



THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

CHANGING OF THE GUARD



From the President
*“Sunrise,
Sunset....Swiftly fly
the Years....”*

During the last four months, I’ve thought often of this favorite song of mine from Fiddler on the Roof. Here are a few of the reasons.

The month of May started a string of farewells – first to our new graduates and, later, to departing staff and a beloved alumnus. During this same time period, we added new components to the college. We also had occasion to honor age and service.

First, graduation. In May we bid farewell to seventy brand new nurses, rad techs, and surg techs. Dr. Walter Pories, our commencement speaker, offered the new graduates sage advice and led us in wishing them well as they continue their life’s journeys. A highlight of that ceremony for many was the special recognition of the Class of 1951. Dr. Harry Nurkin, CEO and President of Carolinas HealthCare System, was on hand to provide history and nostalgia, and to let the eight 1951 graduates who attended know how important they are to us. Graduation marshals presented each one with a single rose. Recognizing the class celebrating its fiftieth year became CCHS’s newest tradition. In August, we sent eight new graduates into the exciting field of medical technology.

In June, Clara Smith retired after eight years the college. The small, unaccredited nursing school she arrived at in 1993 was, by the time of her retirement, a multi-dimensional college

offering programs in four major health care areas, focused certificate training in two other disciplines, a variety of continuing education and life-long learning offerings, and a host of single-class general education opportunities. Distance education is now a reality at CCHS, thanks to her vision and foresight. Clara’s retirement party in June allowed us to say good-bye and pay tribute to CCHS’s first President.

Three CCHS faculty were recognized for longevity with CHS this quarter: Kelly Shirley (Med Tech), 15 years; Linda Horton (Nursing), 5 years; and Sherri Marlow (Nursing), 5 years. Sherri’s 5th year was extra-special; it marked the year she became a mom – Nicholas was born on July 9, 2001.

Two other newborns graced us: Distance Education (born May 31, 2001, by virtue of a contract with a sister college in Virginia) and January Nursing Starts (idea hatched in June 2001). It’s true: CCHS students can now take selected general education classes online from the comfort of their living rooms! The January nursing start is a response to the critical shortage of nurses. Starting an additional 20 to 30 students in January will s-t-r-e-t-c-h our personnel and our resources; but the essential core of our mission is to educate needed healthcare workers—what better time than now?

Sunrise....Sunset. The tribute to Cindy Favorite which you’ll find in the Alumni Pathways section tells the rest of the story. There are exciting beginnings and bittersweet endings. I’m glad my life is touched and enriched by so many.

Ellen Sheppard
Ellen Sheppard
President



**School of
Nursing
Strong NCLEX
showing**

We are about to embark on our twelfth year as a nursing school. Faculty and staff are getting ready to welcome the new group of incoming students – all 100 of them! We have now graduated our first class using our revised curriculum, and they seem to be doing very well – both with the NCLEX exam and also in their positions in nursing. Our NCLEX pass rate for the Class of 2001 so far is about 93%, and results are still coming in. Congratulations to these new RNs!

As we look to the future, there are a few changes planned for this year. Starting in January 2002, as mentioned above, we will be starting 30 students in the nursing program, to run concurrently with our fall starts. Also, this fall, I will be leaving Charlotte and heading up to Maine. Not for retirement just yet, but to change lifestyles. All of my children are now grown and live in and about the northeast, hence the change. I will miss all the wonderful people I have worked with, and all of the wonderful graduates and students of this program. I feel like I am leaving a child of mine, since I wrote the original philosophy and curriculum of the program. However, there comes a time to move on, and this is mine.

I wish you all great health and success in your chosen career.

Claire Corbin

Claire Corbin
Dean, School of Nursing

What sculpture is to a block of marble, education is to an human soul. -Joseph Addison



School of Clinical Laboratory
Sciences
Phlebotomy Program Reaccredited

In early August, the Phlebotomy Program received a renewed grant of accreditation from NAACLS through October 31, 2004. The program is taught three times a year and is full each time. Recently we graduated 9 students and will begin another class in late August.

In the spring of 2001, Carolinas HealthCare System presented service awards for 20 years or more to the following medical technologists: Arianne Graddick (Class of '66), 35 years; Margaret Westmoreland (Class of '71), 30 years; Susan Thomasson and Clinton Threath (Class of '76), 25 years; Martha Player (Class of '65), Renee Johnson (Class of '71), and Jeanene Swiggert Pihkala (Class of '81), 20 years.

Do you remember when you first graduated? Graduation for the Class of 2001 was held on Wednesday, August 1, at CMC auditorium. This year the Medical Technology program was the only school at CCHS that graduated in August; therefore the slide project was reinstated. Graduates were: Carrie McGrady (*summa cum laude*, Dean's List), Beth Groce (*magna cum laude*, Dean's List), Natashia Pointe (*magna cum laude*, Dean's List), DeeDee Price (*cum laude*), Valerie Simmons (*cum laude*), Brian Johnson, Brooke McGill, and Hodan Sahal. Beth Groce received both the Charles Mauney Academic Award, which is awarded to the student with the highest microbiology grade, and the Charles Mauney Scholarship Award, which is based on need and academic achievement. Carrie, DeeDee, Natashia, and Hodan are all employed at CMC Laboratory. Beth is at Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City, Valerie is at Wesley Long in Greensboro, Brooke is at NC Baptist Medical Center, and Brian is at the American Red Cross National Testing Lab. All the graduates have taken the BOR exam and are anxiously awaiting their results. The faculty of CCHS and the staff at CMC wish these graduates all the best in their new career endeavors. Eleven new students began their academic journey on August 15 and we welcome the Class of 2002.

In closing, please remember to send us your news so we can share it with your classmates, and please notify me when you move or have a new job.

Have a great fall and let us hear from you.

Betty Anderson

Betty Anderson
Director, School of Clinical Laboratory Sciences



School of Radiologic Technology
Seventeen Great Years!

All eleven May graduates passed the ARRT credentialing examination and are now writing their professional signatures with the official "RT(R)" title! This marks the seventeenth year of 100% pass rate for our Rad Tech graduates. Congratulations!

Other exciting things that have happened this summer are:

- * Sixteen students are scheduled to begin the program this fall following successful completion of the program's first prerequisite course, "Introduction to Health Care".
- * Mercy Hospital and Mercy South will become recognized clinical education sites with rotations to begin in the 2002 Spring Semester.
- * University Hospital will routinely be included in clinical education rotations instead of our previous "as needed" clinical site.
- * Bake sales are under way with a goal of sending all Level II rad tech students to the regional educational seminar during the 2002 Spring Semester.
- * Donations from our alumni are steadily arriving bringing the dream of our very own energized rad tech lab closer and closer to reality!

Thanks to all of you for caring and for being so supportive!

Susan Stricker

Susan Stricker
Director, School of Radiologic Technology



School of Surgical Technology
Six graduate, eleven complete their first semester

The Class of 2001 included 6 graduates from the School of Surgical Technology. Five of the graduates are employed with Carolinas HealthCare System. The other graduate moved to Tennessee and is interviewing in that area. The school currently has eleven students who have just completed their first semester. After much intense lab practice, they were introduced to the clinical experience and were in awe of the role that surgical technologists play in the perioperative experience.

Many thanks to the alumni that provide such positive role models.

Becky Cuthbertson

Becky Cuthbertson
Director, School of Surgical Technology

News Briefs



New Dean of Student Services

Hampton Hopkins joined CCHS in June as the new Dean of Student Services and Enrollment Management.

Hampton has worked in student services at the University of North Carolina at Asheville and Pellissippi State Technical Community College in Tennessee. Most recently, Hampton was a project manager with First Union.

Farewell to Nursing Faculty

The college bid farewell to Renee Hyde and Martha Judson in July. Renee moved to Kansas City, Missouri, and Martha moved to Atlanta, Georgia. Renee joined the School of Nursing in 1992 and has worked as Faculty Multimedia Specialist, Level II Coordinator, and Instructional Technology Coordinator. Martha joined CCHS in 1998 and taught both Level I and Level II nursing courses.

Two new nursing faculty, Millie Alexander and Carla Jones, have joined CCHS.

CCHS Adopts-a-Stream

CCHS recently adopted a section of Little Sugar Creek as a partner in the Mecklenburg County Department of Environmental Protection's Water Quality Program. In May, a group of faculty, staff, and students clad in wading boots, orange vests, and gloves performed the first clean up (ugh!). Our next effort is scheduled for October 16 - please join us if you can, and look for our name on the new sign on East Boulevard (pictured above).



Request for Lost Yearbooks

We are missing yearbooks from 1942, 1943, 1944, 1951, and 1964. If you have any of these yearbooks that you would be willing to let us have (or borrow to copy) we would be very grateful. Please contact Ellen Sheppard at Ellen.Sheppard@carolinahhealthcare.org or 704-355-5315.

The Alumni Association met on May 29, 2001 and following

From the Alumni Association President

are some of the matters that were discussed:

- * The Alumni Association participated in several activities for the graduating class of 2001: the reception on cap and gown day; the breakfast at which Ginny Cloer presented a classmate's letter; and graduation itself at which Dr. Nurkin presented a tribute to the class of '51.
- * Claire Corbin and Judy Gift presented an informative "State of the School of Nursing" discussion, catching the group up on the progress of the School to increase retention rate, increase board pass rates, and maximize transferability of credits and skills.
- * Since the College designated the Alumni Association to receive all student transcript fees, nearly \$300 has accrued in the association's account.
- * Class of '51-II reps (Wilma Crawford, Ginny Cloer) reported on the progress of their planned fall reunion.

Top Three Opportunities for Alumni Service

- 1 Come to an Alumni Association meeting (see dates below). Let us know your thoughts for alumni activities.
- 2 Represent CCHS at a high school recruiting event. Call Hampton Hopkins at 704-355-5585.
- 3 Send a gift to the college to help build an energized lab, fund a scholarship, or pay for an hour of tutoring. Make your check payable to the CCHS Development Fund.

Request for Email Addresses

If you are "wired", please send your email address to your class representative (see *Alumni Pathways*). This will be helpful for enhancing communication within the Alumni Association. If you do not have a class representative, or an email address is not provided, you can email me at the address below.

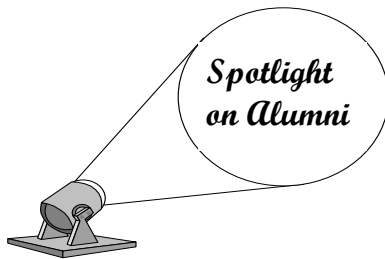
Meeting Dates for 2001-2002

Tuesday August 28, 2001
Tuesday November 27, 2001
Tuesday February 26, 2002
Tuesday May 28, 2002

All meetings will be at 3:30 p.m. in Room 174 at the College.

Rodney Currin
CCHS Class of 1999, Nursing
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If I had known what it would be like to have it all, I might have been willing to settle for less. -Lily Tomlin



**Spotlight
on Alumni**

Class of 2000 Rules!

Eleven nurses from our Class of 2000 were recently invited to attend an Appreciation Breakfast at CMC in honor of thankful comments received from patients they took care of. This is a periodic recognition sponsored by the hospital's administration. The nurses are: Amy Hall, Driahlys Peindao, Connie Martin, Diana Watson, Jennifer Wynne, Judith Arnold, Kristi Trott, Lanair Burch, Mary Pope, Nanda Rhodes, Tonya Lee.

Jamie Ray – Another CCHS Success Story!

Longtime readers of this alumni newsletter will remember that we began following Jamie Ray's progress toward a Nurse Practitioner career back in Fall 1998. We are happy to report that she has graduated and is now happily employed as an Adult Health Nurse Practitioner with CHS's Mecklenburg Medical Group, Uptown office. Here is her story:

Jamie had earned a bachelor's degree from Wake Forest before starting on her AAS in nursing at CCHS in 1994. After graduating in May 1996, she worked as an RN at CMC's 6T unit. She's had Nurse Practitioner as a goal from the start, but she decided to work as an RN for a while; long enough to feel comfortable with her skills. She looked around at the NP programs available and was impressed with the bridge program offered at UNC Chapel Hill. She was a little nervous during the application period, but her GRE's were good and she was offered a spot to start in August 1998.

"The demands at Chapel Hill were high," Jamie recalls, "but nothing that a CCHS graduate can't handle. I was able to work as an RN the entire time and that actually helped me in my program. I paid only \$2600 a year in tuition – less than my little niece pays to go to a private kindergarten in Charlotte!" Jamie graduated in December 2000. Her previous 4-year degree enabled her to bypass the BSN step, and she moved from an associate degree in nursing to a master's degree with nurse practitioner certification in just over two years.

Having completed the program, was it worth it? "Oh yes!" Jamie affirms enthusiastically. "I love the doctor I work with, I have great hours, I work independently – I'm able to diagnose, treat patients, and prescribe medications." The money is nice, too. A quick review of salary ranges for new nurse practitioners reveals that they start out around \$51,000.

Jamie's advice to other RNs thinking of going back to school? "Do it! If I had to do it again, I'd probably work as an RN a little longer. But all it takes is study and hard work; things every CCHS grad has learned to do!"

Lifelong Learning Opportunities

Nursing

- * On October 11 CCHS is teaching a 3.5-hour class: *IV Skills Refresher Class*. It is for nurses who want to refresh or improve their IV skills. There is a choice of 8-11:30 a.m. or 12:30-4 p.m. Cost is \$50. Continuing Education credit will be awarded. The class will be taught by the head of the CMC IV Team. The class will be repeated in the spring. Call 704-355-5043 or Susan Thomasson at 704-355-3921 to register.
- * *Spanish for the Healthcare Provider* is offered on Wednesday evenings at CCHS.



Radiologic Technology

- * The American Society of Radiologic Technologists and Sinclair Community College of Dayton, Ohio are collaborating in a new, high-tech option for earning continuing education credits via the internet. 25 continuing education modules are currently offered, many of which incorporate interactivity and animated graphics. Go to <http://ce.sinclair.edu> for the current list of courses.

Surgical Technology

- * The Association of Surgical Technologists will present a 3-day Orthopedic/Neurosurgery Forum in Memphis, Tennessee on November 16-18, 2001. Go to www.ast.org and click on Orthopedic/Neurosurgery Forum to register.
- * A program titled *Reconstructive Surgery* will be presented at the State Assembly Meeting in Greenville, NC on November 3, 2001. Contact Lora Setliff at 252-758-0824/252-752-9794 or vicset@earthlink.net.



Italy Trip Update

Our trip planning moves into high gear this fall! Twelve adventurous CCHS alums have signed on for this exciting trip to Milan, Florence, Venice, and Rome. All who are going (or thinking of going) are invited to a pasta dinner at Ellen Sheppard's home on September 22, 2001. We will talk about exchange rates, packing tips, and passports. We hope to have a guest speaker who is an expert on art of the Italian Renaissance, particularly some of the masterpieces we will see in the Uffizi Gallery in Florence.

Can't make up your mind? Call Joy at 704-355-5043 and ask her to send you a packet of information. Deals like this don't come along every day: airfare, hotel, one to two meals each day, bilingual guide throughout, and more, for just \$1699 per person.

Don't smoke too much, drink too much, eat too much, or work too much. We are all on the road to the grave – but there's no reason to be in the passing lane. -Robert Orben



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Note: This list includes pledged gifts.

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Thanks to each of you for helping the college reach its goals. For information about making a gift of cash, stock, trust, or real estate, please contact Ellen Sheppard to 704-355-5315 or Ellen.Sheppard@carolinashhealthcare.org.





Missing Alumni

We are going to feature a "Missing Alumni" page in the next few issues of the newsletter in order to enlist your help in updating our database. If you help us locate an alumnus, your name will be placed in a drawing to win a CCHS sweatshirt, T-shirt, or mug. The drawing will be held after we have

completed printing all the missing alumni names.

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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Allen Anderson, 1991
Gary Alexander, 1994
Kristi Allen, 1991
Stephanie Anderson, 1994
Kristina Andronica (Snipes), 1996
Bruce Arakelian, 1991
Delores Correll Arntz, 1962
Wade Atkins, 1988
Phillip Angelo, 1997
Manon Argouin, 1992
Willie Ashe, 1947
Cynthia Avant, 1998
Rosanne Annas, 1972
Sharon Avery, 1967
Dale Baer, 1971
Betty Jo Boyles Ball, 1952
Mary Brabehenn Ballenger, 1951
Carolyn Bailey, 1967
Von A. Banks, 1997
Doris McGuiert Baker, 1957
Sharon Barringer, 1992
Mary Lou David Bee, 1957
Renee L Bauer, 1996
Ann Corl Bearer, 1955
Susan Barton, 1996
Timothy Beasley, 1994
Bob & Donna Beckham, 1976
Barbara Howie Blankenship, 1967
Ann Marie Blackburn, 1999
Alycia Blackwell, 1994
Maria Berger, 1997
Barbara Bevis, 1990
Robin Black, 1999
Vivian Blalock, 1996
Jacqueline Denise Blum, 2000
Jelene Boyd, 1998
Stephanie Brookhart, 1993
Linda Brittain, 1982

Leigh Brooks, 1991
Catherine Brown Brumfield, 1956
Louise Wilson Burroughs, 1948
Patsy Brannock Bush, 1950
Sylvia Bumgardner Bunton
Josephine Canupp, 1947
Evelyn Butler, 1994
Grace Watkins Cannon, 1948
Patty Belk Carriker, 1952
Margaret Johnson Chiles, 1996
Christie Clamp, 1996
Tumekia Clawson, 1999
Allyson Collins, 1991
Kimberly Clearwater, 1994
Annette Lynn Collins, 1995
Patricia Coltrane, 1969
Marianne Costner, 1997
Brenda Brooks Cotter, 1964
Mozelle Long, 1953
Pamela Crouse, 1996
Patricia Crow, 1994
Hughes David, 1992
Margie Greene Dabbs, 1952
Patricia Diane DeBruhl, 1996
Cindi Downs, 1977
Marian Duckham, 1992
Mary Detchemendy, 1990
Jason Eric Dehlin, 2000
Kim Denning, 1991
Katheryn Eason, 1994
Brenda Estep, 1955
Heather Erwin, 1993
Lynda Ellington, 1960
Gladys Evans, 1950
Robin Ferguson, 1994
Betty Goodyear Ford, 1953
Stefanie Ewert, 1993
Natalie Ferrell, 1993
Kathy Frase, 1991
Jennifer Gallagher, 1994
Claudette Peralta Gamino, 2000
Michael Francis, 1993
Jason Henry Frankle, 2000
Betty Funderburke, 1949
Susan Gay, 1995
Natalie Gilbert, 1986
Margaret Glenn, 1972
Tammy George, 1999
Angela Goodson, 1994
Amanda Gordon, 1994
Johnsie Graham, 1952
Donna Griffin, 1966
Kate Gupton, 1948
Stacey Gribble (Beck), 1998
George Anthony Harper
Kimberly Ranees Harrelson, 1996
Lisa Hall, 1995
Wendy Hartley, 1992
Celeste Hausle, 1991
Allan Hawkins, 1995



Phonathon a Phenomenal Success!

“Wow! What fantastic alumni we have!” During the nights of April 22 – 24 we heard those words again and again. We had great fundraising success (see page 5). Nearly \$15,000 was raised – far exceeding our expectations. Of course, we were assisted by the fact that the CHS Foundation matched each gift, dollar for dollar! But, even \$7,500 was a strong showing for our first ever phonathon. Not only were you generous with your gifts, you were generous with your time and with the memories you shared. Many current students joined staff and faculty in manning the phones. We loved hearing your stories and your fond memories.

Thanks to our alumni, faculty, and staff who gave generously last year and this year, we have now raised over half the amount required to fund an energized Radiology Lab, which is the top item on our wish list. Donations specifically designated for student scholarships have been set aside for that purpose.

We greatly appreciate your generosity.

Alumni Representatives on College Development Committee

We now have two alumni representatives on the Development Committee. Valerie Brown, SON 1992, and Lynette Pritchard, SORT 1960. Valerie has been on the CCHS Board of Directors since 1995. Lynette is a retired radiologic technologist and has a catering business here in Charlotte.



Partnership with Carolinas HealthCare Foundation

The Carolinas HealthCare Foundation is responsible for managing donations made to the Carolinas HealthCare System. As part of CHS, the Foundation has come alongside the college and is assisting us in our fundraising efforts primarily in two ways:

- * Gift matching – all alumni donations made to the college are matched 100% by the Foundation giving us “twice the bang for the buck” (matching ends December 2001).
- * Fund management – the Foundation maintains an account for the college where all donations are deposited. The Foundation also sends out quarterly reminders for pledges as well as acknowledgements of donations received.



Do you recognize these gals?



We were able to recognize two alumni (see below) in this 1950s Charlotte Memorial Basketball Team photograph. How many can you spot?

(Middle row: Brady Daniel, 1st left, Kathleen Yount, 1st right)

Research Request

Nursing graduates from the classes of 1945 through 1960 are invited to participate in an important survey! University of Kentucky graduate student Angela Wadsworth (daughter of Bertie Oliver Wadsworth of Charlotte Memorial SON Class of 1952) is researching nursing education in the late forties to early sixties. Following is a brief description of the research, which will lead to a Ph.D. in Sociology, with a primary focus in medical sociology, and a secondary focus in gender studies:

The focus of this research is women who attended nursing school in North Carolina during the time period of 1945-1960. I am interested in talking with you about your nursing school, work, and family experiences during your work life; including such things as what drew you into nursing, what kept you there, your experiences regarding specialty areas (if worked in a specialty area such as pediatrics, for example, how you got interested in this, training received, why did you stay in this area? Or did you work in several areas within your professional career?) If married and/or with children, what support did you have from spouses when it came to working night shift or split shift. How did this affect family life? Experiences with child care arrangements while trying to work.

Interviews will be tape recorded and transcribed. All information collected is strictly confidential and will only be used for scholarly research. Your name will never be used.

If you are interested in participating in this research, please contact Angela at:

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Home: 859-335-5027

Alumni Pathways



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

Class of 1949

Brady Daniel 704-333-7989

Class of 1951

Ginny Cloer 704-523-5949

Wilma Crawford 704-523-0860

Louise Moss Ansley, SON, lives in Winchester, Tennessee. She wrote to us recently and paid tribute to the educational experience that she had at Charlotte Memorial Hospital School of Nursing. Louise and her classmates were reunited last fall at the CCHS Homecoming and there was much love, fun, and laughter all around. In her own words:

"We were so eager to get out into the world and show everyone our CMH nursing skills and we ended up at our CCHS gathering a loving bunch of seventy year olds, or nearly that age. Fun, fun, fun!"

Louise also expressed her gratitude for the way the Class of 1951 was honored at their 50th anniversary during the May graduation ceremony earlier this year.

Louise also reported that **Janice Wright** (SON 1951-II) recently found another classmate, **Jo Ann Cook Bowers**. Jo Ann or "Jody" lives in Hemet, California, and was overwhelmed that someone had thought enough of her to even look for her. Louise and Jody had a wonderful visit over the phone.

Janice Wright, SON, recently gave the college a wrought iron and wooden bench for the courtyard.

Class of 1952

Bertie Oliver Wadsworth, SON, married John Wadsworth in 1954 and lived in Charlotte, NC, for many years. They had four children - Angela, Marianne, David, and Bill. Marianne died of cancer in 1994. Bertie's husband died on April 12, 2001. She now lives in Southport, NC, where they moved in 1996 after retirement.

Class of 1953

Kathleen Yount 704-334-6256

Class of 1954

Joyce Merritt joycemerritt@mindspring.com

Class of 1956

Mary Faye Proctor 704-355-1547

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Class of 1957

Janey Waggoner Disher 704-364-7803

billdish@prodigy.net

Class of 1958

Linda Patton Nance, SON, lives in Wilmington, NC. Each spring, for several years, a number of her classmates have



gathered in Laurinburg to keep in touch. In years past, they have had as many as twelve, but illness and conflicts cut their number to six this year. Conversation was lively when **Janice Blount Smith**, **Chris Gibson**

Nance, **Edee Poston Larsen**, **Linda Patton Nance**, **Coleen Cottingham Plummer**, and **Jeanette Blount Williams** (pictured above, left to right) came together for fun and fellowship over lunch on April 3, 2001.

They are trying to reach more of their classmates in hopes that they can spark some enthusiasm for the Alumni Association.

Class of 1959

Garland "Smitty" Smith 704-365-3684

Betsy Medlin Duncan, SON, retired from Presbyterian Hospital on September 1, 2000, and is really enjoying relaxing after 30 years! All three of her children live in the Charlotte area and she has five grandchildren.

Class of 1960

Nancy Findley 704-664-5961

Class of 1962

Marilyn L. Mitchum 704-882-4684

Class of 1964

Martha Ellinger 704-544-7084

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Mary Frances Coffey Bussey 704-845-8237

Mary.Bussey@carolinashealthcare.org

Class of 1967

Linda Perkins 704-355-9711; 704-521-9242

Linda.Perkins@carolinashealthcare.org

Class of 1977

Phyllis Sneed Medlin, SORT, passed away in June 2001.

Class of 1992

Valerie Brown 803-547-6894

vbrownrn@juno.com

Erin Lacey Saltrick, SOMT, is now employed in the Tissue Transplant Lab at CMC.

Class of 1993

Kit Sluder 704-523-2311; kits2000@aol.com

Lynda Disher Adair

Alumni Pathways



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

Class of 1994

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Kelia Gray, SOMT, has moved from Blood Bank at CMC to a position as an application specialist in the CHS Information Systems Department and works closely with the CHS Blood Transfusion Department and the Sunquest System.

Class of 1996

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Cynthia Favorite, SON, lost her long battle with a malignant brain tumor on June 24, 2001. Cynthia was diagnosed in the spring of her senior year, 5 years ago. It was speculated at that time that she might not live more than 6 months! However, Cynthia went on to graduate, pass her boards, and work briefly as an RN (even going on mission trips) before her memory and

balance made work impossible. Cynthia moved back to Baltimore to be with her family (two other members of which have died of cancer in the last 7 years) during the last couple of years of her illness, but was able to attend Homecoming with classmates last fall.

Cynthia was one of those students everyone noticed – and loved. Extraordinarily gregarious (i.e. she loved to talk and to laugh), with an unrivaled zest for life and a mischievous sparkle in her eyes, she was also an intensely spiritual person who treasured even the most mundane aspects of daily life. Cynthia will be lovingly remembered by all of us who knew her, and her name will live on in the Cynthia Favorite Nursing Scholarship which was established by the Student Nurses Association in her honor in 1996. The award is made annually following peer nomination to the SNA member who has given of themselves over and above the call of duty to the SNA, the College, the community, and the field of nursing. Recipients of the Cynthia Favorite Nursing Scholarship have been: Jeff Reece (1997), Hang Friday (1998), Shannon Smith (1999), Laurie Crookendon (2000), and Tara Andrews (2001).

Class of 1997

Jeff Reece 704-875-6277 jreeceemtp@aol.com
Tonya George Cornwell, SON, is now working OB/Gyn (7 p.m. to 7 a.m.) with Piedmont Healthcare System in Rock

Hill, SC.

Kara McLeod, SON, and husband Trey had a son, Alex, on March 18, 2001, at Gaston Memorial Hospital. Alex weighed 8lbs 7oz and was 21 inches long.

Tamara Alford Neely, SOMT, and husband Meredith, had a baby girl, Makayla Danielle, on December 4, 2000. They have relocated back to Charlotte from Wilson, NC, and Tamara will be starting the nursing program at CCHS this fall.

Dawn Yates, SORT, and husband Allan are expecting their first child, a son, in August.

Class of 1998

Jamillah Hasan 704-697-9039/704-905-1259

Emily (Starnes) Schlottman, SORT, is married and now living in Orlando, Florida. She is the Clinic Manager for an outpatient radiology facility, Drew Medical.

Class of 1999

Billy Buckingham 704-395-0150

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Misty Williams, SON, and husband Marcus had a baby boy, McKenzie Craig Williams, on January 30, 2001. He weighed 7lbs 10oz.

Class of 2000

Nanda Rhodes 704-455-1221 rhodesrn@hotmail.com

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Amanda Black, SON, married Will Weymouth in April, 2001.

Christie Coan, SON, has joined Cross Country Travel Corporation and left in June for working tours in Orlando, Florida, Hawaii, and California! She will be back in Charlotte in December.

Amy Hall, SON, had a baby boy, Noah Gibbs Hall, on March 30, 2001. He was 7lbs 10 oz and 20 inches long.

Jill Harbinson, SON, had a baby boy, Tanner Jordan Walker, on April 28, 2001. He was 6lbs 14oz and 19.5 inches long.

Ashley Partridge, SON, was accepted to an accelerated MSN program in Rhode Island and has moved to Newport, RI. During this time, she will be working at Newport Hospital, floating from ER to CCU.

Ashleigh (Taylor) Purcell, SON, married Matt Purcell on October 7, 2000.

Class of 2001

Tina Arthur 704-892-7843

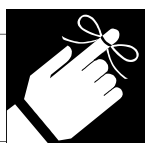
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Corrie Owens, SON, had a baby boy, Grayson Jay Owens, on June 21, 2001. He weighed 7lbs 5oz and was 19.5 inches long.



Alumni Association meeting Tuesday August 28.

3:30 p.m., CCHS, Room 174





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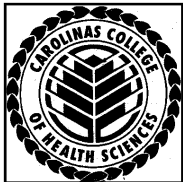
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