-16 in Blowing Rock that a leadership team is now in place to launch an Endowment Campaign for Catawba College.

Last year, trustees authorized College officials to begin work on a strategic plan which affirmed Catawba's historic identity as a four-year, residential college while seeking to become a "more selective" institution. At that time, College officials chose a group of nine aspirant institutions with which to compare Catawba, including Birmingham Southern, Roanoke College, Centre College, Wofford College, and Presbyterian College. All of these colleges have high academic standards and recruit top academic students, in part with large endowments that make generous scholarships possible for deserving students. Significant growth in Catawba's endowment is therefore critical in order for the College to shift its status from a selective to a more selective institution.

Administrators sought leaders for the Endowment Campaign from the membership of the Board of Trustees. Chester A. "Junie" Michael, III of Mooresville, a 1970 grad-

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## Jacqueline C. Leonard honored with Shuford Award

Jacqueline Cameron Leonard of Lexington received the Adrian L. Shuford, Jr. Award for Distinguished Service May 12 at Catawba College's annual President's Circle Dinner held on campus. The College hosts the event to recognize the college's major donors and this year almost 300 people attended.

Catawba President Robert Knott presented the award at the event held in the Cannon Student Center. The award is given each year to the individual who has played an outstanding role in supporting the college and its programs through their time, talent and resources. It was established in 1983 in honor of trustee emeritus Adrian L. Shuford, Jr. of Conover, who died in 2000.

In presenting the award to Leonard, Knott described her as "an individual who has enriched Catawba College and its community by her support, foresight, and financial contributions." She served for a year in 1980 as first lady of the College, as her husband, the late Dr. Theodore Leonard, took the helm as

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Catawba President Dr. Robert Knott presents Shuford Award to Jacqueline Leonard



*Dr. Robert Knott*

## President's Letter

Catawba College is currently in the process of reviewing the quality of what we do for the purpose of receiving a reaffirmation of our accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The requirement for reaffirmation by our accrediting agency arises every 10 years.

The reaffirmation process has recently been changed significantly from what we used to know as a Self Study. Colleges now go through a two step process in which we first document and certify that we comply with all the minimum requirements of SACS, including those which SACS monitors for the US Department of Education. The second step in the process is to submit a Quality Enhancement Plan directing our efforts towards substantial improvements of aspects of the college which we judge critical to our well-being. The following statement of the goal for our Quality Enhancement Plan was formulated by the Faculty and Staff and endorsed by the Board of Trustees at their meeting in May:

*The goal of the Catawba College Quality Enhancement Plan will be to increase student intellectual and social engagement by accentuating the interconnections between liberal and professional education.*

The faculty of the college are already at work with the assistance of the staff and students to formulate strategies designed to assist us in achieving the above stated goal. It is our intent to strengthen Catawba College as an alternative choice among the many options students have to attend college. Our faculty is leading us to challenge and nurture each of our students, to address questions of value and meaning, and at the same time, each student is getting sound professional preparation for a productive life beyond college. In addition to technical preparation in the professional field and major of each students choosing, we seek to require of ourselves and our students the pursuit of questions and behavior distinguished by the virtues of citizenship celebrated in the American college tradition. Those virtues include, among others, civility rooted in respect for self and others, honor deriving from a sense of responsibility to ourselves and others, compassion in the capacity to care deeply about the well-being of others and our community, and purpose which gives meaning to our lives through understanding which goes beyond and encompasses a particular career choice.

We seek as a community dedicated to the pursuit of a higher education, to place the search for wisdom, as well as the quest for knowledge, at the center of the Catawba College educational experience. In achieving these goals we will be offering an educational alternative to much of what is available to students today by extending them the opportunity to experience a "more select" college community and education.

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## Retired Salisbury dentist and spouse establish scholarship at Catawba

Catawba College Alumnus Dr. Robert W. Wilson '62 and wife Peggy Furr Wilson of Salisbury have established a scholarship at the College which will assist students who intend to major in science.

The Dr. and Mrs. Robert W. Wilson Science Scholarship will assist students who demonstrate financial need, are involved in volunteerism, and who intend to major in science, with a preference for pre-dentistry, pre-medicine or environmental studies. Dr. Wilson, a retired Salisbury dentist, hopes the scholarship can assure that deserving Catawba students who intend to follow a career path similar to his will be able to do so.

"At Catawba, I received a good education, made good friends and my experiences there opened up many avenues in my life," Dr. Wilson said. "I would like to see Catawba continue to improve in its status among colleges. We have a great opportunity at this time to make Catawba a more prestigious college and I would encourage anyone with a similar interest in Catawba to support the institution."

"Scholarship funds are a very tangible way in which Catawba College students benefit from

the generosity of donors," explained Tom Childress, College senior vice president. "Through the years, the Wilsons have been staunch supporters of the institution, giving of their time, their resources and themselves to assure that Catawba is strong and viable for current and future generations of students."

A native of Cherokee County, S.C., Dr. Wilson majored in biology while at Catawba and continued his education beyond his undergraduate years at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he earned his doctorate of dental science. He served in the Army Reserve for two years while in dental school, and upon his graduation, he served two and a half years on active duty, one year in Vietnam as an Army captain in the 40th Medical Detachment, stationed in Cu Chi and Tay Ninh, northwest of Saigon. He treated U.S. soldiers and Vietnamese civilians.

He operated a thriving private practice in Salisbury from 1969 until his retirement in 2000. In 1988, he received the Academy of General Dentistry's Fellowship Award and was named Civitan of the Year in 1985 by the Salisbury Civitan Club, of which he remains a member.

During his years at Catawba, Dr. Wilson served as president of both his sophomore and senior classes. He is currently a member of the College Board of Visitors, has served on its Alumni Board, and is a charter member of the Catawba Chiefs Club. Active in his church, John Calvin Presbyterian, he has served as an elder.

Dr. Wilson met wife Peggy, a native of Albemarle, while she was pursuing her master's degree in guidance counseling at UNC-Chapel Hill. She had previously earned her undergraduate degree in history from Woman's College of the University of North Carolina. In the 1990s, she served as director of Volunteer Catawba and was a member of the Board of Visitors for Catawba College.

The couple makes their home in Salisbury and has three adult children, Margaret Wilson Wilsey '89 of Salisbury, Katherine Wilson Rowe of Greensboro, and Timothy Robert Wilson of Vanceboro. Daughter Margaret was the recipient of the Claude B., Jr. and Edith Hampton First Family Scholarship while attending Catawba.

## Tom Smith Scholarship recipients honored at Catawba

Twenty-eight recipients of Tom Smith Scholarships at Catawba College were honored Friday, April 16 at a luncheon in the Hurley Room of the Cannon Student Center.

Junior Christopher Gladden of Salisbury spoke on behalf of his fellow scholars and thanked Tom and Martha Smith for the scholarships they had provided for Catawba students. "I feel extremely lucky to be a student of Catawba College and I'm sure the experiences that I have here will make my life better," Gladden said.

Gladden explained that he took two years off after high school and found it difficult to find a job without a degree. He really knew this was true when he started telemarketing. He decided to attend a technical school and was doing so well that he chose to attend a four-year college, and he transferred to Catawba.

Gladden said he decided Catawba was the best choice for him since it would bring him back to his hometown and it was a small school where he would be a name and not a number. Today, he is a marketing major and a communication minor who is a member of the Blue and White Society. He plans to pursue a career in advertising after he graduates.

Senior Melanie Goergmaier of Germany also thanked the Smiths "for the opportunity to attend a private college in the United States. Without this scholarship, it would have been difficult for me to attend a school out of my country," she said. "You helped make my

dream of studying abroad a reality." Goergmaier too hopes to be able to give back to Catawba College no matter if she is in America or Europe. She is a business major and Spanish minor.

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

Knott explained that one of the qualities of a person with a liberal arts education is "gratitude." He said that quality "grows out of a sense of gratitude when we become aware of what others have done to help us be where we are." Gratitude, he explained, is a way "to pay back those who have helped make a difference in our lives."

In concluding remarks, Tom Smith '64, who also serves as chairman of the Catawba College Board of Trustees, congratulated the students on their decision to attend Catawba College. He encouraged them to get involved in all aspects of campus life, saying these activities would help "expand and broaden your views."

"Education and experiences you get here are great but you are the determining factor if you



Junior Christopher Gladden addresses those gathered at Tom Smith Scholarship luncheon

are successful," Smith said. And, he also asked the students to remember Catawba after their graduation.

"You're here because a lot of people have given to this college. That's important to Catawba, but it's important to you too," Smith concluded. "When you give back, you're going to be giving others like yourself the same opportunities you have had, and in this way, Catawba can continue the quality of education which has distinguished it."

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## Tower Society members recognized at Catawba

A total of 26 members of Catawba College Tower Society were honored Thursday, April 15 with a luncheon in the Hurley Room of the Cannon Student Center on campus. Established by Catawba in 1997, the Tower Society recognizes and honors the generosity of all alumni and friends who have made a planned giving agreement with the college or who have provided for Catawba in their estate plans.

There are 151 members of the Tower Society, according to Bill Pieczynski, Catawba's director of planned giving and major gifts. Members' gifts include wills, gift annuities, life insurance, charitable remainder trusts and appreciated assets such as securities, real estate and pension plans.

College President Dr. Robert E. Knott lauded those assembled for doing "something to support Catawba College in the future." The crowd enjoyed guitar entertainment played by Rob Howle, class of 2005. President Knott closed with thoughts of appreciation to each Tower Society member for the things that they do and will do for Catawba College.



*Catawba College President Dr. Robert Knott speaks to Tower Society members during luncheon event*

## Fifteen students honored at Delhaize Scholarship luncheon

Fifteen Catawba College students and officials along with representatives of Delhaize America, parent company of Food Lion, gathered March 26 for an annual luncheon hosted by the college. It was an opportunity for the students, all recipients of Delhaize Scholarships, to share their gratitude for the scholarships made possible through the generosity of Delhaize and its vendors.

Delhaize representatives included Darrell Johnson, Senior Vice President of Human Resources for Food Lion, and Carol Herndon, Chief Accounting Officer of Food Lion.

Senior Ashley Quinones of Broadway, N.C., spoke to those gathered on behalf of her fellow Delhaize scholarship recipients. She said she enrolled at Catawba in 1998, but had to drop out

for a year in 2000 to undergo a double lung transplant. The Delhaize scholarship enabled her to return to the College and complete her degree, something her doctors had warned her from an early age may not be possible due to her condition, caused by cystic fibrosis. "It is very important for me to hold and honor things that are given to me and I want to say, 'Thank you,' she said.

Catawba College President Dr. Robert Knott noted that this year marked the 10th year of support provided by Delhaize for scholarships at Catawba. That support translates into a half million dollars over the course of 10 years, he said. He urged the students to make the most of the opportunities "that have been provided to you," and explained that when they complete

their college degrees they will be counted among the one in five among the adult population in the United States to have achieved such a distinction.

In addition to Quinones, Delhaize scholars who were recognized at the luncheon included Thomas Carswell of Kernersville; Anne Drake of Burlington; Thomas Giles of Lynchburg, Va.; John Godfrey of Greensboro Kara Hamm of Concord; William Harrison of Hartstown, Pa.; Howard "T.J." Lawson of Lexington; Sean Middleton of North Augusta, S.C.; David Moxley of Booneville; Janelle Rhodes of Waynesboro, Pa.; Allan Rohrbaugh of Lexington; Darrell Smith of Salisbury; Jennifer Smith of Mt. Ulla; and Steven Stamer of Salisbury.

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the College's 17th president.

Born in south Davidson County near Denton, Leonard has spent most of her life in that county employed as an educator. She attended High Point University before completing her undergraduate degree in home economics at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Thereafter, she taught in schools in Nash and Davidson counties and in Lexington. She met her late husband, then a history teacher and an alumnus of Catawba, while instructing at Reeds High School in Davidson County, and the couple married in 1943. She retired from Lexington High School in the early 1960s. Although the Leonards had no children of their own, they instead parented the many students they discovered in the classroom.

At Catawba, Mrs. Leonard and her late husband established and funded several endowed scholarships and supported several of the College's capital campaigns, including the recent \$59.6 million Campaign for Catawba. The Leonard Lounge in the Cannon Student Center bears her surname as a tribute to her generosity. Recently, she made a substantial gift to fund landscaping at the College, improving the appearance around the Shuford Science Building, Hurley Hall, the Hayes Field House, the new Shuford Stadium and the walk-

way area between the Omwake-Dearborn Chapel and the Robertson College-Community Center.

Although Leonard is civic-minded, she prefers that attention not be focused on her good works. She is an active member of the First Reformed United Church of Christ in Lexington.

For the occasion, special guests of Leonards from Lexington who attended were her good friends, Physician Dr. Gerald P. Briggs and wife Ginger. Also present was Leonard's pastor, the Reverend Michael Hooper.

Leonard is the twenty-third recipient of the Shuford Award. Other recipients and the year in which they received the award include Dr. Theodore P. Leonard, 1983; Enoch A. Goodman, 1984; Clifford A. Peeler, 1985; James F. Hurley, 1986; Ralph W. Ketner, 1987; Elizabeth C. Stanback, 1988; Roy E. Leinbach, Jr., 1989; Frances H. Johnson, 1990; Patricia P. Rendleman, 1991; Mariam Cannon Hayes, 1992; Tom E. Smith, 1993; Claude S. Abernethy, Jr., 1994; Millard F. Wilson, 1995; Fred J. Stanback, Jr., 1996; Paul E. Fisher, 1997; Daniel E. Kirk, 1998; Mary O. Dearborn, 1999; Wilson L. Smith, 2000; Marion M. Richard, 2001; J. Fred and Bonnie Corriher, 2002; and William C. Stanback, 2003.



## College's Guest House becomes Cloninger Guest House at Catawba

For a portion of May, the Catawba College Guest House was the Salisbury-Rowan Symphony Guild's Designer House. Thanks to a substantial gift from Catawba Trustee and Alumnus Larry Cloninger '74 and wife Susan, the guest house will remain elegantly furnished and be renamed the Cloninger Guest House at Catawba.

The Cloninger Guest House will be used by invited guests of the College and for various functions involving faculty, staff and student organizations, according to Oliver Scott, Catawba's assistant to the president for special events. She anticipates it to be 100 percent refurbished and ready to accommodate the College's invited guests by the second week in July.

Of the Cloninger's gift to provide and maintain furnishings in the house, Scott said, "We've been friends with the Cloningers for 20 years and know that Susan and Larry have always been good stewards. Their recent gift to the guest house will make the Catawba community a much better place. Their commitment to their family, the community and the College is an example for us all. How fortunate we are to have graduates and friends such as these."

Catawba Senior Vice President Tom Childress echoed Scott's sentiments, calling the Cloningers "staunch supporters of the College." He noted that the Cloningers like to help with projects "without attention or fanfare," and work quietly when they see a need either at the College or in the community "to meet it and move on with little or no attention focused on them."

The guest house was rescued from demolition in 1940 when U.S. Highway 601 was reworked. It was purchased then for \$1,000 and moved behind the Catawba College President's House by Mr. and Mrs. William Harden. The Hardens reworked the house, changing its outward appearance, and lived in it until 1961 when it was sold to Dr. and Mrs. Carl Wheeler. The Wheelers had only lived there a year when Dr. Wheeler died following surgery and his widow sold it to Dr. Edward and Nancy McKenzie in 1962. The McKenzies lived there for 36 years until 1998 when they sold it to the College and moved to Statesville to be closer to their children. Since 1998, it has been used to provide overnight accommodations for visiting faculty and as student housing.

According to Larry Cloninger, his wife Susan is on the board of the Salisbury-Rowan Symphony. She was aware of the work underway to refurbish the house as the Symphony Designer House and early in that process, the Cloningers made a financial commitment to maintain the designer furnishings in the front hall, the downstairs back hall, the stairwell and upstairs hall.

According to Scott, other donors including Tony and Jeannie '72



Interior shot of refurbished guest house

Misenheimer have made contributions to maintain the designer house furnishings in a front bedroom, downstairs bathroom and back hall. It was the Cloningers' gift, however, which will allow the entire house to be completely furnished, she said. Others have made contributions to the house lawns and further contributions are welcomed and will be appreciated.

Larry Cloninger, president of Cloninger Ford-Toyota of Salisbury, contends he and his wife's gift to maintain furnishings in the College guest house is a small way he can give back to both his alma mater and his community. "I think a college adds a lot to a community, whether or not you use the resources of that college. We live here and see this as a way to simply help our community."

Cloninger, who grew up in Belmont, was an accounting major at Catawba and fondly recalls his classes with now retired Catawba Professor Al Carter and the late Dr. Millard Wilson. Following his graduation, he worked for a year and a half for an accounting firm in Lexington before realizing that that was not his career preference. He applied for entry level jobs with various automobile manufacturers, and remembers clearly that "Ford's Sales Division in Charlotte was the only one which offered me one." He went to work there and met his future wife, the former Susan Kissiah of Concord, who also worked for Ford in the parts and service division.

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

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the community and the College  
is an example for us all."*

*- Oliver Scott*

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In addition to Gladden and Goergmaier, other Tom Smith Scholarship recipients include Brandi Berrier of Lexington; Rachel Black of Acworth, Ga.; Tanya Blankenship of Cleveland; Scotty Boler of Columbia, S.C.; Forrest Breedlove of Advance; Donna Davis of Harmony; Shannon Dente of Coral Springs, Fla.; Stacy Dunning of Lexington; Holly Fesperman of Albemarle; Stephani Garrett of Hagerstown, Md.; Derek Gault of Salisbury; John Godfrey of Ipswich, Mass.; Chad Graves of Trinity; Marja Hatfield of Winthrop, Maine; Jesse Howes of Huntington, Mass.; Lindsay Hughes of Silver Springs, Md.;

Elizabeth Ingle of Salisbury; Amanda Jana of Concord; Christina Jarrell of Salisbury; Jacob Krickhan of Hendersonville; Kristen Kyle of Greer, S.C.; Lindsay Layman of Hagerstown, Md.; Helgi Mar Magnusson of Reykjavik; Kathy Manny of Jacksonville, Fl.; Christopher Mason of Charlotte; Sean Middleton of N. Augusta, S.C.; Keri Reynolds of Kernersville; Allan Rohrbaugh of Lexington; Christopher Slaughter of Whitesett; Alfred Smith of Winston-Salem; David Smith of Salisbury; John Vernon of Walnut Cove; and Maryia Zhuk of Belarus.

## Catawba faculty, staff win awards

**E**ight members of the Catawba College faculty and staff received awards April 22 at the 2004 Awards Convocation in Omwake-Dearborn Chapel.

### **MRS. LINDA HAMILTON**

Mrs. Linda Hamilton, assistant to the president and assistant secretary of the Catawba College Board of Trustees, received the Trustee Award for Outstanding Contribution to the college. Presented on behalf of Catawba's Board of Trustees, the award is given annually to the person or persons judged to have made an outstanding contribution. The recipient is selected by a vote of Catawba's faculty senate.

Hamilton, a native of Kannapolis, joined Catawba in 1982 as assistant to the president. She has served under three of Catawba's presidents, Dr. Stephen Wurster, Dr. J. Fred Corriher, Jr., and Dr. Robert Knott.

She attended Wingate College and later was employed by First Union Corporation in Charlotte and at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in its computer center.

Hamilton and husband Harold have one adult daughter, Leigh Hamilton Linn of Concord.

### **DR. LOU ANN KASIAS**

Dr. Lou Ann Kasias, a member of Catawba's Teacher Education Department, received the Swink Prize for Outstanding Classroom Teaching. The recipient of this award is selected by the Faculty Senate.

A native of Wilson, N.C., Kasias joined the Catawba faculty in 1982. Prior to her appointment, she taught in the public schools in Burlington, Winston-Salem, High Point and Guilford County. She also was employed as a part-time instructor and a teaching assistant at High Point College and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, respectively.

She earned her bachelor's degree in education from Western Carolina College in Cullowhee, and both her master's degree and her doctorate in education from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

She and husband Sam are the parents of a daughter, Leigh Ann.

### **DR. MICHAEL JOSEPH BARANSKI**

Biology Professor, Dr. Michael Joseph Baranski, received Catawba's Teacher of the Year award. Students select the recipient by popular vote on the basis of classroom rapport, evidence of concern for students and intellectual stimulation.

Baranski joined the Catawba faculty in 1974. Very active professionally, he currently serves as 2004-2005 president of the North Carolina Academy of Science. Several years ago, he was honored by Catawba when a lake located in the College's 189-acre ecological preserve was named for him because of his work on the development of the preserve.

A native of Wheeling, W. Va., Baranski earned his undergraduate degree in biology from West Liberty State College in W. Va., and his Ph.D. in botany from North Carolina State University. He and wife Julie make their home in Woodleaf and have two children.

### **DR. J. ANDREW MORRIS**

Dr. J. Andrew Morris, associate professor of management in Catawba's Ketner School of Business, was named honorary member of Phi Epsilon Honor Society. This distinction is given to a member of the campus community who has been of significant value and worth to the campus community through outstanding character, leadership and participation in extracurricular activities and who has shown a genuine interest in and concern for Catawba College.

Morris joined the faculty of Catawba College in 2001. Prior to that he served as assistant professor of management at the University of St. Thomas in Houston, Texas, as visiting assistant professor of management at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and as

adjunct instructor at St. Leo College.

He earned his bachelor of science degree in financial accounting and MBA from Winthrop University in Rock Hill, S.C., and his Ph.D. from the University of South Carolina. Active in both professional and community organizations, Morris has authored and co-authored many articles that have been published in professional journals.

### **DR. WILLIAM L. RUSSELL**

Dr. William L. Russell was the recipient of the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award. A committee of students and faculty choose both a student and a staff member annually to receive this award. It is given in recognition of fine spiritual qualities practically applied to daily living and with the belief that these persons will uphold the spiritual standards of Catawba by their noble characteristics. The award was established by the New York Southern Society as a permanent reminder of the noblest human qualities expressed and followed in the life of its first president Algernon Sydney Sullivan.

Russell '57, chair of Catawba's physical education and recreation department, joined the faculty in 1991 after 17 years as coordinator of health, physical education and athletics in Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools. He holds his master's degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a doctorate in education from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

He and wife Suzanne make their home in Lexington and have a daughter and a son.

### **MS. DOROTHY P. EARLE**

Dorothy P. Earle was the recipient of the President's Award for Staff Excellence, given annually to a member of the Catawba College staff who has distinguished him or herself in achieving excellence in job performance and has contributed to the strengthening of community spirit on campus. The award recipient is selected through nominations from the faculty and staff, with a final selection being made by the Staff Personnel Committee.

Earle, a native of Miami, Fla., moved to Rowan County in 1976. She joined Catawba in 1983 as administrative assistant in the Development Office. Prior to that she was employed by both Collins and Aikman and Ingersoll-Rand in Charlotte. Today, she works as administrative assistant to Mr. Ralph W. Ketner and Catawba's Ketner School of Business on campus.

She has two adult daughters, Cindy Neuhart of Atlanta, Ga., and Melanie Earle of Salisbury.

### **MR. JOSEPH G. ENDRES**

Joseph G. Endres was selected by popular vote of the students as the recipient of the Staff Member of the Year Award. Endres, a resident of Salisbury, joined the Catawba College community in June of 1997 as an employee in housekeeping department.

### **DR. NANCY ZIMMERMAN**

Dr. Nancy Zimmerman of Salisbury was the faculty/staff recipient of the Paul Fisher Service Award for April. Zimmerman, who joined the College in 2000, serves as counselor and coordinator of Catawba's annual mission trips.

In her citation, Zimmerman was described as "a person who often goes the extra mile to assure that Catawba students have opportunities to be involved in service projects that can provide them a meaningful experience and impress upon them the importance of giving of themselves to help others."

Zimmerman received her undergraduate degree in history from Davidson College and her master's and doctorate in counselor education from North Carolina State University. Prior to joining Catawba, she was employed at Converse College in Spartanburg, S.C. as the assistant dean of students and director of counseling. She currently serves on the board of the Rowan County Habitat for Humanity, is a member of the Rowan Mental Health Association, the Kiwanis, and is active in the choir of First United Methodist Church.



# Catawba community recognizes students at annual awards convocation

Some local students were among those honored April 22 during Catawba College's annual Awards Convocation. The event was held in Omwake-Dearborn Chapel on campus.

Catawba's Vice President and Dean of the College Dr. Barbara Hetrick noted that the convocation was an opportunity "to honor those among us who have excelled academically" and to "reaffirm the value of excellence toward which we strive individually and collectively as a learning community."

Junior Tiffany Miller, an education major from East Spencer, was singled out at the event for special recognition. Catawba College President Dr. Robert Knott told those gathered that Tiffany "embodies the best of Catawba College," for the strength, courage and compassion she demonstrated after a recent off-campus incident. Tiffany was working at the drive-through window of a local fast food restaurant when several teenagers came by and threw liquid in her face and made racial slurs. Thanks largely to Tiffany's compassion and forgiving nature, as demonstrated by her courtroom testimony, those teens received lenient sentences for their actions.

Nineteen Catawba students were announced as inductees into Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Nominated by members of the college community and selected by a committee of faculty and students, these students are active leaders and scholars on campus. They include the following students: Rachel Johannan Bahr, a senior theatre arts major from Plant City, Fla.; Ashley Blair Barrow, a senior theatre arts major from Hendersonville; Scotty Flynn Boler, a senior business administration major from Columbia, S.C.; Antonia Michelle Bowden, a senior English major from Burlington; Jeffrey Christopher Boyles, a senior physical education major from Pinnacle; Tal Anthony Brewer, a senior religion and philosophy major from Asheboro; Jennie Brooks, a senior music major from Charlotte; Elizabeth Ruth Gill, a senior athletic training major from Woodbury, N.J.; Christopher James Goff, a senior business administration major from Raleigh; Sandra Sides Greene, a senior from Salisbury; Anthony D. Grillo, a senior communication arts major from Miami, Fla.; Bronwen Rhiannon Hall, a senior communication arts major from Port Talbot, Wales; Laura Elizabeth Hartis, a senior communications arts major from China Grove; Jesse Howes, a senior athletic training major from Huntington, Mass.; Lindsay Lauren Hughes, a senior business administration major from Silver Springs, Md.; Kristen Leigh Kyle, a senior business administration major from Greer, S.C.; Kathryn Joy Merrell, a senior accounting major from West Palm Beach, Fla.; Mary Ann Morrison, a senior communication arts major from Ephrata, Pa.; Erin Shevawn Naumann, a senior communication arts major from Cave Creek, Ariz.; Toni Shepard, a senior business administration major from Lewis Center, Ohio; Christopher Scott Slaughter, a senior business administration major from Whitsett; and Maryia Pilippovna Zhuk, a senior accounting major from the Republic of Belarus.

Monisha Mary Smith, Catawba's outgoing Student Government Association (SGA) President and a senior political science major from Wilmington, Del., received the Student Government President's Award. This award is given each year to the retiring president of the Student Government Association (SGA).

SGA officers for the 2004-2005 academic year were installed at the convocation. They include President Peter Arnold, a junior political science major from Edgewater, Fla.; Vice President Janelle Rhodes, a junior elementary education major from Waynesboro, Pa.; Secretary Danielle Lynn Petrin, a sophomore music major from Indian Trail; and Treasurer Charity Elizabeth O'Shields, a junior history major from Landum, S.C.

The recipients of the Paul Fisher Service Awards for April 2004

were announced at the convocation. They were Terri Boyd, a sophomore therapeutic recreation major from Jacksonville, Vt., and Dr. Nancy Zimmerman, Catawba College's counselor.

Recent winners of an Ethics Essay Contest, sponsored on campus by Catawba's Lilly Center for Vocation and Values, the Ketner School of Business, and the Lifelong Learning program, were recognized. They included Laura Althaus of Salisbury, a junior religion and philosophy major, first place winner and recipient of a \$750 prize; Kristen Kyle of Greer, S.C., a senior business administration major, second place winner and recipient of a \$500 prize; and Andrew Waid of Concord, a senior music major, and Joy Denton of Salisbury, a junior religion and philosophy major, who tied for third place and each received a \$125 prize.

Daniel Christopher Safrit, a junior elementary education major from Rockwell, received the Frances Decker Wentz Award. This award is given annually to the upperclass student who has demonstrated, through distinguished performance of responsibilities, a real concern and aptitude for the theory and practice of library science and service. The library staff chooses the recipient.

Steven Michael Stamper, a senior accounting major from Salisbury, received the Sherrill & Smith Award in Business Administration. This award is given annually by the partners of Sherrill & Smith to the senior in the Ralph W. Ketner of Business who achieves the best scholastic average during the year.

Christopher James Goff, previously aforementioned, was awarded the Wall Street Journal Award. It is presented annually to a senior majoring in business administration who best exhibits the

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qualities of leadership and scholarship.

The Millard F. Wilson Award for Excellence in Business was presented to Christopher Scott Slaughter, previously cited as an award recipient. Given annually to a senior in recognition of outstanding service to the Ralph W. Ketner School of Business, it also recognizes excellence in academic achievement. The late Professor Millard F. Wilson, former chairman of the business department at Catawba from 1949-1979, established the award.

Tonya Renae Bowman of Salisbury, a senior elementary education major, was presented the Outstanding Prospective Teacher Award. It is presented to a senior with a 3.0 grade point average or better who majors or minors in education and who has demonstrated outstanding potential as a teacher based on observation in classroom setting by faculty and cooperating teachers. The recipient is chosen by the Department of Teacher Education faculty.

Kristen Lee McCachern of Cleveland, a junior religion and philosophy major, received the Student Education Association/Cynthia Osterhus Award. It is given to the student who has made an outstanding contribution to the student education association and who has shown potential to become an excellent teacher. The award is named in honor of Cynthia Osterhus '73 of Salisbury, a former North Carolina Teacher of the Year.

Catawba's Chairman's Award in Music went to Christopher John Myers, a junior music major from Lewes, Del., for his significant contribution to the programs of the music department.

Dennis Edward Reed, a sophomore music major from Charlotte,

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## New Center for International Studies appoints its director

A new Center for International Studies is being established at Catawba College and Dr. Kurt Corriher has been tapped as its director, effective June 1. College President Dr. Robert Knott made the announcement at the annual President's Circle Dinner held May 12 on campus.

"I'm a great believer in foreign study and international experiences," says Corriher, a Rowan County native who grew up in a rural farming community near China Grove.

"My junior year of study abroad in Marburg, Germany was life-changing for me. It made me a completely different person and opened the world to me. I suppose you could say, it taught me my ignorance.

"I thought the United States was the world, as most Americans do. It made me realize what a small part of the world the United States actually is, and how much my own world view is a product of my nationality, my homeland," he continues.

Corriher, who currently serves as program coordinator for Catawba's Lilly Center for Vocation and Values, will transition from those responsibilities into his new role with an "ultimate goal to deepen the intellectual experience of a Catawba education."

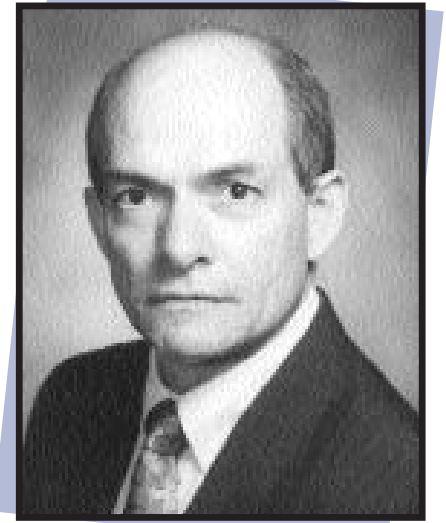
Over the summer, he will be putting together an advisory board for the Center for International Studies, as well as developing a strategic plan and budget for it. Part of his challenge, he admits, will be to find patrons, because unlike Catawba's Lilly Center, this new one is not fully funded. He also hopes to utilize the presence of international students on Catawba's campus in a way

that is beneficial to both Catawba's students and to them.

A former Fulbright Fellow to Vienna, Austria, Corriher earned his undergraduate degree in German and history from Davidson College, his master of fine arts degree in drama and his Ph.D. in German from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He taught German at Mercer University and Catawba College, served as the director of education programs at The Sequoia Institute in Sacramento, California, and as director of computer services at Catawba. Additionally, he was employed as a technical writer and hardware services supervisor by Food Lion, Inc. and has worked as a business software consultant and developer.

Outside of his varied jobs, Corriher has worked as a contract writer for various area businesses and agencies. His first novel, "A Time to Kill," was published in February, 2002. A second novel, "The Diary of Ranson Brede," is currently being shopped by his literary agent.

Corriher makes his home in the community where he grew up and is married to the former Alicia Ziadie. The couple has two children, Maria, a student at South Rowan High School, and Adam, a student at Salisbury Academy.



Dr. Kurt Corriher

## Catawba freshmen tell what made a difference in their first year

The quality of the academic program, participation in clubs and other organizations, and the development of mentor/student relationships all had a positive impact on Catawba College freshmen during their first semester on campus, according to a recent survey completed during the 2004 First Year Reunion Dinner.

Eighty-five percent of the more than 90 freshmen who completed the survey said that they were involved with an organization or some type of group at Catawba, while 54 percent of respondents felt they had a mentor on campus. Thirty-four percent identified a specific course as their best learning experience, while more than 72 percent indicated that they were happy with both their academic and social experiences on campus.

Other positive elements of the College culture cited by responding freshmen included the faculty/student relations, the value of the Freshman Seminar classes, the small class size, the size of campus and its appearance, and the closeness of the campus community.

According to Dr. Philip Acree Cavalier, assistant dean of the College and director of the Freshman Seminar program, the survey results will be used to help plan future first-year experiences. "Over the next six months, I will be working with a study group consisting of faculty, staff, students, and trustees to improve the first-year experience. The

study group will use the survey results to begin the conversation about which elements of the first-year experience have worked, and which need to be improved."

Again this academic year, a group of 17 faculty members at Catawba College worked to get freshmen students off to a good start by sharing their particular passions with them in the Freshman Seminar program. The faculty members each taught very different content to their groups of freshmen, but each shared the same objectives: introduce their students to the liberal arts and give them the skills they need to succeed in college.

The students in each section met throughout fall semester since arriving on Catawba's campus for orientation in August. Their reunion in March allowed them to reconnect with their peers and professors from the Freshman Seminar.

Some of the courses offered as part of the 2003 Freshman Seminar included Psychology Professor Dr. Sheila Brownlow's "Cultural Literacy," Math Professor Dr. Sharon Sullivan's "The Golden Connection: Math and Art," Biology Professor Dr. Joe Poston's "Birds in Science, Art, and Literature," and English Professor Dr. Janice Fuller's "Castaway: Islands in Fact and Fiction."

## Career Development Center offers new services to benefit employers, alumni and students

Catawba College's Career Development Center launched a new Job Network in April that will benefit employers, students and alumni. The Job Network will allow employers to list job and internship opportunities, and allow Catawba College students and alumni to access those opportunities as they undertake a job search.

According to Kay Wagoner, director of the College Career Development Center, employers visit the Catawba website at [www.catawba.edu](http://www.catawba.edu) or <http://www.collegecentral.com/catawba> to register to participate in the free service. Each new employer registering will receive a password from the College Career Center for use in accessing their account and posting open positions at any time, day or night.

"This is a wonderful new tool we can make available thanks to the technology of the Internet," Wagoner said. "We're hopeful that area employers will see it as a way to recruit high caliber employees into the workforce without incurring many of the expenses usually associated with recruitment. And because of its dual purpose, it is a resource tool as well for our alumni and students."

For more details on how employers can participate in the new Job Network, contact Catawba's Career Development Center at 704-637-4384.



## Catawba's Writer-in-Residence publishes new book

**D**r. Janice Fuller, Catawba College's writer-in-residence, has a new book of poetry recently published and entitled "Sex Education."

"Even though the book is called "Sex Education," a title that was suggested by renowned feminist critic and poet Sandra Gilbert, the book is more about education and gender roles, than it is about sexuality," Fuller explained. "What binds the poems together is the notion about how women learn to be women in all their various capacities and roles -- how to be a mother, a wife, a lover, and a daughter."

There are clusters of poems that rotate around certain subjects, such as poems about Fuller's mother and her death, poems about her twin daughters and the birthing of them, and even poems about being an only child and the special relationship with cousins that that led her to have.

The poems were written over a 10-year-period, some during residencies in Spain, Scotland, and Wales, others at different writers' colonies or workshops, and some during Fuller's sabbatical in 2001. A few of the older poems had been included in Fuller's chapbook.

"During the school year my energies are absorbed by my students, academic responsibilities and committee work," Fuller said. "To do my best work as a writer, I need physical distance and mental space to let the work which has been brewing through the year come forth. During the year, I keep a notebook and jot down ideas and I start a few poems with my students by doing the exercises they do in creative writing classes and I keep all those beginnings in a notebook. But, for these to actually germinate and come to

fruition, I've got to have quiet insulation from the regular responsibilities of the world."

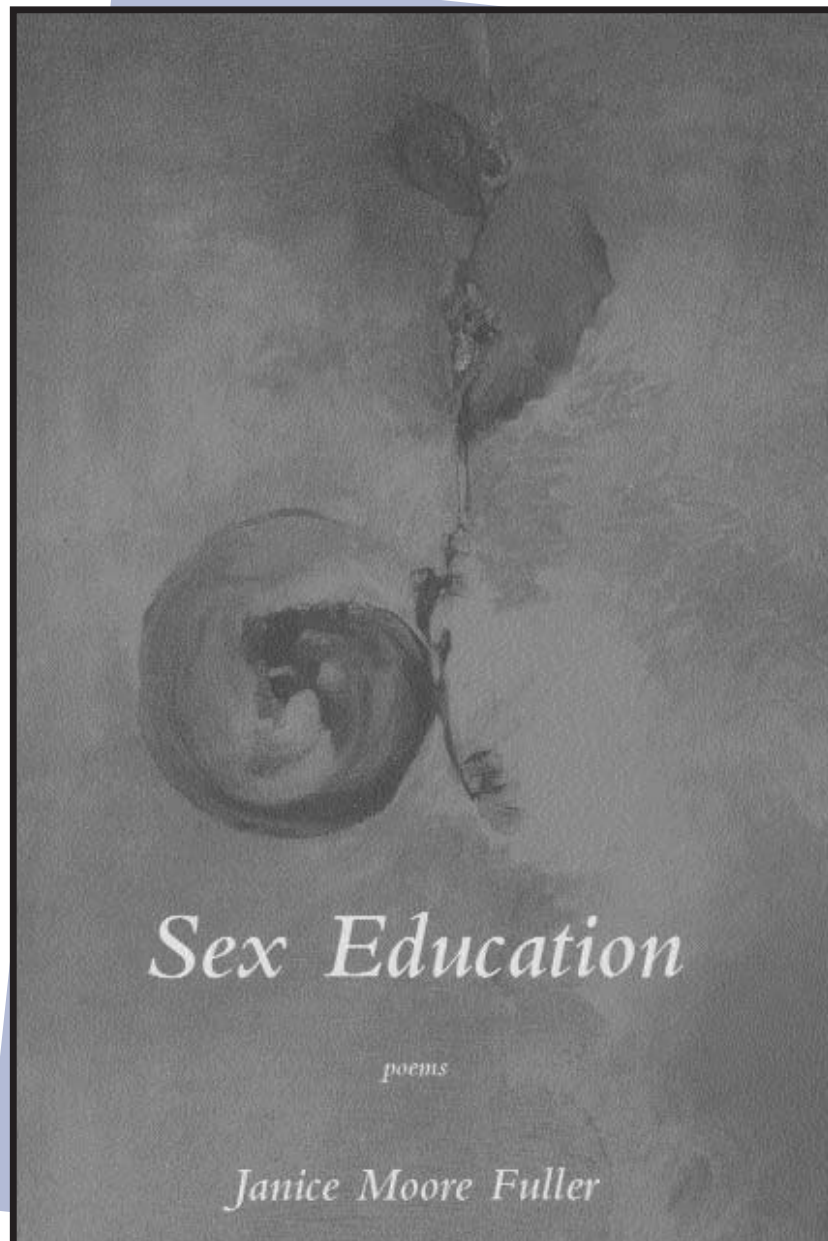
Sandra Gilbert, whom Fuller met while at a workshop in Russia provided a blurb for Fuller's book cover. It reads in part: "Richly textured and delicately nuanced, Fuller's book schools us in...love and grief and childhood loneliness as she muses with winning candor, on growing up American and traveling around Europe and on a range of other matters..."

Cover art for "Sex Education" is a reproduction of an oil on canvas by Sigrid Burton entitled "Fifth Song." Fuller discovered Burton's paintings during an exhibit of them at the Waterworks Gallery in Salisbury in December 2003. Denny Mecham, departing director at Waterworks, put "me in touch with Sigrid, who graciously gave me permission to use her work on the cover," Fuller said. Burton was a Fulbright Scholar in India and has pieces of her work in important collections such as the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Rockefeller Foundation's Collection in New York City, and the John and Mabel Ringling Museum of Art in Sarasota, Fla.

"Sex Education" was published by Iris Press of Oak Ridge, Tenn., a small but prestigious press founded 30 years ago by Patricia Wilcox in Binghamton, N.Y. Dr. Bob Cumming has operated the press for the last 10 years in Oak Ridge. It has published books of poetry by Cathy Smith Bowers and Ron Rash, both instructors in the M.F.A. program at Queens University in Charlotte, Keith Flynn, editor of the Asheville Poetry Review, and Susan Donnelly, who recently had a poem published in "The New Yorker" magazine.



Dr. Janice Fuller, Catawba's writer-in-residence



**"The Best Brood Mares," reprinted below, is one of the poems contained in Fuller's new book:**

*The best brood mares  
have well-sprung ribs,*

*my pregnant friend tells me.  
I grumble that years ago twin girls*

*grappled in a space too small,  
forced my ribs to fan away -*

*trap doors propped  
at right angles to my spine.*

*I do not tell her how these days,  
daughters gone to college,*

*heartbeats flicker under my skin  
and these ribs reach out.*

*Some nights I sleepwalk  
down the protruding stairs,*

*my chest cavity  
like a parachute*

*filling with air. When I wake  
among the hollows of wingback chairs,*

*I flow back to my own sheets,  
above and below, a smoother pair.*



## Catawba during the years following World War II

*Editor's Note: In our March edition of CAMPUS, we shared with you a story about how World War II temporarily changed the culture at Catawba College. In this issue, you'll learn what another student's research uncovered about the post-war years at the College.*

"This campus exploded with people after the war," says Tonya Fuschetti of Danbury, N.C., one of members of Catawba's graduating class of 2004. She is describing what she discovered while completing research for her senior history project concerning the post-World War II years at Catawba.

Several sources Fuschetti relied on for her research included archival copies of *The Pioneer* and the college catalog, along with personal interviews with college alumni from the 1940s. She sees her research project as "a tribute to those who were here. I took their words and pictures and little of their time here to create my project."

"While there were declining enrollments between 1943 and 1945, 1946 saw the tide change. The G.I. Bill opened a whole new world for the men. Men who would have been willing to stay on the farm could now go to college thanks to their veteran status," Fuschetti notes.

In her research paper, Fuschetti writes of the enrollment boom at the college: "Catawba after World War II had a shock. The number of students enrolling for the ninety-fourth academic year doubled the total wartime population...the overflow of students created a problem in hous-

part to the support of the Salisbury-Rowan community. The College in 1945, Fuschetti discovered, sent a letter to *The Salisbury Post*, asking the community to help in raising money for a large dorm project on which they would soon embark.

As the college building fund grew, trustees hired an architect to design a library. In 1946, Catawba purchased 103 acres, 99 of these across the road from the Hedrick Administration building on Mocksville Road (W. Innes Street). Shortly thereafter, construction began on a new dormitory, Salisbury-Rowan Residence Hall, a facility that would house the post-war influx of male students. A February 1946 edition of *The Pioneer*, Fuschetti discovered, documented this male increase like this: "The ratio of men to women at C.U. is now five to one, five men to one woman - the war is really over."

It would be two years, however, January of 1948 before Salisbury-Rowan Residence Hall would partially open and alleviate the need to house male students in temporary barracks on campus and in the gym.

Female students, who had assumed leadership roles on campus during the war years, were relegated to their former status, Fuschetti research shows. "These girls, when the boys were away, could run for office, wear shorts and play athletics, but when the men returned, they (the male students) wanted life back to way they knew it before the war."

Life returning to the way it had been before the war was not a bad thing, according to at least one alumna from that period Hilda Troxell Ramseur '50 of Landis, whom Fuschetti interviewed. Ramseur recalls that once the boys came back, the female students had to cover up their legs on the way to gym classes. Each class had to wear a different color gym uniform and on the way to classes they had to wear raincoats, even if it was sunny. This was to prevent the boys from seeing their legs and to keep the level of modesty high.

Ramseur recalls her post-war years at Catawba by saying, "Everything was just so dreamy then." What Ramseur meant, Fuschetti contends, is that the post-war students could be carefree again. "They could do the things that they came here to do and not worry about the rest of the world's crises on their shoulders."

Fuschetti notes that when she interviewed Catawba College Alumna Louise Tucker '44 compared the Pearl Harbor of World War II with the 9-11 terrorists' attacks and the collapse of the World Trade Center's twin towers. "They knew Pearl Harbor had happened, Fuschetti says Tucker told her, but they were so far away here on campus and there was nothing they could do here, so they just kept going, living their lives."

*"For the first time, Catawba had to turn away students because they had nowhere to house them."*

*- Tonya Fuschetti*

ing. For the first time, Catawba had to turn away students because they had nowhere to house them."

"In October of 1946, half of the total campus was veterans," Fuschetti writes. "The boys had the help of the Veterans Administration, which was conveniently located in Hedrick. This was the place the men could go to get counseling, and information regarding their service, paychecks and GI information."

The post-war years also brought a building boon to campus, thanks in



L-R: Doris & Howard Groff attend April 6 event to hear their friends' and peers' remembrances



Panel of Catawba College friends and alumni discuss their college experiences from the 1940s during April 6 event



*Editor's Note:*

*I received the following letter from Catawba Alumna Margaret Bame West '44 after the last edition of CAMPUS which had included a story about life on the Catawba College campus during the 1940s War Years. I thought that this alumna's take on those years and the Catawba women who lived them was so telling that we should share her letter with all of our readers in this edition. TBG*

Dear Tonia,

Yesterday I received my Catawba College Campus and immediately noticed Catawba College during World War II - page 10. Of course I turned to that page first for it was my TIME. But I must admit that I did not exactly recognize it as my TIME. Some of it, yes, but Louise Tucker (a very good friend and classmate) has put a different spin on my memory, especially the part about "going back to live with parents while entering the workforce in conventionally female positions."

There were at least five young women from Catawba, during the 1944-1945 time period who went to Hampton, Virginia. This is where Langley Field is located and there you would, at that time, find the NACA (National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics) now known as NASA. Three of these young ladies, math majors or minors, did mathematical work for the aeronautical engineers with whom they worked. One young lady worked in accounting and I collected and maintained personnel records on IBM cards for over 3,000 employees.

We lived in a dormitory, government-built, for workers like us. There was a separate building for meals and a "rec" hall with a gymnasium-type room. There was a juke box in this room and so, it was used for dancing more than it was for basketball. We were on both bus and trolley lines. There was shopping and a theater next door and beaches near by. So much for moving back home. And, did I mention that NACA offered twice as much salary as a school offered me for teaching?

We females sounded just a little wimpy in that article. I have, however, visited all fifty states, and have tent camped through all of the lower 48. When I was fifty, I was a chaperone to about fifteen teenagers who were backpacking on the AT (Appalachian Trail) during hurricane Agnes, five days and nights of rain. Since retirement, I have visited six of the Earth's seven continents. On the day I was inducted in the Golden Club, I had just flown in from the Fiji Islands that morning. So much for being wimpy!

Sincerely yours,  
Margaret Bame West '44

## TRUSTEES RETREAT...

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uate and president of Parkway Ford in Winston-Salem, agreed to serve as campaign chairman. Trustees James F. Hurley and Ralph W. Ketner, both of Salisbury, will serve as honorary co-chairmen. Hurley is the former publisher of The Salisbury Post, the daily newspaper his grandfather founded, while Ketner is one of the founders and chairman emeritus of Food Lion, Inc. Trustee William M. Graham of Salisbury, a 1983 graduate and a partner in the firm of Wallace and Graham, will serve as Rowan County chairman.

In addition to these leaders, the Campaign Steering Committee will include trustees Darlene L. Ball '62 of Greensboro, Barry D. Leonard '65 of Greensboro, Samuel A. Penninger, Jr. '63 of Alpharetta, Ga., Charles G. Potts '53 of Charlotte, Richard J. Seiwel '67 (ex-officio) of West Chester, Pa., Ronald L. Smith of Salisbury, and Tom E. Smith '64 (ex-officio) of Salisbury.

Steering committee members will provide direction and leadership to the campaign through its public phase, expected to begin next year with the announcement of a campaign name and goal. Additionally, the committee will be called on periodically to review and approve general fundraising policies and related public relations issues. It will receive and evaluate periodic reports, review the campaign's progress, and will help identify and recruit additional volunteers as needed.

Other business matters which trustees considered included unanimous approval of the College's preliminary 2004-2005 operating budget, based on an overall enrollment of 1360 students (including students in the day and evening programs). They also unanimously endorsed the Quality Enhancement Plan, now being developed by College faculty and staff as part of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools' reaffirmation of accreditation process. Dr. Jesse McCartney, executive assistant to the president, explained the reaffirmation process. He also shared information concerning endowment and enrollment trends, student credentials, retention and faculty salary data, comparing Catawba with its nine aspirant institutions.

Trustees heard reports on admissions and enrollment, retention efforts, the work of a new endowment committee, the College's computer services challenges, and the research associated with the possible construction of a new library/information center on campus.

Dr. Russell Watjen, vice president and dean of admissions, reported on admissions efforts to recruit next year's class. He also described marketing and

recruiting processes being implemented to recruit better academically qualified students in the future.

Dr. Barbara Hetrick, vice president and dean of the college, reported on retention efforts. "For each student, we have to enhance both the reality and the perception that graduating from Catawba is valuable," she explained.

A recent First-Year Seminar reunion allowed students to interview each other and provided College administrators with valuable insights on what is being done well and what areas need to be improved. Acting on those student responses allowed administrators to "show that we heard, that we care, and are listening," said Dean Hetrick.

Hetrick said 93 percent of students eligible to return to campus in the fall have registered for classes and have schedules. This is a substantial percentage increase over prior years.

Joanna Jasper, Director of Computer Services, described the current status of information technology on campus and outlined the goals for improving this technology in the future.

### Trustee Dinner

A dinner for trustees and their spouses was held May 14 at the Blowing Rock Country Club and afforded Catawba President Dr. Knott an opportunity to provide an overview of work underway at the College.

He told those gathered that "we are beginning to see some progress" in moving the college from a selective to a more selective institution. He noted that the student affairs staff, as well as the faculty, have "worked hard to raise expectations of students in the residence halls and on campus" by demanding accountability and providing programming that students find engaging. During Catawba's recent Spring Fling activities on campus, more than 500 students took part.

A recent freshman seminar retreat at which faculty members discussed next year's seminars, Knott said, was "not just a nuts and bolts discussion about teaching skills. Faculty members talked at great length about how to create a campus culture that elevates students, faculty, and staff alike."

Knott cited the work of Confucius who successfully transformed the culture of ancient China and encouraged trustees to join other members of the College community in "transforming lives."





# Graduation



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*continued from front page* see my high school prom," she continued. "The doctors told my mom when I was two that I'd be dead by age eight, and at age eight, that I'd be dead by 13, and at age 13, that I'd be dead by 18, and at age 18, that I'd never see my 21st birthday. Now, I'm 23 and I'll be 24 this summer, and I'm still here and I'm going to grad school!"

Quinones will be in London next fall, spending a year earning her master of arts degree in acting at East 15 Acting School there, and also training to be a drama therapist who will work with developmentally disabled children. She hopes that her work and her life will be an inspiration to other young people who suffer from cystic fibrosis and who do not feel that they can have hopes or dreams.

Summer will find the resilient Quinones working as education director at Highlands Playhouse in Highlands, N.C. teaching summer classes, then traveling to San Francisco to visit family, visiting Normandy, and also backpacking in Italy before the advent of graduate school. She does not want to waste a single moment, despite now being diagnosed as suffering from "bronchialitis obliterans" or chronic lung rejection.

"Why did God let me live when my friends are dying? What is my path and why am I here?" she recalled pondering after her transplant. "I grew up in a hospital and I've seen so much worse than what I've had. With my experience, if it can make one child feel like they have a purpose, that's what I'm left here for."

### Graduation Awards and Honors

#### *O.B. Michael Distinguished Alumnus Award*

Retired medical doctor and 1950 alumnus of the College, Dr. Norman Sloop of Salisbury, received Catawba's O.B. Michael Distinguished Alumnus Award during the 10 a.m. graduation exercises for traditional day students.

This native of Salisbury returned to his hometown after a stint in the military and after earning his medical degree at the Bowman Gray School of Medicine. He opened a successful family practice which continued until his retirement in 1994. Today, he continues his long tenure of service on Rowan County's Health Board.

And although, Dr. Sloop made his career practicing medicine, music, Civil War history, and a little farming were his true

passions. In addition to raising herefords and baling hay, and lecturing on the War between the States, Dr. Sloop sang and still sings whenever the opportunity presents itself. He sings with Catawba's Chorale, the St. John's Mens Chorus, and helps numerous churches with their music, including his own church, Marantha Bible Church. "Music," the tenor was once quoted as saying, "speaks to the soul."

Dr. Sloop and his wife of almost 50

years, Mary Newton Sloop have long been supporter of his alma mater, establishing the Norman R. and Mary N. Sloop Endowed Scholarship Fund to assist deserving students interested in pursuing degrees in science or music, and making regular contributions to Catawba's Friends of Music society and the Catawba Fund. Additionally, the Sloops are charter members of the College's Tower Society, an organization of individuals who have made provisions for the College through their estate.

#### *Whitener Awards*

Two students graduating from the College's traditional day program were the recipients of the Whitener Medals, the most prestigious awards given by Catawba. The awards have been presented each year since 1927 at the Graduation Ceremony in memory of Dr. Edgar Whitener of High Point, North Carolina, who served as a trustee of Catawba from 1921 to 1966 and as

Chairman of the Board of Trustees, 1925 to 1944. The medals honor the man and woman in the graduating class who embody, to the highest degree, the qualities of good character, leadership, and scholarship.

The female recipient of the Whitener Award for 2004 was Antonia Bowden of Burlington. An English major with an overall grade point average of 3.855, her grades have consistently earned her a place on the Dean's List and the Presidential Honor Roll. In recognition of her academic achievements, she was invited and agreed to serve last year as a junior marshal of the College.

Bowden is a member of the Omicron Chapter of the Alpha Chi Honor Society, serving as its president. She has presented multiple papers at Alpha Chi regional and national con-

ventions, and she is one of ten Alfred H. Nolle Scholarship recipients in that national organization this year. She served as editor of the Arrowhead, and is a member of Phi Epsilon Honor Society. She was also recently among the students listed in the 2004 Who's Who Directory Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Christopher Slaughter of Whitsett was the male recipient of the 2004 Whitener Award. He double majored in business administration and Spanish, and maintained a grade point average of 3.80. Like his female counterpart, his academic performance has consistently earned him a place on the Dean's List and the Presidential Honor Roll.

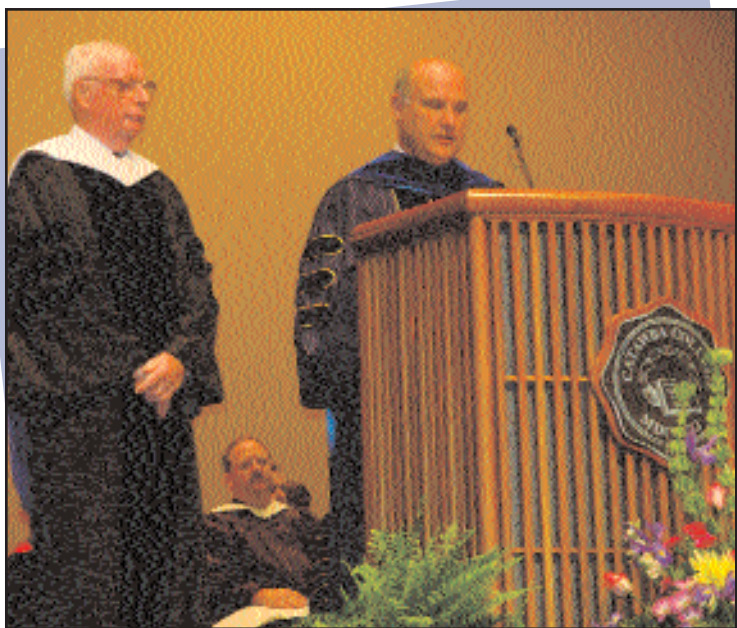
He was active in the College's Omnicron chapter of Alpha Chi, serving as its treasurer, and he served as president of both the Phi Epsilon Honor Society and the Philomathean Society. He is a member of Phi Sigma Iota International Foreign Language Honor Society, Catawba Business Honor Society and a member of the College cross-country team.



Antonia Bowden



Christopher Slaughter



Dr. Knott presents award to Dr. Norman Sloop '50



Slaughter was also active in Catawba's Student Government Association, serving as vice president of his freshman class, and senator of the sophomore class. He served as treasurer of the College's Student Activities Budget Committee, as a member of the Student Programming Board, as a Catawba Tour Guide since 2001, and was a freshman orientation group leader for three years. Additionally, he participated in several mission trips, one to Mexico in the summer of 2002, and the other to Costa Rica in the winter of 2003. He also volunteered his efforts with the local Habitat for Humanity organization.

and Treece is employed as a systems administrator for Home Concrete Supply in Salisbury.

**Barbara Andrews Award**

Each year, the College recognizes the graduating senior in the Lifelong Learning Program who embodies most successfully the attributes of character, leadership and scholarship with the Barbara Andrews Award. This award was established and named in honor of Barbara Andrews of Salisbury, the creator of the Lifelong Learning Program at Catawba College. The selection is made by the Catawba College faculty and candidates must have earned at least a 3.5 cumulative grade point average.

This year for the first time, faculty votes for the recipient of this award were split evenly between two of students who shared it, Amy Beth Archer of Landis and

**Retiring Faculty Member**

Professor Evelina Tseng, Professor of Library Science, who will be retiring from Catawba, effective July 1, after 32 years of service, was recognized at the College's 10 a.m. graduation exercise. She joined the College in 1972.

**Honorary Degree Recipient**

The Reverend Gordon Holt Sperry of Hickory, a 1943 alumnus of Catawba, received an honorary doctorate degree of divinity during the College's Baccalaureate Service Friday, May 7. Born in Meyersdale, Pennsylvania, he graduated from Catawba where he served as president of the student body, and then received his master's of divinity degree from Lancaster Theological Seminary in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

His first call was as assistant pastor of Christ Church in Hagerstown, Maryland where he served from 1945 through 1947. He then was called to pastor St. John's Church in Allentown, Pennsylvania, a position he held for 13 years, until 1960. From Allentown, he moved to Faith Church in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he served as senior pastor for 9 years, until 1969. In 1969, the Reverend Sperry accepted the position of senior pastor at Corinth Reformed United Church of Christ in Hickory, a post he held for 13 years, until 1982.

Active in the United Church of Christ, he has served as a delegate to General Synods, as a member of the Board of Directors of Eden Theological Seminary in Webster Groves, Missouri and the Abernethy Center in Newton. He has served as interim pastor of Grace United Church of Christ in Newton and as assistant pastor of St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Hickory.

One of his most important contributions has been to help expand the role of mission work and outreach within the United Church of Christ. He preached for two months in Japan as part of Centenary Mission to Japan. He shared leadership for the Reformation study tour in Europe. He visited mission stations in Alaska and eight foreign countries and was appointed to the 1970 British-American Preachers Exchange. He also served a three-year missionary appointment to the Uniting Church in Australia.

He is married to Marion A. Pillman, his wife of almost 53 years, and the couple has three adult children, all of whom live in North Carolina - David G. of Collettsville, Ann E. of Conover, and Douglas B. of Hickory, who is a 1978 alumnus of the College.



Amy Beth Archer



Bradley Dean Treece

Bradley Dean Treece of Salisbury.

Both recipients majored in business management and enrolled in the Lifelong Learning program in the fall of 2001. She is a summa cum laude graduate and he is a magna cum laude graduate, both were consistently on the Dean's List and Presidential Honor Roll, and are members of Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Society.

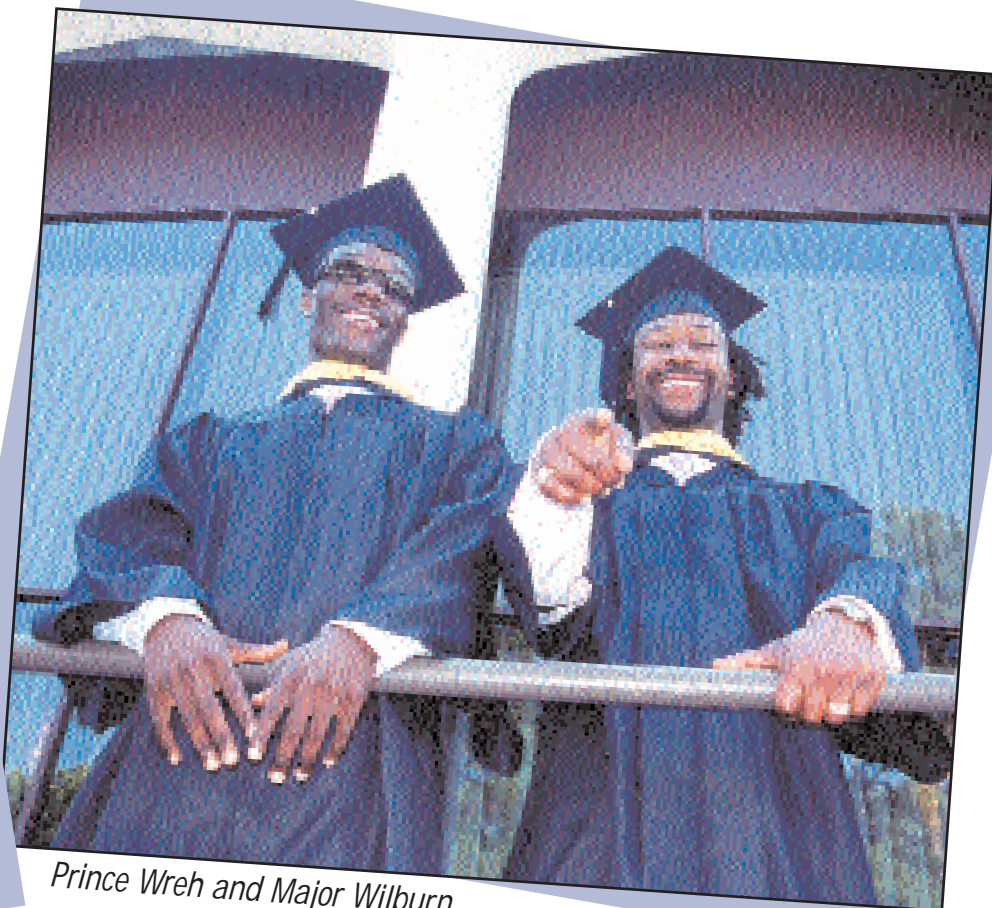
Archer is presently store manager for Cabarrus Pool Supply in Salisbury



**A Day to Celebrate!**



Bernadette Simonis celebrates with family



Prince Wreh and Major Wilburn



## Catawba announces winning Peterson Playwright

For the first time ever in the in the history of the Catawba College Theatre Arts Department Peterson Emerging Playwrights Competition, officials have announced a tie. "All of the Above" by Tom Sime and "Bastards and Fools: A Hopeful Tragedy in Three Acts" by Liam Macik are both winners this year. Other finalists include Jeanmarie Williams' "Vanishing Marion" and Dwayne Yancey's "The Making of the King, 1483-1485." The plays were chosen from nearly 300 entries in the competition.

The Peterson process is a national competition sponsored by Catawba's Theatre Arts Department. Thanks to this program, Catawba College students get a chance to work with emerging professional playwrights, workshop new plays, and have professional critiques of their work. The Marian Peterson Emerging Playwriting program provides opportunities Catawba students need in order to succeed in the fields of theatre, television, and film.

Past winners of the Peterson Emerging Playwrights Competition include: 2003/2004, "ISLAND" by Kevin Brewer, 2002/2003 (a state KC/ACTF winner and regional competitor), "The Clown Family Murders" by Jonas Oppenheim; 2001/02, "Let the Rocks Speak" by Lily Thomassian (selected by Region IV of the Kennedy Center's American College Theatre Festival, based on its development at Catawba College, to represent the region in the David Mark Cohen National Playwriting Award competition); 2000/2001, "John Doe #2" by Robert McAndrew (its production was strongly recommended for performance at the regional Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival); 1999/2000, "China Doll" by Elizabeth Wong (winner of the David Mark Cohen National Playwriting Award competition based on its development at Catawba College); and 1998/1999, "Interior Lines" by Denise Laughlin (her acceptance into her M.F.A. playwriting program at the University of Virginia was partially based on the writing of this play).

The Peterson Emerging Playwriting Competition is open to all unproduced, unpublished, full-length plays as written by emerging (not yet fully established) playwrights. The submission deadline for the next cycle is December 1, 2004.



*Editor's Note: Dr. Seth Holtzman, assistant professor of religion and philosophy at Catawba, delivered the following invocation at the annual Blue Masque dinner held in April. It so moved and inspired Catawba College President Dr. Robert Knott that he asked that we share it with our readers in this edition. TBG*

We gather tonight in celebration and appreciation. We give thanks for the artistic inspiration and expression we find ourselves capable of. We give thanks for the spirit of learning and of teaching that informs this community. We give thanks for the chance to come together and recognize the achievements of this year.

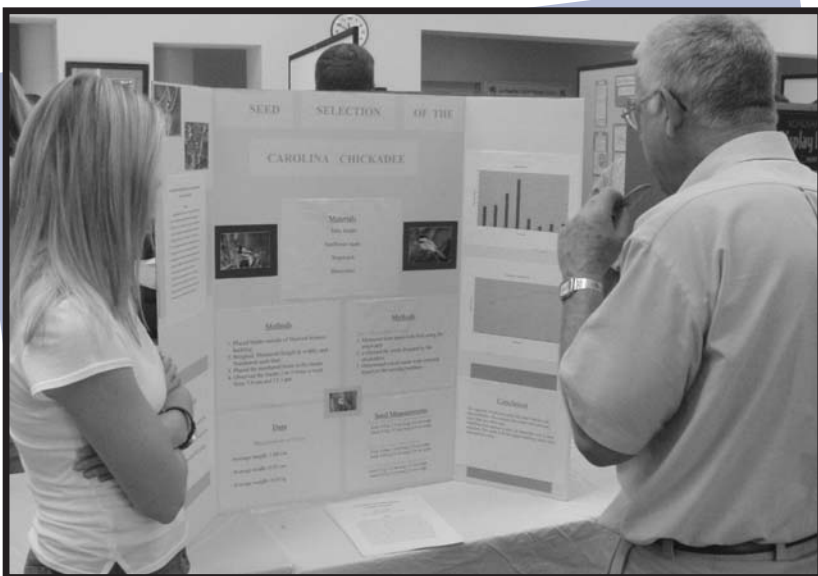
We rededicate ourselves to discerning the small miracles that surround us: the abundant food we have, the freedom to express ourselves, the encouragement of others, the inner growth we note in ourselves and others, the challenges that spur us on, the defeats that help keep us humble, the successes that fill us with joy.

We pray that we may be more open to that ultimate reality of which we are a part. May we touch and nurture the holy in each other, and find in ourselves that still, small voice that keeps us on the path of truth.



*Dr. Seth Holtzman*

## Students explain research at Interdisciplinary Seminar held in April on campus





## Student puzzles over bird strikes on campus

**K**rista Yantis believes she knows of at least one bird that did not become a fatal strike statistic when it flew into a glass window on the Catawba College campus.

She discovered the dusty outline of a mourning dove, each of its wing feathers visible in great detail, which hit a window with its body and not its head.

"I think that bird survived that strike," Yantis explains. "It realized it was not flying through the woods and sky, and it was able at the last moment to turn its whole body so that the body took the impact."

Yantis, a 2004 graduate who majored in environmental science from Casstown, Ohio has spent most of the last year collecting data on campus and analyzing it to discover what types of birds are involved in fatal strikes and when. She also incorporated data collected by other students on campus in 2001 and 2002 with her own research. The results are contained in a scientific paper in which she details her findings and offers suggestions on how best to prevent those strikes.

Birds fly into windows because the windows are made of very reflective glass, Yantis discovered, and the birds think that they are flying in woods and sky. And, it is mostly migratory, not resident birds that meet their demise because of this navigational mistake.

By making daily perimeter walks of four different buildings on campus, Yantis collected data. Analyzing it, she found that 39 fatal strikes had occurred - 17 of those between 2001 and 2002, and 22 between 2003-2004 - along with documentation about 15 other strike locations where she found residual evidence, such as feathers, of birds which flew into glass, but managed to fly away.

The data gave her enough information to discern which birds are most vulnerable, when the highest strike activity occurs and where most birds strike windows.

What she learned was that six fatal strikes involved only five different species of resident birds, including one belted kingfisher, two mourning doves, a downy woodpecker, a northern cardinal, and an American goldfinch. Fatal strikes involving migratory birds were more than five

times greater. (Migratory or non-resident birds are birds that migrate to this area for the winter, travel through the area during their migration, or migrate in this area for the summer.)

Migratory or non-resident birds had 29 individuals with 14 species that were fatal strike victims, while resident birds had the aforementioned six individuals with five species. This means, Yantis contends that there are several species in the non-residents that have more individuals striking the windows.

"Migratory birds just don't know the area," Yantis says, an assertion she was able to lend support to by the examining the feathers and coloring of the bird carcasses she discovered to determine age. "This seems to be the case especially for young, non-resident birds making their first migration."

Two types of migratory birds accounted for the highest fatal strike rate in Yantis' research. These included seven Swainson's thrush and four ruby-throated hummingbirds. In fact, Yantis notes, there was a relationship between the number of fatal strikes and the type of species family to which the birds belonged. The Turdidae, which is the thrush family, had the highest number of strikes - 11 in all. The Parulidae, composed of several warbler types, had the second highest with eight strikes.

According to the data she collected, Yantis learned that the highest number of fatal strikes occurred in October and November, a time period corresponding to fall migration. The strike residue data she gathered also indicates peak strikes during this time.

But Yantis did not feel her research was complete until she could make recommendations concerning how to deter bird strikes. Therefore, her project includes three suggestions. These include hanging silhouettes or fake predatory birds that swing due to the wind and scare birds away, installing a physical barrier of netting far enough from a window that would allow a bird to



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*Krista Yantis says there are things that can be done to keep birds, such as these shown, from fatally flying at windows that look like the sky.*

bounce off of it unharmed; or using films, white-washing or etching on the windows to obscure their reflective ability.

"Ultimately, there are fatal bird strikes because of the overpopulation of humans," Yantis concludes. "We're destroying their natural habitat."



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*Lucky Bird: Rather than trying to fly through this glass, a brown-headed cowbird courts himself in the reflection in a window.*

# Classes of the Last Decade!

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## YOUNG ALUMNI CHALLENGE

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## AWARDS CONVOCATION....

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received the Louis Armstrong Jazz Award, presented annually to the college's most outstanding jazz instrumentalist.

The John Philip Sousa Award was given to Carolyn Marie Brannon, a senior music major from Mattituck, N.Y. It is presented annually to the college band member who has shown consistent excellence in band work based on musicianship, cooperation and the demonstrated desire to improve the quality of the band.

Elizabeth J. Livermont of Irmo, S.C., a sophomore theatre arts major, received the Catawba Chorale Award, given by the music faculty to the student who best exemplifies commitment, musicianship, cooperation and contribution to the quality of performance of this chorale ensemble.

For the second year in a row, senior business administration major Tiffany McVay of Kannapolis, received the Ethan O'Neal Catawba Singers Award. It is given to the member of the Catawba Singers who best exemplifies commitment, musicianship, cooperation and contribution to the quality of performance of the ensemble.

Joy Lynn Brandli, a senior Spanish major from Bonifay, Fla., was the recipient of the Rice, Andrews, Young Award. It is given in honor of the former chairpersons of the Catawba Department of Modern Foreign Languages to the foreign language major or minor who has made the highest grades in his/her foreign language studies.

Chandra Emily Lowe, a sophomore English major from Budd Lake, N.J., was selected by the English Department faculty to receive the Martha H. Morehead Award. The award, given in honor of a late Catawba professor emeritus of English, it is presented for the outstanding single work - poem, short story or graphic contribution to the Arrowhead, the college's annual literary publication. Parr was selected for his short story, "Loving Should Be Easy."

Senior Stephanie Louise Brendel, an English major from Drexel, received the Rebecca H. Frantz Essay Prize for the third consecutive year for her essay "The Anti-War Comedies of Aristophanes," judged by the faculty to be the most original. Catawba Alumnus Edwin Nance of Altoona, Pa. gives it, in memory of the mother of three former Catawba students.

Jennie Lee Rosamond of Salisbury, a senior English major, received the Calvin Koonts Poetry Award, as the student who was judged by the English Department faculty to possess the most potential as a writer of poetry. The award is given by Dr. J. Calvin Koonts '45 to stimulate interest in writing poetry.

The Elisabeth Scranton History Award was presented to Tricia Malia Denton, a junior religion and philosophy major from Salisbury. It is given in honor of a former professor of history to the student who has attained the highest academic average during his or her senior year and who represents the ideals of liberal scholarship in the area of history.

Krista Sue Yantis, a senior environmental science major from Casstown, Ohio, received the Environmental Science Award. It is presented annually to a senior who has best demonstrated dedication, inspiration and academic achievement in the field of environmental science.

Senior David Burman of Edgewood, Md., an environmental science major, received the Leader in Environmental Stewardship Award presented this year for the first time. It is awarded to the student who best exhibits outstanding leadership ability and uncommon commitment to environmental stewardship through the facilitation of activities and initiatives that promote the wise use of the earth's resources.

The CRC Press Freshman Chemistry Achievement Award was shared by two freshmen students, Hannah Michelle Bursleson of China Grove and Brandi Elizabeth Shick of Henryville, Pa. It is presented annually to a chemistry major in recognition of outstanding scholastic achievement.

The Chemistry Prize, funded by donations from alumni who wish to encourage students pursuing a degree in chemistry, was awarded to David Shannon Pinkston of Salisbury, a junior chemistry.

The Braun Award in Physics, given by 1934 Alumna Mrs. Anne Blodgett Bashore, was awarded to Ashley Wilhelm of Cleveland, a junior biology major. It is given in recognition of the student showing the most meritorious work in the field of physics.

Leah Marie Fulford, a senior psychology major from Fuquay Varina, was the recipient of the Senior Psychology Award. It is given annually to a psychology major who has been judged by graduating psychology

majors, through secret ballot, as having made an outstanding contribution to the various activities of the Psychology Department.

The recipient of the Math Award was Kristen Elizabeth Kobylus, a senior mathematics major from Salisbury. This award is presented annually by the mathematics department faculty to a student who has demonstrated outstanding ability, scholarship and interest in the field of math.

Laura Jeann Althaus, previously aforementioned, received the Bruce A. Wentz Philosophy Award. Selected annually by the faculty of the religion and philosophy department, it recognizes the junior or senior who has shown excellence in the study of philosophy and carries a cash prize. It is given in memory of Dr. Bruce A. Wentz, a long-time professor of philosophy at Catawba.

Tal A. Brewer, previously named as an award recipient, received the Religion Award. This award is given by the ministers of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ to the student in the junior or senior class who has excelled in academic work in the religion and philosophy department and has contributed actively to the religious life of the campus community.

Peter Arnold, previously aforementioned, also received the David Hoyle Award for Outstanding Service in the area of student activities. It is awarded annually to a student who has made exemplary contributions to all areas of student activities.

Cristyn Nichole Harrison, a junior therapeutic recreation major from Hickory, received the Patricia R. Whitley Award in recognition of academic excellence, loyalty, and dedication and for outstanding service to both the physical education department and the community. The award was established in 1999 by the Physical Education Department and the Student Majors Club in honor of Dr. Patricia Whitley.

The Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award was given to Tal A. Brewer, previously mentioned as an award recipient. A committee of students and faculty choose both a student and a staff member annually to receive this award. It is given in recognition of fine spiritual qualities practically applied to daily living and with the belief that these persons will uphold the spiritual standards of Catawba by their noble characteristics. The award was established by the New York Southern Society as a permanent reminder of the noblest human qualities expressed and followed in the life of its first president Algernon Sydney Sullivan.

Junior Elizabeth Aron Hewitt, a biology major from Hickory, was the recipient of the Dean Grove Award, given annually to a student athlete majoring in mathematics or science who demonstrates leadership abilities in both areas. The late Dr. Rodger H. Lofland '61 established the Dean Grove Award in tribute to Dean N. Grove '40, Lofland's high school coach, biology teacher and mentor.

Kristen Lee McCachren, previously aforementioned as an award recipient, received the annual Paul Fisher Service Award for her contributions throughout the year serving others and living her life in such a way as to emphasize selflessness.

The recipients of the Whitener Medals were announced at the awards convocation but will actually receive their awards during Catawba's graduation exercises. They are Antonia Michelle Bowden and Christopher Scott Slaughter, both previously named as recipients of other awards. Named in honor of the late Dr. Edgar Whitener of High Point who served as president of the Catawba Board of Trustees from 1925-44, these awards are presented annually to the man and woman in the graduating class who combine in themselves, in the highest degree, the equalities of character, leadership and scholarship. Selection is made by the faculty from the three men and three women who have received the highest number of votes in an election in which only members of the junior and senior class may vote.

The new Mr. and Miss Catawba, elected to represent the college in the coming year, were announced at the convocation. They are Peter Arnold and Janelle Rhodes, both previously aforementioned.



# Catawba spring sports recap

## BASEBALL

After being close for several years, the Catawba baseball team rode a record-breaking season to a South Atlantic Conference Championship and a berth in the NCAA II South Regional. The Tribe posted 42 wins on the year, the most by any athletic team in school history. The Indians earned a dramatic 5-4 win in the opening game of the regional over second-ranked and top-seeded Rollins, but would fall to Florida Southern and Rollins in the next two games ending the season at 42-17.

The Indians put up some impressive numbers in 2004, setting school records for runs scored (496), hits (626) and home runs (81), while batting .311 as a team. The pitching staff set a record with 452 strikeouts and tied a mark with seven shutouts.

Second baseman Matt Baker was one of three Indians to earn first team All-South Region honors. The junior was also named the South Region Player of the Year and was a second team All-American. He hit .411 and set school records with 99 hits and 30 doubles. Also earning all-region honors was sophomore designated hitter Jimbo Davis, who set a school mark with 79 RBI and four grand slams, and junior pitcher Thomas Wilson, who posted an 8-3 record and led the SAC with a 2.52 ERA and 133 strikeouts.

Catawba dominated the All-SAC awards as Baker was Player of the Year, Wilson was Pitcher of the Year and Jim Gantt earned Coach of the Year honors. Joining Baker and Wilson on the All-SAC first team was Davis and catcher Jeff Boyles. Second team honors went to pitcher Matt Fairweather and outfielders Spence Southard and Thomas Giles. Southard, who leaves as the Catawba career record holder for hits, runs, RBI and stolen bases, was the SAC Tournament MVP and was joined on the NCCSIA All-State team by Baker and Wilson.

## CATAWBA SOFTBALL

The Catawba softball team just missed on a winning season, but did set a school record for wins with 28 in 2004. The Lady Indians stayed in the race for a conference title to the final week of the season.

The Lady Indian squad featured just two seniors and were led by junior catcher Jessica Rivera and freshman pitcher Lindsay Ettinger. Rivera set school marks with five home runs and 15 doubles, while Ettinger posted a 17-14 record and a 1.95 ERA. She recorded 124 strikeouts with just 21 walks.

Sophomore shortstop Stacey Handy also turned in a fine season, leading the team with a .289 average with a school record 55 hits. As a team, Catawba set a record by belting 17 home runs.

## CATAWBA MEN'S TENNIS

The Catawba men's tennis team finished the year with an 11-14 record and fell in the semifinals of the league tournament. The Tribe earned a first round tournament win over Wingate after falling to the Bulldogs 5-4 in the regular season.

Junior Eric Noll and freshman Jose Velazquez were named to the All-SAC team. Noll led the team with a 15-9 singles record, while Valezquez was 11-10 at the #1 position. Former Tribe coach

Jeff Childress has been named the new coach for the both men's and women's teams for next season. Childress left Catawba to become the athletic director at Pfeiffer and return to coaching tennis last season with the Falcons.

## CATAWBA MEN'S GOLF

The Catawba men's golf team capped its season with a second place finish at the SAC Championships. The team had an up and down season and posted three top five finishes on the year.

Junior Steven Harvey led the men's team, earning All-SAC honors and qualifying as an individual for the NCAA II Regionals. After red-shirting last season, Harvey posted two individual wins in the fall, earning medallist honors at the Patton Intercollegiate and the Presbyterian Intercollegiate. Harvey led the team with a 75.6 stroke average.

Sophomore Richard Lowe played well in the spring, leading the team at the Bobcat Invitational and the SAC Championships, where he was All-Tournament, and finishing second on the squad in three other events. He posted a 76.8 stroke average.

## CATAWBA WOMEN'S GOLF

The Catawba women's golf team placed in the top five in all but two events this year, including a win at the Anderson Invitation, marking the first team win for the Lady Indian program. Catawba was runner-up in four other tournaments, including the SAC Championships.

Sophomore Paige Haverty was named the SAC Player of the Year, while Sam Gealy was Coach of the Year. Senior Kristen Kyle joined Haverty as a first team All-SAC selection. Both Kyle and Haverty qualified for the NCAA II Regionals and share the school record with a round of 71, coming at the Myrtle Beach Intercollegiate. Haverty led the team with a 79.0 stroke average, while Kyle posted an average of 80.6.

## CATAWBA LACROSSE

The Catawba lacrosse team posted a school record 10 wins in 2004 and advanced to the final of the Deep South Conference Tournament. The team also set records for goals (219), assists (135) and goals against average (9.36).

Individually, Jason Windett set school marks with 32 assists and 71 total points, while David Dunnuck posted a record 45 goals. Dunnuck was a first team All-DSC performer, while Windett, Craig Emory and John Godfrey were second team selections.



(L-R): Emilee Rangle, Jeff Boyles, Jesse Howes, Scott Searles, Danyel Locklear and Erin Naumann.

## 2003-04 ATHLETIC AWARDS

Catawba announced its 2003-04 athletic award winners at the annual athletic ceremony held at Keppel Auditorium on Wednesday, April 28. Heading the list of award winners was Danyel Locklear and Jesse Howes, who were awarded the Lomax and Kirkland Awards for the top female and male senior athletes, and Erin Naumann and Scott Searles, who were given the Wurster Awards for team leadership.

Locklear, a women's basketball player from Pembroke, NC, was named the Lomax Award winner. She set numerous Lady Indians records, including most career points with 1,838. She finished second in rebounding and was a three-time All-South Atlantic Conference selection. In 2004 Locklear was named the league Player of the Year, helping Catawba to its third title during her career.

Howes, a cross country performer from Huntington, MA, earned the Kirkland Award. He was a four-year runner for the Tribe, earning All-SAC and All-Region honors three times. He was named SAC Freshman of the Year in 2000 as he qualified as an individual for the NCAA II National Championships.

Naumann, a volleyball player from Cave Creek, AZ, and Searles, a baseball player from Boston, MA, were the recipients of the Wurster Awards for leadership. Naumann was a team captain and was cited for her acceptance of the role of a defensive position (the libero) although she could have been one of the team's top hitters. Searles suffered through injuries for most of his career, but loved to play the game. Missed the entire 2002 season with a shoulder injury and battled back from a knee injury in 2003 to finish the season.

Other top awards went to senior football player Cole Beane, of Dallas, NC, who was the recipient of the Darris Morris "Ironhorse" Comeback Player of the Year Award. and men's

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## Two former Catawba athletes and one former coach inducted into high schools' halls of fame

Two former Catawba College athletes and one former basketball coach were honored recently when they were inducted into the Halls of Fame of high schools. Those honored include former Catawba College basketball standout, John Buddy Yancy '56 of Irmo, S.C., former Catawba College football star, the late John Dewitt Coble '52, and retired legendary Catawba College Basketball Coach Sam Moir of Salisbury.

### YANCY

Yancy, who grew up in South Boston, Va., was honored in April when he was inducted into the Halifax County-South Boston (Virginia) Sports Hall of Fame. Yancy lettered in football, basketball and baseball while a student at C.H. Friend High School. He entered Catawba College on a basketball scholarship following his tour of duty in the U.S. Air Force in 1954. He lettered at Catawba both years, playing forward, and occasionally, at guard, for the late Coach Earl Ruth's team.

Following his graduation from Catawba, he spent 12 years coaching basketball at three N.C. high schools, enjoying a winning percentage of 70 percent with 204 wins and 85 losses. Following his years of coaching, he enjoyed a successful business career. He was employed by Horace Mann Insurance Company for 30 years until his retirement in 1998 as its vice president of recruiting for the eastern United States.

Although he is today retired, he stays active in

athletics. He has played and coached the Irmo Chapin Masters, a Senior Olympics basketball team since its inception in 1991 and the team has won the S.C. Senior Games each year in its age group. The team has represented S.C. in the U.S. National Senior Olympics every two years since 1991, winning a silver medal in the three-on-three competition in 1995.

He and wife Juanita have three adult children, Sharon, David and Laura, and five grandchildren.

### COBLE

Coble, who died in 1993, grew up in the small town of Mount Airy and was known as one of its most accomplished sports stars. He was honored posthumously in late March when he was inducted into the Mount Airy Sports Hall of Fame. He led his high school team to state championships in basketball and football in the late 1940s before going on to be a successful athlete at Catawba College.

He played football for the late Coach Gordon Kirkland, running, passing and punting for the Catawba Indians. Following his college graduation, he went on to teach and coach at Belmont High and Hartsell High between 1953 and 1965. In 1966, he took his first principal's job, overseeing grades 1-8 at Mount Pleasant Elementary and Middle Schools. In 1970, he became principal at Mount Pleasant High School, a position he held for nine years. He moved to Hartsell High School in 1979 as principal and remained there until his retirement in 1982.

While Coble was an outstanding athlete and an accomplished educator, it was his genuineness and concern for others that made him most memorable to his fellow players, friends, family, and peers.

### MOIR

Retired Catawba College Basketball Coach Sam Moir began his coaching career in Mount Airy and was quoted in The Mount Airy News as saying, "If it hadn't been for the Mount Airy kids and the good players I was blessed to coach, I wouldn't have been at Catawba College..."

In his 11 years with Mount Airy's Granite Bears, he compiled an outstanding record of 179 wins to 74 losses, including a 25-0 campaign during the 1960 state championship season. Under his direction between 1950 and 1960, Mount Airy's basketball team won eight conference championships.

From Mount Airy High School, Moir came to Catawba as coach and led the Indians to seven conference championships and 546 wins. At the time of his retirement in 1994, he was ranked 22nd among the NCAA's winningest active coaches. He is a member of the NAIA Hall of Fame, the N.C. Sports Hall of Fame, the Catawba College Hall of Fame, the Oak Ridge Hall of Fame and the Rowan County Sports Hall of Fame. The college's basketball court is named in his honor and in 1986, he was the recipient of the Catawba College Trustee Award for outstanding service to the institution. Some of Moir's former players at Catawba have also established an endowed scholarship in his honor.

### Hall of Fame Members Return in 2004



Front Row: L-R: Vernon Benson, Joe Ferebee, Brian Boltz, Duke Thompson, Joyce Robinson, Curtis Walker, Enoch Goodman, Chub Richards

Second Row: Frank Meyer, Art Claar, M.L. Barnes, Larry Graham, Dwight Holshouser, Pete Stout, Debbie Shelton

Third Row: Bill Peeler, Sam Moir, Dick Smith, Dick Snyder, Jack Taylor, J. Harvey Stratton, Pat Whitley

Fourth Row: Harold Bowen, Jerry Maye, Leon Bureson, Bryan Applefield, Ron Crouse

Top Row: Tom Childress, Larry Taylor, Ray Oxendine, Leslie Bradway Poteat, Joe Oxendine

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soccer coach Craig Turnbull, who earned the Suther Coaches Award. Beane fought back from an ankle injury suffered early in the 2002 season and earned All-SAC and All-America honors as an offensive lineman in 2003. Turnbull guided the men's soccer team to a South Atlantic Conference Tournament Championship in 2003. The team posted a 14-5-1 record, the most wins since a 14-5-2 campaign in 1995.

The Student Athletic Advisory Council awards for the top GPA for senior athletes went to Emilee Rangel (Millersburg, OH) for the women and Jeff Boyles (Pinnacle, NC) for the men. Rangel, a student athletic trainer holds a 3.98 GPA, while Boyles has a 3.89 GPA and is majoring in physical education. The team award went to the volleyball team with a team GPA of 3.43.

The awards for team MVPs went to: Matt Baker (Baseball), Duke Phipps (Men's Basketball), Danyel Locklear (Women's Basketball), Rori Godsey and Ryan Willis (Cross Country), Lauren Weitzel (Field Hockey), Luke Samples (Football), Steven Harvey (Men's Golf), Paige Haverty (Women's Golf), Team MVP (Lacrosse), Brennan Regner and Ross Hudgins (Men's Soccer), Stephanie Morey (Women's Soccer), Lindsay Ettinger (Softball), Erin Hyde (Swimming), Eric Noll (Men's Tennis), Hope Miller (Volleyball), Ashleigh Ervin and Candace Williams (Cheerleading), Becky Goodman (Athletic Training), and Sean Fox (Sports Information).



## In Memoriam

Mrs. J.W. (Vera) Wagoner of Newton, a friend of Catawba College, died May 13.

She was preceded in death by her husband, J.W. Wagoner. Following his death, Mrs. Wagoner established an anonymous endowed scholarship at Catawba. At her death, that anonymous scholarship became the J.W. and Vera Wagoner Endowed Scholarship, in memory of the couple.

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'28 **Carrie May Roseman** of Lincolnton, formerly of Salisbury, died April 24.

She taught at Lincolnton High School for 38 years and was a member of the Retired Teachers Association. She was also a volunteer for the American Red Cross for many years.

Survivors include sisters Laverne Hand of Greensboro, Emily Geiger '46 of Hampton, Va., and brother Robert Roseman of Salisbury.

'29 **Cornelia Kirk Thomason** of Lexington died May 15.

She was an active member of First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Spaugh Thomason, in 2003. Survivors include son Richard Thomason of Concord, sister Bessie Lorene Mickle '35 of Salisbury, two granddaughters and two great-granddaughters.

'33 **John Conrad Bickett** of Havertown, Pa., died May 25, 2003.

He was retired as office manager of Andrew J. Blair & Sons.

Survivors include daughter Connie of Ephrata, Pa.

'36 **Neely McCubbins Pillsbury** of Charlotte has died.

She is survived by daughter Susan P. Wood of Pennsylvania.

'37 **Thele Templeton Gilladette**, formerly of Mooresville, died May 20 in Nashville, Tenn.

She taught elementary school in Badin, Charlotte, Mooresville, and Davidson for 33 years, retiring in 1976. During World War II, from November 1942 until April 1945, she worked as a supervisor at the U.S. Rubber Company in Charlotte. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Mooresville and Hillsboro Presbyterian Church in Nashville. She was a former member of the Lake Norman U.S. Power Squadron and the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

She was preceded in death by husband Ernest Lee Gilladette in 1995. Survivors include daughters Mrs. Fran Mayhew '63 of Macon, Ga., and Mrs. Marcia Pope of Nashville, Tenn., a sister, six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

**Marguerite Woodson Morris**, formerly of Albemarle, died May 18 in Laurinburg.

She taught school in Indian Trail, Wadesboro and Asheboro, and worked in the office of the superintendent of Albemarle City Schools for 11 years. After

receiving further education at Appalachian State University, she became a certified librarian, and at her retirement was librarian at Albemarle Junior High School. She was an active member of First Baptist Church in Albemarle before moving to Laurinburg to be near her daughter.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, John Birch Morris, Jr. and two sisters. Survivors include son John Birch Morris, II of Chapel Hill, daughter Brenda M. Litton of Pinehurst, a brother, a sister, three grandsons, and four great-grandchildren.

**Walter L. Ritter** of Naples, Fla. died March 16, 2003.

He was retired from Bell of Pennsylvania.

He is survived by wife Doris Shaw and two children, Walter L. III and Diane Pencek.

**Paul E. Strauch** of Pleasant Hill, Tenn., died April 11.

Following his years at Catawba, he graduated from Lancaster Theological Seminary and was ordained into the ministry of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

He married his wife of 62 years, Melva Kathryn Peifly '37, who preceded him in death in 2003, and began his career. He pastored churches in Freemansburg, Pa., Buffalo, N.Y., and Takoma Park, Md., before joining the national staff of the E & R Church, leading the Commission on Stewardship as executive secretary. With the establishment of the United Church of Christ in 1962, he became secretary for Christian Education. In 1968, he was called to pastor Faith United Church of Christ in New Cumberland, Pa., and in 1974, served the First Congregational Church in Danbury, Conn.

He is survived by four sons, John of San Diego, Calif., Joel of Larchmont, N.Y., Timothy of Watertown, Wis., and Thomas of Salem, Ore., along with seven grandchildren.

'41 **Joseph Emmor Fuoss** of Bellwood, Pa. died Feb. 28.

While at Catawba, he served as football manager for Coach Gordon Kirkland and assisted in recruiting potential players to the College from the Bellwood, Juniata and Altoona areas of Pennsylvania. A U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, he was retired in 1986 as account manager at General Mills, Inc. after 37 years of service. He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Bellwood, a member of the Logan Lodge 490 Free and Accepted Masons, the Altoona Consistory, Jaffa Shrine, the Tyrone Shrine Club and the American Legion in Juniata.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Irene Rose, in 1980, and two brothers, Earl and Ralph. Survivors include his second wife whom he married in 1984, Verdabella Wulfert Rowan, daughter

Marcia J. of Gaithersburg, Md., son Dr. Mark J. of Sewickley, Pa., sister Dorothy Case Yocom of Sarasota, Fla., brother, Donald '47 of Sacramento, Calif., two stepdaughters, a stepson, eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

'45 **Margaret Eagle Haynes** of Salisbury died May 19.

A native of Rowan County, she was a member of Haven Lutheran Church and employed by Salisbury Lumber and Greendale Nursery.

She was preceded in death by husband David Thomas Haynes in 1999. Survivors include son David Lee Haynes and daughter Tammy Sue Haynes, both of Salisbury.

'46 **Raymond E. Blair** of Kitty Hawk died Feb. 1, 2003.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and served in the Pacific Theatre during World War II.

He is survived by three children, Eddie, David and Ann.

'47 **Sarah Leak Kelly** of Winston-Salem died May 2.

Raised in Salisbury, she was employed for 32 years in various management positions with Piedmont Airlines until her retirement in 1987. She enjoyed extensive traveling.

She was preceded in death by her aunt, Sarah Benoit. Survivors include her husband of 50 years, Don J. Kelly '49.

**Lyndal L. Head** of Lexington died March 26.

She was retired from the City of Lexington Tax Department. A member of First United Methodist Church, she served on the Altar Guild and the Administrative Board, taught Sunday school for 20 years and was active in the United Methodist Women.

Survivors include husband Charles Phillip "Phil" Head, Sr., son Charles Phillip Head, Jr. of Greenville, S.C., daughter Deborah Head Arnold of Lexington, eight grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, four brothers, the Rev. Donald Leonard '53 of Lexington, Reid Leonard '50 of Salisbury, the Rev. Dr. Calvin Leonard '46 of Cherry Grove Beach, S.C., and Bobby Franklin Leonard '54 of Tamona Park, Md., and a sister, Patsy Leonard Woodruff '52 of Lexington.

'48 **Betty Josephine Atwell Horne** of Charlotte died April 30.

The first female certified as a concrete technician in North Carolina, she retired after more than 30 years at Concrete Supply Co., where she was employed as accounting department manager.

She was preceded in death in 1979 by husband James T. Horne. Survivors include sons James David Horne of York, S.C., and Spencer Andrew Horne of Charlotte, daughter Mary Lynne Horne Parker of Pageland, S.C., and four grandchildren.

'50 **Collie Hearne "Buck" Burns, Jr.** of Wadesboro died May 16.

Born in Anson County, he was a U.S. Army Air Force veteran who served during World War II. Following his military service and graduation from Catawba, he spent two years teaching public school in the Burnsville community.

Thereafter, he embarked on a 20-year textile career that led him to a research position with the DuPont Corp. Following his textile career, he became hospital administrator at Bissell Hospital in Wilmington, Del. He retired in 1981 from the Delaware Division of Public Health as director of the fiscal department.

Following his retirement, he returned to Wadesboro where he was a member of the First United Methodist Church and its Wesley Adult Bible Class. He was also a life member and past Master of Kilwinning Masonic Lodge #64, as well as a member of the Carolina Consistory of Scottish Rite, the Oasis Temple of Shriners, the Anson Shrine Club and the Wadesboro Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Marie Northcutt Burns, son Collier Hearn Burns '75 of Wadesboro, sister Martha Burns Steagall of Morven, and several nieces and nephews.

**Omer Woodard Hendrix** of Winston-Salem died April 15.

Following his graduation from Catawba, he earned his master's degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He taught school in Belmont, Winston-Salem and Forsyth County before his employment with Western Electric/AT&T, where he worked for 31 years until his retirement in 1987.

An active member of his church, College Park Baptist, since 1955, he served as deacon for 27 years, and as a Sunday school teacher for youth, college and adults. He was an active participant in the Wake Forest University Cardiac Rehabilitation program for 15 years.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Athaleta Harren Hendrix '50, two daughters, Trudy Hendrix Elkins of Winston-Salem and Amy Hendrix Tilley of Clemmons, a son, Omer Dwayne Hendrix of Clemmons, sister Oneida Hendrix Merrell '82 of Mocksville, six grandchildren, a sister-in-law, several nieces and nephews, and some special cousins.

**Robert H. Morris** of North Myrtle Beach, S.C., formerly of Lexington, died April 6.

Following his graduation from Catawba, he attended North Carolina State University, the University of Georgia, and the University of Mississippi while on active duty with the U.S. Army. He served during World War II and was a clerk at the Numberg Trials.

He was a member of First Reformed United Church of Christ of Lexington where he was past president of Consistory, a deacon, elder and Sunday school teacher. He was an associate member of King of Glory Lutheran Church in North Myrtle Beach. He was a life member of Jim Leonard Post 8 American Legion. He was past president, secretary and treasurer of the N.C. Rural Letter Carriers Association, and named N.C. Outstanding Rural Letter Carrier of the Year in 1965. He was a partner of Towel City towel company in Lexington, a life member of the S.C. Garden Club and an honorary member of the Driftwood Garden Club of North Myrtle Beach.

Survivors include his wife, Sarah Elizabeth Holder Morris, son Ted Morris of North Carolina, daughters Jackie Morris of Maryland and Ann Cooper of North Carolina, sister Ruth Davis of North Carolina, six grandchildren, eight great-



grandchildren, two nieces and two nephews.

**'51 Dr. William "Bill" Henry Snider** of Salisbury died April 10.

A World War II veteran, he served with the United States Navy in the Pacific. Following his graduation from Catawba, he earned his doctorate of dental science degree from the University of North Carolina School of Dentistry. He was a retired dentist, having operated a successful practice in Spencer.

He was a member of Trading Ford Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon, a brotherhood director of the Rowan Baptist Association, a Gideon, a member of the Rowan County Dental Association, and was instrumental with the N.C. Baptist Men's Disaster Recovery.

Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Leona Massey Snider '49, son Kensell Reece Snider of Churchland, daughters Kevan Snider Yates '91, and Kyna Snider Foster, both of Salisbury, two brothers, a sister and five grandchildren.

**'52 Louie E. Watkins** of Concord died April 1.

He served in the U.S. Army Air corps from 1942-1945 and was a lifelong member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart. He was retired from Nash and Edgecomb Counties Mental Health Care in Rocky Mount. He was a member of Rosemary Baptist Church in Roanoke Rapids.

Survivors include wife Elizabeth "Lib" Power Watkins, son Harry C. Watkins of Wilmington; sister Charmaine Black of Spartanburg, S.C. and a grandchild.

**'58 Helen Roseman Snider** of Salisbury, formerly of Linwood, died April 8.

She was a native of Rowan County. Following her graduation from Catawba, she earned her master's degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She was retired as a teacher with the Davidson County Schools. She was a member of Linwood United Methodist Church, the Retired Teachers Association, Delta Kappa Gamma Sorority and Gamma Alpha Sorority. She worked as a volunteer at Lexington Memorial Hospital.

She was preceded in death by husband Joseph "Joe" M. Snider in 1994. Survivors include brother Robert "Bob" Roseman of Salisbury, and sisters LaVerne Hand of Greensboro and Emily Geiger '46 of Hampton, Va..

**'63 James C. Robbins** of Collierville, Tenn., died May 7.

Following his graduation from Catawba, he earned his medical degree from the University of Memphis and his optometry degree from Southern College of Optometry. He then established a successful optometry practice in Collierville. He was a member of Collierville United Methodist Church and former president of Collierville Rotary Club.

Survivors include his wife of 30 years, Sandra Hooten Robbins, three sons, Jason and Nick of Cordova, and Jeff of Collierville, and two half-brothers.

**'75 Elmer T. Phipps, Jr.** of Hickory has died.

He was employed by Draymore Manufacturing, Inc. of Mooresville.

He is survived by wife Judy.

**'02 Brenna Lee Lawrence** of Jamestown died April 14.

Born in Albuquerque, N.M., she was the daughter of Gary Brent and Jackie Clyne Lawrence, who survive her. She earned her bachelor of science degree in biology with minors in religion and philosophy. She graduated as a member of Beta Beta Beta, a national honor and professional society for biology students and Phi Epsilon, an honorary scholastic society. She was listed in "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges" in 2000. She served as a member of Catawba's Honor Court and was a work study student in the history department. While attending Catawba, she was a member of the Chapel Choir and a member of the cheerleading squad.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by a brother, Ryan, of the home, a maternal grandfather, numerous aunts, uncles and cousins, along with a great aunt and great-grandmother.

## Class Notes

**'46 Cathy Troxell Greene** and husband, Bob briefly moved to South Carolina but missed Catawba and their friends so much they moved back to Salisbury. They are enjoying their grandchildren, David and Ian. They wish Catawba and students a great 2004/2005 school year.

**'47 Dot Schrumm Hammond** is living happily in Newton, N.C. Her daughter, son-in-law and six grandchildren live in Pensacola, Fla. She enjoys traveling and playing bridge. She is always ready for company!

**'51 Peggy Kleckner Mills** and husband have permanently located in Jacksonville, Florida. They live in a Retirement Community called "Westminster Wood" on Julington Creek.

**'52 John Philips** has published a book, "Anderson's Bottom." It tells a story of William Anderson as he left Scotland to start to the Americas. You can find out more by visiting [www.westviewpublishing.com](http://www.westviewpublishing.com).

**'53 Joyce Stefano Galloway** and Marvin Galloway of Asheboro celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary April 24, 2004. There was a reception given at the home of Tony Galloway in Winston-Salem, N.C.

**'55 Bob Leonard** and his wife now have two grandchildren, Mercedes(2) and Marisol(4 months) Gonzalez.

**'58 Barbara McKee Payne** has been living in San Antonio, Texas, for two years and finds it a really fun city. She has become an avid *Spurs* fan and she travels frequently to Aruba and Hawaii. She is thoroughly enjoying her "golden years."

**Sally Hahn Richter** is so glad that more of her classmates came to Homecoming '03. Year 2008 is their 50th and she would like for classmates to come celebrate this special occasion.

**'59 Charles Waller** retired from Wayne Community College. He was elected to the Goldsboro City Council.

**'62 Helena Jones Farquharson** has been a flight attendant/purser for 33 years, first for PanAm and now United Airlines. She hopes to retire next year. She has been in England and married to a Scot for 30 plus years. She still loves Show Business and does bits and pieces mainly voice-overs for visually-impaired charities. She would love to hear from anyone who remembers her.

**Rev. Walter Snowa** is now serving St. John's UCC in downtown Louisville, Kentucky. Leaving the Association Conference Minister's position in Eastern Virginia (Southern Conference) to assume leadership in this urban historic church has been an exciting challenge. They love Louisville and the opportunity to participate in its revitalization.

**'63 Martha Threadgill Stewart** was escorted to Rome, Florence, and Venice by her daughter, Katherine Wachter, as a celebration of her retirement from a 36 year teaching career in the Alamance-Burlington School System. She is active in civic affairs and Holy Comforter Episcopal Church. Martha also enjoys visits with her grandsons, Phillip and James Baunwell of Winston-Salem, N.C. Contact her at [mstewart3@triad.rr.com](mailto:mstewart3@triad.rr.com).

**'65 Joann Hill Prout-O'Connell** married her high school sweetheart, Ferris Kindle O'Connell on December 20, 2003. Both were widowed and had not seen each other for over 40 years when they were reacquainted. Joann teaches Spanish at the Rutland, VT. Middle School and Ferris is a retired teacher.

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

**'69 Steve Van Pelt** will be running for one of the four open seats on the Alamance-Burlington school board in the November election. He is a 35-year veteran of education. He has worked with the Alamance-Burlington School System for 14 years before retiring in 2002.

**'72 Dr. Jacalyn L. Book (Jackie)** has recently received her Doctor of Education degree with a focus on New Teacher Mentoring. She continues to teach French in the Lake Forest School District and is in charge of the New Teacher Mentoring Program for the district. She and Jay were married this past January. They have recently taken their sailboat back and forth to St. Thomas, USVI for the winter and had many adventures on the open seas!

**'73 Linda Barger Austin** has been teaching for 30 years at Morgan Elementary. She was named Wal-Mart's Teacher of the Year for Rowan County. Her students nominated her for this honor.

**Jack S. Kepley, Jr.** began teaching Business Education at Kannapolis Middle School on January 6, 2004. He completed his teaching certification at NC A&T on December 13, 2003.

**Chris Kirby** is now the Rewholesale Manager for McCorkle Nurseries Inc., where she has worked for 11 years. She would love to hear from friends at [5cedars@classicssouth.net](mailto:5cedars@classicssouth.net).

**Steve Roeder** and his wife, Nancy are proud to announce that their son, Blake will graduate from the United States Air Force Academy on June 2, 2004. Blake will attend pilot training in Enis, Oklahoma after graduating.

**'74 Richard T. Lonsdale** married Alisa Lonsdale and have two sons, R.T. and Jonathan. He is the President of Lonsdale and Holtzman Inc.

**Ken Shultz** has been transferred to the new Harrisburg East Mall location of Boscov's Department Store as the Department Manager for Major Appliances and Audio.

**'76 Forry (Buck) Buckingham** remains active with professional acting in the Boston/New England market. He is also giving lectures on the benefits of eating vegan. His style of delivery is considered very entertaining, while keeping with the benefits supported by the Physician's Committee For Responsible Medicine. Buck can be reached at [forrybuck@earthlink.net](mailto:forrybuck@earthlink.net), he would love to hear from friends.

**'77 Richard and Nell Brake** are excitedly awaiting the birth of their first grandchild due in September to their daughter, Sandy and her husband, Michael Hartley, of Lexington, N.C.

**The Rev. Dr. Tyson L. Frey** and Cathy would like to hear from classmates. He was recently elected Vice President of the Board of Managers for Bethany Children's Home in Womelsdorf, Pa. Bethany is a U.C.C. related Children's Home. Tyson serves on the counseling ministry committee. He is also serving as Board Chairperson for the Phoebe Richland Health Care Center in Richlandtown, Pa. Phoebe Richland is the newest facility in the Phoebe Ministries family. Tyson is a member of the Phoebe Board in Allentown, Pa.



'80 **Barbara Kershner Daniel** will become chair of the Board of Trustees of Lancaster Theological Seminary in July 2004. She received a service award from the Berks County Senior Citizens Council on May 25, 2004.

'81 **Philip Brune** is working in Washington, D.C. with Sosexho as a General Manager at Sibley Memorial Hospital. He has been there for a year and a half but has worked in food service since graduation. He is living in McLean, Va. and would like to hear from classmates. Life is Good!

**Juanice Siler Campbell** is living in California with her three boys and would love to hear from friends. She has recently accepted a new position at IBM as a sales executive focusing on driving wireless sales among the small and medium customers in the western United States. She can be reached at [JSILERC@comcast.net](mailto:JSILERC@comcast.net).

'84 **Lisa Simon Danks** moved back to Delray Beach, Florida after graduation. She married Keith Danks and has 3 wonderful daughters that keep her young. She stays in touch with a few friends but the distance has always been hard. Life is good and getting better...the 40's are the best so far! Her e-mail address is [Danks!@bell-south.net](mailto:Danks!@bell-south.net). She hopes this message finds you all happy and healthy.

**Denise Elizabeth Whitaker** and John David Dalton were married on Saturday, April 24, 2004 at Omwake-Dearborn Chapel. She is employed with Prudential Retirement as Regional Manager for Education and Enrollment for the NC 401k plan. He is employed with Aon Consulting as a Programmer. The couple make their home in Winston-Salem, N.C.

'86 **Jeff Coulter** has a new address in Charlotte, N.C. He can be reached at 2217 Kenmore Avenue, Charlotte, NC 28204 or by phone at (704)712-5842.

**Anne McNeill Kosuda** and husband Joey have made their final move to Goldsboro, N.C. Joey has retired from the military and Anne is teaching Social Studies at CB Aycock High School. Their new address is 114 Bear Creek Road, Goldsboro, NC 27534 and new e-mail address is [akosuda@nc.rr.com](mailto:akosuda@nc.rr.com).

**Terence (Terry) Ward** is in his 15th year with The Walt Disney Corp. and so is his beautiful wife. They have been married for 4 years and have two beautiful dogs, Howie and Griffin. They love to travel, visit family and friends, and hope to get back to Catawba soon.

'88 **Vee Ervin Daniel** serves as 2004 "Christmas In Action Spartanburg" President. "Christmas In Action" is a non profit association that helps the elderly, disabled and lower income families repair their homes at no charge to the homeowner. Vee works as Executive Officer for the Home Builders Association of Greater Spartanburg. She is married with two children, Shannon (12) and Luey (9).

'89 **Mary Kathryn Owen** and Edwin Randall Williams were united in marriage on Saturday, April 24, 2004 at the Presbyterian Bell Tower Park in Salisbury, N.C. She is a clinical social worker in private practice and serves as the Clinical Program Manager of The Hill Country Counseling Center in Austin, Texas. He is employed with Applied Materials in Austin. They reside in Round Rock, Texas.

'90 **Cindy Stewart Brand** and husband, Greg proudly announce the birth of son, Seth William, born April 30, 2003. Seth joins sister, Lauren (3). Friends can reach Cindy at 4940 Bowman Park Point in Cumming, GA 30041.

**Ann Stoner Carlan** sadly reports the death of her husband, Guy Carlan, on December 22, 2003. Guy was a loyal supporter of Catawba College. She can be reached at [acarlan@carolina.rr.com](mailto:acarlan@carolina.rr.com).

**Jennifer Clark Mendenhall** and her husband, Thomas have a new arrival, Madison Michelle. She was born on February 16, 2004 and joins her brother, Cameron (4).

'91 **Steve and Laura Clark** are pleased to announce the birth of their second child, Bennett Joseph Clark on April 13th. He joins big brother Blake, who is three years old. The Clark family lives in Salisbury, N.C.

**Todd Stewart Lipe** and Linda Tarkington Clifton were united in marriage on April 17, 2004 at D.A.R. House in Farmville. He is a teacher at J.H. Rose High School and the school's football coach. She is employed with Body Bliss Hair Salon. The couple now resides in Greenville, N.C.

**Lisa Ward** and her partner, Susan Albright are overjoyed to announce the birth of their son, Garrett Francis Ward, born on January 3, 2004. Garrett joins his big sister, Alexis (9). **Michelle Barnes '90** assisted in the labor and delivery of Garrett's birth. Friends may write Lisa at [leospaws@earthlink.net](mailto:leospaws@earthlink.net).


'92 **Whitney Gallagher Guralnick** would like to announce the birth of her daughter, Mia Claire. She was born in August, 2003.

**Paul L. Miller** and his wife, Anne announce the birth of their daughter, Sarah Ann on January 6th. Paul is Operational Sales Manager for Finneran and Haley Paint and Coatings. The Miller family resides in Claymont, Delaware.

'93 **Kendra DeMarco** started a new venture in Hilton Head, building spec homes and selling real estate. She would love to hear from old friends at [kendrad889@earthlink.com](mailto:kendrad889@earthlink.com).

**Susan Sylvester Denny** and husband, Kurwin announce the birth of their son, Brandon Paul. He was born March 26, 2004, 8lbs. 10oz. Brandon joins sister Allison(3). Susan is an insurance agent, lives in Winston-Salem, N.C. and would love to hear from friends! E-mail [smsdenny@aol.com](mailto:smsdenny@aol.com).

**1970s Close-up**  
 Pictured are Kris Rondum Ginorio and Rosie Luongo O'Mahony, class of 1975. They recently celebrated their 50th birthdays in Cape May, NJ. They would like to hear from classmates. Kris can be reached at, 17567 Deaver's Court, Hamilton, VA 20158. Rosie can be reached at 962 Grant Road, Folcroft, PA 19032.



'94 **April Horton Lambirth** would love to hear from her classmates at [april@lambirth.com](mailto:april@lambirth.com).

**Katherine (Katie) Anne De Vitto O'Connor** completed her doctorate degree in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in May of 2003. She accepted a tenured track faculty position in Greenville, N.C. She is now an assistant professor at East Carolina University in the Elementary Education department. Her husband, **Colin '91** continues to work for Pepsi Co. and their daughter, Delaney, continues to be a "daddy's little girl."

'95 **Bryan Ernest Fass** and Lara Maria Fleischaker were united in marriage on April 4, 2004 at Temple Beth El. They both are employed by Precision Fitness. He is the director and athletic trainer and she is a medical massage therapist.

**Stephen (Patrick) Hayes** and his wife, Tracy would like to announce the birth of Emerson Reid on March 26, 2004. Emerson was born at home, delivered by his dad. He joins his brother Aidan, who is 3.

'96 **Meredith Knowles Abramson** works at Erwin Middle School. She was recently presented the Terry Sanford Award for Creativity in

Teaching and Administration. The North Carolina Association of Educators gives the prestigious award annually.

**Ian Brinkley** returned from a 7 month deployment with the 1st Expeditionary Strike Group/13th Marine Expeditionary Unit aboard the USS PELELIU. Flew in combat operations in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. Ian is currently stationed at Camp Pendleton, Calif. and will be transferring to Marine Helicopter Training Squadron 303 to become a

flight instructor on the AH-1W Cobra attack helicopter. He would like to hear from friends. E-mail address is [brinkleyic@3mawcpen.usmc.mil](mailto:brinkleyic@3mawcpen.usmc.mil).

**Kenneth (Ted) Klima** would like you to visit his website at <http://home.earthlink.net/~ktklima>.

**Brad Wylde** is pleased to announce his engagement to Kate Flynn. They expect a Spring 2005 wedding. Both live in Charlotte. Brad can be reached at his company: [www.bmwsportsmarketing.com](http://www.bmwsportsmarketing.com) or via e-mail at [bmw@ctc.net](mailto:bmw@ctc.net).

'97 **Jessica (Jess) Conway** is currently performing in Studio Theatre's production of Far Away, in Washington, D.C. She would like to hear from old friends. Please shoot her an e-mail at [sweetjubebean@att.net](mailto:sweetjubebean@att.net).

**Robert M. Van Geons** has accepted a position as executive director for the Stanly County Economic Development Commission, effective April 12. Prior to assuming his new position, he served as the economic development director for the city of Waterbury, Conn., creating the Waterbury Economic Resource Center while there.

A native of Waterbury, Conn., Van Geons is married to wife Tara.

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**Patrick Winters** was named the Rowan-Salisbury School System's Teacher of the Year. He is an English teacher at East Rowan High School. Winters was the keynote speaker at the Rowan-Salisbury PTA Council's Annual Spring Banquet.

**Mike Jacobs** graduated from the Georgia State University College of Law on May 14, 2004. After taking the bar exam this July, he plans to work as a prosecutor in the District Attorney's office. He has been selected to be the recipient of the Trammell Award, an award given to the tax clinic student each year who performs in the most outstanding manner. The Trammell was presented at the Honor's Day Ceremony on April 13, 2004.

'99 **Brian Moffitt** and Candice Boyd were united in marriage on May 29, 2004 at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Bath, N.C. **Brian Hinson '00** and **Matt Benjamin '00** served as groomsmen. Brian is employed with the North Carolina Transportation Museum in Spencer, N.C. Candice is employed with the Waterworks Visual Arts Center in Salisbury.

**Charlie** and **Elizabeth O'Connell** are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Emma Ruth. Emma was born on February 16th and weighed 7lb 6oz and was 20.5 in.

'00 **Elizabeth W. Hood** will be teaching in Queretaro, Mexico for three weeks and Acapulco, Mexico for one week with "Mission to the World." She will be teaching voice, autoharp, violin, and children's choir plus singing in a number of churches there.

**Gretchen Patterson** announces that October 9, 2004 she will be marrying Matt Murray of Fredrickburg, Va., a Virginia Tech graduate in Montgomery, Texas. Their wedding party is to include Catawba Grads: **Gina Ayla '03** and **Jennifer Parker '00**; along with Paul Wells, former admissions assistant director. If you want to contact her call (281)362-9500\*117 or e-mail her at [GP@MERIPLEX.NET](mailto:GP@MERIPLEX.NET). She would love to hear from anyone she has lost touch with through the years.

**Jonathan Slaughter** received his MD from The Wake Forest University School of Medicine on May 17. He will begin a three year Pediatrics Residency at the Medical University of S.C. Children's Hospital starting July 1, 2004. He proudly attended the Catawba graduation of his brother, Chris, a Whitener Award winner. He would love to hear from friends.

**Kathleen Marie Sossoman** and Edwin Joseph Link were united in the sacrament of holy matrimony on Saturday, April 17, 2004 at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church. They make their home in Decatur, Georgia.

**Shawn P. Terry** is currently playing in a Rock Band named ALTAR Q. **Trey Cutrell '96** is the lead singer. They recently signed a record contract with Digitone Records and are establishing tour dates up and down the east coast in support of their Self-Titled Debut

Album. Their songs are currently being Showcased on WNYU New York University College Radio and XM RADIO. They have recently played with National Acts: Cowboy Mouth, Ingram Hill, and the Supersuckers. They have received media attention from the Richmond Music Journal, 9Volt Magazine, and The Richmond Times Dispatch. For more information on ALTAR Q check out [www.ALTARQ.net](http://www.ALTARQ.net) or [www.DigitoneRecords.com](http://www.DigitoneRecords.com).

'01 **Joshua McCabe Brincefield** and Meredith Lassiter were married May 22, 2004 at the Divi Aruba Phoenix Beach resort on Palm Beach, Aruba. Josh is employed with Carolina Curbing Company in Greensboro. Meredith is employed with Statewide Title, Inc. in Salisbury. The couple now resides in Salisbury, N.C.

**M. Jewel Jones Glassman** would like to announce the birth of her first child, Noah Abraham on January 31, 2004.

**Jonathan R. Menefee** is the Democratic Candidate for the Fourth Congressional District of Virginia. Menefee plans on running a grassroots campaign, traveling throughout the district to build wider support for the Party. With a convention theme of unity, strength, and new leadership, the delegates chose to give their unanimous support to one of the youngest candidates for federal office this election cycle. He currently works for his family's small, heavy-material hauling business in Chesapeake as the Human Resources Director.

**Jessica Smith** is just beginning her masters work in secondary education at American University in Washington, D.C.

**Melissa** and **RJ Speaks** are doing very well. They live in Winston-Salem, N.C. RJ is the Branch Manager of a CCB in Winston-Salem. Melissa is teaching special needs children in Yadkin County. They would love to hear from their friends. Their e-mail addresses are [robin.speaks@ccb.com](mailto:robin.speaks@ccb.com) and [melspenn@yahoo.com](mailto:melspenn@yahoo.com).

**Cynthia Rowland Waller**, a 2001 Master of Education recipient, received her National Board Certification in January of 2004. After submitting a portfolio to the National Board of Professional Teachers and completing a test of mastery for History, she was awarded national certification in Early Adolescent Social Studies/History. She is presently teaching sixth grade social studies and reading at C.C. Erwin Middle School and resides in Salisbury, N.C. with her husband, Mike.

**Ben Warren** is currently a carpenter for the Orlando-UCF Shakespeare Festival. He got married in May of 2003 to April Jernigan. If anyone wishes to contact him do so at [sipiston@aol.com](mailto:sipiston@aol.com).

'02 **Jennifer Lynn Elium** and Michael Anthony Board were united in marriage on Saturday, April 10, 2004, at Canaan Baptist Church in Salisbury, NC. They are both employed with Piedmont

Farm and Yard Equipment, and reside in Kannapolis, N.C.

**Ben Foti** has secured a permanent position with Karr-Tar Regional Council of Governments as a Human Services Planner in Henderson, N.C.

**John Gust** recently finished his Master of Environmental Management at Duke University. He is gainfully employed by Booz Allen Hamilton in McLean, Va., consulting on DOD contracts. Yes, the DOD does care about the environment. Who knew? If you would like to contact John his e-mail address, now and forever, will be [jbg7@duke.edu](mailto:jbg7@duke.edu). Best of luck to everyone in the future and Go Duke! Oops, I mean Cat-U!

**Allen Klimesh** is almost done with his MBA!! woo hoo!!

**Jake Miller** and Allison Schmalbach were married on Saturday, February 14, 2004 at Omwake-Dearborn Chapel. He is the owner of Miller Tree Service. She is an interior designer for Precision Decorating in Winston-Salem, N.C. They reside in Advance, N.C.

**Derrick Stokes** opened Discover Health, a small food store at 1535 Hanes Mall Boulevard, Winston-Salem, NC. He sells sugar-free and low-carb foods. He recently started selling food on the Internet at [www.discoverhealthinc.com](http://www.discoverhealthinc.com).

**Heather Underhill** and Mark Schmitz will be married on June 5, 2004 in Raleigh, N.C. After their wedding they will live in Raleigh where they both now have jobs. She would love to hear from friends at [Heythar79@aol.com](mailto:Heythar79@aol.com).

**Isaac (Ike) Winebarger** and **Danielle Thomas '03** are living in Lexington, N.C. and would love to hear from old friends. You can reach Ike at [idwfranchising@hotmail.com](mailto:idwfranchising@hotmail.com) and Danielle at [danielle.thomas2@nc.usda.gov](mailto:danielle.thomas2@nc.usda.gov).

'03 **E. Courtney Ayers** and Piotr Kalinowski plan to be married on July 3, 2004 in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

**Shannon Davenport** and **Christopher McCoy '00** are engaged to be married on December 4, 2004 at Omwake-Dearborn Chapel. Shannon is employed

as an Accountant with McCoy, Hillard and Parks, CPAs, P.A. Christopher is employed as a Financial Professional with 'The MONY Group'.

**Jeffrey (Clint) Gryder** married Stephanie Saintsing on Sunday, December 21, 2003 at the home of J. Gordon Saintsing. He is employed by Advantage Sales and Marketing as territorial sales manager. She is employed with Saintsing Management/Preferred Events. They reside in Lexington, N.C.

**Lettie Wilkes** resides in Hickory, N.C. where she is a teacher at Fred T. Foad High School. She coaches volleyball and basketball at the school and has plans to start her Master's Degree soon. As first year coach, she took her team to the 3A State Championship.

'04 **Amy Beth Archer** is engaged to Christopher Jarrett Brown and plan to be married on June 19, 2004 at Omwake-Dearborn Chapel. She is employed as store manager with Cabarrus Pool Supply in Salisbury. He is employed with Oce North America in Charlotte as a Field Engineer.

**Donald (Donnie) Atwell** and Natalie Jean Roper plan to be married July 10, 2004 at Central Baptist Church in Kannapolis. He is employed with John Wieland Homes. She is employed with Rowan Cabarrus Community College.

**Ashley Barrow** and John Laughter are engaged to be married Saturday, August 7, 2004 at Woodfield Inn, Flat Rock, N.C.

**Lauren Corriher** will be entering the University of Georgia's Master of Public Administration program, which is ranked third in the nation, according to U.S. News and World Reports.

**Rebecca Phillips** plans to marry John Wrenn during a May 2004 wedding.

**Virginia (Ginny) Summey** is serving as Director of Grassroots Operations for the Vinroot for Governor campaign.

**Robin Trepanier** will be attending the Appalachian School of Law in the fall.



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## 2004 Graduate and Award Recipient Carries on Family Tradition

Amy Archer of Landis, a 2004 graduate of Catawba College, didn't set out to be part of a family tradition, but now she is. And that tradition is one of excellence.

Archer, who graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor's degree of business administration from Catawba's Lifelong Learning program, followed in the academic footsteps of her sister, Jennifer Archer Cruse, a 1989 alumna of the College, and her father, Frederick M. Archer, a 1961 alumnus.

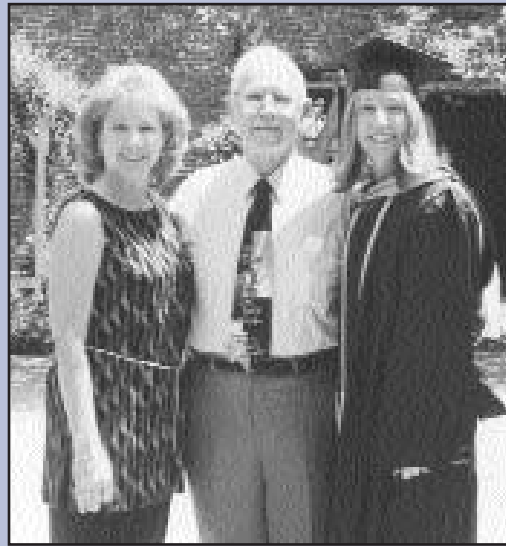
Archer was one of this year's recipients of Barbara Andrews Award, given annually to the graduating senior in the Lifelong Learning Program who embodies most successfully the attributes of character, leadership and scholarship. Selection for the award is made by the College faculty, and candidates must have earned at least a 3.5 cumulative grade point average.

Archer's sister, Jennifer, who earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education 15 years prior, was the recipient of Whitener Award, the day program's counterpart to the Barbara Andrews Award. Today, she teaches first grade at Coltrane-Webb Elementary School in Concord.

The women's father, the Reverend Frederick M. Archer, earned his bachelor's degree in English and religion and philosophy from Catawba, and then continued his education at the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, graduating from there in 1964 with his master's degree of divinity. Ordained the year of his seminary graduation, he presently serves as pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in China Grove, which is affiliated with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. He is married to the former Alice Gragg of Arden, N.C., a Lenoir-Rhyne graduate who taught for 15 years at Corriher-Lipe Middle School and has taught part-time at Rowan-Cabarrus Community College.

In addition to Amy and Jennifer, Reverend and Mrs. Archer are parents of two other adult children, both of whom are also college graduates. They include Greg, an alumnus of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, and John, an alumnus of both UNCC and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Amy Archer currently works as store manager for Cabarrus Pool Supply in Salisbury. She will marry Jarrett Brown on June 19 in Catawba's Omwake-Dearborn Chapel.



L-R: Jennifer Archer Cruse '89, Fredrick M. Archer '61, and Amy Archer '04

## Professor uses his talents and gifts to help others

"I can't change the world, but I can change the world of one child," says Dr. Paul Baker, a mathematics professor at Catawba College.

June 23, Baker will shift from his role as college professor and become both ambassador and missionary. He will pack his love, empathy and concern for others, particularly children, and travel to St. Petersburg, Russia, and then on to Cambodia. In a small way, Baker hopes the month he spends abroad in these two disparate locations will make a difference in a life.

### First Stop, St. Petersburg

When he travels to St. Petersburg, Baker will be making his seventh trip to orphanages there. It was on one of those mission trips, that he discovered his now adopted son, Kolya.

Russia has thousands of street children, the offspring of parents who either cannot afford to care for them, or who because of health problems, or drug or alcohol addictions are unable to care for them. These children end up living on the street, or if they are lucky, finding a spot in one of the country's many orphanages, where they likely will spend their childhoods.

Kolya was one of these street children. Baker met him when he was in St. Petersburg one summer on a mission trip with his church, Resurrection Lutheran of Charlotte. Baker was helping to serve meals to the street children at a day shelter when he met the 11-year-old blonde boy. "Both of his parents were alive and living on the streets," Baker recalls. "He was living in a train station which was heated, but he came to the day shelter for meals."

Baker, married to wife Nancy and the father of two adult daughters, developed a relationship with Kolya, one that spanned several years. He eventually worked to adopt him after the boy's natural father died and he became officially adoptable according to international standards. The process took four and a half years, during which Kolya lived with Baker and his wife, Nancy, in Salisbury on a visa that fortunately kept being extended.

Today, Kolya is 17 years old and completing his sophomore year at Salisbury High School. He will accompany Baker back to Russia this summer, serving as his interpreter and learning by his adoptive father's example to minister to orphaned children there.

"These orphans really lack adult contact out-

side of the orphanage administrators," Baker explains. "I learned how easy it was to make them happy just by talking to them and holding them. There is no social net now that communism is gone in Russia.

"And altruism does not exist like it does in the United States. The attitude of most Russian people is 'better him than me,' rather than 'let me help someone else,'" Baker continues. "That is their inheritance and it is so unlike our country's which was founded on Christian principles."

Baker will bring financial gifts that he and his church have gathered and give these to the orphanage. He will also try to contact some of the children he met on previous trips, many of whom are making their own way as young adults.

It is only in reviewing the photos with Baker that one realizes the deep and profound concerns that he has developed for the orphaned children he has befriended. He names the faces in the photographs and adds biographical information about each one. He has remained in contact with many of them and he describes their respective circumstances, some sadder than others.

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## HELP OTHERS....

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"This is Andre," Baker says, pointing to a lanky, intellectual-looking young man in a photo. "He's slated to go into the military, but he's not looking forward to it."

"And here's Dema - he's going on to the university.... And here's Julia. She spent three years undergoing radiation and chemotherapy for cancer, lost her hair and wore stocking caps. She didn't make it."

"Here's Alexi and his brother. They live together and have relatives who help them some."

Baker's repeated trips to Russia have been at the behest of God, he believes. "I've obviously felt the call of God in my life," he says. "It's something I can do. If through me, these children are able to experience unconditional love, that's my purpose. For many of these kids, the only outside adult contact

they have is with me. Actually having someone to come up and hug them is something that doesn't happen too often in their lives.

"Hugs and care don't require my Ph.D. or my ability, they only require my availability."

**Next Stop, Cambodia**

Inspired by both the successes of his past visits to Russia and Author David Bornstein's visit this spring to Catawba College, Baker decided to cast his net of altruism a little wider than St. Petersburg.

During Bornstein's lectures on campus concerning social entrepreneurship, Baker recalls, Bornstein "stressed social entrepreneurship using unique personal situations. Shortly after I attended his lecture, I read a newspaper article about some Cambodian women being so desperate that they were selling their babies to less than ethical

adoption agencies. Inspired by Bornstein and his urging for us to make a difference, I considered unique factors that I might bring to the situation."

Baker served as the U.S. Navy's Cambodian analyst for several years in the late 1960s during the Vietnam War. And in what he describes "as a complex series of events," he became acquainted with King Sihanouk's personal ambassador, Julio Jeldres, while the King was in exile in China and North Korea. That acquaintance has continued for almost 20 years.

Baker e-mailed Ambassador Jeldres and told him "how my heart ached for the Cambodian children and asked whether he could think of any way that I might help them. He replied that he has worked with one of the orphanages in Phnom Penh, and if I could come this summer, he offered to arrange an official visit to that orphanage."

When he departs St. Petersburg in early July, he will travel on to Cambodia, a country he has not visited in more than almost 35 years. In an official capacity, he will visit the orphanage and investigate other ways that he can bring relief efforts to the children there. Already, members of the Catawba College community have donated money for Baker to pass along.

Baker will be traveling without fear while in the thoughts and prayers of many back home, and he believes, with divine guidance "because the most dangerous place to be is where God doesn't want you to be."

To make a financial contribution which will benefit the children in one or both of the orphanages to which Baker will travel to this summer, please make checks payable to RTM and mail them to RTM, 2940 Commonwealth Avenue, Charlotte, NC 28205.



*Kids show off the greenhouse where orphans raise food for the orphanage in Borovichi, a city about 200 miles outside St. Petersburg. The children get to sell the excess and keep the money from the sales*



*Almost every time Dr. Paul Baker sits down, he gets squashed by children anxious to be held*



*Younger orphans at the orphanage in Borovichi. They are too young for working on the farm*