



THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

SHAKEN BUT STRONGER



From the President

*I*t is sobering to realize how many things have changed since the last edition of this newsletter.

When our August edition reached you, the nation was still chuckling about hanging chads, worrying about coconut oil in movie theater popcorn, and wondering about America's cultural taste buds in the wake of artistic triumphs, "Who Let the Dogs Out?" and "Tomb Raiders". Then September 11 changed our nation, changed the world.

We do not know how many CCHS/CMH lives were directly touched by events of that day. Some say most Americans are no further than 3 people from a direct connection. A few of CCHS's diverse connections:

Kit Sluder, nursing class of 1993, is in New York City volunteering at Ground Zero as I write this.

Christy Dull, secretary for the CCHS Life-Support Center, learned that her active duty husband was being dispatched to Egypt in the immediate wake of the tragedy. He has since returned, safe and sound.

Diane Van Wie, CCHS Financial Aid Officer, and her husband, Keith, decided after September 11 that life is too precious not to spend each moment doing what makes them happy. They have since moved to Las Vegas where Keith will fulfill a lifelong goal of becoming a dealer and Diane's health will get a break from NC's humidity and allergens.

Lazelle Lombard Vielle and *Evelyn Howie Reiner* had airline tickets to join classmates in Charlotte for the 50th reunion of the nursing class of 1951-II.

Instead, they spent the weekend of September 15 on the phone with classmates, their flights from the West Coast cancelled.

As with many tragedies, in the lining of catastrophe are tiny pockets of positive outcomes. CCHS offices – and personnel – sport American flags, reflecting a rebirth of patriotism. Alumni have contacted the College in record numbers, updating addresses and phone numbers: "reconnecting" is a new priority. The twelve CCHS'ers trekking to Italy in March 2002 met for dinner and reaffirmed their intention not to be intimidated by an enemy in hiding. CCHS's Fall United Way contributions exceeded expectations; our December blood drive is expected to do the same.

As America's leaders urge us to focus on healing and normalcy, CCHS students, faculty, staff and alumni seem to do that instinctively. Perhaps it is intuitive to people whose life work is health care. In times of crisis, we roll up our sleeves and work toward a solution, like Christy's spouse; we assure a helping hand is within reach of those in need, like Kit is doing in New York; we gather to treasure and honor what we have in common, as did the class of 1951-II; and we remember and grieve for the lives lost and changed, as we have all done since September 11.

In the midst of the world's uncertainties, my wish is that this holiday season will provide you the time and the inspiration to do the things that are most meaningful to you. Merry Christmas!

Ellen Sheppard



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President

School of Nursing

*O*n Wednesday November 14, 2001, the CCHS Interdisciplinary Advisory Committee met and nursing representatives from our community sat down together to talk nursing. Barbee Burgess-Whisnant shared some comments from U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson, reminding us all that the number one healthcare issue in the United States is the nursing and nurse aide shortage. As School of Nursing alumni and licensed RN's, many of you are experiencing this shortage first hand. Remaining active in the nursing profession and connected with CCHS are two important things you can do during this shortage.

CCHS and the School of Nursing are responding to the shortage in a number of ways. As you already know, we will be admitting a class of 30 in January 2002, that will run concurrently with our fall class. To aid in the retention of nursing students, we are using assessment testing for student advisement, and the College has an active tutoring program. We have increased enrollment in the Nurse Aide program and welcome Millie Alexander as lead instructor.

I encourage you to be a mentor for nursing. Be active with the CCHS Alumni Association, which can provide opportunities for you to interact with

Nothing splendid has ever been achieved except by those who dared believe that something inside them was superior to circumstance. -Bruce Barton

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current students. Mentor a young nurse at your work site. Mentor a person who has shown an interest in nursing, let them know of the opportunities at CCHS.

As most of you know, Claire Corbin left CCHS in October to move back to Maine. Dr. Deborah Bechtel-Blackwell has accepted our offer to be the new School of Nursing Dean for CCHS and Mercy and will begin in January 2002 (see also *News Briefs* on page 3).

On behalf of the nursing faculty and staff, I wish all of you a wonderful holiday season.

Judy Gift



Judy Gift
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Acting Dean, School of Nursing

School of Clinical Laboratory Sciences

Congratulations to the Class of 2001 - the BOR scores have been received and all nine graduates passed. Three graduates ranked in the top 1.5% and one in the top 3% nationally. The program ranked in the top 6% nationally and all individual course scores were above national mean. Way to go Class of 2001!

Recruitment is about to be completed. We will be interviewing in December and the first week of January. If you know of any interested candidates, please send them our way. There is a major shortage of medical technologists predicted in the next 10 years.

Our next 10-week Phlebotomy class is scheduled for January 22 - March 28, 2002.

Have a great holiday and wonderful New Year and remember to send me any news.

Betty Anderson



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Director, School of Clinical Laboratory Sciences

School of Radiologic Technology

The School of Radiologic Technology is currently operating at "full steam" with 18 Level I students and 4 Level II students. The class that began this fall was the first one to fulfill a required prerequisite Introduction to Health Care course offered in the summer. This has enabled quicker movement into

teaching radiographic positioning and procedures. Assessment to determine the overall value of this master plan change will occur through periodic evaluations conducted during the 21-month program.

Lucy, Patty and I would like to extend a whopping big "THANK YOU" for your time and monetary contributions toward our energized laboratory! Progress toward actualization of this "dream" so far includes:

- * Removal of an inside wall to make one big room out of two smaller rooms.
- * Contract signed for work needed to bring the room into compliance with state and federal radiation safety laws (lead-lined walls, etc.).
- * Contract signed for work necessary for equipment installation (i.e. ceiling steel support beams for overhead X-ray tube).
- * Contract signed to convert an adjoining bathroom into a darkroom for the automatic processor.
- * Active search for new or used X-ray table, tube, console, and wall Bucky.

We could not have accomplished this much without you! For additional update information be sure to read the article on page 7. (Contributions are still welcomed.)

Happy holidays!

Susan Stricker



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School of Surgical Technology

The Class of 2001 is nearing completion of their second semester - just one more semester to go. Next semester they will venture out to University and Mercy hospitals. If you are alumni working in those facilities, keep an eye out for them.

Seasons greetings.

Becky Cuthbertson

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Director, School of Surgical Technology

"I believe that the best contribution each of us can make, in honor of those who have fallen, and in support of our Country, is to stand strong and to do our jobs well. To do anything less would show that the terrorists have succeeded in affecting our entire nation."

Excellence is not an act....but a habit. -Aristotle

Dr. Harry Nurkin, President & CEO
Carolinas Healthcare System

News Briefs



Farewell to Nursing Faculty, Dean, and Financial Aid Officer

This fall, the college bid farewell to two nursing faculty, the Dean for the School of Nursing, and the Financial Aid Officer. **Claire Corbin** has been with the CCHS School of Nursing since its inception in the early 1990s. She and her husband have moved to Maine to begin another phase of life. Claire can be contacted at

RPCCBC@msn.com. **Lee Trout**,



Lee Trout

CCHS alumnus (SON 1992) and faculty member, is now the nurse manager at Arboretum Pediatrics. She is enjoying her new job as well as being closer to home but says that she misses teaching. **Cathy Holton** has been a clinical nursing faculty since 1996 and has decided to be a stay-at-home mom, although she will continue to work



Cathy Holton

prn for CCHS. **Diane Van Wie** has been the financial aid officer for five years. She came to the college from Arizona and is relieved to be moving to the dry desert air of Las Vegas, where she will be working in the finance department of a private college.



Diane Van Wie

New Dean of Nursing Named

Deborah Bechtel-Blackwell has accepted our offer to be the new School of Nursing Dean for CCHS and Mercy. She comes to us from the University of South Carolina College of Nursing in Columbia. Dr. Blackwell has a Ph.D. in parent-child nursing from the University of Texas at Austin, an MS from the University of Delaware, and a BSN from Radford. She has researched and published extensively in the area of women's health issues and received numerous professional and community awards. Dr. Blackwell's husband is a nurse practitioner and the couple has two young children.

New Instructional Technology Coordinator Joins the College

Ben Robertson joined the college in August as the IT Coordinator. Prior to this he worked for the University of South Carolina system. Ben has extensive experience in the academic environment as well as being techno-savvy.

Next Alumni Association Meeting:

From the Alumni Association President

Tuesday February 26, 2002
at 6:30 p.m.

Many thanks to Rodney Currin (SON 1999) as he steps down as president of the CCHS Alumni Association. Rodney accepted the presidency of the fledgling association in its inaugural year, and during his tenure exhibited leadership which made possible monumental accomplishments:

- * Attendance at alumni association meetings went from an average of two to three to the current average of a dozen or more.
- * The Association has been represented at each graduation, welcoming new graduates into the Association.
- * The Association participated in planning the 2000 Homecoming and extended its first honorary membership to Clara Smith, then College President.
- * Association members have attended fall orientation, greeting new students and family members, assuaging fears and answering questions.
- * The Association hosted prospective graduates at a spring "cap and gown" day reception.
- * The first-ever alumni telethon raised several thousand dollars for much-needed College "Wish List" items.

Thanks, Rodney, for all that you have done to get this organization off to a running start.

Welcome aboard to the two new co-Presidents of the Alumni Association, Tina Arthur and Christie



Leyland (both SON 2001). Challenges facing these two new Presidents include: planning the April 21, 2002 alumni barbeque (see below),



Tina Arthur

continuing the momentum and activities started in 2000-2001, and increasing alumni participation in both the Association and in the life of the College. They welcome your suggestions, ideas, and offers of assistance. Please contact Tina at TinaA_rn@yahoo.com or 704-581-5801 and Christie at 704-888-1662 or 704-355-6270.



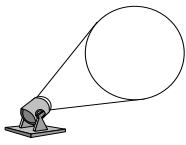
Mark Your Calendars for the 2002 Alumni Barbeque/Pig Pickin'

At its August meeting, your CCHS Alumni Association Class Representatives voted to sponsor a barbeque at the College on **Sunday April 21, 2002**. Highlights planned include:

- * Mouthwatering NC-style barbeque (vendor not yet determined; got any connections?)
- * Music (what's your preference? DJ? Steel drum band?)
- * "Gathering Points" for each class
- * Children's activities

The Alumni Association will cover the cost of items such as paper products, invitations and decorations. Meal and entertainment costs will be included in the ticket price. Please

It is never too late to become what you might have been. -George Elliot



Spotlight on Alumni

From One Side of the Building to the Other: CCHS Students in the Nurse Anesthesia Program

Opportunities for advanced education and professional development are sometimes (literally) just around the corner. Two recent graduates of CCHS, Michael Mahler and Curtis Petree (both SON 1998) are living proof. These two had followed different paths to get to CCHS and their BSN degrees, but they have found themselves side by side again in the Rankin Education Building as they pursue graduate education in nurse anesthesia.

Neither Michael nor Curtis entered college with the idea of becoming a nurse. Michael's interests lay more in the field of military aviation. He first served as a weapons technician in the Air Force, working with the F111, and later worked as a helicopter avionics mechanic in the Army guard. After military service, the



From left: Michael Mahler, Jacqueline Hall (Director CRNA Program), Curtis Petree

natural choice was the airline industry: he went on to work for USAir Express. Michael found it to be less than satisfying, especially in comparison with his wife's work as a nurse. Michael's wife, Dawn, had a higher, more dependable income, more job security, and a great deal more satisfaction with her accomplishments at the end of a

workday. He took the plunge and completed his AAS in nursing at CCHS.

Curtis entered UNCC planning to major in Biology. He loved anatomy and physiology courses, but could not really find the right course of study or career that would allow him to focus on anatomy and physiology. No one particular event steered him toward nursing, but he credits the nurses who cared for his grandmother with being a source of inspiration. After three years in the biology department, Curtis applied and was accepted at CCHS.

After graduation, both Michael and Curtis worked in the Medical Intensive Care Unit (MICU) at CMC. While there,

REQUEST FOR "SPOTLIGHT" STORIES

If you know of an alumnus (including yourself!) from the Schools of Surgical Technology, Medical Technology, Radiologic Technology, or Nursing that we can feature in our "Spotlight" series, please contact Mary Muchane at mary.muchane@carolinashealthcare.org or 704-355-3920.

they both completed their BSNs, then applied to the CHS Nurse Anesthesia Program, and were admitted in Fall 2001.

Neither Michael nor Curtis can predict their future professional interests. Michael has re-enlisted in the Army Reserves. His explanation for this decision reflects his previous military experience. When asked why he chose to re-enlist, his motivation was clear: "After September 11, I want to do what I can for my country. Whether it is here in the US or on some base in Afghanistan, I expect to serve."

Curtis says, "It is too early to tell what kind of anesthesia I'll be doing after school, but I must confess that when I shadowed Caroline Johnston in the heart tower, I was fascinated. I could actually see the heart as Dr. Watts and his resident, Jeremy London, were replacing the mitral valve. They explained what they were doing and why. Our conversation was casual but so informative. This is the kind of experience I want."

Both Curtis and Michael are proud of the superb education they received at CCHS and we look forward to their continued success in the classroom, in the OR, and to their expected graduation in December 2003.

Nursing Class of 1961 Holds Reunion in the North Carolina Mountains

The CMH Nursing Class of 1961 held their 40th class reunion on Saturday August 25, 2001. Nineteen of the former classmates attended the reunion held at the beautiful mountain home of Anita Harris Taft in Sparta, North Carolina. A luncheon was served with a spectacular view of the Blue Ridge Mountains from the deck. Many memorabilia were available in the bedroom for the group to recall the many memories of the three years spent at the Charlotte Memorial Nursing School. A cake decorated as the school pin was the featured dessert.

Calling Class of 1964 For Annual Luncheon

Message from Martha Cobb Ellinger:

"We hope that every member of the CMH School of Nursing Class of 1964 will join us for our annual luncheon on **Saturday April 13, 2002** in the Charlotte area. You should receive location and details by the middle of February." Address or phone number changes should be sent to Martha at 3205 Springs Farm Lane, Charlotte, NC 28226 or mcellinger@hotmail.com. Phone number, 704-544-7084.



Curio or China Cabinet Needed

As the College begins to accept treasured memorabilia donated by alumni, we find ourselves needing an attractive curio cabinet, china cabinet, or display case. If you wish to donate such a cabinet/display case to the College, please contact Ellen Sheppard at 704-355-5316 to make arrangements.

Success is going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm. -Winston Churchill

Nursing Class of 1951-II Celebrates 50th Anniversary, Presents Gift to CCHS

It has been 50 years since the Charlotte Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, Class of 1951-II became registered nurses, and they have spent the last 3 years planning their reunion celebration. All of that planning paid off with a magnificent weekend of reminiscing, catching up, and making plans for the next reunion!

Twenty-three classmates gathered in Charlotte to celebrate, coming from as far away as Hawaii. Two class members were prevented from coming due to cancelled flights in the aftermath of the September 11 attacks. The festivities included a meeting and tree dedication at Carolinas College of Health Sciences on Saturday, September 15. The class presented College President, Ellen Sheppard, with a ginkgo tree to grace the entrance of the College. The ginkgo tree, called a "living fossil" by Charles Darwin because it is the only living species of a genus which dates back to the dinosaur era, was



Janice Wright, Virginia Cloer, Wilma Crawford, & Ellen Sheppard beside the ginkgo tree

selected because it represents resilience. The selection and planting of the tree had been supervised by John Bryant, CHS Grounds Coordinator.

On Saturday evening, the classmates gathered for an elegant banquet at the Holiday Inn. Guest speakers included two women who had been instructors for the class of 1951: Hazel Solomon, RN, and Elinor Caddell, RN, BS.

On Sunday the group met for a final time at a cookout in River Hills hosted by the family of Virginia Stuart Cloer.

The years of planning had included hours of "sleuthing" which enabled the organizers to make contact with nearly every living graduate of the class. (Thirty-nine graduated with the class, six are known to have passed away, the latest, Jo Cook Bowers, on October 8th this year).

Principal organizers of the reunion were Virginia (Ginny) Stuart Cloer, Wilma Wright Crawford, Janice Gibson Wright, and Barbara Baumgardner Aycock.

Editor's note: *Ginny Cloer wrote a lovely article on the Class of 1951-II reunion providing important updates on class members and their families. Due to the length of the article, we could not run it in the newsletter but have posted it, in its entirety, on the college website. Please go to www.CarolinasCollege.org and then click on "Alumni Information".*



As of the end of the 3rd quarter of 2001, the Alumni Association had \$650 in its treasury. All CCHS transcript fees go to the Association.

Lifelong Learning Opportunities



RN Refresher Program

Charlotte AHEC offers a self-paced Refresher program for Registered Nurses who want to return to active clinical practice. The program has two parts: a correspondence course and a clinical practicum. The correspondence course consists of 27 modules, which cover medical surgical nursing concepts, and can be completed at home at your own pace. The clinical component is 160 hours of precepted clinical experience, designed for nurses who have an inactive license or those who have been out of clinical nursing five years or more. To receive an RN Refresher Information Packet, call 704-355-3865. Cost is \$300 for the correspondence course. Program details/application are accessible through www.sph.unc.edu/hpaa.

Interview With Jacqueline Hall, Program Director, CHS Nurse Anesthesia Program/UNCC

After reading about Michael Mahler and Curtis Petree (page 4), I am curious. What is a CRNA and what do they do?

A certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA) cares for the patient during anesthesia. This care involves responding to patient changes, administering pharmacological agents to help the patient remain anesthetized during the surgical procedure, and supporting the patient's and family's emotional needs prior to surgery. CRNAs are currently a highly sought-after resource.

How many nurse anesthesia programs are there?

There are 83 programs in the United States, four of them in North Carolina.

Are all the programs fairly similar?

There are two different kinds of programs: integrated and front-loaded. In an integrated program, students enter the OR at the beginning of their education. They receive didactic instruction (lectures) and clinical experience concurrently throughout the program. In a front-loaded program, the first year is dedicated to didactic instruction. The students begin clinical experience toward the end of their first year, but this is usually limited. After the first year, the students spend the majority of their time in clinical and take additional courses which support their clinical learning. The CHS Nurse Anesthesia Program/UNCC is a front-loaded program.

What are the program requirements and what do the students receive upon graduation?

Each program sets its own requirements, but our program requires that an applicant have a BSN from an accredited school of nursing with an overall GPA of 3.0 or greater, a GPA of 3.0 or greater in all undergraduate science courses, successful scores on the GRE, ACLS and PALS certification, and 18 months to 2 years experience in a critical care unit that cares for adults. Students graduate from nurse anesthesia programs with a Master's Degree and are then eligible to take a national certification exam, much like the NCLEX.



Lost and Found

Many, many thanks to all of you who called and emailed us with information on alumni whose names we printed in the August newsletter. The list is continued below. Remember that everyone who provides us with information will be placed in a drawing to win a CCHS sweatshirt, T-shirt or mug.

If you have any information (current address, telephone number, email address) on the following alumni, please ask them to contact Rhoda Gallo at 704-355-6676 or Rhoda.Gallo@carolinashealthcare.org. Thank you for your help.

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Maggie Hedrick, 1978
Todd G. Hennessy, 1998
Diane Herman, 1967
Brenda Hess, 1966
Margaret Hewett, 1996
Jill R. Hickman, 1993
Elizabeth Hicks, 1995
Lisa Hill, 1993
Mary G. Hingco, 1998
Tara Hoke, 1990
Jamie B. Holland, 1977
Doris Little Honeycutt
Elaine Hoosier, 1965
Grace J. Horton, 1974
Donna Hovis, 1995

Teena L. Howard, 1974
Rhonda Howey, 1992
Teresa Hutson, 1990
Rebecca M. Jackson, 1961
Gregory A. Johnson, 1965
Sharon Hedrick Johnson
Traci N. Johnson, 1996
Laura J. Jones, 1995
Michelle S. Jones, 1996
Nola Kyles Jones, 1953
Karen L. Keating, 1993
Amaryllus Ramsey Keaton
Mary Parks Keen, 1949
Peggy Davis Kimmons, 1953
Kelly Kinison, 1992
Peggy Kurney, 1953
Brigitha M. Lacey, 1994
Derick Lane, 1994
Joseph D. Lannon, 1998
Suellen Huffman Ledebuhr, 1952
Euna C. Lemarr
Daphne C. LeRay, 1994
Bobbie Webb Lewallen, 1953
Angela Loflin
Joy D. Lowery, 1973
Melanie A. Lowery, 1994
Tammie Lucas, 1994
Tracy Lutz, 1996
Barbara Hill Macey, 1957
Leslie M. Manley, 1994
Gaynell Martin, 1965
Helen Cabe Massie, 1946
Dana M. McAlear, 1996
Tammy S. McCaskill, 1995
Caroline Carter McCrain, 1967
Teresa McCurdy, 1980



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Update on the Energized Laboratory

How often we have been admonished:
“Don’t start what you cannot finish?” Yet
with a courage born largely of optimism,

CCHS has begun construction on its Energized Radiology Lab. The truth is, fundraising efforts of the still young Development Committee have been so successful that optimism is warranted. The lab, when completed, will allow the College to enroll more Radiologic Technology students, and will greatly enhance the quality of laboratory education.

With \$80,000 raised to date, the College broke ground (so to speak) on the \$192,000 energized lab on November 14. Sledge hammers are now daily harbingers of the conversion of office space into the long wished-for lab. This is the proposed timeline and associated costs:

- ⇒ November 2001 – March 2002 (Expected Cost: \$52,000)
Convert restroom to developing room, lead line walls, install ceiling beam, create infrastructure for future electrical wiring.
- ⇒ March 2002 (Expected Cost: \$80,000)
Purchase X-ray unit.
- ⇒ May 2002 (Expected Cost: \$30,000)
Complete electrical wiring.
- ⇒ June 2002 (Expected Cost: 30,000)
Purchase and install developing room equipment, lab furniture and supplies.
- ⇒ July 2002
Ribbon cutting on the new lab.

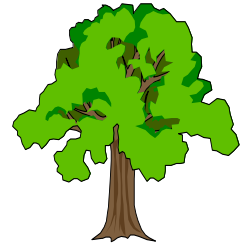
The progress made so far is due to the financial contributions and hard work of many: 100% of CCHS staff and faculty gave to last fall’s campaign, as did 100% of the Board. Numerous students and staff pitched in to make the spring telethon successful, and the Development Committee’s silent auction at Homecoming exceeded all expectations. Special thanks are also due to Joseph Bowers of CHS Administration, whose enthusiasm and support continue to be instrumental in turning this dream into reality.

But MOST IMPORTANT are CCHS Alumni! When we started fundraising, we were not sure of the alumni reaction. We have been gratified at how generous, how giving, how involved, our alumni are. Each time we have asked, they have stepped to the plate and assisted us. Our graduates understand that the cost of offering a quality education cannot be met with tuition and grants alone. Tuition only covers about 30% of our costs. Grants from the CHS Foundation and other sources provide for the bulk of everyday operating expenses. But to move our educational programs to the next level, we need generous alumni. You have not disappointed us, and we thank you sincerely.

Donors Hall of Fame

Gifts given since August 2001:

Joyce Cannon, SORT 1968
Margo Everett, SORT 1986
Ann Holland, SORT 1980
Linda Horton, Faculty, In Kind
Wanda McDonald Pospahala, SON 1948
Mary Rogg, SORT 1962
Kelly Shirley, Faculty
Clara Smith, Honorary Alumnus, In Memory of Lilian Feldman
Leigh Ann Tibbits, SORT 1988
Wendy Upton, SON 1996



I Want To Give to CCHS

At a recent class reunion, several alumni asked, “I want to make a contribution to the College. What should I do?” That question is one the College loves to answer! The answer can be simple or complex, depending upon your objectives, but there is always a right answer for you. Here are some ideas:

- * Gifts of appreciated stock and real estate
- * Naming the College in your will or estate
- * Student Scholarships
- * Unrestricted Gifts
- * Memorial Contributions
- * Memorabilia

The Carolinas HealthCare Foundation has specialists to guide you in your giving decisions. Call Scott Kerr at 704-355-4048 or contact Ellen Sheppard at 704-355-5316.



Wish List Update

The College Wish List was first created in August 2000 and consisted of items needed for the improvement of the College which would not be covered by normal operating costs. Below is the updated list, in order of priority:

Energized X-Ray Laboratory
Funds partially raised; highest College priority
Student tables and chairs (replacements)
2 classrooms furnished by Class of 2001 as part of their class gift
New arms for IV Practice
Two new arms have been purchased this year
Allied health student scholarships
Needed to assist needy students and recruit meritorious applicants
Funded student work-study programs
To help with tutoring costs
Upgraded microscopes
Especially needed for medical technology students

Be not afraid of growing slowly, be afraid only of standing still. -Chinese proverb

Alumni Pathways



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| SOMT | School of Medical Technology |
| SON | School of Nursing |
| SORT | School of Radiologic Technology |
| SOST | School of Surgical Technology |

Class of 1948

Louise Wilson Burrough, SON, lives in Gastonia, North Carolina. She has MS and does not get around much but she sends everyone her regards and is glad we “found” her.

Grace Watkins Cannon, SON, lives in Clinton, South Carolina. Her husband, Jim, was a Presbyterian minister and they lived in Missouri, Arkansas, Tennessee, North and South Carolina. When Jim died in 1988, Grace moved to Summerville, South Carolina to be near her daughter, Carol.

In 2000, Carol’s family moved to Raleigh, NC, and Grace transferred to Clinton Presbyterian Home to be near her daughter, Elizabeth, and her husband who both teach biology at Presbyterian College. Grace has had a double mastectomy for breast cancer but feels great. She loves life, her children, four grandchildren (Jacob, David, Rebecca, and Rachel), and remembers her nursing school days with clarity and joy.

Emma “Kate” Allen Gupton, SON, lives in Matthews, North Carolina, at Plantation Estates. Her graduating class meets twice a year – at the beach in the summer and in the mountains in the fall.

Class of 1949

Brady Daniel 704-333-7989

Mary Frances Trogdon Wright, SON, passed away in December 2000.

Class of 1951

Ginny Cloer 704-523-5949

Wilma Crawford 704-523-0860

Jo Cook Bowers, SON, of Hemet, CA, passed away on October 8, 2001.

Class of 1953

Kathleen Yount 704-334-6256

Joyce Smith, SON, passed away in August 2001.

Class of 1954

Joyce Merritt joycemerritt@mindspring.com

Class of 1955

Ann Corl Beaver, SON, lives in Winchester, Virginia. She has three adult children and six grandchildren.

Class of 1956

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Class of 1960

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Class of 1962

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Class of 1964

Martha Ellinger 704-544-7084

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Class of 1989

Joelle Smith Hinson, SORT, will be the designated clinical instructor at Mercy Hospital South beginning Spring 2002.

Class of 1991

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Shelli Hartsell, SOMT, would like to congratulate Kelly Shirley on her 15th anniversary with the School of Medical Technology. Shelli says that the year she spent learning at CMC was more than just a school experience, it was a life experience. To quote her: “Kelly is one of the best – wonderful person and great teacher. Betty Anderson knows how to pick ‘em!”

Class of 1992

Valerie Brown 803-547-6894

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Brad Irvin, SOMT, has a new daughter, Olivia Grace Irvin, born October 16, 2001. Olivia weighed 7 lbs 9 oz and was 21.5 inches long. Brad is the QA manager at Aventis Plasma Center in Charlotte.

Sameer Toukmaji, SOMT, and his wife, Carol, had their first baby, Jessica Christine, on October 17, 2001. She was 7 lbs 10 oz and 20 inches long. The family is doing great!

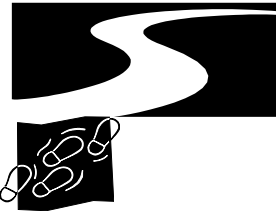
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Lynda Disher Adair

Bob White, SORT, has a new daughter, Savannah Nichole White, born on August 13, 2001.

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Laurie Michel Lipford, SOMT, died October 18, 2001 in Atlanta, Georgia, in an automobile accident. Lauri was born in Annapolis, Maryland, to Dawn and Charles Smith. She was a graduate of Rock Hill High School and received her BS in Biology at Winthrop University. Lauri had a thirst for

knowledge and went on to receive her Certificate of Medical Technology at CMC and was working toward a Certificate from UNC-C to teach severely and profoundly disabled children.

Lauri had a loving, giving spirit and did much for others, including volunteering at the Charlotte Homeless Shelter. She loved animals, the outdoors, hiking, and running, and competed in marathons in Charlotte and Chicago.

Lauri is survived by her husband, Edward Lipford, MD, and her two step-children, Kate and Andrew Lipford. Memorial donations may be sent to the Men's Homeless Shelter, c/o Marg Preston, P.O. Box 36471, Charlotte, NC 28236, or to The Endangered Wildlife Fund or The Yellowstone Preservation Fund.

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Ann Bales, SON, is working at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Florida, and loves her job.

Class of 1996

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Erica Cirillo, SON, is still working in critical care at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore. She is pursuing her MSN and recently accepted a part-time clinical instructor's position with an area community college.

Joy Keiffer, SOST, lives in Florida and is currently working on her BSN which she hopes to complete in June 2002. She hopes to move back to North Carolina next year.

Class of 1997

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Christy Crisler, SON, has remarried and is now Christy Almazan. She works for a home health company in Salisbury, NC. In December 2000, she gave birth to a girl named Isabella Grace, weighing in at 5 lbs 6 oz and 18 inches long.

Shelley Cowan Beck, SOMT, is now working at Grener Bio-One in Monroe, NC, as a technical service representative. She was previously employed in the special microbiology laboratory at CMC.

Amy (Harrick) Fisher, SON, moved to England in August with her husband, Tom, who took a teaching position there. Amy is working at a private hospital. They will be in England for 1-2 years.

Neema Patel, SOMT, got married on December 8, 2001. She is working as an occupational therapist in Sumter, SC.

Class of 1998

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Laurin Dzan, SOMT, is currently working as a clinical research associate for a pharmaceutical contract company in Wilmington, NC. She also works prn at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. She likes it in Wilmington but still misses Charlotte.

Class of 1999

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Jenni Black, SON, got married on May 19, 2001, and is now Jenni Lanier. Her husband, Captain Christopher M. Lanier, is a pilot in the US Air Force. They live in Wichita, Kansas, where he is based. Jenni is working at Via Christi Regional Medical Center's St. Francis Campus in the Emergency Room. She has been doing ER nursing since graduation and loves to teach the students that come down to the ER.

Class of 2000

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Donna Dixon, SOMT, has a new baby girl, Emily Elizabeth, born August 10, 2001. Emily weighed 6 lbs 4 oz. Donna works in the CMC blood transfusion department.

Jason Frankle, SON, is attending UNC-C's BSN program.

Mary Pope, SON, married Darren Bandy on September 1, 2001. They are living in Huntersville, NC.

Class of 2001

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Amy Hardick, SON, got married in September and her new last name is Copley.

Amy Koulovatos, SON, and her husband, Jim, had a baby girl, Katherine Elise ("Kate"), on July 25, 2001. Kate weighed 9 lbs 13 oz and was 21 inches long.

Sharla Paulk, SOST, is now settled into her new job at St. Francis in Memphis, Tennessee. She is enjoying her career and says "hi" to all her classmates and that she misses seeing them.



Happy Holidays and Wonderful New Year!





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