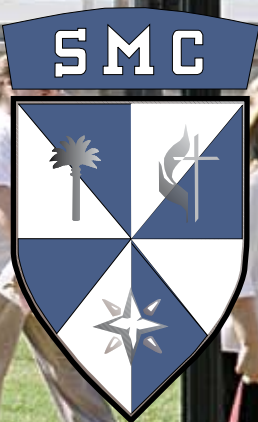


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Sparrow Residence Hall opened in August and was dedicated September 20. The three-story residence hall is currently home to 118 male students. It is named for the Sparrow family, long-time supporters of SMC.

# From the President

## What do we do best?

Recently when I was asked this question, some obvious answers came to mind: We have an outstanding teaching faculty who care deeply for our students. We provide appropriate library resources to support student research. We provide educational support services, including tutoring and mentoring, that help students succeed. We provide a variety of extra-curricular activities designed to help students develop their social skills. We provide personal and transfer counseling services staffed by skilled educators who care for students. Each response is correct, and answers such as these could fill this page. However, upon further reflection, I realized that what we do best is captured in a simple statement: We support student learning in everything we do. This is why we exist.



Student learning occurs in a variety of settings at SMC: In academic classes where educational outcomes are emphasized (i.e., what students are expected to know, think and/or do at the completion of academic courses and their academic degree); through volunteer service programs; by participating in campus clubs, organizations, and teams; and in conversations with the faculty, staff, and with one another. Student learning occurs through College-sponsored programs, such as in seminars, residence hall programs, and lectures, and student learning occurs serendipitously, i.e., those times when we learn valuable things that we did not set out to learn.

Faculty members help students learn the content of their academic subjects, how to use high-order-thinking-skills, and how to apply these skills to their lives. Our Religious Life Program enables students to develop their spiritual life and to be aware of and involved in important social issues. Our Student Development staff helps students structure their lives so living and learning are inseparable. Students learn lessons that enrich the mind and enliven the soul. Students learn how to make responsible decisions and what it means to be held accountable for their decisions and actions. Our students learn what it means to be an educated person and to develop life-long learning skills that will serve them well.

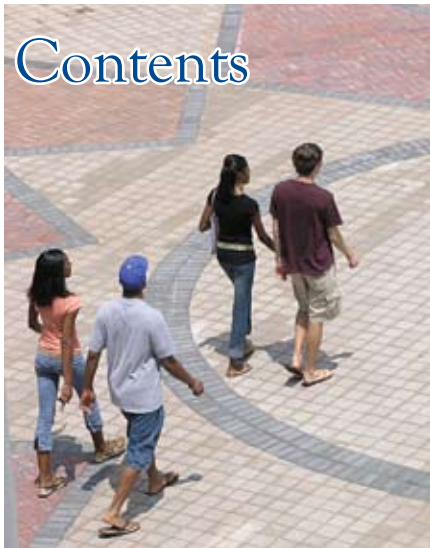
What a grand time it is to be involved with this wonderful institution...the place where student learning is in the heart of our mission and at the center of all we do. Please continue to support our work as we educate the leaders of tomorrow!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Charles P. Teague". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

Charles P. Teague  
President

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On April 20, 2005, members of the Sparrow Family and SMC officials broke ground for Sparrow Residence Hall (below). On September 20, 2006, the completed facility was dedicated.

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# Campaign Update

## Vision 2005 Goal Reached

Spartanburg Methodist College has successfully completed its "Vision 2005" \$20 Million Total Funds Campaign.

The Campaign developed \$20,818,469 in total commitments. In addition to the more than \$5.8 million raised in Annual Fund operational support, more than \$4.5 million was committed for capital projects.

"I am very grateful for the outstanding work our Institutional Advancement staff accomplished over the last five years that led to the successful completion of the five-year Vision 2005 Total Funds Campaign," commented SMC President, Dr. Charles P. Teague. Teague added that gifts generated through the Vision 2005 Campaign enabled the College to make numerous improvements in existing facilities, to construct new facilities, and to make ongoing improvements to the programs and services of the College. "We must keep in mind that everything we do is focused on supporting student learning at Spartanburg Methodist College.

During the five-year campaign period, several campus development projects were completed:

- The construction of Bridges and Sparrow residence halls
- Upgrade of the Montgomery Science Building and the William S. Moore Athletic Building
- The removal of several older houses on campus.
- Endowed scholarships and programs received \$1.8 million in new commitments
- Planned Giving Program secured more than \$7.1 million in future commitments
- Government grants generated more than \$1.3 million for the Student Support Services program on the SMC campus.

We are grateful for the many gifts received from friends of the College who continue to support our work in higher education," concluded Teague.

"As we plan for the future, the College's Board of Trustees and Administration are involved in strategic planning discussions that will develop the next fundraising campaign," said C. Sterling Case, Vice President for Institutional Advancement.

### Lanford Receives UPS Scholarship



Julie Lanford, a sophomore from Woodruff, is the recipient of a scholarship from the UPS Education Endowment Fund. Lanford is the daughter of Tony and Ginger Lanford.

The South Carolina UPS District recently made a \$41,250 gift to South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities, Inc. (SCICU) on behalf of the UPS Education Endowment Fund, a \$4 million dollar commitment by the UPS Foundation to benefit the Foundation for Independent Higher Education (FIHE). The scholarships benefit students enrolled at SCICU member institutions.

### Roberson Receives BB&T Scholarship



Craig Roberson of Liberty, a sophomore at SMC, is the recipient of a scholarship awarded by the BB&T Charitable Foundation.

Roberson is the son of Russel and Tammy Roberson.

BB&T made a \$40,000 gift from the BB&T Charitable Foundation to South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities, Inc. (SCICU) to provide higher education scholarships to deserving South Carolina students enrolled in its member institutions.

"Education has always been a focal point of our commitment to corporate giving," said Mike Brennan, President of BB&T of South Carolina, "We're proud to contribute to an organization like the SCICU that continues to make a difference in the lives of so many students in the Palmetto State and therefore make this a better place to live."

## Hammond Family Gifts Strengthen SMC

Will Fund Scholarship, Hammond Hall Renovations



Pictured in front of Hammond Hall are (from left): Gaines Hammond; Sims Hammond; Dan Foster, Spartanburg Methodist College Trustee Chairman; Will Hammond; Jane Erwin Hammond; and Charles P. Teague, President of Spartanburg Methodist College. The Hammonds are the children of Dr. Gaines W. Hammond and the great-grandchildren of Charles Perry Hammond, for whom the historic building is named.

The Dr. Gaines W. Hammond family of Spartanburg has provided funding to establish the Hammond Family Memorial Endowed Scholarship and to help renovate Hammond Residence hall at Spartanburg Methodist College.

The Hammond family established the scholarship to help SMC students on the basis of financial need, outstanding character and academic merit. More than 90 percent of the SMC student body requires financial assistance to complete their degree requirements.

Hammond Hall, a men's residence hall, was originally named for Charles Perry Hammond, the grandfather of Dr. Gaines W. Hammond. Charles Perry Hammond served on the College's Board of Trustees for more than 40 years and was instrumental in helping found the institution. Constructed in 1913, Hammond Hall is the oldest existing structure on the SMC campus. These commitments were also very meaningful in helping the College secure the \$1 million Ellis Challenge Grant that has provided funding for the College's current campus development projects.

Good Music,  
Good Food,  
Good  
Friends



Abby Harper, Jennifer Didonato, Sommer Pruitt, Kira Hader and April Chavis enjoy College Fest, held September 14 at Morgan Square in downtown Spartanburg. College Fest featured free concerts from Cowboy Mouth, NeedToBreathe, and Trevor Hall. College Fest is organized each year by College Town, a consortium of the area's six institutions of higher learning and the city of Spartanburg.



# Sparrow Residence Hall Dedicated



Above: Beautiful Sparrow Hall adds a stately touch to the SMC campus. Below: President Teague makes opening remarks at the beginning of the dedication ceremony.



Mr. John Sparrow cuts the ribbon as family members and President Teague look on



Beside a plaque dedicated in memory of Mr. Sparrow's parents, Pictured from left: Wesley Sparrow, Samantha Sparrow, Juanita and John Sparrow, Amanda Sparrow, Sammy and Claudia Sparrow, and Matthew Sparrow.

Dedication ceremonies were held at noon September 20, 2006 for Sparrow Residence Hall, located across from Bridges Residence Hall and adjacent to Barrett Learning Center.

Members of the Sparrow family were on hand, as well as SMC Trustees, staff, faculty and students to celebrate the college's new residence hall, a new home for 118 male students. Also on hand were representatives from Trehel Corporation, the facility's builder; and McMillan-Smith Architects, the facility's designer.

Mr. John Sparrow cut the ribbon at the entrance of the three-story, \$4.8 million residence hall named for his family. SMC President, Dr. Charles P. Teague unveiled a plaque outside Sparrow Hall dedicated to the memory of H. Booker Sparrow and Nellie Cooke Sparrow, John's parents.

Prior to the ribbon-cutting, Mr. Sparrow shared how meaningful an education at SMC was to his son, Wesley, and his nephew, Henry.

"God has blessed my family in so many ways. One of our most recent blessings has been the opportunity to take part in this building project," said Mr. Sparrow, adding that one thing more important than buildings is the dedicated group of people he sees on the SMC campus.

"We are delighted that the facility is now open. We are grateful to the Sparrow family and their gift that launched this particular project. It is a great, great feeling to serve our students in this beautiful facility," said President Teague.

Dan Foster, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, said that the gift from the Sparrow family to make the residence hall possible was an act of love.

"Your gift to this institution will change the lives of many, and hopefully somewhere along the way we will remind others our greatest legacy is that which we leave behind for others to grow and prosper," Foster said. Also speaking for the Trustees was Patsy Simmons, who formerly chaired the Building and Grounds Committee. Simmons said the Sparrow family legacy serves as a challenge to fellow Trustees as well as faculty and staff to live up to the institution's mission. She added that students also must pass the SMC mission along to the next generation.

Also sharing their thoughts during the ceremony were various members of the College staff, faculty and student body: Dr. Arthur Hartzog, Dean of Students; Stacey Mason, Director of Residence Life; Justin Cheek, Residence Hall Director of Sparrow Hall; and Amanda Shelnutt, President of the Student Government Association.

## New Trustees Named



Driggers



Fulmer



Yandle

Spartanburg Methodist College recently announced the election of new Board of Trustees members.

New Trustees are John Bell Jr., Justin Converse, Ralph Driggers Jr., and Jamie Fulmer. The College also announced that Bruce Yandle, a previous Trustee Chairman, has returned as a member of the Board. Their terms will expire in 2018.

Bell is Chairman of John Boyle and Company, Inc. and is a resident of Tryon, N.C. Bell is a member of Jackson Grove United Methodist Church. An avid fisherman, he is also a member of the Trout and Salmon Foundation, and Trout Unlimited. He is married to Mary F. Bell and they have three children: Michael, Amy and Louise.

Converse is President of Converse and Company, Inc. He is also a member of the Board of Wachovia Bank, the Terrier Club, and the Wofford College Advisory Board. Converse is a member of First Presbyterian Church and the Young President Organization. He resides in Spartanburg with his wife Anna and children Marianna and Hugh.

Driggers is retired from CSX Transportation where he was Division Chief of Police. He is also a member of Pawleys Island Community Church. Driggers has four children: Keith, Clif, Shane and Lance. He is also an alumnus of Spartanburg Methodist College, graduating in 1964 when it was known as Spartanburg Junior College. He also holds a B.A. Degree in Government from Wofford College.

Fulmer is Director of Investor Relations for Advance America, Cash Advance Centers. He also serves on the Board of Trustees for the Arts Partnership of Spartanburg, the Board of Directors for Piedmont Interstate Fair, the Board of Directors for Wofford College Terrier Club, the Board of Visitors for Converse College, and is a Planning Commissioner for the city of Spartanburg. He is a 2001 graduate of Leadership Spartanburg and a member of First Presbyterian Church. Fulmer resides in Spartanburg with his wife Katherine and his son James.

Yandle is Alumni Distinguished Professor of Economics Emeritus and Interim Dean

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Full classes, full parking lots and a beehive of activity on the Spartanburg Methodist College campus are unmistakable signs that summer is over.

This year, SMC saw even more first-time college students, and more of last year's freshmen have returned. Dan Philbeck, Vice President for Enrollment Management, is excited about the size of this year's enrollment, which represents an 11.3 percent increase in new, transfer and re-admitted students and a 4.5 percent increase in continuing students.

"I believe our continued growth affirms Spartanburg Methodist College as a vital liberal arts institution of higher education in the state of South Carolina and that we are fulfilling our educational mission as a higher education institution related to the United Methodist Church," Philbeck added. Since Fall, 1999, SMC has increased its enrollment by 55 percent, and the College's goal is to continue its current growth pattern through the 2010 academic year.

"This year's recruited class is also the strongest academic class we have enrolled and is certainly an indication that Spartanburg Methodist continues to be a very strong presence in higher education in South Carolina," Philbeck said, pointing to an influx of students receiving LIFE Scholarships and other forms of financial aid, as well as improved facilities on campus. "Forty-Five percent of the students enrolled on this campus are LIFE Scholarship recipients. With the addition of two new residence halls in the last three years – Bridges Hall in 2003 and Sparrow Hall this year – and the expansion of the Buchheit Administration Building, SMC administrators are optimistic about the future".

### SMC Sees Increased Enrollment Freshman Class, New Facilities Fuel Trend



# Breaking Ground for a New Administrative Facility

Addition includes Phyllis Buchheit DeLapp Board Room and Conference Center/Vassey Technology Center



Architect's renderings of the new facilities for the Phyllis Buchheit DeLapp Board Room and Conference Center and Vassey Information Technology Center, which will be adjacent to the Phil Buchheit Administration facility.

Spartanburg Methodist College held a groundbreaking ceremony August 24 for the Phyllis Buchheit DeLapp Board Room and Conference Center and the Vassey Information Technology Center.

The \$1.1 million, 4,213-square-foot addition represents an effort by SMC to meet technological demands and provide improved meeting facilities. Trehel Corporation is the builder for the facility, designed by McMillan-Smith Architects.



Below: Family members joined Spartanburg Methodist College officials for the groundbreaking ceremony Aug. 24 in Davis Mission Chapel. Pictured from left: SMC Trustee, Howard Suitt, Chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee; Bill Roach (nephew of Herbert and Rebecca Vassey), Executive Director of IT; Fletcher Thompson, former Trustee; Gwen Paul (niece of Herbert and Rebecca Vassey); Andrew Babb (son of Phyllis Buchheit DeLapp); Phyllis Buchheit DeLapp; and President Charles P. Teague.

Despite rainy weather, the ceremony proceeded inside nearby Davis Mission Chapel. SMC President, Dr. Charles P. Teague, displayed architectural drawings of the new building, describing it as "a grand facility." Teague praised members of the Vassey and Buchheit families for their support of the College, adding "It is always a pleasure to celebrate together something that is going to add a deep dimension to the campus community."

The Phyllis Buchheit DeLapp Board Room and Conference Center is named for Mrs. DeLapp, who serves as a trustee of the College and whose family has a long-standing tradition of support of SMC. The Vassey Information Technology Center is named for Herbert and Rebecca Vassey, who left a bequest to the College.

Teague recognized Gwen Paul, the Vasseys' niece, and Bill Roach, their nephew, for helping conceive the Vassey Information Technology Center. He also

From left: Chris McGarr, VP at Trehel; Will W. Huss Jr., President, COO of Trehel; President Teague; Anne Irwin, SMC Trustee; Howard Suitt, SMC Trustee; Phyllis Buchheit DeLapp, Trustee; Ron Smith and Toren Andersson, Architects with McMillan-Smith.



recognized former trustee, Fletcher Thompson and his wife Ruth, who befriended the Vassey family while they were members at Bethel United Methodist Church. Through this friendship with the Thompsons, who are alums of the College, the Vasseys were introduced to the institution. Also present for the ceremony was Dr. George Fields, former president of the College; Trehel President, Will Huss Jr.; Trehel Vice-President, Chris McGarr; and architects Ron Smith and Toren Andersson of McMillan-Smith Architectural Firm.

SMC Trustee, Howard Suitt, who chairs the Building and Grounds Committee, expressed his thanks to Phyllis DeLapp's family and the Vasseys for their generosity, without which the College "cannot make things happen."

Thompson recalled the friendship he and Ruth had with the Vasseys and the Buchheit family. He characterized the Vasseys as a "unique and generous couple. He added, "The addition of this building we're dedicating is literally an extension of the interest and contributions of the Buchheit family to this institution." Suitt quoted John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, "We should earn all we can, save all we can, give away all we can, for as long as we can."

Roach, who is the College's Executive Director of Information Technology, said he is looking forward to the completion of the Vassey Information

Technology Center. The Center's development, Roach added, represents "a huge step forward" from the existing computer facility.

"It has been an interesting process for me to see how this whole thing is happening as the building is being developed," said Roach, noting that the adjacent Board Room will serve as a multipurpose facility that will take advantage of technology to provide greater opportunities not only as a meeting space but also for computer training. For Roach, the facility also represents a response to increasing information technology needs on a campus where most students have computers and more of them come to campus with laptops. He pointed out that wireless Internet access capability has already been added on much of the SMC campus and that more space is needed to address the increased demands on the network. Greater security will also be possible within the new center, said Roach.

## CAMPUS TECH



Danessa Kilpatrick takes advantage of wireless access in Marie Blair Burgess Library.

Students, faculty and staff no longer need to be tied down to a cable, now that increased areas on the SMC campus have gone wireless. According to Bill Roach, Executive Director of Information Technology, wireless access is currently available in the Burgess Student center, including the cafeteria. It is also available at Marie Blair Burgess Library, Montgomery Science Center, Walker Hall, and Sparrow Residence Hall.

"In most of these areas there is a significant external access area as well," added Roach. "This allows our students to sit at some of the outside tables and benches while still connected." To address security concerns, wireless access is handled through Cisco Clean Access software. Roach pointed out that students need a computer

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# Haynes Retires



President Charles Teague (right) presented Judy Haynes with a plaque honoring her service to SMC during graduation ceremonies May 6. Also pictured is Keith Haynes, Judy's husband.

Judy Haynes, a long-time faculty member who chaired the Division of Humanities and taught many classes in English and Composition, retired from SMC after more than 30 years of service.

Judy first came to what was then known as Spartanburg Junior College in the spring of 1968 to work part-time in the library. Pursuing her desire to teach, Judy applied for a job in the English Department and became a

member of the faculty in the fall of 1968, teaching five sessions of composition. Judy continued to teach until the spring of 1974 when she took time out to raise her daughters. Judy returned in 1982 as an adjunct instructor in English Composition, then joined the faculty full-time soon after.

She remembered that during her first years at the College the Frank Walker Building had only one telephone and some of the current classroom space was divided into office space. Long before desktop computers with spell-checkers and laser printers were thought of, countless exams and syllabi were type-written onto spirit master stencils and run through a machine that manually cranked out copies with purple print.

Challenges facing Baby Boomer students of the 60s and 70s were different from those students face today. Many students in the late 1960s, Judy noted, were concerned about the draft and the Vietnam War; however, students today are stretched

by all sorts of issues, ranging from broken homes, parents moving, and financial obligations unlike those encountered by their parents or grandparents. Specifically, Judy has seen students try to juggle a full-time course load with a full-time job at the same time because they have to make a car payment or insurance premium.

None of the challenges diminished Judy's love



Haynes during her first years at SMC when it was known as Spartanburg Junior College.

for teaching others and helping students succeed, which developed during her own education in Landrum. Judy admired many of her teachers, most notably Kay Sapp, her tenth-grade English Grammar teacher at Landrum High School. "She did a lot for me and encouraged me," recalled Judy, adding that she was also an accompanist in Sapp's chorus class.

Joseph and Lucille Godwin, professors at Limestone College when Judy was a student there, had a major impact on her life. Though the Godwins currently live in Ozark, Alabama, Judy says they keep in touch. She says she can never repay them for their help and wisdom.

Judy's love for teaching is rivaled by her love for mu-

## Going Wireless at SMC (continued)



Left: Nick Fusco takes a break outside to catch up on his favorite Website.

with wireless capability running Windows and using Internet Explorer as their Web browser. They should also have their operating system updated with the most current Windows patches and install Clean Access software and up-to-date anti-virus software to control security.

Roach said that future plans are to install wireless access in additional residence halls. For now, areas on campus not yet served with wireless (including all rooms in residence halls) have high-speed Internet access.

SMC has come a long way since Internet access was first established in 1997.

## Community Involvement means D R E A M I N G



## FRESHMEN DAY OF SERVICE

A record freshman class fanned out into the community for Freshmen Day of Service. Now in its fifth year, Freshmen Day of Service endeavors to teach a key life lesson about reaching out into the community and serving others.

The freshmen were joined by some sophomores, faculty and staff for a morning of cleaning, painting, landscaping, sorting, and giving their attention to needy citizens in the area.

Participating this year were: Bethlehem Center; Carolina Counseling, Inc.; Charles Lea Center; Girl Scouts of the Piedmont; Greater Spartanburg Ministries; Habitat for Humanity; Interim Healthcare Hospice; Middle Tyger Community Center; Mobile Meals; Mountainview Nursing Home; Pauline-Glenn Springs Elementary School; SAFE Homes Rape Crisis Coalition; Salvation Army Thrift Store; Second Presbyterian Soup Kitchen; Ellen Hines Smith Girls Home; S.C. School for the Deaf and Blind; Spartanburg Children Shelter; Spartanburg Housing Authority; Spring Arbor Assisted Living; and Woodland Heights Elementary School.



### Haynes (continued)

sic, something she owes to Muriel Mazzanovich, her piano teacher, and to Janet DuBois, former professor of music at Limestone College. Judy has no plans to retire from music and wants to become a better organist, and plans to take lessons. She already has spent several years as organist at Emma Gray Memorial United Methodist Church in Woodruff.

Rev. Robert Boggs, her minister, characterizes Judy as a "bedrock" presence in his life, remembering how she provided invaluable support when he was assigned the pastorate at Emma Gray Memorial.

During graduation exercises May 6, President Charles Teague presented Judy with a plaque honoring her service to SMC. "For your tireless work with students, your ability to turn on that light bulb of students who are struggling, your tenacity for not letting go of those students who are not quite motivated in classes, we give you our grateful appreciation," Teague said. He added that future graduates "will miss a lot" because they will not have the opportunity to take courses with Judy.

On May 9, SMC faculty and staff joined family and friends to celebrate Judy's tenure at the College. President Teague expressed wishes that Judy would always feel a part of the SMC family.

Dr. Tom Wilkerson, former Vice President for Academic Affairs and currently President of Bainbridge College

(Ga.), noted Haynes' sense of humor and humanity.

"In the eight years that we worked together. I have never known her to raise her voice at anyone or speak or act in anger. With the best interest of the faculty member, staff member or student in mind she would always go that extra mile to make a difference," said Wilkerson, recounting the times she would reach out to somebody in need. Wilkerson concluded that Judy's impact on SMC "simply cannot be measured."

Dan Foster, Chairman of the SMC Board of Trustees and an alumnus of the College, said that Judy has been an inspiration to many students while garnering the utmost respect of her colleagues.

Judy says that SMC continues to be "an excellent place to work" and urges her colleagues to "celebrate those good things about the College."

Of retirement, Judy says she plans to see more of her new granddaughter, Ella Helene Adams, who was born this past April to her daughter, Mary Ann Adams. Her other daughter, Susan Haynes, lives in Mobile, Alabama, where she is doing her residency in Pediatrics. Judy also plans to travel more with her husband Keith, beginning with the Spoleto Festival in Charleston.

Haynes holds a M.A.T. (Master of Arts in Teaching) degree from Converse College and a B.A. degree from Limestone College. She resides near Cross Anchor with her husband.

## From the Alumni Office

**I**t wasn't long ago when I found myself at Spartanburg Methodist College as a freshman. Being from a small town and not having friends or family in Spartanburg I was unsure of my choice to attend SMC. However, it didn't take long for me to meet new people and make friends at college and feel that I too belonged on this campus.

Now as I reminisce on those memories, I know that I made the right decision. Many of you share those same feelings and I encourage you to reconnect with your former friends, classmates and faculty from SMC. Please visit our website at [www.smcsc.edu](http://www.smcsc.edu) to share your exciting news and update your information. Remember, it's never too late to reconnect with SMC.

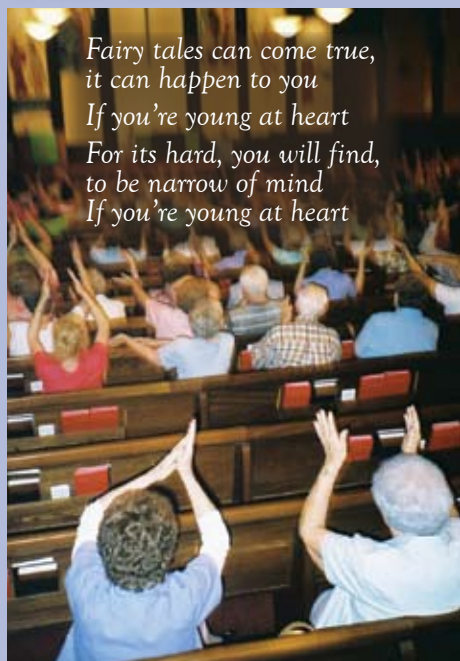


Sincerely,

**Leah L. Pruitt '98**

Director of Alumni Relations

### SMC people involved in event for seniors



*Fairy tales can come true,  
it can happen to you  
If you're young at heart  
For its hard, you will find,  
to be narrow of mind  
If you're young at heart*

The timeless Frank Sinatra song resonates with many who assert they are in the prime of life. The song title forms the name of an event August 16 sponsored by the older adults of the Spartanburg District of the South Carolina United Methodist Conference.

Yah Yah (Young at Heart) Fun Day was a time of fun and fellowship for senior adults that attracted about 224 participants from 54 churches across the state to St. James United Methodist Church in Spartanburg. Former SMC faculty member, Ira Snead, and Rev. Sam Poston (SJC '51), developed the idea for a fun gathering of older adults, which after three years has become a huge event for St. James UMC. Poston, who is the Older Adult Coordinator for the Spartanburg District, said the August event was well-received.

Yah Yah Fun Day participants enjoyed games, creative drama, and singing. Poston says everybody gets involved and the group consisted of about a "50-50" percentage of men and women. Adding to the day's fun were many door prizes and a barbecue luncheon.

The Sparkle City Red Hatters served as greeters and hostesses for the event, and performed liturgical dance. Winnie Corn (SJC '47), member of the SMC Alumni Council and Chairperson of the Sparkle City Red Hatters, said they started the day on a musical note with their band. "Everybody had a good time," said Corn. Lewis Scott, another Alumni Council member, is also involved with the event.

Poston said that the third annual Yah Yah Fun Day was a success, attracting men and

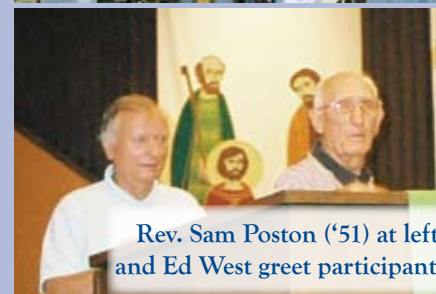
women from across the state and from various denominations. The next Yah Yah Fun Day will be held August 7, 2007.

Guest speaker Steve Price, a consultant in Leisure Ministries and is minister at large in the Foothills Presbytery of PCUSA, joined the celebration. Snead said, "If we get up there and dance, it's a good thing to see."

"The main value of (Yah Yah Fun Day) is for the aging to have a fun day," said Poston.



Former SMC Faculty member Ira Snead (standing, left) assists fellow Red Hatters



Rev. Sam Poston ('51) at left, and Ed West greet participants

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# AlumNews

## 1930s

Victor M. Smith ('33) of Florence, S.C. wrote, "I'm 93 and doing all the good I can for as many people as I can. I had a great year at TII (1932-33) and won a tuition scholarship to Wofford College."

Jack M. Andrews ('34) of Greenville, S.C. retired from Crompton & Knowles.

Sarah Hughes Lineberry ('39) is enjoying her retirement years in Spartanburg.

## 1940s

Mary Lewis King of ('40) Loris, S.C. enjoys supporting the ALF of her alma mater.

Earle B. Hamilton ('40) of Buckingham, Pa. is enjoying retirement.

Frances Trout Davis ('40) lives in Cumming, Ga.

Janette Green Burt ('40) recently wrote, "I moved to Memphis, Tenn. after my husband, Cawthon Bowen Burt, died in 2003. I loved Mississippi so much, the small towns there are wonderful. Memphis is different, the symphonies and the Broadway shows help to make life interesting. We have a wonderful symphony in Memphis. Music has always been a part of my life and my children are all musical, too!"

Helen B. Kanipe ('41) is a retired teacher in Spartanburg, S.C.

Emily Wheeler Davenport ('41) is enjoying retirement in Naples, Fla.

Lucy Tedder Davis is retired and residing in Florence, S.C.

Grady L. Kinley ('41) is a minister in Goldsboro, N.C.

Tyrus Wood ('41) is enjoying retirement in Spartanburg, S.C.

Helen Bishop Kanipe ('41) is retired in Spartanburg.

Ray P. Lybrand ('41) and his wife Edna ('42) are enjoying retirement in Albemarle, N.C.

Dr. Robert D. Warren ('41) is enjoying retirement in Danville, Pa.

Hazel J. Stringfield ('42) finds it exciting to plan for Alumni Weekend. When Hazel lost her sister in May of 2005 she missed the 2005 Alumni Weekend but plans to attend this year.

Ruth Bishop Jones ('42) of Tunkhannock, Pa. and husband celebrate 60 years of marriage on April 6, 2006.

Dorothy S. Smith ('42) is enjoying life in Columbia, S.C. Margaret H. Ford ('43) of Camden, S.C. has entered a long-term care facility.

Beatrice Olson ('43) enjoying life in Vancouver, Wash.

Ruth Myers Stewart ('44) of Aiken, S.C. and her family own Stewart Builders. Her son, J. E. Stewart Jr., is a member of the S.C. House of Representatives. Her daughter, Carol Stewart McNutta, owns Aiken Electronics. Her other daughter lives in Munich, Germany.

Lillian Catoe Galloway is enjoying retirement in Hartsville, S.C.

John M. Butler, D.D.S., ('44) of Mt. Pleasant, S.C. writes, "My health is good and I still drive!"

Marguerite Smith Compton ('44) writes, "I will be 82 in Oct. of 2006." Marguerite's daughter, Emily, graduated from

SMC in 1980. Marguerite speaks very highly of her sister, Amy Almond.

Betty Horton Barkley ('44) is enjoying retirement in Gastonia, N.C.

Lois Redford Parrott ('44) urges her classmates to "please take time to update us!" She continues to be active in church and volunteer work and enjoys her eight grandchildren, including three in college and six-year-old twin girls. She writes, "The Lord is very good to me!"

Mary Elizabeth O'Sullivan ('44) is retired in Savannah, Ga.

Edith Littlefield McIntyre ('44) loves retirement in Woodruff, S.C.

Doris C. Anderson ('46) is enjoying retirement in Spartanburg, S.C.

J. Fred Lister ('47) is enjoying retirement in Columbia, S.C.

Sara DeLoache Gibson ('47) is enjoying life in Sumter, S.C.

Vardell Cook ('48) is enjoying retirement in Lake City, S.C.

Alma Jolley Riley ('48) is retired in Columbus, Ohio.

Gilbert Littlejohn ('48) lives in Greenville, S.C. with wife Willine. He is retired from teaching.

Fred L. Salley ('48) of Salley, S.C. died November 29, 2005.

George J. Poole ('48) is retired in Duncan, S.C.

John Doug Riddle ('48) and his wife, Mich ('48), graduated from SJC, married in 1949 and has lived at same address in Taylors, S.C. since 1956. They have two children and five grandchildren and have been active for 50 years at Taylors First Baptist Church. Doug is semi-retired from Ashmore Bros. Construction. Mich retired after 30 years at Taylors First Baptist Church.

Mollie Rae Wilson Floyd ('48) received a Bachelor's and Masters from Francis Marion University and is a retired teacher. She is in the process of writing a book. Mollie has very fond memories of SMC.

Albert Bernard Martin ('49) is a retired cartographer with the USDA Soil Conservation Service in Spartanburg.

William Joe McCurry ('49) is enjoying life in Abbeville, S.C.

Willine Mauldin Littlejohn ('49) lives in Greenville, S.C. with husband Gilbert. She is retired from the J. C. Penney Co.

## 1950s

Peggy Brown Bryson ('50) enjoys retirement in Virginia Beach, Va.

Robert E. Beach ('50) is self-employed in Walterboro, S.C.

Frances Splawn Burris ('51) is enjoying retirement in Chapin, S.C.

Walter Wilcox Howle ('51) is enjoying life in Marion, N.C.

Ray F. Smith ('51) is retired in Greenville, S.C.

Frances Austin Day ('51) of Whitesburg, Ky. is loving retirement and keeping in contact with members of the Class of 1951.

Nellie Bramlett Jepsen ('52) is retired in Boiling Springs, S.C.

Maxine Fogle Owen ('52) of North, S.C. wrote, "Paul and I celebrated our 50th Wedding Anniversary on June 2, 2006. Our four children, 10 grandchildren, my Mother (age 99), and a host of friends came."

Julian Bowen ('52) and Doris Brown Bowen are both retired and enjoying their eight-year-old grandson, R. J. Howle, who lives in Aiken, S.C.

Jeannette Blakeley Hatzenbuehler of Jupiter,

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Fla. Writes, "I talked to James Venerble when in the Raleigh area. His wife, BJ, is special. I would love to be in touch with those who live down in the Myrtle Beach area as I am in Georgetown about twice a year."

L. Patrick "Pat" Cooper ('53) of LaGrange, Ga. and his wife came by for a visit during Alumni Weekend. The couple also had a high school reunion in this area the same day.

David E. Hudgins ('53) of Richmond, Va. and his wife, Roma, enjoy traveling and being with their 11 grandchildren. David and Roma have been married 49 years.

Joe Heavner ('53) of West Columbia, S.C. wrote, "Members of the Class of 1953 met for our annual spring meeting in May at Myrtle Beach, S.C. A joyous time was had by all with our host, Kenneth Holt ('53), and we look forward to our annual fall meeting in September in Pigeon Forge, Tenn."

Ruth Kelly Cannon ('54) retired as the secretary of Cannon's Camp Ground UMC on June 30, 2006 after 30 years of service.

Mary Arthur Sims Powers ('54) of Union is enjoying retirement at home.

Hoyle Edwards ('54) loves living in Rutherfordton, N.C. Betty McNeill Sells ('54) of Mobile, Ala. wrote, "My husband, Ed, and I are semi-retired in Mobile. He is on staff at Christ United Methodist Church and Betty does substitute work in some of the local schools. We enjoy our five grandchildren."

Judith C. Seagle Bishop ('55) traveled to Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, and Labrador in October, 2005.

Carolyn Hayes Culbreath, ('56) owner of Crawford Mill Supply of Woodruff,

S.C. where she works part-time, enjoys her two children and four grandsons.

Dr. J. Robert Mitchem ('56) and his wife Beverly of East Palatka, Fla. celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary by cruising the Baltic States on the Star Princess cruise ship May 21-June 2, 2006. Their daughter Debbie is a SMC student.

Ann Graham Garvis ('56) and husband Jack are enjoying life in North Charleston, S.C.

Morris Davis' widow, Rosalie ('56), lives in Savannah, Ga. Morris died in July of 2003. He was a Baptist minister and pastored churches for 40 years until June 1, 2003. They were married 45 years; have a six-year-old grandson and a two-year-old granddaughter.

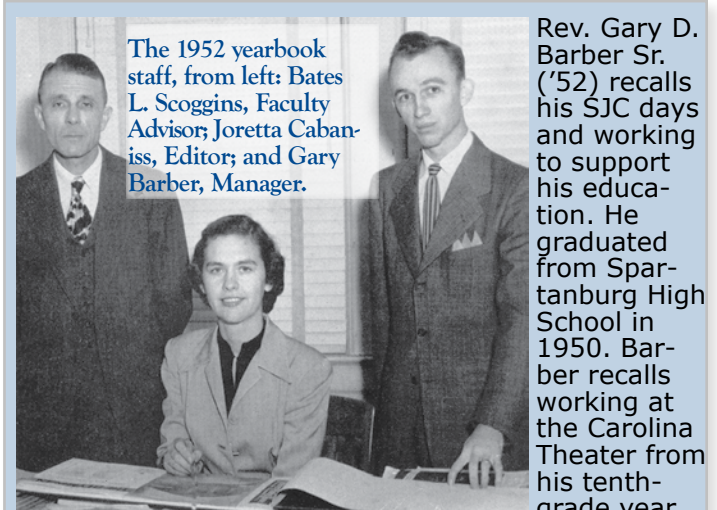
Ann Graham ('56) recalled being roommates with Frances Jones while at SJC. Marion W. Reid ('57) resides in Inman, S.C.

Jackie Fogle Smith ('57) wrote, "My husband and I are both retired but I am in my 24th year of being organist at First Baptist, Bamberg. We are the grandparents of 12 and are expecting more in the fall of 2006."

Rev. Zach Farmer ('58) of Orangeburg, S.C. retired in 2001 as a clergy member of the S.C. United Methodist Conference with 40-plus years of service as pastor of 30 churches. He published *A Field Guide to Mastering the Wind Instrument for Turkey Hunting* in 2003. He made "The Woodwind Wild Turkey Caller," which is nationally acclaimed and is valued by collectors of American Folk Art.

Harell Atkins ('59) of Duncan, S.C. is retired.

Michael L. Dozier ('59) is retired from the S.C. Department of Education and lives in Marion, S.C.



The 1952 yearbook staff, from left: Bates L. Scoggins, Faculty Advisor; Joretta Cabaniss, Editor; and Gary Barber, Manager.

Rev. Gary D. Barber Sr. ('52) recalls his SJC days and working to support his education. He graduated from Spartanburg High School in 1950. Barber recalls working at the Carolina Theater from his tenth-grade year

at Spartanburg High to his freshman year at SJC. He made 40 cents per hour in those days, receiving a weekly paycheck of \$13 after taxes and social security were deducted.

"I was fortunate that my second year at SJC Jerry Donald and I worked at Saxon Mills. We alternated working two weeks and going to school two weeks. We did four weeks of classes in two weeks. Our pay was \$1.05 per hour and all work over 40 hours was time-and-a-half. So for 48 hours we made over \$50 a week after payroll deductions. The textile mills did not carry insurance or retirement."

Barber was also a pitcher on the Baseball Team and was Business Manager for the 1952 yearbook (see photo above). He was voted "most intellectual" while enrolled at SJC. That was good enough for him to earn a \$400 scholarship to Wofford College, where he graduated in 1954. While at Wofford, Barber served as a student assistant at First Presbyterian Church in Greer. He has also served in the ministry of various Presbyterian churches in Georgia and Tennessee.

On July 30, 1961, he married Patricia Helms. From 1964 until 1984 Barber served as a Chaplain in the U.S. Air Force. "During those 20+ years I served in Massachusetts; Texas; Alaska; Florida; Missouri; Thailand; Michigan; Athens, Greece; and Biloxi, Miss. After retiring from the service in 1984, he accepted a call to pastor Covenant Presbyterian Church in Spartanburg where he served until 1987. He then went to First Presbyterian Church in Lakeland, Fla., where he served from 1988 to 1998. In all, Barber spent 40 years in the ordained ministry. Since then he has served as interim and supply pastor at various churches.

Gary and Patricia reside in Lakeland and have four grown children and eight grandchildren. Barber regrets missing the opportunity to attend his 50th class reunion in 2002 but is planning to return for the next Alumni Weekend.

### 1960s

Patricia S. Wood ('60) is a retired UM Minister who is currently residing in Greenville, S.C.

Philip D. Greer ('60) of Columbia, S.C. has retired.

William F. Hannon, III ('61) of Inman, S.C. is self-employed.

Alfred McGaha ('62) retired from Cherokee County, S.C. Schools with 36 years of experience. He now is a real estate agent with Buice Bowers Realty in Gaffney, S.C.

Edward James Buddin ('62) has retired from Rock Hill, S.C. School District 3.

Robert F. Roberts ('64) of Kershaw, S.C. writes, "My wife, Celia, and I enjoy working with S.C. Baptist Disaster Relief. Our three trips to Mississippi after Hurricane Katrina have afforded us opportunities to assist in some small way to help people rebuild their lives."

W. Ray Ridgeway ('64) works with Milliken Company in Spartanburg, S.C. as General Director of Manufacturing.

Ralph C. Driggers ('64) was recently named to the Board of Trustees at SMC. He enjoys the sun and fun at beautiful Pawleys Island, S.C.

Dr. Brenda W. Bender (Sayyad) ('65) of Moore, S.C. is retired.

Donna T. Melton ('65) is employed with Spartanburg School District 7 at E. P. Todd Elementary School.

Genghis I. Jolly ('65) lives in Suwanee, Ga. and is the Director of Sales and Marketing with G & G Graphics and Promotions, Inc. His son, David, a Clemson graduate, and family live in Greenville, S.C. David is the General Manager for Trillion Digital Communications. David and wife Anne have three daughters, ages 8, 6 and 4. Genghis wrote, "It's been a long time! I received the Spring 2006 Frontiers and enjoyed catching up. I think it was well produced and represented the College extremely well. I notice you receiving a \$10,000 check from The Spartanburg County

Foundation which brought back fond memories of when I presented a like amount on behalf of The Spartanburg Herald-Journal. It is good to see SMC is doing so well."

Zack A. Irick ('65) and wife Marilyn Harley Irick, a former Charlestonian, live in Powder Springs, Ga. They enjoy visiting the nearby Georgia Aquarium in Atlanta. The Iricks have four children.

Jane Reed Dyches ('65) is Executive Director of the Calhoun County Chamber. She is married to Claude Dyches ('69) and lives in St. Matthews, S.C.

Nancy Foust Watson ('66) is enjoying retirement in Chesnee, S.C.

Christopher J. Gazes ('66) of Glen St. Mary, Fla. is employed with G. F. Florida Operating Alpha, Inc.

Nancy F. Watson ('66) of Chesnee, S.C. is enjoying retirement.

Rev. James Correll ('67) is pastor at First UMC in Easley, S.C.

Edward W. Dickerson, Jr. ('67) retired from Spartanburg County School District 7 and is now substitute teaching and being the academic team coach at Spartanburg Christian Academy.

J. Ron Faulkenberry ('67) and Edwina Craft Faulkenberry had their third granddaughter (Elisabeth Jaymes Wood) May 17, 2006. Ron is Dean of the School of Education at Francis Marion University, Florence, S.C.

Anita Phillips ('67) of Mt. Pleasant, S.C. works with Mary Kay Cosmetics. Her son, Justin Skinner, a 1997 graduate of the Citadel, is in the movie industry. Her daughter is married and has six children.

Robert N. Davis ('68) and his wife Alice live in Pomaria, S.C. where Bob

works with Bi-Lo Stores. Roger L. Ezell ('68) of Marshall, N.C. is self-employed.

## 1970s

Erik Fred Anderson ('70) of Moore, S.C. is Senior Civic Engineer with Sinclair & Associates. W. Bernard Welborn ('70) of Greenwood, S.C. wrote, "SMC is a great institution and I am proud that I am an alumni."

Mike O'Shields ('71) of Landrum, S.C. is a part-time retired person and a part-time sales representative.

Steve Miller ('72) is a State Farm Insurance agent in Spartanburg, S.C. Steve enjoys serving the Spartanburg area.

Roger Vanderford ('74) of Lockhart, S.C., is employed with Boiler Tube of America in Lyman, S.C. His wife is the former Wanda Rodgers ('85). They have three sons: Nick, 18, Matt 15, and Hunter, 8. Nick is a member of the S.C. National Guard.

Cynthia Powell ('74) just completed her third year as Minister of Education and her 17th year in the N.C. Annual Conference. She is with the Front Street UMC in Burlington, N.C.

Dianne Smith, Ph.D. ('75) is Chair/Associate Professor at the University of Missouri in Kansas City, Mo. She graduated from the Miami University, Ohio in 1990 with a Doctor of Philosophy degree and from Winthrop University at Rock Hill, S.C. in 1983 and 1986 with a B.S. in Special Education - Educational Administration.

W. Gary McCraw ('75) of Spartanburg, S.C. received a promotion to Assistant Professor at Wofford College in May of 2006.

Gloria Elledge ('76) has

retired from her job with the government and is working with the Duncan Christian Academy using her Early Childhood degree from SMC. She takes care of her disabled husband, Marvin.

Michael B. Lee ('77) is a Senior Probation Parole Agent with the S.C. Probation/Parole/USCG and lives in Charleston, S.C.

Robert L. Rhodes ('77) of Charleston, S.C. is employed with the State of South Carolina.

Richard Wessinger ('77) is Chester County Director for the S.C. Dept. of Juvenile Justice.

Debbie Austin ('77) is an associate teacher at The Union United Methodist Church Kindergarten.

Robert Lawrence Rhodes ('77) of Charleston, S.C. has worked with Social Security since 1987.

William Edward "Ed" Lawson ('77) and his wife Alys Courtney Lawson of Conway, S.C. have two children. Ed is the owner of Lawson & Associates, PC Attorneys.

Foster M. "Billy" Routh, III ('77) of Columbia, S.C. is a Program Manager for the S.C. Budget and Control Board, former Chief of Staff to former S.C. House Speaker David Wilkins, and also presently a Project Manager for the S.C. Web Portal ([www.sc.gov](http://www.sc.gov)).

Clarice Calvert Bobo ('78) recently lost her husband, Rev. Preston B. Bobo, Sr., a UM Minister. He passed away on September 9, 2005. She lives in Easley, S.C. near her son.

Paula Evans Burks ('79) is a registered nurse with the Central Home Health Care in Douglasville, Ga.

Steve Busby ('79) and wife, Beth Phillips Busby, have a son, Aaron James Busby, 3, and a daughter, Stephanie Dianne Busby,

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2. Steve works in the CPI lab at Fuji Film. He writes, "Life does begin at 50."

### 1980s

Laura Owen Hooper ('82) is celebrating 20 years of marriage on June 28, 2006. She has been a teacher for 21 years, and is currently Reading Recovery Teacher at Lexington School District 2. Laura is raising a pre-teen and a teenager.

Andrew Nelson Kincannon ('82) of Spartanburg, S.C. married Paula Anne Bobotes October 10, 1993. They have a daughter, Shelby Anne, born January 24, 2002.

Carmen Jones ('82) owns a photography and custom framing business in Pensacola, Fla.

Mary Sczechowicz ('82) is the Financial Secretary at St. James UMC, Spartanburg, S.C.

Kimberly Couch Gordner ('84) lives with her husband, Gerald M. Gordner, II, and five children in Valencia, Spain, where Kim works as a tutor and Special Education Consultant at the American School of Valencia.

Terri Rollins Kemmerlin ('84) is a Business Education Teacher at Wade Hampton High School, Varnville, S.C.

Cynthia P. Edge ('85) teaches gifted children at Houston Elementary School, Spartanburg, S.C., lives in Lyman, S.C., and has two daughters.



Laurie Fallaw ('85) is now Student Activities director at Lander University. Fallaw

comes to Lander from Cornerstone, the Alcohol

and Drug Commission of Edgefield, Greenwood, McCormick and Abbeville counties, where she served for the past 16 years as a clinical counselor and certified addictions counselor and later moved on to become Director of Prevention Services and her most recent position as Director of Community Outreach. A native of Greenwood, Fallaw received her associate's degree from SMC then earned her bachelor's degree at Charleston Southern University. She also she earned a master's degree from East Tennessee State University. While at East Tennessee State, Fallaw got her first experience with student activities, serving as coordinator of the volunteer program in Student Activities at East Tennessee State. Fallaw said she is anxious to get started and excited for the opportunity. "I look forward to meeting the students and talking with them to find out what their areas of interest are for student activities," she said.

Wanda Rodgers ('85) and husband Roger Vanderford of Lockhart, S.C. have three sons: Nick 18, Matt, 15, and Hunter, 8. Nick is a member of the SCNG.

Brian Kuhens ('85) of Spartanburg and his wife, Donna Hennequin Kuhens, were married in December of 1986 and have a 7-year-old son, Sage Hennequin Kuhens. Brian received a B.A. degree in Philosophy from USC in 1990. He writes, "The experiences I gained at SMC have had a tremendous and lasting influence on my life and career. My family returned to Spartanburg three years ago, and we couldn't be happier about it."



Jeff Lukich ('86) and wife Mary Beth reside in Washington, Ga. with their two children, Kristin, 13, and

Boone, 9. Jeff is Director of Clarke County Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS) in Athens, Ga., and Mary Beth is Director of McDuffie County DFCS in Thomson, Ga. When Jeff isn't working he focuses on running, competing in 25-30 road races a year.

Johnnie Hollowell ('86) is a compliance analyst with SunTrust Bank, Atlanta, Ga.

Michael Swanwick ('87) and his wife Elisabeth Christian Swanwick of Staten Island, N.Y., married July 13, 2003. They have two daughters: Rebekah Grace and Leah Faith. Michael is pursuing a Doctorate Degree in Social Work, and is Assistant Director of Social Work at St. Barnabas Hospital. He is also Head Men's Soccer Coach at Manhattan College (NCAA Div. 1). Michele Keasler Gilbert ('87) and husband James Orlando Gilbert of Seneca, S.C. have two children: Talyn, 5, and Alexis, 2.



Billy Dean Blanton ('87) has been serving as Sheriff of Cherokee County since 1991.

He and his wife Pam live in Gaffney, S.C. Bill earned a Criminal Justice Associate Degree from SMC.

Ms. Ruth S. Henry ('88) is a great support to the entire SMC community, especially to the Office for Institutional Advancement.

Paula Anne Bobotes ('88) of Spartanburg, S.C. married Andrew Nelson Kincannon October 10, 1993. They have a daughter, Shelby Anne, born January 24, 2002.

Charles "Chuck" Williams ('88) and wife, Ashley have been married since Oct. 12, 1991. They live in Irmo, S.C., and have two children: Drew and Ford.

### 1990s

Rev. Blair H. Beaver ('90) is minister with First Presbyterian Church in Laurens, S.C. He and wife, Kimberly, have been married 11 years and have three children: Hannah, 9, Noah, 4, and Madison, 2.

Joy A. Kelly Johnson ('91) of Greenville, S.C. has been married 10 years, has a son, Hunter, 8, and a daughter, Sydney, 5.

Noelle Nivens ('92) of Rock Hill, S.C. has been married to Bo Beam, Sergeant First Class, U.S. Army, for nine years and has two sons: Justin, 5, and Ryan, 3. Noelle and Bo work for a family-owned business.

Leon Myers of Sumter ('92) is a photographer with WBTW News, Florence, S.C.

Takeshi Kobayakawa ('93) is working on the U.S. Army Camp in Zama, Japan as an accounting technician.

Kreig Marzolf ('94) of Anderson, S.C. has been married to Mary West since Dec. 31, 1994.

Tracy Bell Robinson ('94) and husband Doug of Kershaw, S.C. have two children: Payton Elizabeth, 10, and Allyson Paige, 5.

Amanda S. Wofford ('95) is employed with Spartanburg District 4 Schools.

Regi King ('95) married Tonya Riley of Aiken, S.C. on June 17, 2004. They live in Matthews, N.C. Regi

is a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist (through the National S & C Association). He works as a personal trainer and strength coach. The couple is involved in starting Mosaic Church in the Charlotte area.

Christine Guntsch Street ('95) and husband, Michael, live in Greenville, S.C.

Stacie Luedeke Williams ('96) of Chesnee, S.C. is a Div. Process Improvement Leader with Milliken & Co.

Brandon "Brandie" Davis Love ('98) and husband Nathan live in Florence, S.C. She is the Director of Annual Giving and Constituent Relations at Francis Marion University. Love has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in public affairs from Columbia College and an Associate in Arts Degree from Spartanburg Methodist College. Her professional and civic affiliations include the Junior League of Columbia, the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), and the Association of Donor Relations (ADRP).

Tiffany Harmon Whittle ('98) and Wesley T. Whittle have moved from Lexington to Greenville, S.C.

## 2000s

Nicklaus 'Nick' Sprouse ('02) is a S.C. State Trooper with Beaufort and Jasper Counties in the Lowcountry. He recently graduated from Coastal Carolina University with a B.A. Degree in Psychology.

Virginia Hood ('05) of Enoree, S.C. is employed with Mary Black Physicians Group in the administrative office. She is working on the SMC Paralegal Certificate. She has a two-year-old son, William Peyton Turner, whom she calls her "pride and joy!"

April Gray ('05) of Spartanburg recently wrote that she misses her days at SMC.

Ronnie Hoffman ('06) of Piedmont, S.C. writes that he is continuing his education at Southern Wesleyan University.

Lindsay Peace ('06) is currently attending USC Columbia working for a BA in Early Childhood Education.



## Military

Master Sgt. Richard Burnette ('82) received the Soldier of the Year Award

by *Army Times*. He was nominated for the award by four of his fellow soldiers. Burnette attended SMC after graduating from T.L. Hanna High School in 1980. Burnette was severely injured in a 2005 suicide bomb attack while in Baghdad on a mission to improve sewer, water and trash systems. He was on security duty when a vehicle approached him and exploded only 10 feet away. Burnette said that he was blown back by the force of the explosion, which killed approximately 17 Iraqi civilians, including several children. The award was given in recognition of Burnette's high level of professionalism, concern for fellow service members and commitment to community service.

## Births

Matthew Austin Alexander ('95) and wife Rita had their first child, Nolan Brett, on Nov. 2, 2005. He was SMC's Director of Intramurals, Admissions Assistant, and Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach 1999-2002. Austin works with Impact Baseball, Inc.

## Alum Comes "Full Circle"

Linda Corbett Holliday is a '74 alum who says she has come "full circle," enjoying her new job at her Alma Mater as Data Entry Clerk in the Office of Institutional Advancement. As a student she worked in the same office. Now retired from the Social Security Administration after 25 years of service, Linda feels right at home among the familiar faces of SMC. Holliday's husband, Michael "Doc" Holliday, also worked for SMC from 1989-1995 in a fundraising and athletic recruitment capacity. He is currently an area manager with the American Cancer Society. They have two grown children - David Holliday and Laura Dyer - both of whom recently married. Holliday is a member of Anderson Mill Road Baptist Church. Linda also enjoys traveling with her husband to various Relay for Life events.



## Marriages

Thomas E. Kent ('52) married Kathryn Hobbs on August 13, 2005. He also recently spent six weeks as an engineering consultant in Daeba, Jordan in February and March of 2005. Thomas' other travels include a trip to Thailand, Cambodia and Burma in 2004 and a trip to China in April of 2005.

Kimberlee Hope Fuller ('87) of Union, S.C. married Robert Small in May of 2006. They have two children: Nixon, 9 and Heidi Mitchell, 20. They own and manage Small's Storage and also manage other commercial property.



Earlene Smith ('89) married John Wesley Corrothers Jr. on May 27, 2006 at Mount Moriah

Baptist Church. The couple reside in Moore, S.C. She works with the Employment Security Commission in Spartanburg, S.C. and he is employed by the City of Spartanburg as Housing Manager.

Julienne Prentiss Coe ('93) married Bradford Lee James of Spartanburg on June 3, 2006. She and Brad are employed with the Spartanburg Public Safety Department.



Walter Seth Zeigler ('96) married Julie Lynne Queen in Barfield, S.C. on

March 11, 2006. Walter has a SMC Criminal Justice degree and is a lieutenant with the West Columbia Police Department.

Kelly Neil Andrews of Rock Hill, S.C. married David Scott Hunter August 21, 2004. Kelly has lived in several states, and returned to S.C. in October, 2005. Kelly works for Delta Air Lines and is married to a US Airways pilot.

## Deaths

Palmer Freeman ('36) of Fort Mill, S.C. passed away.

C. E. Kanipe, ('41) Helen B. Kanipe's husband, died on August 26, 2006. Helen is also a '41 SJC

graduate. Also surviving are his son, Rev. Smoke Kanipe, pastor of St. James UMC and a part-time faculty member at SMC. Also surviving are two grandchildren, Hannah and Nicholas Kanipe of Spartanburg.

Cecile Causey Cox ('43) of Little, S.C. died on April 23, 2006. Michelle Causey Evans, her sister, wrote that Cecile was not only her sister but her best friend whom she loved so much.

Jewel Schofield Steele ('44) died Dec. 9, 2005 in Ellettsville, Ind. at the age of 80. After SMC, she graduated from Indiana University. Jewel was the class poet and a selected commencement speaker from the 1944 sophomore class at SMC. She was a former school teacher at Nashville, Ind.

Elementary School, a long-time member of St. Marks Methodist Church, Bloomington, Ind. and an active member of their Bible Study class. The daughter of William Walther and Callie Louise Schofield, she has a twin sister, June Tucker of Gray Court, S.C.; daughters, Lisa Culver and June Nadine Culver; grandchildren, Nicole Stewart, Steven Scott Parker, Jennifer Prather Marbach, and Bre England; and great-grandchildren, Noelle, Toby and Tyler Pickler, Jackson and Taylor Stewart; and Blaze Stahl. Jewel's ashes are interred in the Tucker plot in the Dial Church Cemetery, Gray Court, S.C., where classmates from SJC shared their memories of Jewel's generosity, intelligence, humor, and

laughter at the July 2006 memorial service.

Marion K. Matthews ('46) of Denton, N.C. died in January of 2006 and his wife also died later this year. Our deepest sympathy to family and friends.

Rachel Harris Roark ('46) of Union, S.C. died May 21, 2006 at the age of 79. She was a graduate of Kelly Pinckney School, SMC, and retired from United Merchants, Union Plant after 42 years of service. She was a lifetime member of Fosters Chapel UMC and received a Mother of the Year Award on Mothers Day May 17, 2006.

Thurston Clifton Batchelor Sr. ('54) died as a result of an automobile accident. He was born in Whiteville, N.C. and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was a retired district manager with the Life of Georgia Insurance Co. and was a member of Hebron Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife, Bonnie Hanna Batchelor; a son, Walter Clinton Batchelor of Kershaw; brothers Julian M. Batchelor of Hartsville and John E. Batchelor of Effingham; sisters Ruth Carter of Timmons ville and Betty Greer of Columbia.

Julian Harold Fowler ('65) of Union, S.C. died May 2, 2006. He was a graduate of Jonesville High School and SMC, a former Fire Chief of Kelly Kelton Fire Dept. for 25 years, past President of Jonesville Elementary PTO and Jonesville Jaycees, past Chairman of Admin. Board of Jonesville UMC, a State Constable, and was employed as a Corporal with the S.C. State Transportation Police. She was a member of Jonesville Methodist Church.

M. C. Hughey ('72) of Union, S.C. died on August 18, 2006. Survivors are his wife, Margaret Vinson Hughey; two daughters, Terri Elaine Hughey and Margaret E. Newman; two sons, Phillip E. and Steven D. Hughey; and five grandchildren. He worked with the City of Union, S.C. 1950-83, and retired as Chief of Police. He was the first Public Safety Director for Union. Hughey is a U. S. Navy Veteran of WWII, and was also attached to the U.S. Marine Corps, where he served in the Pacific Theater at Guam as a Pharmacists Mate Second Class. He was a devoted member of Duncan Acres UM Church, where he was a member of the men's quartet and the church choir.

Cheryl A. Taylor ('76) of Enoree, S.C. died August 16, 2006. She was a member of Trinity UMC, a former special education teacher with the Hickory Tavern School System, a graduate of Woodruff High School, SMC and Presbyterian College. Cheryl was 50 years of age.

Teresa Towery Moore ('82) died April 28. She attended SMC and USC Upstate and had a career in retail and customer service. Teresa was a member of Second Presbyterian Church. She is survived by her daughter, Nicole Moore Allison of Spartanburg; one granddaughter, Lily Michelle Allison of Spartanburg; and a brother, Charles Neal Towery of Cowpens.

Pamela Michelle Tracy ('84) of Pacolet, S.C. died July 8, 2006. Our sympathy to her family and friends. She was a member of Salem Zion Baptist Church.

## Remembering Price

Sybil Price was recognized in 2004 during Alumni Weekend. During her years as SMC Librarian, she touched the lives of many students, faculty and staff.

Sybil Inez Price, who served as Librarian of SMC for 17 years, passed away May 9 in Laurens at the age of 96.

Price was born in Shoals Junction, a daughter of the late John Green and Rachel Ida Lorena O'Dell Price. She was an active member of Hodges United Methodist Church where she served as Sunday School Superintendent from 1975 - 2002. Price was a graduate of Ware Shoals High School in 1929 and from Spartanburg Junior College in 1944. She graduated from Lander College Cum Laude in 1946 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree and from Emory University in 1949 with Bachelor of Arts in Library Science Degree. After college, Price became County Librarian at Augusta, Ga., where she started the Bookmobile program. She then moved to Spartanburg and became Bookmobile Librarian from 1954 to 1958.

In 1958 she became Librarian at Spartanburg Junior College, where she remained until retiring in 1975. In 2004 she was recognized for her service to SMC during Alumni Weekend.



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of the College of Business and Behavioral Science at Clemson University. He previously served on the SMC Board until 2004. He has also served on the Advisory Board of BB&T of South Carolina and has been a Senior Associate of the Political Economy Research Center and as a Senior Fellow for the

Strom Thurmond Institute at Clemson. Yandle is also a Past President of the Association of Private Enterprise Education. He was also a faculty member of the Mercatus Center, George Mason University. Yandle is a member of Clemson United Methodist Church and the Clemson Fellowship Club. He resides in Clemson with his wife Dorothy Smith Yandle. They have three children: Kathryn, Bruce III and Eric.

## New Faces

*Among the new faces at SMC during the '06-'07 Academic Year are the following full-time faculty members:*



Dinkins



Farmer



Norton



Patin

Chris Dinkins comes to SMC after having served on the adjunct faculty at Wofford College. He has taught a variety of classes from English Composition to Shakespeare. A native North Carolinian, Dinkins earned his B.A. in English and Religion from Wake Forest University, and earned his M.A. degree in English at the University of Virginia. He is currently working on his Ph.D. in Renaissance Drama from the University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign. His wife Christine is a professor of Philosophy at Wofford College. They reside in Spartanburg.

Mary Jane "Jing" Farmer is a native of the Philippines who has resided in Spartanburg since 2003. She is known as "Jing" by her colleagues and friends. Her father is retired Col. Vicente Labrador and her mother is Juana Labrador, who has retired as Barangay Captain in her town in the Philippines. Farmer received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology from St. Louis University (Philippines); her Master of Arts Degree in Education with a major in Psychology from the University of the Cordilleras (Philippines); and earned a Ph.D. in Philosophy from St. Louis University. She taught for 12 years at the Philippine Military Academy, the renowned West Point of Asia. While in the Philippines, Jing met and married Greg. In 2000, they moved to the U.S., first residing in Michigan where she taught at the Henry Ford Community College and at the Monroe County Community College. Greg is a Physical Therapist for Carolina Home Health. They have a five-year-old daughter, Allana. Farmer is actively involved in the Praise and Worship team of her church, Piedmont Community Church at Boiling Springs, S.C.

Jamie Norton comes to SMC from Greenville Tech, where she taught Chemistry courses and labs. She has also taught freshman chemistry labs and intro-

ductory chemistry at Clemson University. Norton's interest in Chemistry goes back to her high school Chemistry classes. After working in industrial research and development for Cognis and Ethox, Norton decided to take her Chemistry experience into the classroom. Norton earned a B.S. Degree in Chemistry from USC Aiken and a M.S. in Environmental Chemistry from Clemson University. She is currently working on her Ph.D. in Analytical Chemistry from Clemson. Norton is a member of the American Chemical Society and the American Electrochemical Society. She resides in Greenville with her husband Vance and 10-year-old daughter Jasmine.

Ralph Patin III is the new Head Coach of the Lady Pioneers Basketball Team. For Patin, whose father, Ralph Patin, coached basketball and football in his native Louisiana, coaching is a natural progression. Patin's father was also his high school coach at Lutchter High School in Lutchter, La. Most recently Patin coached the Varsity Girl's Basketball Team at Ridgeview High School in Columbia. Before that, he coached at C.A. Johnson Preparatory Academy and coached and played while serving in the U.S. Marine Corps. Patin credits his father as being influential in his decision to become a coach. Patin attended college at Jackson State in Jackson, Miss. He is married to Nalinee Patin, and they have two children: a son, Jamal, 13, and a daughter, Jasmine, 8.

Also joining the staff in athletics are part-time coaches: Mike Foley, Men's and Women's Cross Country; Robbie Higdon, Wrestling; Karmen Smith, Dance; and Tonya Wright-Stone, Volleyball.



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