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Catawba trustees recognized at special service of appreciation

The Catawba College community recognized members of its Board of Trustees at a Service of Appreciation held at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 16 in Omwake-Dearborn Chapel on campus. At the event, attended by students, faculty, staff, retirees and members of Catawba's other boards, eighteen trustees, each of whom had 20 or more years of service, were singled out for special acknowledgment.

Catawba College President Dr. Robert Knott said the college has been blessed "with two exceptionally strong groups of people - its faculty and its trustees." These groups, he said, "have collectively defined and sustained the institution."

"Our trustees have distinguished themselves since the institution moved to Salisbury in 1925 with a vision for Catawba College," he continued. "Behind those visions were deeply held beliefs on the importance of this place and a commitment to its well-being."

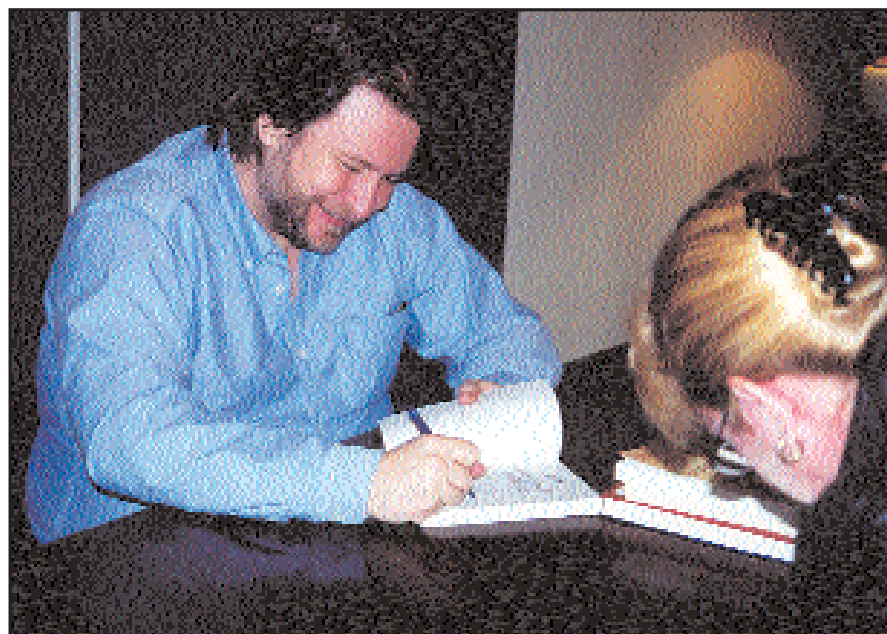
Recalling how Catawba's Trustees had repeatedly through the decades helped the college reach its various financial goals, Knott called the board members, "the envy of our sister institutions," but noted that "seeking recognition and credit for what they do is not what motivates this board."

Knott said the trustees were "recognized collectively for it is their work together that has benefited this institution." Citing their capacity for "vision and leadership," he explained that the current membership of the Catawba College Board of Trustees "has given \$47.5 million to Catawba collectively over the years," and those with 20 years of service or more "have collectively given over \$31 million" during their tenure.

Catawba College Professor Dr. Bruce Griffith, the senior faculty member at the College and a member of the class of 1962, also shared words of appreciation. See TRUSTEES RECOGNIZED, page 5



L-R: Trustee Patsy Rendleman is congratulated by V.P. Academic Dean Dr. Barbara Hetrick while College Marshal David Pullian looks on.



Pulitzer Prize-winning author, Rick Bragg signs books at the 18th Annual Brady Author's Symposium

Catawba pursues plans for new library on campus

Catawba College Trustees have given College administrators the green light to pursue plans for a new or expanded library facility on campus. This after discussions at the Board of Trustees annual meeting held Tuesday, February 17.

Catawba's Corriher-Linn-Black Library, which was dedicated in 1952, currently houses library resources, including bound volumes, maps, periodicals, newspapers, microforms, audiovisual, CD-Roms, and computer software, as well as a computer lab used by students, and the offices and infrastructure for the College's Computer Services Department.

To date, Salisbury Architect Bill Burgin has provided College officials with a variety of drawings detailing

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Dr. Robert Knott

President's Letter

At the February 2004 meeting of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College, several important next steps were taken toward achieving the recently established strategic planning goals of the College. In a farsighted and vigorous move to strengthen the College academically, four areas of focus were identified:

(1) Under the sound guidance of Dr. Barbara Hetrick, Vice President and Dean of the College, along with the able leadership of our faculty, actions are planned and being taken to increase dramatically the academic engagement of our students. These activities begin with the revitalization and expansion of our First Family Scholarship Program designed to recruit outstanding students to the College. They continue through a significant strengthening of the students first academic experience with college life in the freshman seminar through an enriched honors program and reach to the culminating experience of our students in a senior seminar. Among other measures the National Survey of Student Engagement will be used annually to assess our progress in these important areas of college life and student learning.

(2) Dr. Carl Girelli, Vice President and Dean of Students, is leading a far-reaching effort to strengthen the interconnections between the academic and social aspects of life at Catawba College. These plans and activities will encompass a newly reorganized set of functions centered on the wellness of our students through redirected planning of student activities and a restructuring of enriched residence life experiences that create stronger climates for promoting the academic success of our students.

(3) Dr. Ken Clapp, Senior Vice President and Chaplain of the College, through the newly founded Lilly Center for Vocation and Values is beginning a campus-wide emphasis on visibly and substantively enriching the religious and spiritual dimensions of the college community. Activities in this area begin early with retreats for entering freshman and extend throughout the college experience with much increased activity in the way of programs and opportunities for students, faculty and staff alike to consider and discuss the significance of the great spiritual questions of human existence.

(4) Under the insightful direction of Mr. Chuck Williams, Vice President of Business and Finance, new steps are being taken throughout the College to view our spending in light of priorities set by the Board of Trustees. These steps are extensive and are designed to assure sound stewardship of the many resources so generously given to the College by those of you who stand with us in our efforts.

In support of the above as well as other actions being taken to strengthen Catawba College academically, the Board of Trustees initiated the silent phase of an organized effort to grow the College's endowment significantly over the next few years. A steering committee is being assembled to lead this endowment effort and a silent phase of this campaign is underway with public announcements to be made in 2005 about the goals and extent of the endowment campaign.

We invite all of you to join with us in these challenging and exciting developments at Catawba College as we move forward to achieve an increased level of excellence consistent with our goal of becoming a "more selective" liberal arts college.

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1949 alumnus establishes scholarship at Catawba

Arliiss E. Art Claar '49 and Maxine Claar of Burlington have established a scholarship at Catawba College that will be awarded annually to a member of the College football team who demonstrates need. Preference will be given to a receiver on the team who maintains a 3.0 grade point average.

Art Claar, who hails from Bellwood, Pennsylvania, attended Catawba on a football scholarship and played four years, 1945-1948, for legendary Coach Gordon Kirkland. Of his gift to establish the scholarship, Claar said, "I received my education through a scholarship and I'm happy I am able to return the favor to help others. And, I would tell my college peers," he continued, "that this (establishing a scholarship) is a good way to show Catawba appreciation for the educational opportunities afforded there."

Claar attributes his decision to attend Catawba to his high school football coach, Lemont Donald "Duke" Burkholder, a 1943 Catawba alumnus.

Claar started on Catawba's two Tangerine Bowl winning teams. He was a four-year starter. He was All Conference for three years, 1946-1948. He was named to Holgate Sporting News All-American First Team in 1947. He was recipient of the Aycock Athletic Award as most Outstanding Senior Athlete in 1949. He was named to the All-Time Catawba football team in 1950. In 1958 and 1960, he was honored as Mid-State Conference Coach of the Year. In 1986, he was inducted into Catawba's Hall of Fame.

But, Claar downplays he laurels he has received for his collegiate athletic prowess noting, "I think that some of the talent of Catawba's

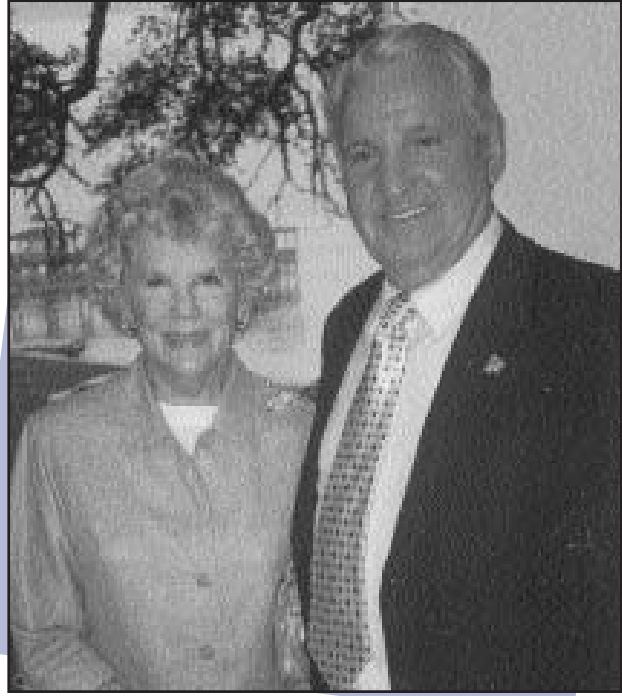
teams rubbed off on me."

"Catawba's strength lies in supportive alumni like Art Claar," said Catawba College Senior Vice President Tom Childress. "In the years since his graduation, he has consistently given back to this institution through his financial resources, his involvement in various projects, and through his time spent supporting our various athletics contests. This new scholarship is just one more indication of his lifelong love of Catawba."

Claar served a two-year term on the College's Alumni Board during the 1980s, and is a member of the Catawba Chiefs Club and the Gridiron Club. He was instrumental in raising funds to establish the Sports Hall of Fame Endowed Scholarship Fund at Catawba, serving as chairman of the project during the early 1990s and contributing to the fund. In 1999, he, along with Elliot Beal '49 of Lincolnton, Lamar Dorton '48 of Statesville and Bill England '54 of Raleigh, led the effort to endow and name Kirkland Field.

Following his graduation from Catawba, Claar worked for four years in the New Hanover County School System. He then moved to Burlington and worked in several capacities for the Alamance and Burlington School Systems: ESEA Title One director, P.E. Coordinator grades 1-6, head coach and assistant coach, and assistant principal. He served as assistant coach in charge of receivers for two years at Elon University. During this time, he earned a master's degree in education from Appalachian State University and a master's degree in drivers education from A&T University.

In 1973, Claar opened his own lighting fix-



Maxine & Art Claar '49

ture business, which he operated for 13 years before returning to his love as an educator in the Alamance School System. Since retirement in 1990, he enjoys travel, golf and badminton, and he and his wife have received bronze, silver and gold medals in the N.C. Senior Games each year.

Claar's wife, Maxine, is a retired teacher from Alamance County Schools. She continues to work part-time at Elon University in the Education Department, supervising student teachers. She and Art are parents of five adult children and seven grandchildren, and are members of First Baptist Church in Burlington.

Carl G. and Lena Brown Carpenter scholarship announced

Carl and Mary Ida Yost of Granite Quarry and Ann Arbor, Michigan, have established a second scholarship at Catawba College, this one in memory of the late Carl G. and Lena Brown Carpenter. The Carpenters were uncle and aunt of Mrs. Yost, and the late Mrs. Carpenter was a 1932 alumna of the institution.

Preference for the scholarship will be given to music majors who have a special interest in church music.

The late Carl Carpenter was founder and owner of First State Bank and Trust in Bessemer City. After his retirement, the financial institution he established and its various branches in nearby communities became part of First Union Bank. A well-known community leader, Carpenter served as a representative in the N.C. state legislature and was elected to numerous terms as mayor of Bessemer City before his death in 1977.

A native of Rowan County, Mrs. Carpenter did graduate work at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill following her Catawba graduation. She served as an assistant principal and teacher at Granite Quarry Elementary School, and later worked in the Salisbury City Schools as a first grade teacher. She also served as a demonstration teacher in conjunction with Catawba College's teacher training department. Following her marriage in 1940, Mrs. Carpenter taught in the elementary schools of Bessemer City until her retirement in 1970.

In Bessemer City, she was active in the Woman's Club, the Gaston

County Teacher's Association, the Volunteer Jr. Red Cross and a member of Grace Lutheran Church where she served as church organist for 48 years. Following her husband's death, Mrs. Carpenter returned to Rowan County, joined her childhood church, Christiana Lutheran, and was active in the Granite Quarry Senior Citizens organization.

"The Yosts have been wonderful friends of Catawba College," explained Catawba Senior Vice President Tom Childress. "Although neither of them are alumni of our institution, they have honored the memories of some of their loved ones by establishing scholarships here that will impact future generations of our students."

Mr. and Dr. Yost established the Frank and Ruth Brown Hodge Teacher Education Scholarship in 1991 in memory of Dr. Yost's parents. The late Mrs. Hodge, a 1931 graduate of Catawba, taught for more than 40 years in Rowan County, serving most of that time as a first-grade teacher at Rockwell Elementary School. The late Mr. Hodge attended Catawba from 1926-1928 and participated in both track and football. A civil engineer, he worked for many years as Rowan County surveyor.

Endowed scholarships at Catawba are established with gifts of \$10,000 or more. Friends of the college who wish to contribute to an established scholarship fund are encouraged to do so. Contact the Development Office for more information at 1-800-CATAWBA or 704-637-4394.

Salisbury alumni establish scholarship at Catawba

Robert "Bob" Roakes '63 and wife Mary Hunsucker Roakes '65 of Salisbury have established a scholarship at Catawba College in honor of Auburn C. Hunsucker '32 and in memory of his wife, the late Virginia A. Hunsucker, formerly of Conover. Preference for the scholarship will be given to students from Catawba County.

"In my family, it was never a question of if you were going to college," explained Mary Roakes, "but rather where are you going to go to college." And Mary, the Hunsuckers' only child, chose to follow in her father's footsteps and attend his alma mater. Several members of her father's family had also attended old Catawba in Newton.

The late Virginia Hunsucker attended Lenior-Rhyne College in Hickory before graduating from Appalachian State University. She taught school, and at her retirement was a librarian in Catawba County. She died in 1997.

Auburn Hunsucker was employed for over 60 years as a bookkeeper and in finances for Newton Oil and Fertilizer, now Carolina Glove, in Catawba County. He retired in 2003, and today is a resident of Carillon Assisted Living in Salisbury.

Mary Roakes met her husband, Bob, while a student at Catawba double majoring in education and history. Following her graduation, she taught first grade for four years at Overton Elementary in Salisbury, before the couple's children were born. Later, she returned to teaching, at the First United Church of Christ in Salisbury preschool, and then as a Title I reading teacher at Isenburg Elementary. She retired in 1998 to spend time with her grandchildren.

Following his graduation from Catawba, Bob Roakes worked in accounts receivable for Cannon Mills Company in Kannapolis for five years, before joining Home Savings and Loan in Salisbury. He went to



Virginia A. Hunsucker



Auburn C. Hunsucker

work for F & M Bank in Salisbury in 1994 and remained there until his retirement in 2000. In March of 2003, Roakes was asked to return to F & M on a part-time basis, but he "retired again" at year's end.

"In establishing scholarships at Catawba, people like Bob and Mary Roakes help assure that future generations of students will have the same opportunities they enjoyed," said Catawba Senior Vice President Tom Childress. "We hope that they are viewed as models to be emulated by their fellow alumni."

Scholarship established in memory of parents of alumni

Future generations of Catawba College students will be familiar with the names of Charlie T. Roakes, Sr. and his wife, Louise T. Roakes, thanks to a new scholarship being established in their memory. The late Mr. and Mrs. Roakes were longtime residents of Salisbury and for 25 years were owners and operators of C.T. Roakes Grocery, located near the Catawba College campus.

"We wanted to do something for Catawba and to honor the family's relationship in the community," explained Robert "Bob" Roakes '63 of Salisbury about the scholarship being fund-

ed by he and his wife, the former Mary Hunsucker '65 of Conover, and his sister and brother-in-law, Nancy Roakes Blalock '72 and David Blalock '72 of Scotch Plains, N.J.

Bob Roakes and his sister, Nancy Blalock, are the only two of four children surviving their parents. Their brother, Charles Roakes Jr. '61 died in 1987, and their sister Linda Beaver died in 1980.

The Charlie T. Roakes, Sr. and Louise T. Roakes Scholarship will be awarded to Catawba College students with financial need and that is a fitting tribute to a couple whose lives and business were so intertwined with that of the institution, according to Bob Roakes. "My parents opened their grocery store on the corner of Mahaley and West Innes Street in 1948," he recalled, and it operated until 1973. It offered personal service, credit accounts, home delivery, and really good meats.

"A number of Catawba College faculty members traded at the store, and Catawba students, many of them married, worked there. My dad sponsored a city league basketball team

and Catawba students played for it," Roakes continued. "Even when I was attending Catawba, I'd go to school during the day, then after class, I'd go to work in the store. After all these years, we still run into a lot of the former customers."

"The Roakes family has had such an impact on both the college and Rowan-Salisbury community," explained Catawba Senior Vice President Tom Childress. "The surviving children and their spouses establishing this scholarship is a way to assure that that impact continues among future generations. We applaud both their foresight and their willingness to memorialize their parents in this way."

"Dave and I are pleased to join Mary and Bob in honoring my mother and daddy," Nancy Blalock commented. "Catawba has been such an important aspect of all our lives and we are excited for future students to have the same wonderful experience."

Echoing his wife's sentiments, Dave Blalock added, "Catawba was and is a very important part of our lives. It is where I met Nancy and her family. Both Charlie and Louise (Roakes) shared great affection for Catawba and supplied many a Catawba student, professor, and coach with groceries and credit for many years. This is a small way to honor them and their love for Catawba."

Following his graduation from Catawba, Bob
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Louise T. Roakes



Charlie T. Roakes

New scholarship is a tribute to parents of Catawba alumnus

Catawba College Alumnus C.A. "Junie" Michael, III '70 of Mooresville has established a scholarship at the College in honor of his mother, Marie Ward Michael of Lexington, and in memory of his father, the late Chester A. "June" Michael, Jr. The scholarship will be awarded annually to students who demonstrate need, with a preference given to students from Davidson County.

The new scholarship will "help students who need assistance and who could not go to college otherwise," Mrs. Marie Michael explained.

The late Mr. Michael, who died in 1988, was in the automobile business with his son, Junie, selling "mostly Fords" during his career, according to his wife. His sons, Junie, and Tim, a 1982 Catawba alumnus, followed in their father's footsteps and today are employed as presidents of their own dealerships, at Parkway Ford in Winston-Salem and Capital Ford in Raleigh, respectively.

"Our dad was a great salesman," explained Junie Michael. "He won about every award imaginable from Ford Motor Company and he made it easy for my brother and me to get into the business because he was so talented."

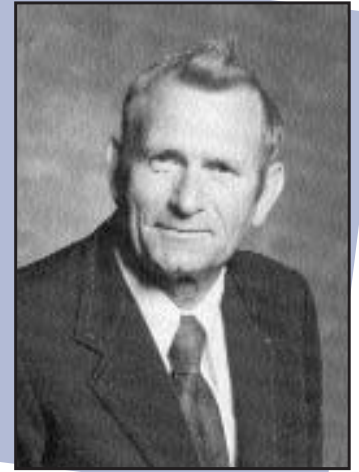
"They (sons Junie and Tim) worked here on the farm until they were in college and could go with their daddy and sell cars," Mrs. Michael recalled. "They say their daddy kept them a job all the time here, and the farm is where they really learned to work." She remembered her sons helping their father with the Black Angus cows, making hay, growing corn and working in the garden.

Mrs. Michael, who was born and raised in Denton, worked as a bookkeeper for most of her life. She retired in 1992 after working 35 years at Central Davidson High School, but her bookkeeping skills were and are still in demand. She served for 45 years as treasurer of her church,

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Marie Ward Michael



Chester A. "June" Michael

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tion on behalf of his faculty colleagues. "I recall as a student being reminded by Dr. Keppel that no Catawba student was paying the full amount that his or her education cost," Griffith said. "I am more aware now, as are all faculty, of how essential the Trustees are in providing the resources needed to allow us to provide a quality education at a competitive price - through scholarships, funds for capital projects, and support for the operating budget. In the last 40 years, Catawba always seems to have faced some sort of budgetary challenge, and Trustee generosity has always enabled us to overcome it.

"Though we do not say it often enough, the faculty deeply appreciates your devotion to Catawba, devotion that is constantly expressed in generous gifts of time, wisdom, and resources," Griffith concluded. "We hope tonight's service helps to convey at least a part of that appreciation, especially for those whose service has extended over many years."

Senior Monisha Smith of Wilmington, Delaware, Catawba's Student Government Association President, also shared words of appreciation with the trustees on behalf of the student body. "Your belief in this institution," she said, "and in the potential of each of its students is evident through your generous gifts. The talents and abilities each of you bring to the table help shape Catawba for our collective good."

Trustees with 20 or More Years of Service

Enoch A. Goodman '38 - The trustee with the longest period of service - 50 years - Enoch Goodman joined the board in 1954. This 1938 alumnus of Catawba has literally spend decades giving back to his alma mater. A retired owner/operator of B.V. Hedrick Industries, Enoch is the leading alumni donor in the history of the Collage. A resident of Salisbury, he is married to wife Lois and is the father of three children.

Claude S. Abernethy, Jr. - Claude Abernethy has served 44 years on Catawba College's Board of Trustees, joining the Board in 1960 as a representative of his church, Corinth United Church of Christ in Hickory. He enjoyed a long and successful career with Interstate/Johnson Lane in Newton, retiring as senior vice-president. Claude lives in Conover, and with his late wife Raenelle Bolick Abernethy, is father to three children.

Wade Hampton Shuford, Jr. - A 1950 alumnus of Catawba College, Wade "Hamp" Shuford of Hickory joined the College Board of Trustees in 1960. Now 44 years later, Hamp is still passionate about his alma mater, as evidenced in his financial support, by his service to the Board and the many prospective students he has encouraged to attend Catawba. Hamp and wife Joanne, who reside in Hickory, are the parents of Wade Hampton III, a 1974 alumnus, and David William.

Thomas S. Carroll '41 - Thomas S. Carroll, a Catawba College alumnus of the class of 1941, has served on the College Board of Trustees for 37 years. Despite the physical distance between his home in Connecticut and his alma mater, he remains stalwart in his guidance and contributions to Catawba. He serves as president emeritus of International Executive Services in Stamford, Connecticut where he makes his home with wife Caroline. The couple has five sons.

The Reverend Dr. Richard A. Cheek '47 - The Reverend Dr. Richard Cheek joined the Board of Trustees in 1968. His insight and perspectives as a member of the United Church of Christ clergy have been most valuable. During all of his years of service, he has helped our institution stay connected to its religious foundations. Dick and his wife, Pat, remain active at the College, supporting it not only with gifts but with participation in and support of events and programs. Dick and Pat live in Salisbury and are the parents of three children.

Dr. Robert A. Keppel '49 - The son of Catawba's 14th president, Bob Keppel is a 32-year veteran of our Board of Trustees. His strong affection for Catawba has been illustrated continually through gifts and service. A retired medical doctor and surgeon, he and wife Nancy reside in Taylorsville and are the parents of three children.

Fred Stanback, Jr. - For over three decades, Fred Stanback Jr. has quietly supported the efforts of Catawba College. And while his generosity has graced many areas of campus life, his deep love of and appreciation for the natural world have allowed Catawba College to grow its environmental science program and offerings to our students and to those beyond the campus boundaries. With his wife Alice and three sons, Fred, who makes his home in Salisbury, willingly puts his own financial resources to work for what he believes.

James T. Brewer '59 - Jim joined the College Board of Trustees in 1973 and served as its chairman from 1994 until 1997, when he became a trustee emeritus. However, his service to this institution began much earlier as President of the Alumni Association and member of Catawba's Ketner School of Business Advisory Council. Jim enjoyed a long and successful career in banking with Winston-Salem based Wachovia Corporation before retiring in 1993. Today, he and wife Betty make their home in Winston-Salem and are parents of three children.

Paul E. Fisher - Paul Fisher joined the Board of Trustees in 1975 and has spent the 29 years since leading with a strong commitment to civic responsibility, honor, and business proficiency. Paul is recognized as one of Rowan County's

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Catawba hires new v.p. and dean of admissions

Dr. Russell Watjen has joined the administration of Catawba College as vice president and dean of admissions. His appointment was effective February 2.

"We look forward to Dr. Watjen joining us," said Catawba College President Robert Knott. "He brings a depth of experience in higher education that will be well utilized in his new position. His broad exposure to the many facets of enrollment management will serve us well in helping us meet the goals outlined in Catawba College's strategic plan."

For almost 10 years prior to joining Catawba, Watjen served as vice president of enrollment management and student affairs at McMurry University in Abilene, Texas. While at McMurry, Watjen reorganized the enrollment management and student affairs divisions and was instrumental in helping the college increase new student enrollment by more than one third.

Prior to service at McMurry University, Watjen was vice president for student development at Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston, Massachusetts. During his tenure at that institution, major renovations were made to student apartments, the quality and quantity of services to students was significantly expanded, and his division was singled out for an exemplary strategic plan by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

Professionally active throughout his career, Watjen has served as the president of two professional organizations and held numerous offices and positions of responsibility during his career. He has authored

and edited numerous published articles. Recently, he was recognized for service to the student affairs profession by being named as recipient of the Esther Lloyd Jones Award for Service to the profession and also being named a member of the Senior Student Affairs Professionals organization in 2000.

Watjen earned his undergraduate degree in business management from the University of Rhode Island in Kingston. He earned both his master's degree in student personnel services and his Ph.D. in guidance and psychological service from Indiana State University in Terre Haute, Indiana. Additionally, Watjen attended the Institute for Educational Management at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Watjen, a native of Rhode Island, is the father of Heather, who resides in Ft. Myers, Florida, Mark and Cathy who are college juniors in Abilene, Texas at Hardin-Simmons University and McMurry University, respectively. He and wife Rita now make their home in Salisbury.

Watjen has a brother who resides in Spartanburg, South Carolina and a sister living in Winston-Salem, where his father is buried. "Since my father retired here many years ago, I have always felt that North Carolina was one of the most desirable places to live in the United States. To have the opportunity to utilize my education and background in the service of a North Carolina institution of the caliber of Catawba College is almost too good to be true," Watjen said. "I look forward to working with the talented faculty and staff here and becoming an active part of the Salisbury community."



Dr. Russell Watjen

Catawba professor appointed assistant dean

Dr. Philip Acree Cavalier, assistant professor of English and director of the Freshman Seminar Program at Catawba College, has been appointed assistant dean of the College, effective with the advent of spring semester.

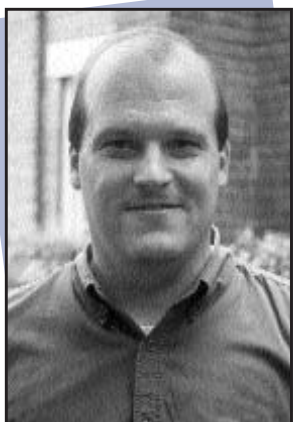
In his new role, Cavalier will continue directing the Freshman Seminar Program and develop other academic experiences for first-year students. As chief academic advisor, he will improve the advising system, administer transfer student orientation, and work with student problems and appeals. In addition, he will work with Dr. Barbara Hetrick, vice president and dean of the College, and faculty colleagues to strengthen the general education program, plan summer school, and oversee annual production of the catalog.

According to Hetrick, "It will be a delight to work with Phil to achieve our ambitious enrollment and academic goals. He clearly has the intelligence, energy and drive to make a significant difference in the intellectual culture and climate of Catawba College."

For the past two years, Cavalier has received Catawba's Teacher of the Year Award, an award determined by a vote of the students and based on classroom support, evidence of concern for students, and intellectual stimulation.

Cavalier joined Catawba in 2000 after having taught for two years in the Great Books Program at Auburn University. He earned his bachelor's degree in economics from Swarthmore College, his master's degree in English from Northeastern University in Boston and his Ph.D. in English from the State University of New York at Buffalo. He currently serves on the vestry at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, and was a member of the Board of Directors for Rowan Academy Charter School.

He and his wife, Carol, are parents of three sons, Toby, 6, Benjamin, 3, and Elijah, 4 months.



Dr. Phillip Acree Cavalier

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Macedonia Methodist in Southmont until she trained her replacement. Then, she was recruited to serve as treasurer for the Crimestoppers organization of Lexington, a position she has held for the past 10 years.

"Providing funding for this scholarship speaks volumes about Junie Michael," explained Catawba Senior Vice President Tom Childress. "He serves on Catawba's Board of Trustees and is very knowledgeable about how scholarships can positively impact a student's ability to attend our institution. He and his brother Tim are wonderful alumni and their business successes are something in which we can take collective pride."

Junie and wife Teresa are parents of an adult, married daughter, Joy. Tim is married to wife Cathy and they have two children, son Jordan and daughter Lindsey.

Greetings from the Catawba College Guest House

I am the Guest House At Catawba College. Or at least I will be soon. Right now I am the Salisbury-Rowan Symphony Guild's Designer House, which means that a team of designers is transforming my somewhat careworn countenance.

Let me tell about my history.

My current life began when my family rescued me from demolition. I used to live in the deep cut beyond the Catawba College president's house but in 1940, the highway department condemned me because of road construction plans for Highway 601. (That sort of thing used to be a lot easier back then.) Fortunately for me my family, Mr. and Mrs. William Harden and their son and daughter, decided to BUY ME from the highway department for \$1,000 and MOVE ME instead of moving THEMSELVES into another house. I was certainly relieved, though moving up the hill to my present location next to the College president's house was quite an experience. I also got a 3-month long \$10,000 sprucing up. My floor plan on the first floor got an improved traffic flow, my walkup attic became three bedrooms and I got a bathroom upstairs. I was so proud! While all this was happening, the Hardens stayed right next-door with the College president and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. Howard Omwake, so they could keep me safe.

I was ready in time for Christmas 1940 and spent the next 20 years as the Harden family home watching Nell and her brother grow up and celebrating holidays and family events. I was saddened by the death of Mrs. Harden in 1956 and Mr. Harden in 1960 and wasn't totally surprised when Nell decided that I was too much house for her to live in alone.



Guest House 1945

But Nell Harden found me a new owner who loved me as much as her family had. Though nearly a dozen people approached her about buying me, the couple that Nell felt would really love me was Dr. and Mrs. Carl Wheeler. She sold me to them in early 1961 and they spent the summer redecorating me. In the fall, they moved in and I was really looking forward to the next 20 or so years with my new family. Unfortunately it was not to be; Dr. Wheeler died in 1962 following surgery and Mrs. Wheeler initiated a search for my next owner.

A friend of Mrs. Wheeler's thought that her son Edward McKenzie would really enjoy moving out into the country and convinced him to come see me. He and his wife Nancy fell in love with me, bought me, and spent 36 years here with me raising their family. They also made quite a few changes and my current configuration is their doing. In 1998, they moved to Statesville to be closer to their children and sold me to Catawba College.

Since 1998, I have sometimes provided accommodations for visiting faculty, but for the past two years, students have lived in me. The students have been interesting, but the College's future plans for me are downright exciting. I'm to be utilized as a guest facility for Catawba's visitors to campus as well as a conference and meeting center. Already supporters have expressed their intention to purchase the furnishings in specific areas of the house as a donation to Catawba College. With sufficient donors, I can be kept beautifully furnished and become a valuable asset to the College. Please make that happen.

Article contributed by Kathleen Dunn of the Salisbury Rowan Symphony Guild.



Guest House 1940

ROAKES SCHOLARSHIP....

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Roakes worked in accounts receivable for Cannon Mills Company in Kannapolis for five years, before joining Home Savings and Loan in Salisbury. He went to work for F & M Bank in Salisbury in 1994 and remained there until his retirement in 2000. In March of last year, Roakes was asked to return to F & M on a part-time basis, but he "retired again" at year's end.

Mary Roakes met her husband while a student at Catawba double majoring in education and history. Following her graduation, she taught first grade for four years at Overton Elementary in Salisbury, before the couple's children were born. Later, she returned to teaching preschool at the First United Church of Christ in Salisbury. She earned her master's degree in reading at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and returned to the Rowan-Salisbury Public Schools as a Title I reading

teacher at Isenburg Elementary. She retired in 1998 to spend time with her grandchildren.

"We realize the importance of education," Mary Roakes said, "and that's another reason we wanted to help young people going forward."

Nancy Blalock earned a degree in early childhood education from Catawba and began her career teaching in the Salisbury City Schools. Later, she taught kindergarten for several years in the south Euclid-Lyndhurst, Ohio School District. She retired from teaching in 1981 after the birth of daughter Lauren.

Dave Blalock earned his degree from Catawba in business administration. After serving two years in the U.S. Army, he embarked on a career in textile management, beginning with Cannon Mills, Inc. Today, he is vice president of Franco Manufacturing Company.

Community rallies around Clean Air Initiative

The Catawba Center for the Environment has received considerable community support for its Clean Air Initiative.

Banks, corporations and the county and city governments have joined individuals and a foundation in offering initial support for the effort, which is designed to educate the public about air pollution and foster strategies to mitigate that pollution.

Initial sponsors include: F&M Bank, Central Carolina Bank, Wachovia Bank, Rowan Bank, the Bank of North Carolina, Power Curbers, Image Concepts, the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, the County of Rowan, the City of Salisbury, Fred and Alice Stanback and Catawba College.

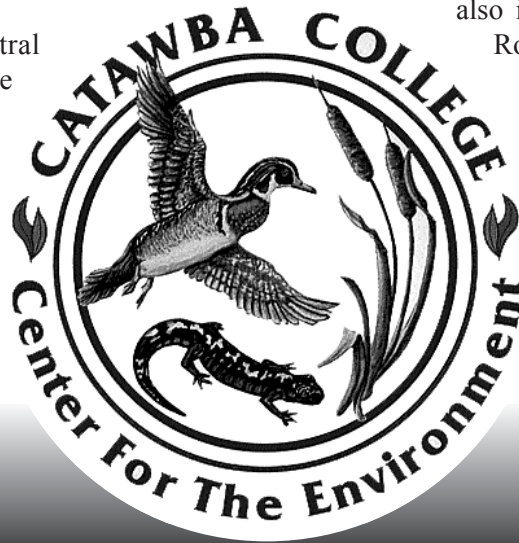
"We are most grateful for the strong commitment from these corporations, elected officials and individuals," says Dr. John Wear Jr., director

of the Center. "This speaks volumes about the importance of this issue and the willingness of these people to offer financial support to improve the quality of life for ourselves and future generations."

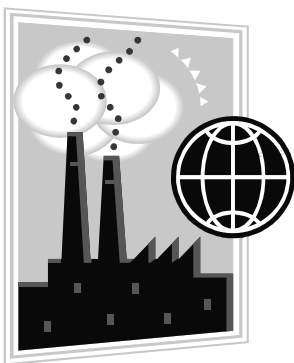
Rowan has been cited by both the American Lung Association and the Environmental Protection Agency for its poor air quality. Wear points out that this affects not only the health of the county's citizens but

also its economic health. The EPA will likely designate Rowan and much of the Central Piedmont as a non-attainment area, which means these counties do not meet federal air quality standards. This can impair the county's ability to attract new industries and its ability to garner federal funds for road construction.

The Center is continuing to raise funds for the three-year effort, which is slated to cost more than \$300,000.



Center for the Environment launches Clean Air Initiative



The Catawba College Center for the Environment recently launched a Clean Air Initiative for Rowan and the Central Piedmont. The Center has taken a leadership role in educating the public about environmental matters since its inception in 1995, according to Dr. John Wear Jr., Center director. "It is most fitting that we commit our expertise and energies to an issue as important as this," he says.

The project's purpose is to educate the public about air pollution and foster programs to mitigate that pollution. The Center's intention is to create a model program in Rowan County which can be used in neighboring counties.

The effort is focused on educating the public through conferences, a lecture series, brochures, press releases and speeches to community

sions.

The catalyst for the project was the American Lung Association's 2003 report which cited Rowan as the 16th worst county in the nation for air quality. "One headline said Rowan County had the worst air quality in the state of North Carolina," says Gus Andrews, chair of the Rowan County Commission. "That was a real eye opener for us."

The ALA report and the subsequent announcement from the Environmental Protection Agency that Rowan would be recommended as a non-attainment area sparked the Center's commitment to help people understand the situation and do something to lessen the pollution. The non-attainment designation indicates that a county does not meet federal air quality standards.

Thousands Affected

The number of people affected by ground-level ozone surprised many people. The ALA estimates that about 45 percent of Rowan's population is particularly susceptible to ozone pollution. This includes 14,000 who have existing respiratory illness and 45,235 children and citizens who are over 65.

Dr. Clay Ballantine, an Asheville physician and expert on the health effects of ozone and particulate matter, reported to a U.S. Senate Subcommittee in 2002 that 1/3 to 1/2 of the

together the costs of medications, doctor's office visits, hospital, ER costs and the lost wages from parents who miss work to care for sick children, and North Carolina loses over \$100 million every year to children's asthma."

Sheila Holman of the N.C. Division of Air Quality told the Rowan County commissioners that children may suffer lifetime effects if they are exposed to air pollution over significant periods of time. They are subject to frequent respiratory infections caused by ozone, and these infections can stunt the growth of their lungs so that they have sub-normal lung function later in life.

"That fact alone was enough to convince me that we need to place a high priority on this issue," says Wear. "We don't want our children and our grandchildren to suffer because we sat on our hands and did nothing."

Wear points out that health problems are not the only concern. Air pollution can also have a negative effect on the local economy. "The non-attainment designation could impair our ability to attract new industry or to encourage expansion of industries that are already here," Wear says. "It will also mean the loss of federal funds to build roads."

Cooperative Effort

The Center is spearheading the effort in concert with the Rowan Sustainable Community Development Commission (SCDC) and regional organizations like the Sustainable Environment for Quality of Life program (SEQL).

Rowan is uniquely positioned to take on this challenge, according to Andrews. "We have an environmental center and Dr. John Wear with his reputation, background, experience and

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"Every summer in North Carolina, air pollution causes an extra 240,000 asthma attacks, 6,300 emergency room visits and 1,900 hospital admissions."

- Dr. Clay Ballantine

groups. Topics include the importance of smart growth, alternative transportation and fuels, the preservation of forest land and establishment of urban forestry programs, and ways to decrease dependency on the automobile and reduce emis-

asthma in North Carolina is caused by air pollution. "Every summer in North Carolina, air pollution causes an extra 240,000 asthma attacks, 6,300 emergency room visits and 1,900 hospital admissions," he told the subcommittee. "Add

Catawba's Lilly Center brings author to campus

Author David Bornstein is on a mission. He wants to share information about important things that social entrepreneurs are doing to improve their corners of the world - things that most people do not know about.

"I really want the world to be better," he says. "There are far more social entrepreneurs in the world than terrorists, but we are so focused on this one picture [of terrorists] that we don't see the other."

Bornstein, a journalist and author of "The Price of a Dream: The Story of the Grameen Bank" and the just published "How to Change the World: Social Entrepreneurs and the Power of New Ideas," was the inaugural lecturer of the Catawba College's Lilly Center for Vocation and Values. March 16 and 17, he spoke at various times on campus to groups of students, faculty, staff and members of the Salisbury community, telling them about the successes of social entrepreneurs he has witnessed while travelling throughout the world.

Bornstein's journeys led him to people who are making a positive impact on human society outside of official channels. In Bangladesh, he documented the success of one man, Muhammad Yunus, who through his Grameen Bank, extended microcredit to thousands (now millions) of very poor people, mostly women, who used these small loans to build assets and lift themselves and their families out of poverty. The program, which has been so successful for almost three decades, Bornstein said, has a 97 percent repayment rate of the loans.

But the Grameen Bank was not the only example of successful social entrepreneurship in action he uncovered. While traveling and researching for his second book, "How to Change the World," Bornstein found other individuals on different continents putting their ideas and energies to work at something they enjoyed, but which ultimately benefited others.

"Social entrepreneurs are just entrepreneurs with an ethical impetus to put poverty in museums," he explained, and cited some characteristics common to

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Author David Bornstein speaks to audience at Catawba

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World War II temporarily changes culture at Catawba College

For a period of three years during World War II, the culture at Catawba College changed. During this time, young female students on campus enjoyed new freedoms, new responsibilities and adjusted to life with very few young men on campus. But when the war ended, things on campus returned to the way they had been, and women, to the way they were before the war.

Catawba College Junior Katie Phelps of Prince Fredrick, Md. said her research into life at Catawba during the war years indicated that "circumstances forced the women enrolled at the time to have a different experience." That, she said, was a tease to that particular generation of females, but a true service to generations of women.

"It makes me realize how fortunate I am for the opportunities that I now have," Phelps noted. "I am thankful for the women who have come before me and have helped me."

Phelps, a history major and sociology minor, researched life at Catawba during the war years of the 1940s as an assignment for a class she was taking, "America in the 1940s," with history professor, Dr. Bruce Griffith. During the first portion of the course, she and other students in the class became familiar with the worldview of the 1940s. During the second portion of the class, she and others worked on their individual projects relating to the 1940s. She pored through past editions of the Catawba College student newspaper, The Pioneer, and



Katie Phelps

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Dedication

Dedicated to all the boys who have left the portals of Catawba to serve their country in a war which is being fought to protect such institutions as Catawba and the ideals for which it stands. We, the student body, are deeply grateful for what our men are doing all over the world from the shores of Tarawa to the banks of Italy. We on the home front are doing all in our power to bring our men home at the earliest opportunity.

This honor bard on which have been printed the names of Catawba's sons and daughters who are in the armed services of our country, has been erected on the front campus of the college, so that all who pass by will know that we who are still carrying on at home are very proud of our fighting men in the army, navy, air corps and marines. To each and every person there represented, we dedicate this book, sincerely praying that when the nineteen forty-five SAYAKINI is printed, all will be back with us forever.



Sayakini 1944

noted changes that World War II wrought on campus.

"What was most surprising about my research," Phelps explained, "was the lateness of World War II's impact at Catawba. I initially started my research looking through editions of *The Pioneer* from 1940, but I didn't find much evidence of cultural changes on campus until late 1943 and early 1944."

During the middle of World War II, Catawba's enrollment began to drop off. Phelps noted in her research paper that "the student population fell from 434 students in 1942, to 366 in 1943. This depletion became even more apparent," she wrote, "in 1945 when enrollment dropped to 242 students."

Although overall enrollment numbers decreased significantly during the war years, "the percentages of female students rose," Phelps continued. "In 1942, the female population stood at 53%, and then jumped to 57% in 1943. The female percentages leapt even higher in 1944 as it reached 78%, and then fell to 71% in 1945."

As more and more of Catawba's male students joined the military effort during World War II, women, almost by default, gained leadership roles on campus. "Prior to 1940, women had held such authority roles as class president, yearbook editor, and newspaper editor," Phelps wrote. "And while these roles continued during the war, the attitude towards the women holding such positions changed. With hardly any men around, the women no longer appeared inferior, but rather stepped up to fully assume the responsibilities of their leadership roles and take on more than they previously had attempted."

The *Pioneer* gave broader coverage to events involving females, which prior to the war had been downplayed. The coeds at Catawba during the war years, Phelps noted, "had a glimpse of what life could be like and that became their dream for their daughters. But as women soon found out when they graduated, the power they once held at their

Alma Mater, no longer mattered to society. For the most part, female graduates of the war years found themselves in the same occupational positions as women who graduated a decade earlier. This was the story of Catawba College students who became moms of the baby boomers."

In *The Pioneer*, the crowning of the May Day Queen and her court, normally allotted just several paragraphs before the war years, grew in size when the men on campus began dwindling. Senior superlatives were also eliminated during this period, because there were not enough men on campus to rate. Catawba's football team, normally given spacious coverage in *The Pioneer* before the war, was not even fielded in 1943 due to the lack of players. It was news about women's intramurals or club sports that expanded to fill the empty spaces.

A 1943 edition of *The Pioneer*, Phelps wrote, "begged for females to join the band since all but two of the male members had left for service. The article noted that even if a woman lacked any musical experience or lessons, she could still participate. The band director offered to teach the ladies to play during the semester, so that the band would have enough bodies to perform."

"Especially in 1943 and 1944, once the men left, it changed. It had to," Phelps said. "They had to find new areas to focus on in *The Pioneer*. If you look through the papers from that period, you start to see an expansion of women's sports coverage, although it's nothing like it is today. You see trends. The women who were at Catawba during the war years, left college with a more involved worldview, but basically, after the war, their place in society, the expectations they had and that others had of them, returned to normal."

Phelps confirmed what the content of *The Pioneer* indicated in conversations with Catawba College alumna Louise Tucker '44, who later worked at the College for four decades as the associate registrar. Phelps wrote: "...Miss Tucker explains that a woman was expected to find her husband in college and to marry him once she grad-

uated, in order to live with him once out of school. While most women today look for apartments or houses in which to independently live once they've graduate, female graduates of the 1940s did not possess that option.

"Single women were either forced to live in boarding houses or with their parents, thus in order to avoid either of these fates, many women married right out of college," Phelps continued in her paper. "This task proved harder for women of the war years as the quantity of men from which to choose 'Mr. Right' continually decreased; therefore, as Miss Tucker describes, many did not marry, but went back to live with their parents while entering the workforce in conventionally female positions."

In a September 1943 edition of *The Pioneer*, one female writer couched her anguish at the lack of men on campus in a piece entitled, "Remember the Men." According to Phelps, "The article describes this male creature as having a pair of arms and legs, a nose, and even the ability to speak...[she - the female writer] referred to Catawba's campus as a 'Garden of Eden' that had been transformed into a 'Garden of Eves' due to World War II. She rallied the women of the college by asking them that their motto not be 'Remember the Maine,' but 'Remember the Men!'"

Catawba College coeds in the war years used their conventional female skills to aid the war effort. They sold war bonds, they knitted scarves, mittens, headgear and other clothing. Campaigns like these, Phelps wrote, "gave women a sense of contribution early on in the war, while hinting at future roles to come." Another trend Phelps found during the war years at Catawba was "toward making women more aware and knowledgeable of societal issues."

And although life on campus during the war changed, Phelps concluded, Catawba College coeds "did not allow this transformation to hinder their years at Catawba. Rather, they worked to make their time spent at Catawba truly unique from any others that preceded or followed them."

An Afternoon of Remembrance: The 1940s at Catawba College

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Catawba students recognized at spring convocation

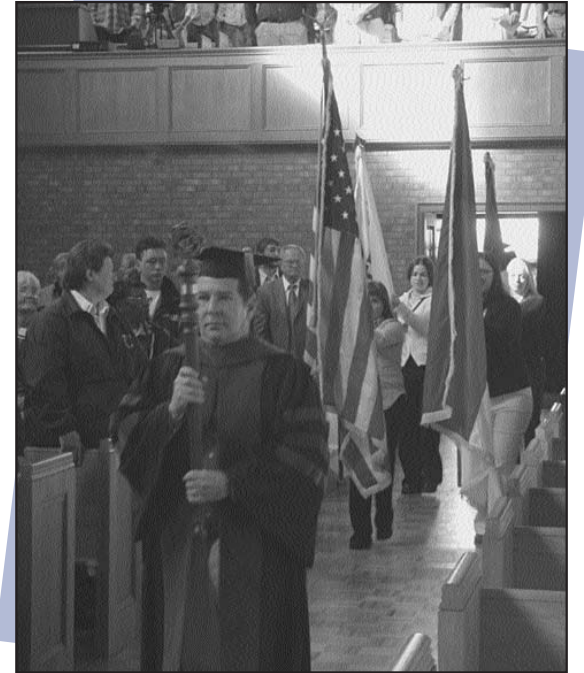
Catawba College students who have achieved academic distinction were recognized Thursday, January 22, at the college's spring opening convocation.

And those students who were not among those recognized were challenged by Catawba College President Robert Knott "to seek to earn a place of distinction in this community for what you do intellectually and academically." He encouraged those gathered to "use the time of celebration as an opportunity to reflect on who we are when we're at our best."

"First and foremost, we are an academic community," Knott said and then posed the questions: "How do we open the life of the mind across those distinctions which divide us - disciplines, groups, factions? What is it that causes us to have pride in ourselves as members of the Catawba College community?"

Calling Catawba College a community of "high challenge and low risk," and explaining that the faculty was "demanding, but kind," Knott said: "We're at our best when we hold high expectations of ourselves and all who are members of the community, and at the same time, we are dedicated to seeing that all among us can be able to succeed."

Dr. Edith Bolick, associate dean of the college, noted the academic accomplishments of various students and student organizations, asking those so recognized to stand.



Bruce Griffith carries mace during academic procession

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potential library plans. Alternatives include adding onto the existing Corriher-Linn-Black Library, with the new addition spreading into the parking area behind the current facility; building a new multi-story library facility near the heart of campus; adding a new library onto the backside of the Hedrick Administration Building; or attaching it to the Cannon Student Center.

Catawba College President Dr. Robert Knott told trustees that several colleges and universities around the country had recently constructed facilities that housed both their student centers along with their library and information technology centers. These facilities were created to encourage students to view the library as the center of campus life and their education. The Corriher-Linn-Black Library, in its current location on campus, requires that students leave the heart of campus and cross West Innes Street to use the facility.

There was lively discussion among the trustees concerning the project, with Board Vice Chairman Paul Fisher noting that this new project would last at least 50 years and should be undertaken only after very serious deliberations. Knott concurred with Fisher's assessment of the facility's importance and assured trustees that College administrators would continue to review possibilities and costs, seek feedback from on-campus constituencies, and report back with their findings at the Trustees' annual retreat in May.

Feasibility Study for Endowment Campaign

Trustees received a feasibility study they had authorized on an effort to grow Catawba College's endowment to at least \$75 million. Mr. John Mays, consultant and former vice president for external relations at Catawba College, conducted the study during the fall and early winter. His conclusions were positive in describing the enthusiasm of trustees' and major donors' support of a campaign to grow the College's endowment.

Actions are underway to complete a silent phase of a campaign effort with leadership to be selected and announced at the appropriate time.

New Trustees Added and Officers Elected

Two new trustees, who are also alumni of the College, were welcomed to the Catawba College Board. They were Dr. Michael Mayhew '75 of Boone and Bryan Applefield '66 of Dothan, Alabama.

Mayhew, who graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry in 1979, also earned both his pediatric dental specialty and orthodontic dental specialty degrees from UNC-CH. He is the only dually trained and dually board certified dentist in North Carolina who practices both specialties. He is a current member of multiple dental organizations and has held various offices and served as past president of the N.C. Academy of Pediatric Dentistry and the UNC Orthodontic Alumni Association.

He was a member of the Catawba College Board of Visitors before joining the Board of Trustees, is a member of the Catawba Chiefs Club, past member and officer in the Boone Jaycees, a former deacon at First Presbyterian Church of Boone, and the current campaign chair for Watauga Education Foundation's "Our Children - Our Future" Endowment Fund Campaign.

A native of Lexington, N.C., Mayhew is married to the former Sara Vetter

of Rockingham. The couple has three children, Kelly, a senior at Appalachian State University; John, a freshman at Elon University; and Katherine, a sixth grader.

Applefield played football during his years at Catawba and was inducted into the Catawba College Hall of Fame in 1995. Following his Catawba graduation, he earned his master's degree from the University of Georgia.

Applefield served a four-year term on the Catawba College Board of Trustees between 1995 and 1999. He and his wife, the former Helen Ertl '67, are owners and operators of Goldco, Inc. a holding company of approximately 50 Burger King franchises in southeastern Alabama, the Florida Panhandle and southwest Georgia. The couple has supported the College with gifts for the Hayes Athletic Field House, the Campaign for Catawba, the new Shuford Stadium, and to establish the Patricia Rice Whitley Endowed Scholarship Fund. The Applefields are parents of son Scott.

Trustees elected officers of the Board to serve new two-year terms. These officers include Tom E. Smith, chairman; Paul E. Fisher, vice chairman; Mary H. Messinger, treasurer; Dr. Shirley Ritchie, secretary; Charles F. Williams, assistant treasurer; and Linda G. Hamilton, assistant secretary.

Trustees who were members of the Class of 2004 were unanimously elected for another four years as the Class of 2008. They include Claude S. Abernethy, Jr., Gregory M. Alcorn, Darlene L. Ball, James C. Dayvault, Newton O. Fowler, Glenn E. Ketner, Jr., Robert K. McMahan, Sr., Katharine Osborne, Charles Potts, and Dr. Shirley P. Ritchie.

Trustees Set 2004-2005 Tuition, Room and Board

Catawba College students will pay a flat rate for tuition, room, board and all fees during the 2004-2005 academic year. That was decided by a unanimous vote of the College trustees.

Tuition, room, board and all fees for residential students were set at \$23,500 for the year. That price includes all student fees as well as tuition, room and board, and places the College tenth among private colleges in the state with respect to charges for tuition, room and board. The comprehensive charge eliminates those fees that in the past have been add-ons. In the 2003-2004 academic year, residential students paid \$22,350 for tuition, room and board, and all fees.

Students in the Lifelong Learning program at Catawba will also see an increase in costs for 2004-2005, with the cost per credit hour increasing from \$225 to \$230.

Trustees Approve Continuing Tenure for Three Faculty Members

Trustees voted unanimously approved continuing tenure for three faculty candidates, including Dr. Philip Acree Cavalier in English, Dr. Seth Holtzman in Religion and Philosophy, and Dr. Andrew Morris in the Ketner School of Business. Trustees also learned of two faculty promotions in rank, effective with the 2004-05 academic year. Dr. Philip Acree Cavalier, currently an assistant professor of English, will move to associate professor of English, and Mr. David Pulliam, currently an associate professor of theatre arts, will move to professor of theatre arts.

Finding the 'perfect college' isn't impossible

Editor's Note: Reprinted with permission from The Dispatch, Lexington N.C., Thursday, February 12, 2004 edition
 Written by Laura Jollay

As a high school senior, I have been dealing with the perks and the frustrations of finding the right college, as I'm sure some of you out there have, too.

I started the process quite early compared to some of my friends. I sent all my applications before Halloween, and I heard responses from them within three weeks. I applied to the three schools - East Carolina University, Catawba College, and Lenoir-Rhyne College - and each one accepted me.

I toured Catawba College in Salisbury and fell in love with it. As long as I have lived in Davidson County, this was pretty much the first time I had really noticed the college, though it's only one county away. The admissions director actually sat down with me and told me I would be accepted before I even applied. He also told me I would receive a \$6,500 merit grant upon acceptance. When I finally sent in my application, I was accepted, and like he said, I did receive a \$6,500 grant.

I also went to an open house session at East

Carolina. It rained almost all of the four hours it took to get there. It rained when I started the tour. And the ECU student tour guide who led our tour complained about what she didn't like about the university. She didn't even know the names of the buildings on campus.

Of course, bad weather and a bad tour aren't reasons to reject a school. I'm sure there is absolutely nothing wrong with the institution. It is just not the best for me personally. Needless to say, I left ECU with nothing more than a pretty cool T-shirt and the knowledge that I wouldn't attend college in Greenville.

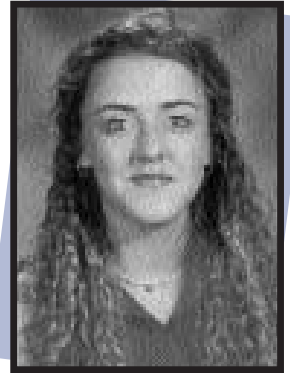
Since I decided I wanted to go to Catawba, I received some excellent news in the mail. If you're not familiar with Catawba, it is expensive! When I opened the mailbox a few months ago, I found a letter from the admissions director telling me I have a chance to compete for a full tuition scholarship. After I wrote a strenuous essay and sent in three impressive recommendations, I had to wait. I got a letter recently that said I was a finalist, and I actually have a chance to receive financial aid. Coming from a family that has never had anyone graduate from college, let alone get help like I might receive, I felt deeply honored and excited about my accom-

plishment.

Yet, there was another let-down. When I found out in the fall that I had a chance for this scholarship competition, I realized that it would be the same weekend as the North Carolina Cheerleading State Championships, in which my competition squad at Central Davidson High School would compete. It was very upsetting. This is my fourth year as a competitive cheerleader at school, and I couldn't believe I would have to miss the biggest competition of the season. However, my coach and squad were really supportive and knew that this scholarship competition was important to me.

So, while I am competing for a generous scholarship at my number one school, my squad will be competing for a state championship just down the road in Concord.

Through the bad tours, the difficult essays, the rain and the personal letdowns, I found my perfect school. If you are a senior and you think it is impossible, trust me, it isn't!



Laura Jollay

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most generous residents leading others toward sharing gifts and talents. Paul and wife Sue have two children.

Glenn E. Ketner, Jr. - Glenn E. Ketner, Jr., a Salisbury native, joined the Catawba College Board of Trustees in 1975, where he has since provided loyal and insightful service. His experiences in government and private law practice have benefited Catawba greatly. Along with his wife Susan, his parents and sister, Glenn has made significant contributions to the life of the institution.

Patsy Proctor Rendleman '47 - This Catawba College alumna joined its Board of Trustees in 1975. Now, 29 years later, she is still fully engaged in providing service, support and commitment to her alma mater. Along with her late husband Richard Rendleman '41, Patsy's support ranges widely from scholarship support to health services to golf team programming. Today she makes her home in Salisbury and has two sons, one daughter and two grandchildren.

James Hurley, III - Since joining the trustees in 1977, Jim has become known as the go-to person, the one who dispenses sound advice, generous support and who can be counted on to rally his fellow trustees around a worthy Catawba cause. The former publisher of the Salisbury Post, the local newspaper his family founded and operated for three generations, he and wife Gerry continue to make a difference in the lives of the people in our community and in the lives of countless Catawba College students.

Mary Henderson Messinger - Mary joined the Catawba College Board of Trustees in 1978. She taught physical education and physiology in California and later moved back to Salisbury with her late husband Richard D. Messinger, to assist in the management of the family business, Power Curbers, Inc. Mary has three sons.

J. Donald Scarlett '48 - Don has served the Board of Trustees for 24 years. His legal expertise and insights into the realm of higher education have proven invaluable to his peers on the Board. Don served as Dean of the Wake Forest University Law School for ten years. He and wife Sherry reside in Winston-Salem and have three children.

Phillip J. Kirk, Jr. '67 - Having served for 23 years on the Board of Trustees, Phil has used his quick wit, his wisdom and his extraordinary contacts to benefit Catawba College. He currently serves as president of the North Carolina Citizens for Business and Industry and retired in 2003 as chairman of the North

Carolina State Board of Education. Phil and his wife Margaret have four daughters.

C. Shuford Abernethy, III '82 - Shuford began his service to the Board of Trustees in 1983, enjoying the distinction of being its youngest member at age 23. During his years of service, he has provided his colleagues with keen insights into the life of our students. He is President of Abingdon Senior Housing Services in Hickory. He and wife Jayne are the parents of four children.

Richard "Dick" McGimsey '51 - This 1951 alumnus joined Catawba College Board of Trustees 21 years ago. His support, voice of wisdom, and candor have all made their mark on this Board. After retiring from Moore's Building Supply Company, he and wife Rachel Grant McGimsey '52 founded their family business, RGM Properties of Roanoke. The couple has one son.

Frances "Billy" Hedrick Johnson - Joining the Board of Trustees in 1984, Frances "Billy" Johnson has provided 20 years of unselfish dedication to Catawba College. Contributing both financial resources and business savvy, Billy and her late husband Allen have truly enhanced the college. Billy is the President of Johnson Concrete Company. She has four children and three grandchildren.

Other Catawba College Trustees

Other Catawba College Trustees and their years of service include: 19 years - Claude B. Hampton, Jr. '48 and Ralph W. Ketner; 18 years - Billy Joe Leonard '50, Richard J. Seiwel '67 and Tom E. Smith '64; 17 years - Robert B. Arnold, Jr. '71, James G. Whitton and James L. Williamson '54; 16 years - Charles G. Potts '53 and Julian H. Robertson, Jr.; 15 years - Thomas O. Eller; 12 years - Katharine W. Osborne and Arlen G. Yokley '59; 10 years - Lynne Scott Safrit '80 and Martha Kirkland West '59; 8 years - Newton O. Fowler, Jr.; 7 years - Daniel T. Bross '71, Sara DuBose Cook '65, Samuel A. Penninger, Jr. '63 and Ronald L. Smith; 6 years - Edward A. Brown and Chester A. Michael, III '70; 5 years - Barry D. Leonard '65; 4 years - Darlene Landis Ball '62, James C. Dayvault '64, William M. Graham '83, Robert K. McMahan, Sr. '57 and Shirley Peeler Ritchie '52; 3 years - Gregory M. Alcorn '79; and 2 years - Larry T. Cloninger, Jr. '74 and Mona Lisa Wallace.

Catawba's seniors share their stories

"Catawba has a family-like atmosphere that encompasses a great learning environment."

"Catawba is home. It is a competitive environment, but actually makes you love one another."

"With my liberal arts education at Catawba, I have been able to see how each class touches every other class."

These three separate comments were typical of remarks made recently by members of Catawba College's Class of 2004 who participated in a process called Appreciative Inquiry. During that process, 32 percent of the 196-member senior class interviewed each other and shared stories about what they liked and found most memorable about

ences at Catawba, which included learning how to work with different people, how to take responsibility for their actions, how to manage time effectively, how to study and how to apply themselves to a specific task. Some cited study abroad as a memorable part of their Catawba career.

And looking ahead to their futures, they assessed their preparation and reported confidence in their abilities. They believed that they had become more self-disciplined and independent, that they had a strong educational foundation to grow from, and that they had been taught how to interact well with a variety of different people.

A large majority of the senior participants said they had been affiliated with at least one group during their years at Catawba including athletic teams, the Phi Epsilon Honor Society, the Alpha program, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and the student government association among others.

Most said that they felt they had found a mentor on campus to counsel them. They described their mentors as persons who "made time to talk," were "very supportive," "helped me become responsible," "helped me

grow as a person," and "improved my confidence."

Most said that an academic scholarship had been a major influence on their decision to attend Catawba. Others cited the campus visit, the close proximity of the campus to their home, the family-like atmosphere and the campus size as factors affecting their decision to attend.

The seniors participating in the Appreciative Inquiry recognized and voiced appreciation for several Catawba College traditions, including homecoming weekend, football and other athletic events, Spring Fever Week celebrations, and positive relationships between students and faculty and staff.

The Appreciative Inquiry process is a new assessment tool being used in higher education. Instead of focusing on what needs to be corrected at an institution, students are asked to recall its best practices. Prompted with questions from their peers, students engage in a one-on-one conversation which allows them to recall positive and memorable episodes about their experience. Their responses inform campus leaders and enable them to build on and strengthen these positive experiences.

Catawba's Appreciative Inquiry was conducted in December and January by the consulting firm, Performa, Inc.

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each one he met.

Social entrepreneurs have "a deep belief and faith in their own intuition or their own knowing," and have "found their thing in the world." They also have "a deep action orientation" which has a capacity to grow as their vision grows.

Other examples Bornstein shared included that of a Hungarian mother, Erzsebet Szekeres, who in seeking to provide a full and productive life for her handicapped son created an alternative to what had been the standard in her country, institutionalization. She and others pooled their efforts to built centers, which offer skills training, access to employment and housing for disabled citizens. Or, there is his discovery of Jeroo Billimoria in India, a social worker who created a 24-hour toll free telephone hotline for the street children of her country that connects them with

emergency help. Or Bill Drayton, the former Assistant Administrator at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency who founded Ashoka: Innovators for the Public, based on his realization about how social entrepreneurs benefit their fellow citizens. Ashoka provides social entrepreneurs with financial backing and professional support which helps them spread their ideas.

According to Catawba College Chaplain, Senior Vice President and Director of Catawba's Lilly Center Dr. Ken Clapp, "David Bornstein inspired Catawba students to think about the possibilities for using their lives in ways that will benefit others and make a difference in the world. His sharing of examples of what others have done helped our students realize that one does not have to be wealthy or in a position of great power or influence in order to make good things happen."

Clapp continued, "Students now are saying, 'If these people [the ones chronicled by Bornstein] have been able to bring about positive change, we can also.' This has given some of them a new impetus for examining just what they will do with their lives and in their choice of vocation."

Bornstein received his bachelor's degree of commerce from McGill University in Montreal and his master's degree from the New York

University Department of Journalism. He has worked as a computer programmer, systems analyst and pizza chef. He has spoken widely on the topics of social entrepreneurship and micro-credit before such audiences as the Council on Foreign Relations in New York, the World Affairs Council in Boston, the United Nations Capital Development Fund in New York, at Yale and Columbia Universities, and as a guest on NPR's "Talk of the Nation" and "Morning Edition." His articles have appeared in the "Atlantic Monthly" and the "New York Times," "New York Newsday," and other publications. He co-wrote the PBS documentary "To Our Credit." He lives in New York City with his wife and son.

Catawba College's Lilly Center for Vocation and Values was created thanks to a 2003 grant from Lilly Endowment, Inc. The college received \$1,999,503 for implementation of its on-campus program, You Can Make a Difference! A Lilly Program for the Theological Exploration of Vocation. This program will facilitate the search for an authentic life among students, faculty, staff, and the larger college community, and will help them discover and use their gifts in ways that serve others. Its special focus is to encourage students to consider seriously how they can make a real difference in today's world through the Christian ministry.

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



Community members discuss social entrepreneurship with Bornstein

Jordanian study brings Catawba professor up-to-date on Middle Eastern sentiments and attitudes

When Catawba College Professor Dr. Sanford Silverburg talks to his students about the Middle East, he knows exactly of what he speaks. That is thanks in part to the three weeks in January Silverburg spent studying at the American Center of Oriental Research in Amman, Jordan.

"The trip brought me up-to-date with the sentiments and attitudes of people outside the United States, and that is particularly important for someone who teaches world politics," he explained. "It opened my eyes to different cultural expressions and perspectives that you don't get staying in Salisbury."

Silverburg was one of 12 faculty members from across the country selected by a review committee from the Council of Independent Colleges and the Council of American Overseas Research Centers to participate in "Teaching about Islam and Middle Eastern Culture." More than 130 faculty members had applied.

It was the second trip to Jordan for Silverburg, who holds a Ph.D. in international relations from The American University in Washington, D.C. and is a specialist in Middle Eastern politics and Arab/Israeli relations. His first trip had occurred more than 20 years earlier and had been taken with a then Catawba College colleague, the late Dr. King West.

But, as Silverburg explained, that first trip was before 9-11, before the conflict in Afghanistan and before the war in Iraq. And, both American and Arab perspectives have changed greatly since then.

This trip, he found the Jordanians "very friendly to Americans," which was not the case on his earlier trip there. However, despite their friendliness, "they exhibited a strong sense of cultural inferiority and a strong sensitivity to the cultural misunderstanding of Islam, Arabs and the Middle East," Silverburg said. "They also react strongly and their explanations were often in reactionary terms.

"They (Jordanians and Arabs) spent a lot of time explaining to us why the women wore veils and headscarves and why their world was different. They objected strongly to the way Arabs and Muslims are portrayed in the American media. They would explain to us the proper way to view Islam."

In addition to meetings with the American Ambassador to Jordan Edward Gnehm, Jordanian Foreign Minister Abdulelah Khatib and Jordanian Crown Prince Hassan, a key part of his curriculum in Jordan, Silverburg said, involved visiting archaeological sites in the country. These included the ancient city of Petra, Aqaba - where the first known Christian church dating from the third century was excavated by Professor S. Thomas Parker of North Carolina State University, Madaba, Karak, the Dead Sea, and Jerash .

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knowledge to head this up for us," he says. "And we already have in place the SCDC, a unique organization in itself, which is a plus."

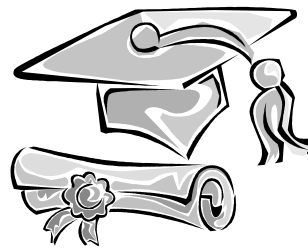
The SCDC has established an Air Quality Commission to focus on the issue. "The commission covers a cross section of the county," Andrews says. "We're trying to tie in the private sector that has an interest in the situation, specialists that can deal with the problems we face and people who will represent some of the concern areas.

"This is not going to be 'us against them,'" he says. "It has to be a total cooperative effort in order to accomplish anything."

Andrews notes that it will take a monumental effort from a lot of people to make a difference. "Five years from now, instead of saying that Rowan has the worst air in the state, we want people to say, 'That's the most progressive county I've seen in trying to solve the problem and create an environment where the kids can go out and play every day and not have to worry if the ozone code is red, green or orange.'"

Wear is convinced that the problem can be solved if everyone works together. "Everyone needs to be involved," he says, from individual citizens to the largest industries, from large metropolitan areas to the smallest towns.

"If we own the problem and make changes now, we can improve the quality of our air for ourselves and for our children and grandchildren. The situation is clearly a call for action. Our future depends on it."



2004 GRADUATION EVENT SCHEDULE

- What:** Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Society Induction (LifeLong Learners)
When: Wednesday April 14 - begins at 7:00 pm
Where: Tom Smith Auditorium
- What:** LifeLong Learners (BBA) Senior Dinner
When: Friday April 16 - begins at 7:00 pm
Where: Peeler Crystal Lounge
- What:** Senior Investiture
When: Thursday May 6 - begins at 5:30 (arrive at 5:15)
Who: Seniors, families, guests, faculty and staff
Where: Assemble for procession, in any order, on sidewalk in front of library to go to Chapel
- What:** Day students' Senior Dinner
When: Thursday May 6 - begins at 7:00 pm (arrive just before 7:00)
Who: Seniors only
Where: Peeler-Crystal Lounge
- What:** Commencement Rehearsal:
A = Day & B = Lifelong Learners
When: Friday May 7
A = arrive at 9:15 a.m.
B = arrive at 11:45 a.m.
Who: Seniors only
Where: Keppel Auditorium
Note: A = Alpha Chi rehearsal will begin immediately following this rehearsal
- What:** Alpha Chi Honor Society Spring Induction (Day program seniors)
When: Friday May 7 - begins at 1:30 pm (arrive at 1:15)
Who: Inductees, existing members, faculty, families and guests
Where: Omwake-Dearborn Chapel
- What:** Baccalaureate Service of Worship
When: Friday May 7 - begins at 7:30 pm (Seniors arrive at 7:00 pm)
Who: Seniors, families, guests, faculty, staff, trustees
Where: Omwake-Dearborn Chapel
- What:** Marshal's Walk and Reception
When: Friday May 7 - immediately following Baccalaureate
Who: For all who attend Baccalaureate. Seniors will process with candles.
Where: Begin in the chapel, process through the arbor, reception in Peeler Crystal Lounge
- What:** Day Student Commencement Ceremony
When: Saturday May 8 - begins at 10:00 am (Seniors be outside the auditorium by 9:30 am)
Who: Graduating Seniors and guests
Where: Keppel Auditorium, Catawba College campus
- What:** LLL Student Commencement Ceremony
When: Saturday May 8 - begins at 2:00 pm (Seniors be outside the auditorium by 1:30 pm)
Who: Graduating Seniors and guests
Where: Keppel Auditorium, Catawba College campus

Both Catawba basketball teams off to regionals

For the second time in four years Catawba sent both its men's and women's basketball teams into NCAA II Regional play. The Lady Indians followed form after sharing the South Atlantic Conference Championship winning the tournament as the #1 seed and gaining the automatic berth. The men used a Cinderella run as the tournament #7 seed to gain its spot in the dance.

The Catawba women's basketball team picked up its third league title in four years in 2004. After a hiccup at the start of the SAC schedule, the Lady Indians reeled off 10 wins in 11 outings to finish atop the league standings with an 11-3 record. Catawba entered the regional with a season-long nine-game winning streak.

The team's two seniors, Danyel Locklear and Aisha Stewart, has led the way in scoring this season. Locklear, a two-time first team All-SAC selection entering the season, has led the way, averaging around 20 points and 11 rebounds a game. The 2004 conference Player of the Year is a finalist for Kodak All-America honors. She became the school's all-time scoring leader in the SAC Tournament final when she posted 26 points and 16 rebounds en route to MVP honors.

Locklear ranks among the league leaders in scoring, rebounding, steals, blocks, field goal shooting and free throw shooting. She also ranks among national leaders in scoring, rebounding and field goal accuracy. Stewart is second to Locklear in scoring and leads the team in three-point shooting, making nearly 60,

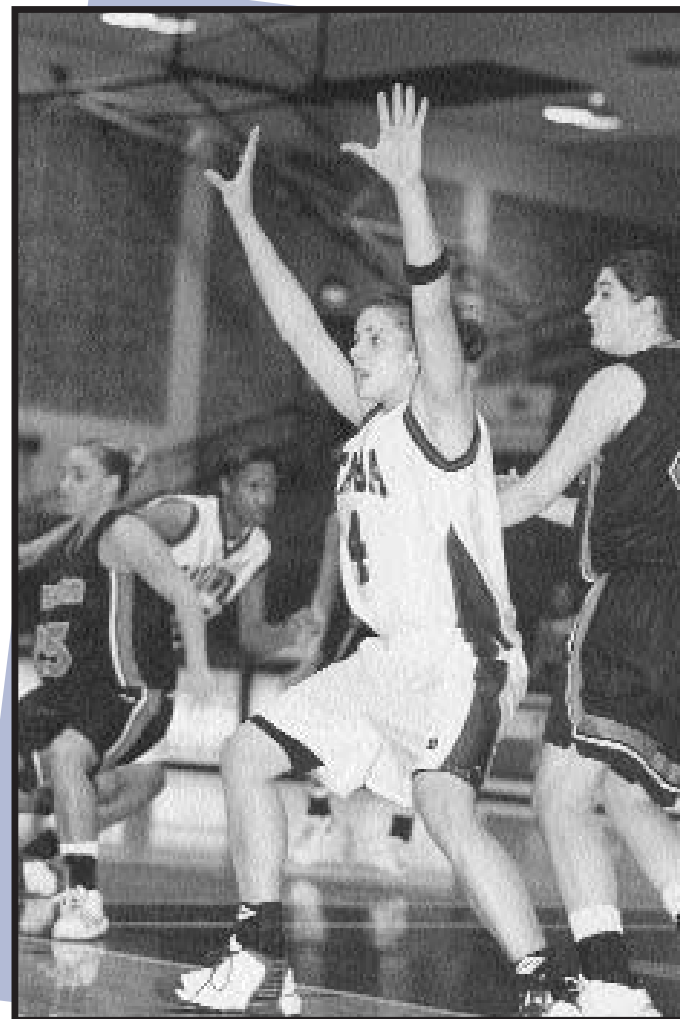
including a school record-tying seven in a win over Wingate. She missed the post-season after a hand injury forced her to the sidelines the night before the SAC Tournament began.

Joining the Tribe seniors in the starting rotation has been junior guard Ashley Cox, and freshmen Ingrid Easter and Tamekia Foster, who were named to the SAC All-Freshman team. Cox, a second-team All-SAC selection, leads the league in assists and adds nearly 13 points a game. Foster has added just over five points and four rebounds per contest and Easter nearly five points and three rebounds. Isiaette Darden has tossed in over eight points a game off the bench.

CATAWBA MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Catawba men found themselves in many tight contests over the season, but did not come out on the winning end of most. The Indians would erase any negative memories of the 2003-04 season with its unlikely run through the league tournament.

Catawba, which features just one senior and no juniors, opened the tournament with a 60-58 win over second-seeded



Danyel Locklear, Senior



Duke Phipps, Senior

Tusculum then topped third-seeded Carson-Newman 68-61. Catawba fell to CN by 31 points in the final regular season game. In the final against Newberry, the Tribe took control in the final half and ran away with an 81-68 win. Helgi Magnusson was named the tournament MVP, while senior Duke Phipps and freshman Brian Graves joined him on the all-tournament team. Graves had a championship game record nine assists and did not commit a turnover.

Magnusson, a sophomore, has led the team this season, scoring nearly 16 points per game and averaging over seven rebounds. He also led the team in three-point shooting and free throw shooting and was third in assists. He was named second team all-conference.

Phipps added 11 points a contest and led in assists and steals. Inside, Chris Wooldridge, a member of the league's All-Freshman team, and sophomore Jolly Manning combined to score around 18 points a game and pull down about 10 and half rebounds. They also have 62 of the team's 93 blocked shots. Sophomore Brian Frasier and Graves also played key roles down the stretch.

Catawba Sports Hall of Fame adds new members

Four former student athletes will be inducted into the Catawba College Sports Hall of Fame on April 3, during the HOF's 27th annual festivities.

The inductees are (with graduation year): Brian Boltz (1990) of Salisbury; Joyce Robinson (1991) of Raleigh; Julian "Duke" Thompson (1941) of Potomac Falls, Va.; and Curtis Walker (1993) of Conway, S.C.

The induction ceremony, sponsored by the Catawba College Chiefs Club, will be held on Saturday, April 3, at 12:30 p.m. The luncheon will be held in Kirkland Lobby of the Abernethy Physical Education Center on campus. On Friday, April 2, the Hall of Fame Golf Tournament will be held at The Crescent Golf Club at 1:15 p.m. For more details, contact the Chiefs Club office at 704.637.4394 or visit the athletic website at www.goindiansgo.com.

The Catawba College Sports Hall of Fame was founded in 1977 and this year's inductees will bring the total number of members to 129.

Following are the achievements of this year's inductees:

BRIAN BOLTZ

Boltz was a left-handed pitcher on the Catawba baseball team, 1987-89.

He elected to forego his senior season after the Atlanta Braves made him the 57th overall pick in the 1989 Major League Baseball draft.

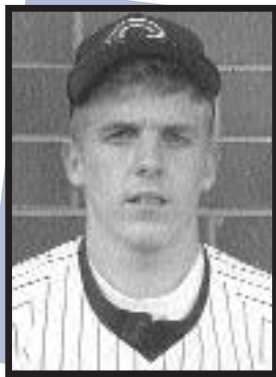
He continued to rise through Atlanta's farm system before arm injuries and surgeries forced Boltz into early retirement.

At Catawba, Boltz distinguished himself as one of the top pitchers in school history. He holds or shares five Catawba records, including marks for strikeouts in a season (147), games in a season (17), and complete games in a season (10).

Boltz struck out 312 batters in just 244.2 innings, compiling a 23-7 career record in the process. His career earned run average was 2.17.

As ace of the pitching staff, Boltz earned first team All-America honors in 1988. In the process, Boltz led the Indians to the Carolinas Conference championship, the first baseball championship for Catawba since 1948.

Also in 1988, Boltz was selected Player of the



Brian Boltz

Year for the conference, NAIA District 26 and NAIA Area 7.

Prior to attending Catawba, Boltz pitched at East Rowan High School and was a huge star for the Rowan County American Legion team. During the 1987 American Legion season, Boltz had multiple 20-plus strikeout games, once fanning 25 out of 27 batters.

Boltz and his wife, Laura, reside in Salisbury with their two children. He is a sales representative with Silver Eagle Distributors.

JOYCE ROBINSON

Robinson was an outstanding two-sport star for Catawba from 1986-90. She earned All-Carolinas Conference honors in both basketball and volleyball.

In basketball, Robinson played four seasons and still ranks: Ninth all-time in career points (1,120), sixth all-time in rebounds (692), ninth all-time in assists (255), 10th all-time in steals (173) and fifth all-time in blocked shots (90).

In volleyball, Robinson helped Catawba win Carolinas Conference and NAIA District 26 championships. She still ranks fourth all-time in career blocks at the net with 701. Robinson had the second best season ever with 366 blocks in 1989.

After Catawba entered the South Atlantic Conference in 1989, Robinson earned first team All-SAC honors.

Robinson resides in Raleigh, N.C. and works for Delta Products as a sales representative.

JULIAN "DUKE" THOMPSON

Thompson has long been considered one of the top track and field stars in Catawba history. He competed in dashes, hurdles and broad jump in 1939-41.

He led Catawba to the North State Conference championship in 1938 and 1939 and led the entire conference in total points in both 1940 and 1941.



Joyce Robinson



Julian "Duke" Thompson

Thompson was also the high scorer at the 1941 North State Conference Championship meet and once scored 22 points in a meet against Lenoir-Rhyne.

Thompson, a retired U.S. Navy captain, resides in Potomac Falls, Va., with his wife, Betty. They have two children.

CURTIS WALKER

A three-time football All-American (1990-92), Walker is considered one of the top linebackers to ever play at Catawba.

A four-year starter (41 games), Walker still holds the single game record of 25 tackles, set in 1991 against Wofford; and the single season record for fumble recoveries (six in 1991).

Walker also ranks fifth all-time in career tackles (359), fifth all-time in solo tackles (175) and he had the second-best season ever (1991), recording 132 tackles.

He also recorded 39 career tackles for losses, which included 9.5 quarterback sacks.

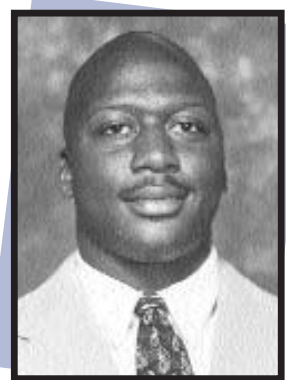
Walker earned first team All-South Atlantic Conference honors in 1990, 1991 and 1992. He was a first team All-American as a senior in 1992.

A coaching career followed and after a brief stay at Salisbury High School, Walker returned to coach linebackers at Catawba under head coach David Bennett in 1995. He was elevated to defensive coordinator in 2001, a season that saw the Indians go 11-2 and reach the NCAA Division II national semifinals. He was also Catawba's football recruiting coordinator.

Following the 2001 season, Walker joined Bennett's staff at Coastal Carolina University. He was defensive coordinator for the new Coastal team in 2003, as the Chanticleers recorded a 6-5 record.

Walker is a graduate of Graham (N.C.) High School, where he recorded a school-record 144 tackles. He was the Mid-State (3A) Conference Player of the Year as a senior in 1987.

Walker and his wife, LaSheka, reside in Conway, S.C. They are expecting their first child in March.



Curtis Walker



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Catawba coach qualifies for Boston Marathon

Catawba College's assistant cross-country coach Stacy Mark is leading by example. The 22-year-old Mars Hill graduate hopes to inspire her athletes with a marathon performance of her own.

She recently qualified for the 108th running of the Boston Marathon April 19th. In her age group of women 18-34, she clocked a time of 3

hours 30 minutes and 23 seconds at the January 11 running of the Disney Marathon in Orlando, Florida. (To qualify for Boston in her age group, Mark had to meet or beat a time of 3 hours and 40 minutes.)

"I trained hard for that event, building up to 100 miles a week beginning last July," Mark explains, adding that she wanted to qualify for Boston because "it's the most well-known marathon in the world."

For literally half of her life, Mark has been running. She recalls her first competitive event while on the cross-country team in junior high school in Mishawaka, Indiana. It was a two-mile event that she just wanted to say, "I had run." But, she laughs, she walked

at least five minutes of that two-mile run. It took a mindset change in high school, before she became a

serious competitor.

Her coaches for track and cross-country helped hone her competitive edge. As a high school freshman, one of her coaches put Mark out running a course with his best runner to "see what she could do." It was a four mile jaunt and just the thought of it, she remembers, overwhelmed her.

"But I did the whole thing," she says with a grin. "I didn't keep up with the best runner, but I finished the whole four miles, and after that I concentrated on building my mileage."

By her senior year in high school, Mark had become her track team and her cross-country team's best runner. She was the standard by which the freshmen runners were measured.

Recruited for both cross-country and her academic achievements to Mars Hill College in Mars Hill, N.C., she ran competitively during all four years of undergraduate school. She won conference titles, set school and conference records, and was the only female athlete runner to win a regional title in the school's history. She also qualified and competed in national competition two years.

Mark credits her coaches at Mars Hill for putting her on her mileage quest. She remembers receiving a summer workout schedule from one of her coaches before her freshman year in college, suggesting that she clock 60 miles a week. It was a schedule she could have ignored, but she didn't. When fall rolled around and she was meeting her suggested weekly mileage, her coach was amazed and told her he had not expected such dedication. By the time

she graduated from Mars Hill in May 2003 with a degree in biology and a minor in mathematics, she was logging an easy 70 miles a week.

In the year since her graduation, she's coached herself to the 100 miles a week level and feels Boston is very do-able. "It's a struggle when you don't have anyone to train with, but I can do 22 miles a day. And nobody's going to go out and run 20 miles with you," Mark explains. "That's ultra-marathon training and that's what I want to do next."

Ultra-marathon is any competitive event where runners go further than marathon distance - 26.2 miles. There are ultra-marathon events 30 miles in length, 50 miles or even 100 miles.

"I have so many goals, so many things I want to do," Mark says. First, she'll get Boston out of the way and will be able to cross that goal off her list.

"If I couldn't run, it would be really frustrating," she notes and adds she's only experienced two incidents of running injuries in her career. "To me, running is my solitude time. It gives me a chance to reflect on what's going on in my life and is a stress-reliever."

As a coach, perhaps her best teaching lesson won't involve words, but will be her own example of feet hitting pavement and goals being set and met largely in solitude.

The daughter of Joe Mark of Mars Hill and Tina Nixon of New Carlisle, Ind., Mark joined the coaching staff at Catawba College in August of 2003. Her future plans include graduate school and a career as a track and cross-country head coach.



Stacy Mark

In Memoriam

Frances Decker Wentz '29

A Catawba College friend and colleague to several generations, Mrs. Frances Decker Wentz '29 of Salisbury died December 19 after several years of declining health.

Mrs. Wentz came to Catawba from Montgomery, Pennsylvania, after one year at Thiel College. She graduated in 1929 and later pursued graduate studies in library science from Columbia University. Following her graduate studies at Columbia, she worked for two years at Earlham College, but returned to Salisbury in 1933 when she married her husband Dr. Bruce Albion Wentz, a Catawba College professor of philosophy and psychology who died in 1988.

Mrs. Wentz joined the Catawba College library staff full-time in 1943 and worked for 31 continuous years as assistant librarian until her retirement in 1974. Thereafter, she volunteered at the Catawba Library, working as a documents librarian until the late 1990s.

Her dedication to the Catawba College Library was unparalleled. She established a library fund in memory of her husband, and after her retirement,

she asked that in lieu of pay, the College make an annual contribution to the Wentz library fund in lieu of pay for her volunteer hours. She also established a \$500,000 gift annuity to benefit the college. In 2000, the Wentz Reading Room was established at the Catawba Library in honor of Mrs. Wentz and in memory of her late husband.

In a 1995 interview, Mrs. Wentz explained her good fortune at having such a lifelong relationship with Catawba College. "It has been a very good life," she said. "I consider myself fortunate to have lived anywhere like this long. Catawba has been my life and was my husband's life. He felt Catawba was a great opportunity for him, and it has been a great opportunity for me."

Mrs. Wentz was a member of the First United Church of Christ in Salisbury.



Mrs. Wentz

Willard Eugene McCombs '46

North Carolina State Representative Willard Eugene McCombs of Faith died Jan. 20.

Born in Faith, he, his father Ray McCombs and his brother Verne McCombs ran a successful small grocery, McCombs and Company in his hometown for more than 50 years. For 20 years, he was also part owner of Faith Radio and TV with longtime friend and business associate Wentworth Beck.

He attended Catawba College before entering the U.S. Army in 1943 where he served with the 31st infantry in the Pacific Theatre during World War II. For his service to his country, he received the Asiatic Pacific Service Medal with two Bronze Service Stars and one Bronze Arrowhead, the Philippine Liberation Medal with one Bronze Service Star, the Good Conduct Medal and the World War II Victory Medal.

McCombs had a long active life in civic and community affairs. He was a charter and life member of the Faith Jaycees, active in the Faith Civitan Club and

Faith American Legion Post 327. He was a founding member of the Faith Volunteer Fire Department. And a lifetime and faithful member of Shiloh United Church of Christ, serving as president of its Consistory, Sunday school superintendent, church trustee and teaching Sunday school for 55 years.

He began his public service in 1948, serving on the Faith Town Board for 14 years and as Faith's Mayor for two years. He was elected to the Rowan County Board of County Commissioners in 1966 where he served for 12 years, and as chairman of that Board for 10 years. He went on to serve in the N.C. General Assembly House of Representatives from 1992 until the time of his death, proudly representing the 76th District and its constituents.

He was preceded in death in 1959 by son Willard Eugene "Skippy" McCombs, Jr. Survivors include his wife Jean Fisher McCombs '46, daughter Pam McCombs McDonald of Concord and son Keith Fisher McCombs of Fuquay-Varina, and four grandchildren.

In Memoriam

'30 Tom Bailey Woodruff of Mocksville died Feb. 9. Retired, he was a farmer and a foreman at Spencer Shop's ice plant in Spencer. He had also worked with the N.C. Wildlife Department as a game protection overseer for several counties for nearly 30 years.

He was the oldest attending member of First Presbyterian Church and served on the board of director of Central Carolina Bank and Energy United for more than 30 years.

His wife, Sarah Rebecca Charles Woodruff, preceded him in death in 2001. Survivors include his brother, Charles Woodruff of Mocksville; and three sisters, Jane Dwiggins of Winston-Salem, Sadie H. Taylor and Eleanor W. Frye, both of Mocksville.

Margaret Cline Safrit of Salisbury died Feb. 19.

After obtaining her bachelor's degree in education, she taught for several years at a high school in Woodleaf. She later taught for many years at two elementary schools in Rowan County, R.G. Kizer School in the Salisbury area and Granite Quarry Elementary School. She retired from teaching in 1962. She was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Salisbury for 25 years and thereafter for the rest of her life belonged to St. John's Lutheran Church in Salisbury where she participated in many activities.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ernest Crawford Safrit, Sr. in 1989, and by her son, Ernest Crawford Safrit, Jr. in 1993. Survivors include a daughter, Margaret JoAnne Safrit of Silver Spring, Md., a grandson, a granddaughter, a great-granddaughter, a daughter-in-law and two sisters, **Helen Cline Earnhardt '39** of Salisbury and Annie Mozell Cline Safrit of Mocksville.

'31 The Reverend Ray Spencer Cody of Concord died Jan. 6.

Following his Catawba graduation, he earned his bachelor's degree of divinity from Duke University School of Religion in 1936. Once licensed to preach, he served churches in the Eastern North Carolina Conference, the Northern New York Conference and the Western North Carolina Conference. From 1952 until 1973, he ministered in churches in Greensboro, Lowesville, Lincolnton, Terrell, Triplett, Kannapolis and Sparta, taking an active roll in them and serving as scoutmaster with Boy Scouts of America. A faithful attendant of Mount Mitchell United Methodist Church for 25 years, he was named pastor emeritus in 1981 for his lifetime service.

He was preceded in death in 2003 by his wife of 66 years, the former Bertha Morton. Survivors include daughters Nancy C. Porter of Seabrook, Texas, and Raychel Carroll of Kannapolis, four sisters, four granddaughters and five great-grandchildren.

Claire Ruth Copp of Midland died Dec. 3.

She taught home economics at Bethel High School in Midland and was a hospital dietitian. Following her marriage to the late Hazon Copp, she moved with him to Chattanooga, Tenn. where she taught grammar school for many years.

Survivors include four brothers, five sisters and many nieces and nephews.

'32 Altha Mildred Herlocker Hatley died Dec. 22.

She taught in the Albemarle City and Stanly County School System for 30 years and was named Teacher of the Year at Oakboro School in 1961. She also worked with her late husband, Raymond C. Hatley, in Hatley's TV and Appliances in Oakboro.

A member of Oakboro First Baptist Church, she served as building fund treasurer, Vacation Bible School teacher, WMU treasurer, Sunbeam/GA leader and was a Sunday school teacher for over 50 years. She was the treasurer of the Oakboro Garden Club and a member of North Carolina Retired School Personnel.

Survivors include two daughters, a brother, three granddaughters, and five great-grandchildren.

Pattie Holbrook Keepers of Huntersville died Jan. 22.

She moved to New York in 1935 where she was employed as a dietitian in the New York City Department of Hospitals. She and her late husband, Francis "Frank" J. Keepers, lived in New York until her retirement when they moved to New Jersey. Following her husband's death, she returned to live in Huntersville, her hometown.

Survivors include three sisters, Mrs. Ella H. Goodnight of Salisbury, **Mrs. Josephine H. Hill '40** of Hickory, and **Miss Cara Holbrook '34** of Huntersville, along with numerous nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

'33 Lloyd C. Goodman of Salisbury died Jan. 15.

While at Catawba, he was captain of the basketball team and was on its "winningest" football team. He met his wife of 61 years, the late Hazel Connell Goodman, while a student at Catawba. Following his graduation he attended George Williams College and earned a master's degree in physical education from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He taught physical education and worked at a YMCA in Greensboro and continued to provide leadership for over 50 years. Later, he took over his father's business, Goodman Lumber Company of Salisbury.

A U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, he served as a first lieutenant. He was an active member of First Presbyterian Church, serving on the session and playing an integral role in planning and building its present sanctuary. He was director emeritus of Home Federal Savings and Loan and was instrumental in planning, developing and building Eaman Park Pool on Eaman Avenue in 1956.

Survivors include children, Linda G. Heilig, Jim Goodman, Susan G. Jarrell, Jennie G. Deal and Jane G. Britt, along with 13 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

'34 Irene zumBrunnen Purcell, formerly of Salisbury, died Feb. 22 in Brevard.

Following her graduation from Catawba, she taught for several years in the Davie County and Fort Barnwell schools. She later worked for Girl Scouts of America in Tallahassee, Fla., and as a docent for Rowan Museum at the

Utzman Chambers House for over 25 years. She was a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, where she taught Sunday school, and was a member and past president of the Episcopal Church Women.

She was preceded in death in 1975 by husband Samuel Mitchell Purcell, Jr., a local businessman and pharmacist, and in 2002 by her son, George E. Purcell. Survivors include son Samuel Mitchell Purcell, III of Washington, D.C.; daughters Irene Purcell of Houston, Texas, and Marion P. Whatley of Brevard; brother **the Rev. Richard I. zumBrunnen '50** of Churchville, Md.; and one grandchild.

'38 Lena Mae Surratt Pring of Salisbury died Feb. 18.

She was a homemaker and a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Home Extension Club and St. Ann's Circle.

Survivors include her husband of 66 years, Anthony L. Pring; sons Lawrence M. Pring of Honolulu, Hawaii, **Edward A. Pring '64** of Greensboro, **Stephen F. Pring '92** of Faith, James M. Pring of Wadesboro, and John R. Pring of Salisbury; daughters Gail Mintz of Salisbury and **Marianne Pring '74** of Monroe; 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Mary Emma Wetmore Lysterly of Salisbury died Oct. 14.

'39 Mary Drusilla Roberson of Robersonville died Dec. 20.

Born in East Spencer, she married her husband of 49 years, the late Paul D. Roberson, in 1939 and moved to Robersonville where she remained until her death.

She was active in her church, Robersonville United Methodist, and supported all of its activities. She was involved in numerous community organizations, such as the McDowell Music Club, Garden Club and Libris Book Club.

Survivors include daughter, Mary Drew Roberson Allsbrook, a granddaughter, three great-grandchildren and 10 nieces and nephews.

Elizabeth Hastings Burr of Ft. Myers, Fla., formerly of Reidsville, died Dec. 17.

Following her graduation from Catawba, she taught music at Bethany High School in Wentworth and also at Reidsville High School, where she advised the Glee Club and the band. She also taught special education for many years at Ruffin Elementary School in Rockingham. Throughout her life she was active in churches where she was a member, including First Presbyterian Church, Hillview Church and Community Baptist Church, all in Reidsville.

She was preceded in death in 1986 by her first husband of 47 years, Paul D. Hastings who was the founder and owner of Hastings Furniture Company, and in 2000, by her second husband, Spotswood "Spotty" Burr of Ft. Myers, Fla. Survivors include two daughters, Beth Medcalf of Fort Collins, Colo. and Ann Tompkins of Ithaca, N.Y.; a son, Steven Hastings of Ithaca, N.Y.; six grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Stamey Fulton Carter, Jr. of Salisbury died March 6.

He was a retired Certified Public Accountant with Sherrill & Smith where he was a partner and worked for more than 40

years. He also was the Rowan County auditor for 30 years. A lifelong member of St. John's Lutheran Church, he taught Sunday school there for many years, was a former Luther League Leader, a former member of the church council and had served as the church treasurer. He was active in the Salisbury Jaycees, the Rowan County Fair Association and the Salisbury Civitan Club. He was a member of the American Association of CPA's and the N.C. Association of CPA's.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mildred Benson Carter in 1966. Survivors include son, Stamey F. Carter III of Boone, daughters Nancy Carter Cooke of Charlotte and Millie Carter of Gastonia, five grandchildren and a sister.

'41 Thyra Arrington Roberts of Concord, formerly of Salisbury, died Jan. 28.

She earned education degrees at James Madison University and Catawba College and was employed as an educator in the Virginia and North Carolina Public Schools for 36 years. She was a charter member of the Historic Salisbury Preservation Society, patron member of Historic Cabarrus, and life member of the Historic Preservation Foundation of N.C.

She was a member of the English Speaking Union, serving as its president for two years, on the board of directors of the Tarheelia Girl Scout Council, a member of the Elizabeth Maxwell Steele Chapter and the Cabarrus Black Boys Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. She was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church in Salisbury since 1939, and at the time of her death, was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Kannapolis.

She was preceded in death by husband Wilbur Franklin Roberts in 1965 and son Stanly Franklin Roberts in 1994. Survivors include a daughter, Jean Roberts Williams of Concord and two grandchildren.

Elizabeth Stoudt Chamberlin of Beaverton, Oregon, died Sept. 14, 2003.

'44 Mary Jane Vail Andrews, former of Warm Springs, Georgia, died Jan. 7 in Pensacola, Fla.

Following her Catawba graduation, she entered Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing in Charlotte and became a registered nurse in 1944. She worked in private physician offices and for a time at Emory University Clinic in Atlanta, Ga. In 1974, she moved with her husband of 54 years, the late David Frank Andrews, to Warm Springs, Ga. There, she was active in the local Methodist church and other community service organizations. She retired as Utilization Review Coordinator for the Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute for Rehabilitation in 1989.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 2001. Survivors include a brother, Robert Elmer Vail of Burlington, and her son, Dr. D. Frank Andrews III of Pensacola, Fla.

Mary Helen Current Foil of Virginia Beach, Va., died Feb. 6.

A retired schoolteacher, she had more than 40 years of service with a large portion being in the Virginia Beach School System.

Her husband of 58 years, the late John Locke Foil, and a brother, Richard Steele Current, preceded her in death. Survivors

include her sister-in-law Carolyn M. Current.

Sarah Richards Auman of Seagrove died March 1.

A native of Erie, Pa., she was a retired as a schoolteacher and librarian with the Randolph County School District. She was an active member of the Methodist Church in Seagrove.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Hubert Auman. Survivors include two daughters, Cathy Baiden of Asheboro and Karen Sandlin of Hilton Head, S.C., granddaughter Katie Baiden, a brother and sister-in-law, **Marion M. "Chub" Richards '41** and wife **Elaine '42** of Salisbury, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

'46 Carroll Westley Bowen of Charlotte died Dec. 23.

While an undergraduate at Catawba, Bowen played football, basketball and baseball. In football, he was named 1st Team Little All-American in 1945, Captain and All-State in 1944 and 1945. In basketball, he was captain in 1945 and 1946 and All-Conference in 1945. In baseball in 1945, he was the Lewis E. Teague Award recipient as the Outstanding Athlete in North and South Carolina. He was a member of the Catawba College Sports Hall of Fame.

He taught and coached in the High Point City Schools and Lexington High School from 1946 to 1975. He was also athletic director in Lexington and served in leadership posts with the N.C. High School Athletic Association. He was a longtime member of First Baptist church in Lexington and a Master Mason.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Lucille Davis Bowen; daughter Bonnie Widenhouse of Charlotte; grandson, Dr. Brian Widenhouse of Charleston, S.C.; sister **Clara B. Lowder '38** of Tampa, Fla; brother Merle Bowen of Salisbury; twin brother **Harold Bowen '48** of Lexington; two great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Arthur Lee "A.L." Linker of Rockwell died Dec. 23.

A U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, he served on two ships in Asia and was active since his retirement in World War II Navy ship reunions. He retired after 33 years as a rural letter carrier and worked for many years for Rockwell Radio and Electric.

He was a former chief of the Rockwell City Fire Department and was active with the Historic Rockwell Foundation/Rockwell Museum. He served for six years on the Rockwell Board of Alderman and was a member of the Keller Masonic Lodge 657, Rockwell Civitan Club, American Legion and VFW. He was an associate patron of Order of Eastern Star 317. A life member of Ursinus United Church of Christ, he served on the church council, as sexton, cemetery trustee and former choir member.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years Alice Holshouser Linker; sons **David '73** and **Al Linker** of Salisbury, **John Linker '72** of Granite Quarry and **Tim '88** and **Lynn Linker**, both of Rockwell; sister Helen Schofield of Salisbury; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

'47 Novaleen "Nellie" Bullock Robinson of Winston-Salem died Jan. 1.

She was a member of the

United Daughters of the confederacy and a longtime Old Salem guide. She was an active member of Ardmore United Methodist Church, serving as recording secretary of the Administrative Board, a member of the United Methodist Women, the Homemakers Club and the Christian Fellowship Class. She served as a volunteer for many years at Arbor Acres Retirement Community.

Survivors include her husband of 57 years whom she met at Catawba, **Williams Gordon Robinson '48**; three sons, David Gordon Robinson of Roswell, Ga., William Neal Robinson of Winston-Salem, and Ronald Elwyn Robinson of Charlotte, seven grandchildren and twin sisters.

'48 Paul Tudor Gray of Salisbury died Dec. 29.

Following his graduation from Catawba, he earned his master's degree at Peabody College of Vanderbilt University. A veteran of World War II, he was a teacher and a librarian in the Las Vegas, Nevada schools. He was a member of Dunn's Mountain Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his second wife, Pernecy Ophelia Brown "Bea" Gray in 2000, and a son, Paul T. Gray, Jr. Survivors include son **Steve Gray '69** of Salisbury, brother Glenn Gray of Summerfield, and three grandchildren.

George Craven Williams of Granite Quarry died Dec. 10.

A U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, he was retired as regional manager from Pargas Incorporated. He was a member of Shiloh United Methodist Church and Livengood-Peeler-Wood American Legion Post #448.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, **Helen Tussey Williams '47**, two daughters Jeanne Symmes and Mary Anne Murray, both of Greensboro, two grandsons and a sister.

'49 Haywood Lee Weddle of Winston-Salem died Dec. 15.

A veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, he served during World War II in the 1st Marine Division in the South Pacific and North China. Following his military duty, he earned his undergraduate degree in accounting from Catawba. Thereafter, he went to work as a special agent for the U.S. treasury Department's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, spending 30 years there until his retirement in 1979. In 1977, he was named Agent of the Year for the Treasury Department. Following his retirement, he taught certification school for law enforcement at several community colleges and taught police science at Forsyth Technical Community College. He also served as a training instructor for state and federal academies, served as courtroom security with the U.S. Marshals Service, and substitute taught at North Forsyth High School.

An active member of Centenary United Methodist Church since 1960, he served on the administrative board, on the board of directors for the Samaritan Inn and taught Sunday school and ushered for a number of years. He worked with the Meals on Wheels program for the past 15 years. He was an active member of the Old Town Masonic Lodge 751 AF&AM and was past master, in 1979.

His first wife, Dorothy Pauline "Polly"

Solomon, preceded him in death in 1998. Survivors include his wife of four years, Anne Berth Fetter Weddle of Winston-Salem, daughter Rhonda Weddle Fetter of Winston Salem, son, Randy Lee Weddle of Sunset Beach, a grandson, and a sister.

'50 Wayne Council Simpson of China Grove died Dec. 8.

He taught at Enochville Elementary, Phillip Morris, Pfeiffer College, Stanly Technical College, Rowan Technical College and Davidson County Community College. He served as business manager and administrative officer with the N.C. State commission for the Blind. He owned and operated a bookkeeping and accounting practice. He retired as Rowan County tax collector in 1994, and was elected Rowan County auditor and treasurer.

A life member of Mount Zion United Church of Christ, he taught the Men's Bible Class for 42 years. He served in the U.S. Navy and Civil Air Patrol, and was a life member of the VFW and American Legion. He was past district governor for Lions International and past president of the local chapter of Patriotic Order of Sons of America. Active in local politics, he served as chairman of the Bill Hefner for Congress campaign.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Betty Alice Baker Simpson, daughters Betty Wayne Reid and Tammy Taylor, both of China Grove, and Sharon Plummer of Concord, a brother, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mary Frances Wagoner Strunk of Newton died Nov. 20.

'51 Patricia Truscott Barber of Linwood died Feb. 18.

A homemaker and teacher, she was a member of Greer's Chapel United Methodist church where she sang in the choir, taught Sunday school and served the church in many capacities.

Her first husband, Billy Wayne Barber, and a son, David Wayne Barber, preceded her in death. Survivors include husband Eugene "Gene" Barber; daughter, Jane Barber Nephew of Terrell; stepdaughter Betsy Shoaf of Lexington; three stepsons, Johnny, Jimmy and Gary Barber, all of Lexington; two grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; and two step-great-grandchildren.

The **Rev. E. Gene Arnold** died recently.

'57 Rex Duane Wyatt of Spencer died Feb. 23.

A veteran of the U.S. Army, he retired in 1997 from Isehour Brick, now Boral Brick. He was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include wife Rosie Bollinger Wyatt, whom he married Dec. 21, 1958, and sons, Tom Wyatt of Spencer and Claude Wyatt of Faith, along with four grandchildren.

'59 Samuel Reece Overcash, III of Gastonia died Dec. 6.

A member of the Air National Guard, he was employed as plant chemist at Duke Power's Plant Allen in Belmont from 1960 to 1994. He was a member of Bethesda United Methodist Church in Gastonia.

Survivors include wife Irene Webb Overcash; two sons, Samuel Reece

Overcash, IV of Canton, and Matthew Steven Overcash of Cramerton; three daughters, Pamela Overcash Hayes and Ann Overcash Patterson, both of Concord, and Joy Overcash Sides of Harrisburg; a stepmother; a stepfather; a sister; and five grandchildren.

'87 Dan E. Daly of Toms River, N.J. passed away on Aug. 5, 2003.

Dan was a finance major and played baseball while at Catawba. He was self-employed as a real estate appraiser, coached little league and played baseball for the Ocean County Mariners.

He is survived by wife **Kim Hughson Daly '84** and children Dalton James, eight, and Paige Alexandria, five. Kim can be reached via email at: dalykim@worldnet.att.net

'90 Jerleen Snyder Gaither of Harmony died March 1.

She served as a teacher and a teacher's aide in the Davie County Schools and was a member of New Union United Methodist church where she was a Sunday school teacher and a Bible school worker.

Son Charles Edward Gaither, two infant sons and two brothers preceded her in death. Survivors include husband Charles Edward Gaither, son Joe Gaither of Fountain, daughter Melissa Gaither Spivey of Lexington, a sister-in-law, a niece and two nephews.

Class Notes

'41 Jean Zehring Brittain Slider is still representing, The South Carolina League of Women Voters, on The Generoli Equal Employment Opportunity Committee at Ft. Jackson in Columbia, S.C.

'42 Frances Ludvig Beauchamp wishes good health, wealth, and happiness to all her friends and classmates for the New Year of 2004. She would like to hear from her friends at 606 Forest Lake Road, Fayetteville, NC 28305.

'51 James G. Goodman was coded as deceased in the class roster of the 2000 Alumni Directory. Mr. Goodman wrote recently to inform us he is alive and well, in Mooresville, N.C. The Alumni Office certainly apologizes for the misinformation.

'52 Victor K. Stover and Loreta A. Stover '50 are in their 8th year living in Merry Point, Va. They would enjoy hearing from classmates at smokey@msn.com.

'59 Richard W. Moffitt retired from Dixie-Narco, Inc. three years ago and is residing in Palm Coast, Fla. with his wife, Penny. Their time is spent between home in Fla. and their second

home at Reynold's Plantation on Lake Oconee, Ga. They are enjoying retirement by playing golf and tennis, traveling, and spending time with their four children and their families.

'66 Dave Robbins won his 600th game on Saturday, February 7, 2004. Virginia Union beat Virginia State. As usual he was very humble and gave all the credit to the boys who played for him.

'69 Don Campbell and Amy Adams Campbell '70 have bought the Indian Creek Tennis and Swim Club in Lincolnton, N.C. The 4.5-acre property just off N.C. 150 includes three hard-surface courts, four clay courts, a clubhouse, and a swimming pool.

Pamela Burham Hurlbert is designing sets again after too many years away from the Theatre business. She and David are part of a group starting a new venture known as "Gettysburg Stage Theatre Ensemble." Their first two productions were "Agnes of God" and "American Buffalo." If someone in the Blue Masque could kiss Myrtle for them, it would be appreciated.

'72 Ronald "Ron" Riggs and Mary "Susie" Brooks Riggs '72 have just moved up the coast to Carolina Shores, N.C. from North Myrtle Beach, S.C.

'73 Crystal Rambo Kaczmarczyk was the start-up librarian for a brand new K-6 charter school in Middletown, Del. Now, she is an assistant librarian at the Delaware City Library.

'77 Susan Jessup Boynton and husband Ben live in Tallahassee, Fla. Their 18 year old son, Daniel, has enlisted in the U.S. Navy's Delayed Entry Program and will leave for basic training in Illinois on July 5, 2004 after graduation from high school. They also have an eight year old daughter, Katie, that is in the 3rd grade. Susan is a Support Services Administrator and has worked for the Florida Department of State for 25 years. Ben is a Real Estate Broker who is self-employed.

'79 Sharon Rehbock announces a large career change. She now works for Cairo Corporation, an IT integrations company. Homecoming is Oct. 8-10, 2004. This is the 25th reunion for the class. Please mark your calendar and make your plans soon. Come see old friends and the great NEW changes on campus. We would love for anyone from other classes before and after 1979 to join us. Sharon can be reached at (703)631-4060 or skrehbock@yahoo.com and 14440 Black Horse Ct. Centreville, Va 20120.

'81 Dr. George Donnelly has taken over as clinic director and chiropractor at West Park Chiropractic in North

Wilkesboro, N.C.

'83 Philip "Phil" Johnston has joined BridgeGate West as Executive Vice President of Sales & Marketing. Phil, Joyce, and four children are in the process of relocating to the Charlotte, N.C. area from Phoenix, Ariz. Joyce has purchased more of her Ident-A-Kid franchise to include South Carolina, currently she owns Ident-A-Kid in North Carolina and has been in business for the past thirteen years. Phil can be reached at philjhn11@aol.com or pjohnston@bridgegatwest.com.

'84 Denise Whitaker and David Dalton plan to be married on April 24, 2004, in the Omwake-Dearborn Chapel. She is employed with Prudential Retirement as a Regional Manager for Education and Enrollment. He is a programmer with Aon Consulting.

'85 Jacki Steele Anderson continues to coordinate testing for Exceptional Children's Dept. in Lincoln County. Her daughter, Blythe, is in 5th grade, and her son, Hunter, is in 3rd grade. Her e-mail is: jacki.anderson@charter.net.

'86 Andrew "Drew" Matthews lives on Cape Cod and is the head coach of Chatham High School boys basketball team. He is enjoying being back on the sidelines.

Glenda Faye Parrish and Bryan Keith Dellinger were married September 13, 2003 at Canaan United Methodist Church. She is the head volleyball coach for Guilford College in Greensboro. He attends Piedmont Baptist College.

June Tsuruta has changed addresses but is still living in the Houston area with his wife, Kim, and daughter, Kinsey. He graduated in May 2003 from Texas A&M University with a MBA. His new address is 19234 Clear Sky Drive, Kingwood, TX 77346.


Marya Haefner Lehmann would like to hear from classmates at mlehmann@triad.rr.com.

'90 Gary Blabon and Deirdre Tigniere Blabon '93 would like to say hello to everyone from their years at Catawba. They are living in Chattanooga, Tenn. and have two daughters Jacqueline (5) and Gabrielle (2). Gary is working at Chattanooga Bone & Joint Surgeons as their Administrator. Deirdre is home with the girls. They would love to hear from old friends at theblabons@comcast.net.

Kimberly Farrington married Dale Swedberg on October 11, 2003 in Indianapolis, Ind. Kim is working as a professor of Special Education at Spaldin University in Louisville, Ky. Kim and Dale live in New Albany, Ind. and would love to hear from friends. Her e-mail address is kswedberg@spalding.edu.

1980s Close-up

Catawba Alumnus accepts prestigious award for small business



Catawba College Alumnus Shuford Abernethy '82, President of Abingdon Senior Housing Services, Inc., recently accepted an award for Abingdon Glen Village, a new townhome community for adults ages 55 and up in Hickory. The 2004 Faith in the Future Award was presented at the Catawba County Chamber of Commerce's annual meeting held on Thursday, January 29th.

This annual award is presented to the business with 1 to 15 employees that has made a financial and business investment demonstrating a commitment to the community. The first homes in the Village opened in January of 2002 and there are now 28 homes completed with 8 more homes to begin construction in March. Upon completion, this \$18 million project will have 93 homes, a 5000 square foot clubhouse and pool, and a population of approximately 150 homeowners.

Before joining Abingdon Senior Housing Services, Abernethy worked for 14 years with continuing care retirement communities in Newton and in Thomasville, North Carolina. He and his wife, Jayne, are parents to four children and make their home in Conover.

'93 The parents and husband of **Jill Isaacson Djuric** send the following message. Dear Catawba Friends, Thank you so much for the many cards, letters, and flowers. We will always have wonderful memories of Jill. She was a very special person. We appreciate your support and thoughtfulness.

'94 Rachel "Lynn" Pate Caveness and husband, Brian, would like to announce the birth of their child, Jarrett Douglas, born August 31, 2003. He joins sister, Lauren (3). Lynn is working with the Pender County Sheriff's Office as 911 Communications Director and E911 Coordinator.

Rosanna Paxia Kepler and her husband, Michael, would like to hear from old friends. Their daughter, Mia Elizabeth is getting ready to celebrate her 2nd birthday.

'95 Bryan Fass is engaged to be married to Lara Fleischaker. The wedding is planned for April 2004, at Temple Beth El.

Dawn "Rae" Bucher Geoffrey and husband, Jarrod, are proud to announce the birth of their son Ronan Heath, born January 26, 2004. Ronan weighed 7lbs 13 oz and was 19" long.

Megan Kelley Small and Thomas Small '95, announce the birth of their daughter, Sophia Patricia, on March 19, 2003. She joins brother, Chandler (8) and sister, Cora (5). The Small family happily resides on Long Island NY!

'96 Marine Corps. Captain **Ian C. Brinkley** recently participated in the seizure of an estimated 2,800 pounds of hashish with an estimated value of \$11 million, after intercepting a small Arabian sea vessel in the North Arabian Sea, while assigned to the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), homebased in Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Sean Grieg announces his engagement to Dana Friedman. The wedding will be June 26th. Both are teachers, with Sean coaching football and Dana coaching field hockey. Sean will receive his Masters in Special Education in Spring of 2005. Prior to teaching, he spent four years in the Army.

'97 Valeree Gordon Adams and her husband, Matthew, are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Caleigh Elizabeth, born on January 28, 2004. Caleigh weighed 8 lbs. and was 22" long.

Jane Everhart married Bradley Hedrick on November 15, 2003. **Kirstin**

Susanne Black '96 was a bridesmaid. Jane is currently teaching fourth grade and will complete her Masters Degree in Educational Administration this May.

'97 Jowita Sokolowska wants to hear from friends at jowita4@hotmail.com. She is very curious what everyone else is doing. As for her, she has officially ended

her basketball career and now is fully concentrating on her professional career.

Jason Wilson and Christy Tarlton Wilson '00 would like for their friends to know they welcomed a daughter, Sydney Grace, on June 20, 2003. Jason continues his work at the corporate office of Food Lion and Christy has found a wonderful new profession as a stay-at-home mom!

'98 Rebecca Miles Berrier and Dwayne Berrier would like to announce the birth of their first child, Riley Paige. She was born on December 28, 2003.

Kristine Massey completed her Masters of Education at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas in

August 2003. Shortly thereafter, she became the Education Curator at the International Wildlife Museum in Tucson, Ariz., where she and Rachel now live with their dog, Zoe. Kristine can be reached at kristinem@thewildlifemuseum.org.

Kristina "Kris" Kjome Nohe is proud to announce that this November her husband, Marty, was elected Coles District Supervisor for Prince William County, Va. Kris was his campaign manager as well as a consultant on several other races. She would love to hear from old friends, especially her old roommate Julie Rathwell. She can be reached at KShalott@hotmail.com.

Kent Ervin Poplin is engaged to be married to Melissa Kay Godfrey (current student). The wedding is planned for July 24, 2004 at Omwake-Dearborn Chapel. He is employed at the Food Lion Corporate Office. She is employed with DJ's.

Jimmy "Shawn" Todd has been promoted to vice president of Todd Seafood Inc. He would also like to thank all those who have written him lately. His e-mail address has changed to cougarcoachst@yahoo.com.

Catherine Vogl Willis and her husband, Gary, would like to announce the birth of their second child, Gregory Phillips Willis, born November 24, 2003. Catherine obtained a doctorate in Molecular and Cellular Pathobiology from Wake Forest University School of Medicine in December 2003.

'99 John "Lanni" Lanni and his wife have relocated once again to the Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. area where John has accepted a position as an Account Executive-Professional Lines at Hull & Co. John would like to hear from his friends and can be reached at Jvlanni@hotmail.com.

'00 Heather Barr is now finishing her 4th National tour, "Seussical: The Musical". She wants to thank all her Catawba friends that came to support her.

John D. Blackman, Jr. has been a Pastor at Midway now for three months. He is engaged to be married. In June of 2004, he will graduate from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C. with his Masters of Divinity.

Chris "Kube" Kubik has been offered and has accepted an appointment as a Graduate Assistant in the Human Performance Lab at East Carolina University. While there, he will be pursuing his Master's degree in Exercise Physiology.

Kathleen Sossoman and Edwin Link plan to be married on April 17, 2004, at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church.

'01 Joshua McCabe Brincefield is engaged to be married to Ashley Lassiter. The wedding is planned for May 22, 2004 at the Divi Aruba Phoenix Beach Resort in Oranjestad, Aruba. He is employed with Miller Davis Studios. She is employed with Statewide Title, Inc. as a Zone Manager and Marketing Representative.

Allison Joy Dupree graduated from Mississippi State University receiving a master of science degree in physical education with emphasis in health promotion and

1990s Close-up

Drew Adams is a 1992 Catawba alumnus

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Unlikely day for a hero

The Saturday afternoon sunshine toasted the chill off the end to an icy week, and across the city people gathered outdoors with family and friends.

It was hardly a day Drew Adams expected to become a hero.

Adams, 33, was walking his golden retriever, Duke, last Saturday on a grassy slope behind the Tobacco Row Apartments in Shockoe Bottom. In the distance, he could hear children playing in Great Shiplock Park.

The small water-filled city park at Canal and Pear Streets surrounds the lowest of the historic Kanawha Canal locks. Inside the gates, an iron bridge extends over the stagnant canal water just before the canal joins the swiftly moving James River.

The water that day was not only still, it was topped by a deceiving layer of glistening white ice.

"I was walking by thinking, 'That's dangerous,'" Adams said. The next instant, he heard an alarming cry for help. "I looked over and saw the kid in the water," he said.

Acting on instinct, Adams secured Duke inside his nearby Jeep Wrangler, dialed 911 on his cell phone and ran to the water's edge. Once there, he realized the degree to which an afternoon of outdoor play had taken a turn for the worse.

Of a group of three friends who ventured from their homes to play on the iced-over water at Great Shiplock Park, two 10-year-old boys fell through the ice into more than 10 feet of freezing water. One was able to free himself and climb out of the canal and over the surrounding stone wall, but the other was in need of immediate help.

"The kid was flailing around in the water," said Adams, who was a lifeguard for four years while attending Catawba College in North Carolina. "He was too small to reach up and grab the wall. It was about 3 feet higher than his head all around."

Hypothermia had started to paralyze the muscles in the boy's extremities, and he sank farther into the water.

"I know ice rescues are real dangerous, and at first I just tried to reach him with a stick," said Adams, who has experience as a rescue scuba diver. "I couldn't believe it when he went under the ice."

"When he popped back up, he was floating face down."

Adams ripped off his shoes and sweater- he knew they would have weighed him down- and jumped

down from the stone barrier into the ice.

He treaded furiously in the frigid water and hoisted the boy up by the seat of his pants so the other children could reach down and help pull him safely back to land.

"I didn't think he was breathing," Adams said. "I flipped him on his stomach and he started coughing up water, but he was severely hypothermic."

"I've never seen someone who has been submersed. He was really pale."

Adams said he was told that one boy was treated at the hospital and released and that the other boy was hospitalized overnight. However, he hasn't heard from the boys or their families, so he's not really sure.

The nearly fatal experience serves as a reminder of the dangers of playing on ice, especially as the temperature rises.

Susan Atlas is owner of Atlas Outfitters ATR in Pembine, Wisc., a family-run business that specializes in training emergency personnel for ice rescues.

"The ice still looks thick, but when it's warmer, the sun is shining and the ice starts to melt like a honeycomb, making it less stable," she said. "The water doesn't have to be more than a few feet deep to be dangerous."

Atlas likes to remind the rescue professionals she trains that 60 percent of people who die in through-the-ice incidents are not the original victims but the person who jumps in to rescue them.

Within moments of Saturday's rescue, local emergency crews, including the river rescue team from Fire Station 1 in Church Hill, arrived at the scene and whisked the two boys to VCU Medical Center.

"This guy deserves some kind of award for bravery," said Billy Dew, a city firefighter who works with the river rescue team. "You just can't give enough credit to the gentleman that responded."

Dew said that last winter local firefighters did not receive a lot of calls for ice rescues because the temperature did not stay consistently below freezing, but during the winter of 1996 they were called a number of times to the ponds at Byrd Park.

"The safety issues are the same things you learned as a kid," Dew said. "Use the buddy system and don't play in areas you don't know."

As for Adams, Saturday was an afternoon to remember. "I'm not really shook up, but I keep replaying it over and over in my mind," he said. "I'm just happy the kids are going to be fine."

health education. She is currently a physical education and health teacher and girls' seventh - and eighth - grade basketball coach at Erwin Middle School.

Emily Kathleen Ijames Applewhite married Jeffrey Bryan Applewhite on January 3, 2004, at the Omwake-Dearborn Chapel. She is employed as a Legal Assistant with Whitley, Castor, and Jordan, Attorneys and Counselors at Law. He is a Field Sales Representative with MASCO. The couple resides in Salisbury, N.C.

Stephanie Bostian Mesimer and husband, Ryan, are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Landon Alexander, born September 18, 2003. The family is living in Lexington, N.C.

Don Moore and wife Sabrina, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Grey, on September 27, 2003. Grey weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz. and was 21" long. The family currently resides in Blackville, S.C.

'02 **Jake Steven Miller** and Allison Elizabeth Schmalbach were married February 14, 2004 at Omwake-Dearborn Chapel. He is the owner of Miller Tree Service in Advance. She is employed by Precision Decorating in Winston-Salem.

Jasika Pruitt is the producer, creator, and the sole performer of "Post" in an Off-Broadway venue, "The Duplex," located in Greenwich Village. The play is compiled of craigslist best of posts that run gamut from hilarious to enlightening, silly to heart-felt, sweet to thought provoking. She came up with the idea because she thought its subject matter would be widely appealing to a

mass of people. The performance dates are March 30th, April 6th, and April 13th.

'03 **Shannon Davenport** and **Christopher McCoy '2000** are engaged to marry at Omwake-Dearborn Chapel on Saturday, December 4, 2004. After graduation, Shannon began working for McCoy, Hillard, & Parks, CPA's as a junior auditor. Christopher has since begun his career as a financial professional for The MONY Group.

David Durham and **Aimee Davis** are happy to announce the date of their upcoming wedding. The date is set for July 10, 2004. The ceremony and reception will be held at Catawba.

Dan Sullivan misses all the smiling and helpful faces that guided and directed him into the man he is today. He and **Kelly Brooks Partee** will be married on June 12, 2004. He hopes that everyone is doing well. Seize the Day!

Stephanie Walden is now living in Winston-Salem, N.C. while attending Nursing School. She would love to hear from friends at GOCHHEER03@yahoo.com.

Dawn M. West got a job with MMI in December. Marketing Management Inc. is a broker company located in the corporate offices for Food Lion in Salisbury. She will be working with buyers and vendors for Food Lion.

Lettie Wilkes was named "Volleyball Coach of the Year" by the *Charlotte Observer*. Lettie coaches and teaches at Fred T. Foard High School in Newton, N.C.

2000s Close-up

Catawba College Alumnus lands lead in "Bat Boy"

Catawba College Alumnus Bob Walker '03 of Salisbury, who earned a B.F.A. degree in musical theatre, recently played the lead in Actor's Theatre of Charlotte's production of "Bat Boy: The Musical."

The show opened Jan. 14 and ran through Feb. 8, playing most dates to full houses. "Bat Boy" was inspired by the headlines in the Weekly World News in 1992 about a "Bat Boy," a mysterious freak of nature found in a cave in Hope Falls, W. Va. Based on a book written by Keythe Farley and Brian Fleming and a musical score by Laurence O'Keefe, the production was a fast-paced musical comedy which showcased Walker's musical range and acting talent.

Here's what one audience member had to say about Walker's performance in a posting on the message board of "Charlotte Theatre Magazine":

"Bob Walker, as the title character, gives simply one of the best performances I have ever seen on a Charlotte stage... His commitment to the role is absolute, with a brilliant physicalization and just flawless honesty whether playing for the camp or the heart of the character. A bravura performance that would carry the show even if everyone else were terrible. And they aren't."

Way to go, Bob! You make Catawba and its Theatre Arts Department very proud.



1990s Close-up

Editor's Note: Dr. Charles McAllister, a Catawba history professor, provided the following tribute to one of his former students, Chris Barcay '99. We thought it well worth sharing in this edition of CAMPUS. Chris may be contacted at Christine.Barcay@pgnmail.com.

"For Dad . . . For Others"

"For Dad." Upon crossing the finish line of her first marathon, Catawba College Alumna Chris Barcay had carried those two words penned on the backs of her calves for 26.2 miles.

Her father glowed at the sight of his daughter completing the event. He was not suppose to attend the race, since his battle with cancer, though largely successful, continued at his home in Allentown, Pa. However, Chris' sister Jennifer from Dayton, Ohio, surprised Chris by flying down with him to join several other friends in supporting Chris, including her two housemates from Raleigh and Jane McAllister.

Chris started training relatively late for the race on December 13. In August, she joined the Raleigh, N.C. branch of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Team In Training (TNT), a national endurance sports training organization that helps thousands of athletes raise millions of dollars for cancer research. Some 30,000 runners participated in international races last year alone. Under the professional care of the TNT staff, Chris worked hard daily to condition herself for the marathon with early morning workouts, weights, nutrition discipline, cross-training, and long weekend runs with teammates, some as long as 21 miles. In her spare time, Chris worked 60+ hours a week for Progress Energy, raised \$2,100 in sponsorship, and served as a Hospice Volunteer.

Kiawah Island, a resort near Charleston, S.C., provided a lovely setting for the mid-December marathon. A steady cool breeze from the Atlantic Ocean modified the advantage of the flat track. Salt hung on the sweaty faces of the runners. After 5 hours and 15 minutes, Chris finished the race

in typical fashion: connected to others. Five teammates held hands in a line as they crossed the finish line. Individually some of them may have achieved slightly better times alone, but they came together at the end to share the collective triumph. Though walking on battered feet at the end, Chris was radiant. She surprised herself by achieving this milestone - but not those who knew her.

Chris graduated from Catawba College with Sociology degree in 1999 and from North Carolina State University with a Masters in Accounting in 2000, passing all elements of the Certified Public Accounting exam on her first attempt. While at Catawba, Chris played on the women's tennis team, carried a stellar 4.0 grade point average, worked many small jobs, and maintained an exemplary pace of volunteer work. Many who know her well agree that they have rarely met a more caring person than Chris Barcay. The unstated motto by which Chris lives is "For Others." Characteristically, the first person she called after the marathon was her Hospice patient, Patricia, to share the blessing of that special moment.

Chris will roll her eyes when she reads this reflection on her marathon. Though she will not feel worthy of such acclaim, she is fully worthy. Never a resume-builder and always a genuinely loving person, her running a marathon to honor her father and in memory of others (including my brother) speaks volumes of the quality of her fine character. Thus, with every step of her first marathon, Chris bore two dedications, the one on her legs, obvious to all, and the other on her heart, known by her friends. "For Dad . . . For Others."

Charlie McAllister, 14 January 2004

JORDANIAN STUDY...

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"They wanted us to have an appreciation of the archaeological splendor of their country and its ancient roots," he said. "They want to be respected for their culture, traditions and history because much of what is valued in Western culture, including science and astronomy, originated there. They feel, however, that they've been made to feel inferior or as backward people by the whole notion of Orientalism in the West."

Jordan, an Arab country, shares its long border with Israel and Palestine. It has a constitutional monarchy and a population of approximately five and a half million, but has only been an independent country since when it was established in 1922 by the British. Prior to that, it was part of the Ottoman Turkish Empire. And their national infancy is a point not lost on the Jordanians, Silverburg explained.

"Jordanians recognize that the Arab world is only a young independent region and that it is still underdeveloped. They know they need outside help, assistance and money. They're looking for ways to raise the quality of life in the Arab world and they want to raise the level of human existence, but they aren't sure how to do it. For Jordan, democracy might not be the way nor authoritarian regimes which are found other places in the Arab world. But they don't know what their alternative is or how to achieve it.

"Jordan is a middle of the road country in the Middle East and it wants American friendship," Silverburg continued. "The American military presence is very strong there as is the diplomatic presence and the intelligence presence. Today, Jordan is a supply base for the U.S. troops as we rethink our strategic presence and move ourselves away from Saudi Arabia."

Silverburg noted that much beloved Jordanian Queen Noor, who became wife of the late King Hussein in 1978, is an American (the former Lisa Najeeb Halaby) who now concentrates on charitable work through her founda-

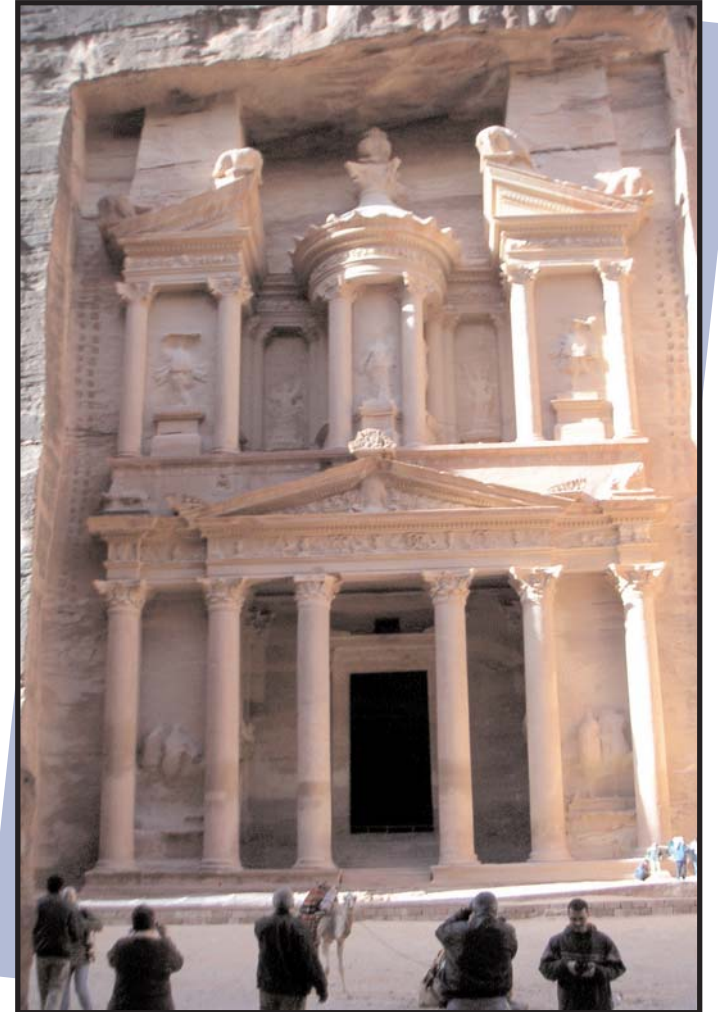
tions, particularly with the Beduin. Her stepson, King Abdallah II, assumed the throne at the death of his father in 1999.

Although Silverburg described Amman as a "much more modern city" than it was on his earlier visit, he noted that government officials were trying to control growth there. And, he noticed a large influx of Palestinians, Iraqis, and others from neighboring countries.

In Jordan, fifty percent of the population is unemployed, while 70 percent of it lives on less than \$3 a day. Those who do have jobs are employed as farmers, shepherds, shopkeepers, academic and business professionals, and many engage in construction work. "But," Silverburg recalled, "there are many jobs Jordanians won't do, such as driving trucks. They see that particular job as below their station, so Pakistanis and Indians cross the border into Jordan and fill those positions. And, many Filipinos and Egyptians are employed in service jobs that Jordanians pass up."

Silverburg said at least 50 percent of the Jordanian population is Palestinian and that "Palestinians see themselves as superior and better educated," while being an Arab in the Middle East is denoted by one's ability to speak Arabic."

When he visited a large open-air market in Amman, he was amazed to see Iraqi currency being sold as souvenirs. "Jordan was very much opposed to the invasion of Iraq, but the government went along with it, wanting to be

*The Treasury at Petra*

on equal footing with the United States. I found a lot of Jordanians strongly supporting Sadaam Hussein and they were very circumspect about Osama bin Laden.

"Some believe that 9-11 was perpetrated by the FBI and the CIA," Silverburg remembered. "I went to the home of one Bedouin who was a member of the Jordanian Parliament. He told me there was no way those guys from Saudi Arabia could have carried out 9-11 without help from the American government. For him and others, the conspiracy theory is very strong. They believe 9-11 was a collusionary effort.

"Many young Arabs would like to go to school in the U.S. today, but they're afraid they'd be viewed as terrorists or not granted visas to study."

Despite some anti-American sentiments he heard expressed, Silverburg felt himself to be very safe and welcomed in Amman during his stay. "There's less murder in Amman than in Charlotte and in particular, the women in Jordan are safer from various assaults than they would be in the United States."

*Amman, Jordan*