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From the President's Desk

One of the constant aspects of life is transition. The trite phrase we often hear, “out with the old and in with the new,” often refers to changing events in our lives. Birthdays, the coming of the New Year, and the change of a political administration are good illustrations of transitions in our culture.

But transitions occur in other ways as well. The season of spring brings forth a burst of color and radiance that adorn our campus. The beautiful flowers, plants, and trees that surround us proclaim that spring has returned in all its glory.

Of course, students are also in transition . . . and in transformation. Students are in the final stages of completing research papers and preparing for the last semester tests and final examinations. Our spring intercollegiate athletic teams are completing their respective seasons and, hopefully, preparing for regional, district and national competition. Some of our students are preparing for the transition from SMC to another institution where they will continue to pursue their educational and vocational goals. Although we celebrate their transition to another institution, we shall miss them because in their transformation, they have become part of us and part of our heritage as an institution of higher learning.

Just as we celebrate the transitions and transformations of our students, we also celebrate the transitions of our College. Begun in 1911, Textile Industrial Institute, the forerunner of Spartanburg Methodist College, first offered only a high school curriculum. In 1927, the Institute transitioned its mission by adding the first two-years of the collegiate curriculum. In 1942, the College changed its name to Spartanburg Junior College and transformed itself into a collegiate institution by dropping the high school curriculum. In 1974, the College changed its name to Spartanburg Methodist College, marking another important transition. We celebrate these transitions. But I hasten to add that we celebrate something just as important as transitions at SMC: Continuity.

For 80 years, we have offered the first two years of the liberal arts education that is consistent with most all four-year liberal arts institutions. At the beginning of their collegiate career, our wonderful faculty and staff enable students to successfully transition from high school to college. During their two years at SMC, students are transformed into responsible young women and men who are prepared to make the transition to senior institutions. It is comforting to know that transformation, transition and continuity resonate very well together at Spartanburg Methodist College.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Charles P. Teague". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Charles P. Teague
President



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On the cover: (Top) SMC's newest facility, which includes The Phyllis Buchheit Board Room and the Vassey Information Technology Center, opened its doors in March. (Left) SMC Board of Trustees Chairman Dan Foster says that developing a Strategic Plan is critical for the College; (Middle) History instructor Dr. Kathy Cann was recently named SCICU Educator of the Year at SMC; (Right) The Lady Pioneers tennis team enjoys a day on the court.

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SMC's newest facility, which includes The Phyllis Buchheit Board Room and Vassey Information Technology Center, opened in March 2007; (Right, l-r) James Gregg, campus Computer Operations and PC Maintenance Technician, and SMC Executive Director of Information Technology Bill Roach check on the status of one of College's computer servers.

New Board Room, IT Center Opens

Facility Will Help Address Needs As Services Grow

Space for campus meetings and information technology services just received a welcome boost with the completion of SMC's newest, yet unnamed, building.

The Phyllis Buchheit Board Room and Vassey Information Technology Center opened its doors in March.

Construction of the 4,213-square foot, \$1.1 million facility, located adjacent to the Buchheit Administration building, came in on budget and on time, says SMC Vice-President of Business Affairs Bruce Whelchel.

Trehel Corporation served as general contractor of the facility, which was designed by McMillan-Smith Architects.

College President Dr. Charles Teague says that in the strategic planning

process, the Board of Trustees identified the need to construct a new facility that would not only address the needs of the Board of Trustees, but also the needs of the College.

The new facility includes a new board room and 1,400 square feet dedicated to the College's Information Technology Department, as well as restroom facilities and a small kitchen.

The Phyllis Buchheit Board Room is named for Mrs. Phyllis Buchheit DeLapp, who serves as a trustee of the College and whose family has a longstanding tradition of support for SMC.

"The beauty of the Board Room, its elegant design, and the ability to use the room for multiple purposes will serve the College for many decades to come. We are grateful for the gifts we received from

members of Mrs. DeLapp's family that enabled this dream to become a reality," says Teague.

The Vassey Information Technology Center is named for Herbert and Rebecca Vassey, who left a bequest to the College.

"As computer technology has increased, additional space has been needed. The Vassey Information Technology Center will now serve as the technological hub for the faculty and academic program, the administrative processes, and the students of the College," says Teague.

Addressing Technology

"We were at a point where we were basically on top of each other and didn't have much room to work," says SMC Executive Director of Information Technology

Bill Roach.

That was until their new home was recently opened.

The new facility has allowed the IT department to virtually double its floor space from 700 square feet to nearly 1,400 square feet.

In the new Vassey Information Technology Center, there are two private offices, a large reception and work area for technical support, and a climate-controlled server room with additional workspace.

The server room also takes advantage of a raised floor which provides much needed space for current and future cabling needs, and zoned air conditioning.

"This is a tremendous advantage for our equipment

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Planning For SMC's Future

Board of Trustees Currently Formulating Strategic Plan

Twenty-six months after the SMC Board of Trustees met to assign seven steering committees which have been examining all elements across the board of the College's operations and objectives, the Board expects to receive reports from each of those committees at its May meeting.

In February 2005, a Strategic Statement was drafted for the College that set forth a goal of having a stable enrollment of 875 students by 2010. For the 2006-2007 academic year, 779 students were enrolled at the College.

That initial Strategic Statement also called for a new residence hall for 120 students; an academic/student life facility; a new administration building and president's home; and an increased endowment.

"We're not done by any means, but we have made significant strides regarding the Strategic Plan," says Board Chairman Dan Foster.

Since that statement was drafted, a new residence hall has been built – Sparrow Hall opened up in August 2006. The old president's house has been removed from campus and the College's president now resides in a home off-campus; and with



the addition of the Phyllis Buchheit Board Room and Vassey Information Technology Center, a new administration building has been constructed.

But the job of those seven committees established prior to the drafting of that statement has continued on.

"We thought it was important to address the core issues that will drive the future of the College," says Foster.

Each committee, made up of Board members, faculty, and staff, has used a list of eight benchmark institutions to compare and measure SMC against, each in regard to a specific area of operations – from administration, to image and marketing, and to fundraising.

The benchmark institutions include both two and four-year schools.

What the committees have found and what they are recommending will help lay the groundwork for SMC's new Strategic Plan.

"Each committee was given a directive by our Board of Trustees to engage in a study of those institutions. They were given a charge, focus, and issues to address. But a large part of what this all will come to will be reflective of where the Board sees us heading," says SMC President Charles Teague.

Foster says the results of each committee's benchmark comparisons will provide factual representation of SMC's strengths and

weaknesses.

Throughout the process, each committee has submitted quarterly reports to Dr. Teague.

"I've been very impressed with what I've seen so far and with the hard work and dedication our committees have put forth," says Dr. Teague.

The committees' final reports will go to the Board of Trustees within the next few weeks.

Along with the Strategic Plan, the Board of Trustees continues to examine the campus Master Plan.

The most recent revisions to the Master Plan are a new academic/student development center, new athletic facilities and fields, new residence

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and from a growth standpoint,” says Roach.

A back-up diesel-powered generator has been placed on-site, at the rear of the building, to keep the College’s computer systems and the majority of its phone systems online in event of a power outage.

Roach says the prime advantage of the new computing space is being able to provide added space for customer service.

“Now we have an area where students can come in and set up their computers for us to troubleshoot with more convenience,” says Roach.

He says over the summer,



(l-r) Roach and his staff, Judy Hefner, Jean Capel, and James Gregg discuss upcoming IT plans.

the IT department plans to upgrade three computer labs on campus with new computers operating Windows Vista and distribute existing computers across campus as needed.

His staff will also spend the summer expanding the campus’ wireless network into all the residence halls and some other locations on campus, along with wiring another classroom for

computer-based teaching.

The goal is to have both projects completed by the beginning of the Fall semester.

“We’ve come a long way in the past three and a half-years,” says Roach.

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halls, significant landscaping improvements, and other amenities and facilities that students may possibly see over the next several years.

“We’re not going to prioritize these projects. But the Master Plan will continue to develop as the college develops,” says Teague.

He adds that fundraising will be critical in determining when and where each of these projects will come to fruition.

Foster says after the Board reviews the committee reports, a consultant will be brought on board to assist the College with a fund-

raising feasibility study.

This study will assess the amount of resources that SMC might expect to raise during a capital campaign, given our Board resources and visibility within the community.

A case statement will then be developed to support the capital improvements indicated in the strategic planning study.

This is where image and marketing will become a major factor, says Foster.

“If we [SMC] end up being one of less than 50 two-year liberal arts, residential colleges in the country, which, if the trend

keeps up, could happen in the near future, we need to be concerned about what we’re going to do for future generations,” says Foster.

He says that despite what results come in from the committees’ study, continuing to find new, creative ways to promote the College and keep on par with technology will be critical both to fundraising and student achievement.

“All of this rolls into the formulation of a Strategic Plan. This will give us an overall roadmap for the future,” says Foster.

“It’s everything from academic programs, to

faculty, to image, to student life — and everything in between. These are all integral parts of operating a successful institution.”

Foster adds he is most proud of how much everyone has been engaged in the process and even how differences have helped guide the committees’ efforts.

“If you’ve never attempted a body of work like this, the most critical aspect is to make sure all your constituents are represented. The biggest challenge in something like this is not to give up the gains you’ve already made,” he says.

Study Underway to Examine SMC's Image

Public's Perception of College Has Impact Across the Board

One major component of the College's strategic planning efforts is a study currently being conducted by Spartanburg-based Priority Metrics Group (PMG) to evaluate the College's image within the local marketplace.

PMG, which has been in operation for 14 years, helps develop and conduct strategic planning initiatives and surveys for a wide-range of companies and organizations.

PMG's president, John Barrett, says they have worked with several Upstate colleges in the past, such as Clemson University and Presbyterian College, "but this is the first project we have conducted to this extent for an institution of higher education."

SMC President Dr. Charles Teague says, "We're very excited about what the study will show and how it will help to shape our strategic plan. We are all very impressed with the work that Priority Metrics Group has done."

The study is expected to be completed and presented to the College's Board of Trustees within the next few weeks.

During the course of the study, PMG has talked with current students and their parents, former SMC

students and alumni, local high school seniors and guidance counselors, local business leaders, and Methodist ministers about their opinions and knowledge of SMC and its programs.

"With the South Carolina market becoming increasingly more competitive, market research is now

"At the conclusion of the process, we are going to know how different constituencies identify Spartanburg Methodist College."

- Danny Philbeck, SMC Vice President for Enrollment Management

more vital than ever. At the conclusion of the process, we are going to know how different constituencies identify Spartanburg Methodist College.

"For someone in my position, this information is going to help me determine the focus and direction of my marketing activities for years to come. I am genuinely looking forward to what this research will reveal," says SMC Vice-President of Enrollment Management Danny Philbeck.

And what the study has found so far is that the College's primary competition was not from other two-year colleges in the Southeast as the Image and Marketing



committee had initially thought -- it is the local technical colleges and private four-year colleges in the Upstate region.

The study also shows that the College should continue

constituencies within the community perceive the College, that will add another dimension to help us sharpen our focus in regard to admissions, marketing, and fundraising."

By increasing its awareness in the community, the College will be able to increase its admissions pool, its selectivity, quality, and stature -- all of which hinge on its image, says Barrett.

But Barrett says that the unique character of SMC -- the fact that it is a two-year college with strong academics and athletic programs -- continues to fill a niche within the community that other local colleges cannot.

"SMC should be applauded for what it offers its students. It is truly unique in that it offers something that is currently not offered anywhere else in the region. The College has a very strong position in the marketplace," he says.

"Out of everyone we have talked to, if they are familiar with the College, they have very positive things to say about it."

to emphasize community awareness.

"Outside of students, alumni, families and/or businesses that have had direct contact with the College, the community as a whole may know it by name, but know very little about it," says Barrett.

He attributes that to the difficulty of getting a message out in a broad marketplace.

He says the study is nearing completion and all the results are being pulled together so that the committee will be able to clearly understand where the College is now and where it can grow in the future.

Teague adds, "Once we understand how different

Telling History's Stories at SMC

Dr. Kathy Cann has taught history at Spartanburg Methodist College for nearly 26 years. As a teenager, she never envisioned herself as a teacher; however, years later she says that she would not trade the experience for anything in the world.



Cann Named SMC's Recipient of SCICU Excellence In Teaching Award for 2006-2007

If you had asked Kathy Cann when she was in high school what kind of career she wanted to pursue, teaching wouldn't have been at the top of her list.

Ask her that question now and she says she wouldn't trade being a teacher.

"When I was in high school, I was a tutor. A lot of people assumed I would end up teaching, but at the time, that was the last thing I wanted to do," she says.

Cann is now in her 31st year of teaching history at the college level, having started at North Greenville College. She has taught at SMC since 1981.

This Spring, Cann was chosen as SMC's recipient of the South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities (SCICU) "Excellence in Teaching Award for 2006-2007."

The faculty at each of the 20 SCICU-member institutions select their respective recipient for this annual award. Each recipient receives a professional development grant and recognition at an SCICU-sponsored banquet.

"The Excellence in Teaching Program recognizes those undergraduate faculty members that best exhibit the qualities and skills most desired for enabling student learning," says Charlie FitzSimons, president of SCICU.

Cann, who teaches American History, World Civilizations, and Western Civilizations, says she didn't expect to receive the award and is honored just to be recognized by her peers.

"I'm excited and honored about it. I think one of the reasons I feel honored is because I have so much respect for the teaching faculty here at SMC," says Cann.

"But I do this for the kids. I really try to let them know that while learning is hard, it can

"I do this for the kids. I really try to let them know that while learning is hard, it can be fun and rewarding."

- Dr. Kathy Cann

be fun and rewarding."

Since she has been at SMC, Cann has seen many changes. At the time she started teaching at SMC, the Barrett Learning Center and Parsons Hall were the newest buildings on campus.

But the campus landscape isn't all that has changed.

She says because students' learning processes and attitudes have changed over the years, she has adapted her teaching methods.

"Students don't learn the way they used to. So I try to make sure what I talk about is relevant and supplements what they learn from the textbook," says Cann.

She turns her class into "storytime – every day."

"I try to relate the points of what they are learning through stories. History is not really about dates, it is more why and how things happen," Cann says.

Some of her personal highlights have been seeing SCICU student researchers that she has mentored go on to achieve great things.

"That's their work, not mine," she says.

Cann is currently writing a book on the history of SMC – which is due to the publisher by May 1.

"The history of this college is different from any other in the area," she says.

For her research, Cann has utilized many sources and spoken to a wide-range of people who attended and graduated from TII, SJC, or SMC.

"This is really a story about how we got from where we were to where we are," says Cann.

The project began several years ago when she asked then-SMC President George Fields if she could look into several boxes of SMC-related documents that were found in Greenville.

And since then, she has spent countless hours researching and writing.

The book, which will be published by the Hub City Writers Project, will be about 300 pages and contain about 40 photos. The College will own most copies, but others will be made available for sale in the campus bookstore.

New Faces at SMC



Teresa Ferguson
Chief of Campus Safety



Brian Fulkerson
Director of Public
Information / Webmaster



Brittany Harry
Volleyball Coach



Donald Hyder
Campus Safety Officer



Brad Vassey
Admissions Counselor

Teresa Ferguson was hired in August 2006 as Chief of Campus Safety. She has 12 years of experience as a police officer. For the past six years, she served as a School Resource Officer for Spartanburg County School District Five through the town of Duncan Police Department. Ferguson has also conducted educational programs on a variety of topics for students, parents, and teachers from the elementary level through high school. Prior to serving as a School Resource Officer, Ferguson served as a Community Patrol Officer for the Greer Police Department.

Ferguson would like to see her department grow while promoting student and faculty awareness of its resources. She also wants to educate students about how the law affects them.

Chief Ferguson is the first female chief among the six Spartanburg colleges, and only the second in the Upstate of South Carolina.

Ferguson recently earned a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice Administration from the University of Cincinnati. She received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Liberal Studies from Limestone College. Ferguson is a graduate of the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy and has completed courses in several areas of specialization in law enforcement.

Ferguson resides in Lyman with her son, Shaun. She is a trustee and member of Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church in Greenville.

Brian Fulkerson was hired in October 2006 as Director of Public Information and Webmaster. He is a 1996 graduate of Clemson University, with a B.A. in Political Science.

As Director of Public Information, Fulkerson serves as the primary media spokesman for the college. He is also responsible for overseeing campus publications, graphic design, photography, and print needs; updating and development of the college's website; and serves as editor of the *Frontiers* magazine.

Fulkerson, 32, has nearly 10 years of combined experience as a journalist, having worked with several Upstate newspapers on

a full-time and freelance basis. Most recently, he worked at the Upstate Alliance as a Business Development Specialist and prior to that at WYFF as an online editor for Internet Broadcasting.

Fulkerson and his wife, India, live in Taylors and are active members of First Presbyterian Church of Greer.

He is also an Eagle Scout. In his spare time, he enjoys photography, golfing, skiing, computers, and reading.

Brittany Harry was hired in January to coach the Lady Pioneers volleyball team starting in the 2007-2008 season.

Harry played from 2002-2005 on the USC Upstate women's volleyball team, serving as team captain in its 2005 season. She is a two-time USC Upstate Defensive Player of the Year for women's volleyball, as well as the team's second all-time digs leader. She was also named to second team of the All Peach Belt Conference in 2005.

While at USC Upstate, Harry also served as a special advisor to the USC Upstate Student Athletic Advisory Committee. She currently serves as a scorekeeper and in sales and promotions for the Spartanburg Crickets, and has held a sports information internship with the USC Upstate athletic department.

She will receive a B.A. in Communications, with an emphasis in Journalism, from USC Upstate this spring.

Her coaching experience includes working as a Wofford College summer camp volleyball coach, as head coach for the high school age girls volleyball club at Club South Volleyball in Spartanburg, and as a summer volleyball camp coach at Champaign Central High School in Champaign, Illinois. She has also worked as a sports desk clerk at the Spartanburg Herald-Journal.

Donald Hyder was hired in January to serve as a Campus Safety Officer.

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New Faces at SMC

Hyder, 39, previously served as a police officer for the City of Union's Police Department for four years and is a 2000 graduate of the South Carolina Police Academy. He also serves as a volunteer fireman. He currently works third shift at SMC, while covering other shifts as needed.

In addition to his duties at SMC, Hyder also is a third-generation barber. He is the owner of Hyder's Barber Shop, where he has worked for 18 years.

Hyder is also a part-time contractor and also enjoys racing late model TNL race cars. He resides in Union and says that he and his girlfriend are talking about getting engaged this year.

Brad Vassey, a 2003 SMC graduate, was hired in January to serve as its newest admissions counselor. Vassey, 25, has an Associate in Science degree with a concentration in

Business Management from SMC. He is also a 2005 graduate of Charleston Southern University with a B.S. in Youth Ministries.

As an admissions counselor, Vassey will be responsible for promoting the college and recruiting students at various events and at high schools in South Carolina. His primary recruiting area will be the Pee-Dee and Grandstrand regions of the state.

Vassey, a Campobello native and 2000 Chapman High School graduate, previously worked at Ritz Camera in Spartanburg.

He and his wife Carrie, who is also a SMC graduate, have been married for one-and-a-half years. They live in Inman and are currently restoring a 100-year-old home.

In his spare time, Vassey enjoys photography and basketball.

SMC Student Activities, Leadership Recognized

Kim Day, SMC's Director of Student Activities and Leadership Development, along with the college's activities programming board, was recently recognized by the Association for the Promotion of Campus Activities (APCA) for service in the field of student activities.

Day received an APCA Leadership Award during the organization's annual conference in Atlanta. Award recipients are selected by the organization staff and are honored at a private luncheon at the conference.

The award recognizes individuals who have shown dedicated service to the field of student activities.

The APCA is a national campus activities orga-



Spartanburg Methodist College POPS members (l-r) Ray Pugh, Josh Williams, Wanda Sherlock, and Halsey Carey, along with (front) group advisor and SMC Director of Student Activities and Leadership Development Kim Day at the recent APCA national conference.

nization that services the needs of campus activities programming departments throughout the United States.

SMC's programming board, People Organizing

Programs Successfully (POPS), was also recognized as one of four finalists in the nation for the APCA Shoestring Budget Award. This award is given to a program board who

puts together outstanding programming on a limited budget. "While we did not win, being a finalist for this award was such an honor," says Day, who also serves as POPS advisor.

"The students on SMC's programming board do work hard and put on great programs and activities on a small budget, especially compared to other campuses similar in size and purpose. I am very proud of them," Day adds.

SMC's Dean of Students, Dr. Art Hartzog, is also quite pleased with Ms. Day's award and the programming nomination.

"We are so fortunate to have Kim Day on our staff guiding students in the areas of programming, leadership and orientation," says Hartzog.

Stephenson Retires After 42 Years At SMC



Above, Terry Stephenson holds his granddaughter Grace during the December 2006 retirement dinner that SMC faculty and staff held in honor of Stephenson's years of dedication to the College.

For 42 years he was a fixture on the campus of Spartanburg Methodist College. But in the Fall of 2006, Terry Stephenson hung up his jacket and retired from the institution.

During his time at SMC, Stephenson served the College in a variety of aspects as a teacher of Computer Science and Mathematics, as well as serving as coach, and as the College's first Director of Computer Services.

The SMC faculty and staff wish Terry all the best in his retirement.



Above (l-r) Mary Beth and Paul Lofton sign a book of memories and congratulations which was presented to Terry Stephenson at his retirement dinner.

SMC Employee's Artwork Showcased Locally



Scott Deskins is very humble about his talents. He says, "I start to see images of things that become my artwork," Deskins says.

Deskins, a 1999 graduate of SMC with an Associate in Arts, recently had 18 of his paintings showcased this winter at the Showroom Gallery and Performance Hall in downtown Spartanburg.

Although he describes himself as being very creative, he says that he never expected his artwork to receive as much attention as it has been getting in recent months.

This past fall, Deskins entered a call for artists put out by the gallery, which hosts monthly art exhibits.

He says he gets a lot of his inspiration while working as a groundskeeper at SMC.

"People don't think there is a lot of silence in my job. But the drone of the leaf blowers and lawn mowers gives me time to think and inspires me. When I'm doing that, I

Deskins, who also has a talent for writing, says, "Images stay in my mind easier than words."

He says that he has been keeping journals since he was in seventh grade, and that his artwork, which usually starts out as a "doodle," is an extension of that writing.

"A lot of times, I'll have a doodle in my notebook, and then I will see a color somewhere that would be a good fit for it."

"And I'll just go from there. I don't really know if my art is a particular style, but I'd say it's cartoony and colorful," he says.

And his artwork is getting a lot of positive reaction. He has already sold 15 pieces this year.

Deskins and his wife Nadia, who is also an artist, have been married for almost a year and a half. The couple have one son, Desmond.

2006 A Record Year For Fundraising

Spartanburg Methodist College received more actual cash contributions in the calendar year 2006 than any other year in its 96-year history.

The College received more than \$2,234,437 for academics and athletics. Substantial increases occurred in the College's Annual Fund Program, which reached its

goal for the 27th straight year, and the Capital Fund, which exceeded its goal by 78 percent.

"Contributions of TII/SJC/SMC alumni and friends enables our academic and athletic programs to be among the most well-thought of in the region," says SMC President Charles P. Teague.

"Support from the private sector is critical to our work at SMC, thus allowing us to help strengthen our state and nation. The hopes of future generations of SMC students are directly related to financial contributions."

Teague says that SMC must continue to improve its financial position through gift income programs to

address areas of deferred maintenance, capital upgrades to the physical plant and to strengthen academic programs.

Financial contributions also enhance the College's ability to maintain excellent classroom experiences and servant learning programs that support total student learning.

Reports For SACS Reaffirmation Underway

SMC is currently progressing further into its 10-year reaffirmation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

SACS is the accrediting entity for all public and private schools, including primary, secondary, and higher education, in an 11-state region across the southern United States.

Dr. Ann Bowles, SMC's institutional liaison to SACS, says that the College is ahead of the curve, having started the process in January 2006.

The College's institutional compliance report, which covers virtually every aspect of the College's operations -- from financial to academic, and on -- is being headed up by Dr. Mark Gibbs. The report is required to be completed and submitted to SACS in March 2008.

"We're well underway with our compliance report. Each institution has to complete one of these reports as part of the reaffirmation process, and they're very time consuming," says Bowles.

In May of 2008, an off-site SACS team will review the compliance report submitted. Clarifying questions

will be sent back to SMC following that review.

Bowles says that most colleges receive clarifying questions back from SACS upon first review of their compliance report.

"A tremendous focus of the reaffirmation process now relates to assessment of students and learning outcomes, and, in turn, using those to improve. That is a very integral part. We're now looking very closely at how we influence student learning," says Bowles.

A recent change to SACS' reaffirmation process requires each institution accredited by SACS to submit a Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), which describes an in-depth focused plan to enhance student learning outcomes.

At SMC, the QEP is currently under development. Professor Eunice Knouse is serving as Director of QEP.

"There has been a campus-wide process related to discovering the topic for about two years," says Bowles.

Most recently, the QEP committee announced that the College's QEP would focus on establishing learning communities on campus. The fine

details of the College's QEP are still, however, under development.

The QEP is required to be submitted to SACS in July 2008 and will be evaluated in early fall of that year.

Bowles says the implementation of the QEP won't be started until its approval by SACS.

The organization will do a follow-up with SMC a few years after the QEP is implemented.

The on-site SACS visit, however, will be held in the Fall of 2008. A review will be sent back after that visit, perhaps requiring the College to strengthen specific areas that did not meet the standard for affirmation, by March of 2009.

In December 2009, a board of 77 SACS commissioners will vote whether to reaffirm SMC's accreditation.

She says that with each reaffirmation, colleges and universities set new goals and objectives for the next time around.

"Periodically, SACS establishes new standards of quality. These standards require member institutions to strive for continuous improvement," she says.

Saying 'Thank You' to Our Donors

Donor Appreciation Dinner 2007



(Above, l-r) SMC Director of Development Don Tate talks with Rev. Joe Brown, SMC Board of Trustees member Patsy Simmons, and Dr. John Simmons.

(Right) Mrs. Kibler Atchison, SMC Board of Trustees member Charles Atchison, Jayne Case, Steven Hahn, and Sook Kyung Hahn.



(Above) Dr. Charles Teague and wife Daune speak with Fletcher and Ruth Thompson during the reception



On Feb. 14, Spartanburg Methodist College held its annual Donor Appreciation Dinner, recognizing the alumni, friends, faculty, and staff who gave generously of their time and resources in support of the College in 2006.

The event was attended by nearly 150 donors, who were given the opportunity to hear words of gratitude first-hand from students and a parent.

In 2006, more than \$3.8 million in commitments were generated from supporters of the College.

SMC Sophomores Stephen Miller and Amanda Shelnutt, as well as Mrs. Suzy Shealy, whose daughter Elizabeth is a Sophomore at SMC, thanked those in attendance for their generous support. Miller, Shelnutt, and Elizabeth Shealy all have received financial assistance from SMC scholarships to help pay for their costs of attending the College.



(Above) The SMC Troubadours, under the direction of Miranda DiMarco, debuted some of their songs from their Spring Tour at the college's annual Donor Appreciation Banquet.



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Mr. John T. Tate
Mr. Fletcher D. Thompson ~ 1941
Mr. Ray E. Thompson, Jr. ~ 1977
Mrs. Audria U. Tolson ~ 1956
Mrs. Kerry B. Van Winkle
Mr. and Mrs. L. Harrall Walker
Mr. and Mrs. Bruce B. White
Mr. Myles W. Whitlock, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Wynn, III
Mr. and Mrs. William Young
The Bailey Foundation Scholarship
South Carolina Independent Colleges & Universities
The Bank of America Scholarship
South Carolina Independent Colleges & Universities
The Bill G., Sr. and Elizabeth F. Bowers Endowed Scholarship

Mr. and Mrs. Bill G. Bowers, Sr.
Mrs. Ella Mae Ackerman Bowers ~ 1972
Rev. Michael Esley Bowers ~ 1974
The Michael E. Bowers and Ella Mae Ackerman Bowers Endowed Scholarship
Mrs. Ella Mae Ackerman Bowers ~ 1972
Rev. Michael Esley Bowers ~ 1974
The Sophie S. Brannon Endowed Scholarship
Mr. James E. Brannon ~ 1944
Mr. and Mrs. James H. Brannon
The Katherine J. "Kit" Brown Endowed Scholarship
Mrs. Ella Mae Ackerman Bowers ~ 1972
Rev. Michael Esley Bowers ~ 1974
Rev. Joe K. Brown
Raymond James Trust Company
The David English Camak Scholarship
Mrs. Blair C. LaRocca
The A.G. Carter Endowed Scholarship
Mr. and Mrs. John Phillip Hodges
The Martha Cloud Chapman Endowed Scholarship
The Gibbs Charitable Foundation
The Walter "Butch" Cherry Endowed Athletic Scholarship
Ms. Susan Peake Cherry-Casey
The Chesterfield County Endowed Scholarship
B. C. Moore Foundation
The Malloy Foundation
The Class of 1941 Endowed Scholarship
Mr. Cecil D. Bishop ~ 1941
Mr. William C. Boyd ~ 1941
Mr. Grady L. Fincher ~ 1941
Mr. Ward Johnson ~ 1941
Mrs. Edna Stanley Lybrand ~ 1942
Mr. Ray P. Lybrand ~ 1941
Mr. Joseph S. Momier ~ 1941
Mrs. Viri Morrow Momier ~ 1941
Mrs. Mary Gault Smith ~ 1941
Mr. Fletcher D. Thompson ~ 1941
Mrs. Ruth DeLoache Thompson ~ 1942
The Class of 1948 Endowed Scholarship
Mrs. Goldie Sprouse Bryant ~ 1948
The Class of 1953 Endowed Scholarship
Mr. Joe C. Heavner ~ 1953
Mr. Hugh R. Lancaster ~ 1953

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The Class of 1990 Endowed Scholarship

CR Insurance Co., Inc.

The Robby Cook and Ken Roach Endowed Scholarship

Mr. Kenneth Crenshaw

Mr. William D. Fortenberry ~ 1981

The Dantzler Scholarship

First National Bank of S. C.

The Olga George Darden

Memorial Scholarship

Mrs. Sam A. George

The Ocie Floride Smith Dean Scholarship

South Carolina United Methodist Foundation

The Duke Power Company Scholarship

South Carolina Independent Colleges & Universities

The Duncan Memorial United Methodist Church Endowed Scholarship

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne P. Baldwin

Mr. Jeff Calvert

Duncan Memorial UMC

Mrs. Louise Foster

Mr. James H. Franklin ~ 1963

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Mr. and Mrs. Michael C. Humphries

Mrs. Vera Jayne Fricks Marsh

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Messer

Mr. and Mrs. Denny E. Mobbs

Mr. Aaron W. Turner ~ 1954

Mr. and Mrs. N. Frank Waldrep, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Wally Waldrop

Mr. Allen Bruce Williams

Mr. Micheal S. Williams

The Iris Clardy Ellis and Loraine Ellis Memorial Scholarship

Bank of America

Dr. Charlotte Lindler Ellis

Mr. and Mrs. J. Randal Lee

Mrs. Catherine H. Thompson ~ 1956

Mr. Harold D. Thompson ~ 1959

The Fred M. and Sara W. Epting Scholarship

Mrs. Fred M. Epting

The Thomas F. Evatt Endowed Scholarship

Rev. and Mrs. Thomas F. Evatt

Ms. Robyn Miller Whatley

The Louise and Vernon Foster Endowed Scholarship

Mrs. Ella Mae Ackerman Bowers ~ 1972

Rev. Michael Esley Bowers ~ 1974

Mrs. Louise Foster

Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Moore ~ 1966

The J. L. Geddis Honorary Endowed Scholarship

Mrs. Jenny Dunn

Rev. John W. Hipp, Jr. ~ 1973

The Mary Lynn Gosa Memorial Scholarship

Mrs. Joy L. Weisner ~ 1998

Mr. William G. Weisner ~ 1991

The Marion Rhett Gramling Scholarship

The Hugh and Sally Lalor Trust

The Betty S. Griffin Endowed Scholarship

Mr. John S. Benfield ~ 1976

Rev. Susan A. Bennett, D. Min.

Dr. Katherine D. Cann

Ms. Janet L. Francis

Ms. Betty S. Griffin

Ms. Ann Payne Howard

Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Lansberry

Mrs. Joe Ann Lever

Ms. Nan G. Maddux

Mr. Zerno E. Martin Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn L. McDuffie

Ms. Sarah S. Miller

Ms. Elaine W. Poovey

Mrs. Ira J. Snead

Spartanburg County Foundation

Ms. Mary Ellen Suitt

Dr. and Mrs. Friedrich V. Wenz

Ms. Elsie R. Wright

The Hammond Family Memorial Endowed Scholarship

Dr. Gaines W. Hammond, Jr.

The John Webster Henry Memorial Scholarship

Mrs. Miriam Smoak Henry ~ 1980

Mr. and Mrs. H. Garland Smoak

The Marvis and John P. Henry Family Scholarship

Mr. John P. Henry ~ 1964

Mrs. Marvis Wiggins Henry ~ 1963

Waccamaw Community Foundation

The J. Edgar Hoover Memorial Scholarship

Mr. Raymond P. Barry

Mrs. Harry C. Belk

Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Brunner

Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Conroy

Mrs. Virginia L. Hughes

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Kicklighter

Mr. John F. McCormack

Mr. Joe P. Parker

Mr. and Mrs. Bertil W. Rolander

Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Schaaf

Mr. Fletcher D. Thompson ~ 1941

Mrs. Ruth DeLoache Thompson ~ 1942

The A.V. and Margaret Wannamaker Huff Faculty Endowment

Dr. and Mrs. A. V. Huff, Jr.

The William B. Kerfoot Memorial Endowed Scholarship

Dr. and Mrs. William W. Kerfoot

The Liz Kuhn Endowed Scholarship

Ms. Dorothy S. Jolley

Mrs. Sherrill Hege King

Ms. Peggy McCallister

Mr. and Mrs. Billy W. Wood

The Michael B. and Nita B. Lee Endowed Scholarship

The Arthur Vining Davis Foundation

Bill and Mary Frances Lee Cantrell ~ 1958

Mr. Michael B. Lee III ~ 1962

The Thomas C. Littlejohn, Sr., Family Scholarship

Coveney-Little John Farm, Inc.

The Lofton Fund

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Adkins

Ms. Jane Brackett

Dr. Katherine D. Cann

Mr. David Paul Johnson

Mr. and Mrs. Tom P. LaRoache

Mr. Fletcher D. Thompson ~ 1941

Mrs. Ruth DeLoache Thompson ~ 1942

Mr. and Mrs. John O. Towles

The R.E. and Mary B. Lyda Endowed Scholarship

Colorsources, LLC

Mr. John W. Lyda ~ 1965

Mrs. Ira J. Snead

The Rephilla H. (Phil) Lynn Memorial Scholarship

Mr. John S. Benfield ~ 1976

Mr. Maxcy C. Lynn, Sr.

The Bill and Novella McNeill Endowed Scholarship

Edward and Beth McNeill Marks, Jr.

The C. B. "Slim" Mooneyham Memorial Scholarship

Mrs. Lillian C. Mooneyham

The Virgilia C. Moore Endowed Scholarship

Ms. Anne Brady Moore

Mr. John P. Moore

Spartanburg County Foundation

The United Methodist Scholarship

South Carolina United Methodist Conference

The Sam and Bobbie Poston Endowed Scholarship

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas B. Baker

Rev. A. Eugene Eaddy

Dr. and Mrs. George D. Fields, Jr.

Rev. David W. Holder ~ 1962

Mrs. Madora B. Holder ~ 1977

Ms. Barbara A. Latham

Rev. and Mrs. Dennis R. Lee

Dr. and Mrs. Paul S. Lofton, Jr.

Rev. Allen E. Long ~ 1954

Mrs. Jean Bell Long ~ 1955

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie L. McMillan, Jr.

Ms. Sarah S. Miller

* Rev. Samuel H. Poston ~ 1951

Mrs. Ira J. Snead

Rev. and Mrs. Robert G. Strother

Ms. Mary Ellen Suitt

Dr. and Mrs. Charles P. Teague

The Presidential Scholarship

Branch Banking & Trust Company

Dr. and Mrs. Charles P. Teague

The Mary Connor Price

Memorial Scholarship

South Carolina United Methodist Foundation

The Sybil I. Price Endowed Scholarship

Mrs. Lorena Agnew

Mrs. Ella Mae Ackerman Bowers ~ 1972

Rev. Michael Esley Bowers ~ 1974

Centerline, Inc.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Hill

Ms. Mary P. Hodges

Rev. James W. Johnston

Mrs. Becky Hodges Kirkland ~ 1963

Mr. and Mrs. Royce L. Leopard

Ms. Deborah L. Price

Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey W. Price

Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus L. Shealy

The John and Jim Ramsey Endowed Scholarship

Diamond Hill Plywood Co.

The Rotary Scholarship

Spartanburg County Foundation

Saint Matthew United

Methodist Church Scholarships

St. Matthew UMC - Greenville

The SCANA Corp./SCE&G

Annual Scholarship

South Carolina Independent Colleges & Universities

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The Spartanburg County Foundation Scholarship

Spartanburg County Foundation
The Agnes and Cyrus Shealy Endowed Scholarship

Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus L. Shealy
Wachovia Securities Retail Inv. Gp.
The Agnes Brown Sill Endowed Scholarship

Ms. Bethany S. Cecil
Mr. Phillip R. Sill ~ 1965
The Patsy Tinsley Simmons Endowed Scholarship

Mr. John W. Simmons, Jr.
Dr. and Mrs. John W. Simmons
The John McMahon Smoak Memorial Scholarship

Mrs. Miriam Smoak Henry ~ 1980
Mr. Michael L. O'Shields ~ 1971
Mr. Daniel L. Philbeck ~ 1974

Mrs. Deborah C. Philbeck ~ 1973
Mr. and Mrs. H. Garland Smoak

The Sonoco Products Company Annual Scholarship
South Carolina Independent Colleges & Universities

The O. D. Sparkman Honorary Endowed Scholarship
Metropolitan Life Foundation
Mr. Gregory D. Sparkman ~ 1979

The H. Booker Sparrow Memorial Scholarship
Mr. J. Wesley Sparrow, Jr. ~ 1978

The Paul K. and Louise H. Starnes End. Scholarship
Exxon Education Foundation
Mrs. Louise Hart Starnes ~ 1940

The Walter Terry and Gloria Raylene Stephenson Endowed Scholarship

Mr. and Mrs. W. Terry Stephenson
The Josephine Alexander and Paul Calvert Thomas Memorial Scholarship

Mr. and Mrs. W. Don Bain, Jr.
Spartanburg County Foundation
The Fletcher D. Thompson and Ruth DeLoache Thompson Endowed Scholarship

Mr. Fletcher D. Thompson ~ 1941
Mrs. Ruth DeLoache Thompson ~ 1942

The Benjamin R. Turner Endowed Scholarship
Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Turner
The United Methodist Foundation Scholars Program
Board of Higher Education and Ministries
United Methodist Higher Education

Foundation

The UPS Annual Scholarship
South Carolina Independent Colleges & Universities

The Sallie Lybrand Ward Scholarship
Spartanburg County Foundation
The Sallie Lybrand Ward Fund

The Robert D. Warren Endowed Scholarship
Dr. Robert D. Warren ~ 1941

The Lettie Pate Whitehead Annual Scholarship
Lettie Pate Whitehead Foundation

The W. B. Wilkerson Family Endowed Scholarship
York Soil & Water Conser. District

The W. B. Wilkerson, Jr. Memorial Endowed Scholarship
York Soil & Water Conser. District

An Opportunity to Obtain a Part of SMC History

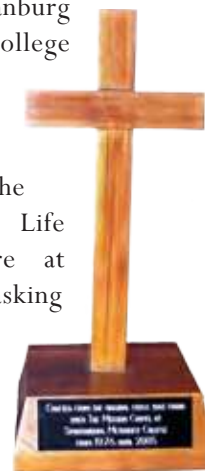
The Mission Chapel at SMC was constructed in 1976 and has served as the center of the Religious Life Programs since that time. In late 2005, it became apparent that the original cross that stood tall over the chapel should be replaced because of water damage to the base of the cross.

Some members of the SMC family suggested we do something to preserve this significant part of the SMC history. Now, after working with a local craftsman, we are pleased to have a limited number of replica crosses that we can offer to alumni and friends of the college.

The crosses are constructed from the original Western Cedar cross. They stand 10 inches tall with a base that is 4½ inches square. Each cross is sealed with furniture-grade conversion varnish and has a plate inscribed "Crafted from the Original Cross that Stood Over The Mission Chapel

at Spartanburg Methodist College from 1976 until 2005."

As a way to honor the Religious Life Program here at SMC, we are asking anyone who would like to receive one of these crosses to make a



minimum contribution of \$100, made payable to: SMC – Cross Project.

Because of the limited number available, we will send these on a first-come, first-served basis. All proceeds will benefit the Student Scholarship Fund to help needy students.

Please complete the attached form and send it with your check in the gift return envelope included in this magazine, or mail to: SMC – Cross Project, 1000 Powell Mill Road, Spartanburg, SC 29301.

☐ Enclosed is my check or money order in the amount of \$_____ made payable to: SMC – Cross Project.

☐ My credit card: () VISA () MasterCard () American Express

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: ____ / ____ / 20____

☐ On-line giving: www.smcsc.edu

Please ship my cross to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

SMC Co-Sponsors Legislative Appreciation Luncheon



(Top, l-r) Karen Wilkins, Rep. Lanny Littlejohn, Mark Wilkins, and Josh Wilkins talk following the luncheon. Josh is an SMC student.

(Bottom, l-r) SMC Board of Trustees Chairman Dan Foster and SCICU director Wayne Landreth talk to Rep. Scott Talley.



On Dec. 8, SMC, along with Wofford College, Converse College and Limestone College, co-sponsored an appreciation luncheon for members of the Spartanburg, Cherokee, and Union County legislative delegations.

More than 80 people attended the event held at Wofford College, including students from each college, their parents, and key representatives and trustees of each college.

Those students and parents were given the opportunity to thank the state legislators first-hand for their continuing support of the South Carolina Tuition Grants program and other forms of funding for higher education in the state.

Facts About SCICU and S.C. Tuition Grants

- SCICU's member institutions award 26% of the State's four-year degrees. This translates into more than 32,500 students annually, of whom approximately 75% are from South Carolina.
- Only South Carolina residents attending a SCICU member institution are eligible for state tuition grants.
- Approximately 93 percent of Spartanburg Methodist College's student body are South Carolina residents.
- The current maximum S.C. Tuition Grant award per student is \$3,100.

Annual Letter Campaign Allows Students to Thank Legislators

More than 200 Financial Aid at Spartanburg Spartanburg Methodist Methodist College.

College students recently participated in an annual letter writing campaign is a state-wide effort, sponsored by the South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities.

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In the 2006 – 2007 academic year, 500 SMC students have received more than \$1.4 million in Tuition Grant funds from the state. The current maximum award per student is \$3,100.

Spartanburg Methodist College's recently approved tuition for the 2007 – 2008 academic year is \$10,850.

"Tuition Grants allow our in-state students to offset



SMC Sophomore Bryan Smith and Freshman Brad Cochran write letters of appreciation to their local South Carolina state legislators.

approximately 29 percent important that we recognize of their tuition. Because the role our legislators play of South Carolina Tuition in higher education – and Grants, many of our students coming from the students are provided an academic themselves, those words of opportunity that they might appreciation really mean a not have otherwise. It is very great deal," says Sparks.

Scholarship Opportunities at SMC

Endowed Scholarships

Through generous gifts and bequests of scholarship funds by alumni and friends of the College, several endowed scholarships have been established for qualified students. These scholarship funds have a minimum balance of \$10,000 each and awards from these funds are supported by income from the endowed funds. The awards are given in accordance with guidelines established for each endowed scholarship.

The Warren H. Abernathy Americanism Scholarship
The Aiken Family Endowed Scholarship
The William E. Andrews Endowed Scholarship
The Atkins/Miller Family Endowed Scholarship
The Neetumn G. and Homerene Bagwell Endowed Scholarship
The V.C. "Vic" Bailey, Jr. Honorary Scholarship
The Jesse Rutledge Baker Memorial Scholarship
The Earl and Debra Chambers Baker Memorial Scholarship
The Ballenger Family Scholarship
The James L. Belin Endowed Scholarship
The Paul Black Memorial Scholarship
The Anna M. Bock Endowed Scholarship
The Bill G., Sr. and Elizabeth F. Bowers Endowed Scholarship
The Michael E. Bowers and Ella Mae Ackerman Bowers Endowed Scholarship
The Sophie S. Brannon Endowed Scholarship
The Jean Casey Brittain Scholarship
The Thelma Kiser Brooks Endowed Scholarship

The Katherine J. "Kit" Brown Memorial Scholarship
The Walter J. Brown Memorial Scholarship
The Buchheit Family Scholarship
The George Ernest Burwell Memorial Endowed Scholarship
The David English Camak Scholarship
The Jule K. and DeArmond E. Canaday Endowed Scholarship
The A.G. Carter Endowed Scholarship
The Paul D. and Joy W. Carter Endowed Scholarship
The Case-Gaul Athletic Scholarship
The Martha Duckworth Cavin Endowed Scholarship
The Chesterfield County Endowed Scholarship
The Class of 1938 Endowed Scholarship
The Class of 1941 Endowed Scholarship
The Class of 1948 Endowed Scholarship
The David A. Clyburn, Sr. Memorial Scholarship
The Lewis M. Clyburn Scholarship
The Brooks and Virginia Connor Scholarship
The Crenshaw Athletic Scholarship
The Lila E. and Sidney R. Crumpton Endowed Scholarship
The Olga George Darden Memorial Scholarship
The Lacy and Betty Davis Endowed Scholarship
The Bishop Cyrus Dawsey Scholarship
The Martha L. Dockins and Freshman Class of 1947 Memorial Endowed Scholarship

The Gaynelle Doty Endowed Scholarship
The Duncan Memorial United Methodist Church Endowed Scholarship
Ellenburg Family Athletic Scholarship
The Iris Clardy Ellis and Loraine Ellis Memorial Scholarship
The Thomas F. Evatt Endowed Scholarship
The Dr. John S. Featherston Endowed Scholarship
The Fields-Ammons Scholarship
The Emily McEachern Fincher Endowed Scholarship Fund
The A. Mickey Fisher Endowed Scholarship
The Alex and Clara Foster Scholarship
The Blanche C. and J. Howard Foster Endowed Scholarship
The Don Foster Endowed Scholarship
The Louise and Vernon Foster Endowed Scholarship
The W. Neal Freeman Memorial Athletic Scholarship
The J. L. Geddis Honorary Endowed Scholarship
The Brunson George Scholarship
The Mary Lynn Gosa Memorial Scholarship
The Marion Rhett Gramling Scholarship
The Lemuel A. Grier, Sr. Endowed Scholarship
The Betty S. Griffin Endowed Scholarship
The R. C. Griffith Endowed Scholarship
The Dr. John Guthrie Endowed Scholarship
The John Webster Henry Memorial Scholarship
The Marvis and John P. Henry Family Scholarship
The J. Edgar Hoover Memorial Scholarship

The Horry County Endowed Scholarship
The Connie B. Howard Endowed Scholarship
The Feltham S. James Scholarship
The Olin D. Johnston Endowed Scholarship
The Doris Adair Howe Kilkuskie Memorial Scholarship
The William R. Kinnett Endowed Scholarship
The Liz Kuhn Endowed Scholarship
The Lancaster County, Fort Mill, Chester, Lyman, Duncan, Wellford Townships Endowed Scholarship
The Michael B. and Nita B. Lee Scholarship
The Broadus R. Littlejohn, Sr., Scholarship
The Thomas C. Littlejohn, Sr., Family Scholarship
The Dr. Roberta Lovelace Scholarship
The R. E. and Mary B. Lyda Endowed Scholarship
The Ella Jordan Lynn Endowed Scholarship
The Hawley B. Lynn Memorial Scholarship
The Rephilla H. (Phil) Lynn Memorial Scholarship
The Thomas E. Mabry Endowed Scholarship
The John McMahon Smoak Memorial Scholarship
The Franklin and Mary McMeekin Memorial Scholarship
The Bill and Novella McNeill Endowed Scholarship
Memorial Endowment for Merit and Need Scholarship
Memorial Endowment for Scholarship to Ministerial & Full-Time Christian Vocations Students
The Milliken Honors Scholarship

Scholarship Opportunities at SMC

The Walter S. Montgomery Memorial Scholarship	The Norman and Gladys Suttles Endowed Scholarship	The Walter "Butch" Cherry Endowed Athletic Scholarship	<i>lines listed in the College Catalog.</i>
The Kim Ivan Moody Memorial Scholarship	The Lois Neal Tennent Endowed Scholarship	The Class of 1943 Endowed Scholarship	The Bailey Foundation Scholarship
The C. B. "Slim" Mooneyham Memorial Scholarship	The Josephine Alexander and Paul Calvert Thomas Memorial Scholarship	The Class of 1953 Endowed Scholarship	The Bank of America Scholarship
The Virgilia C. Moore Endowed Scholarship	Fletcher D. Thompson and Ruth Deloache Thompson Scholarship Fund	The Class of 1990 Endowed Scholarship	The Joseph B. Bethea Scholarship
The Mr. and Mrs. M.A. "Brick" Morris Scholarship	The John B. Thompson Scholarship	The Dr. Vergene Colloms Endowed Music Scholarship	The DeArmond E. and Jule K. Canaday Scholarship
The John and Sara Murray Endowed Scholarship	The William L. Thompson, Jr. Memorial Endowed Scholarship	The Robby Cook and Ken Roach Endowed Scholarship	The Ruth B. Caudle Scholarship
The Mary Neeley Scholarship	The Benjamin R. Turner Memorial Scholarship	The Martha L. Dockins and Hassie D. Campbell Memorial Endowed Scholarship	The Colonial Life Scholarship
The Lois and Mike O'Kelley Athletic Scholarship	The General Harry M. Arthur Union County Scholarship	The Ashley Gosa Endowed Honors Scholarship	The Dantzler Scholarship
The J. C. Paddock Scholarship	The United Methodist Women Scholarship	The Hammond Family Memorial Endowed Scholarship	The Ocie Floride Smith Dean Scholarship
The Vera Davis Parsons Endowed Scholarship	The Robert D. Warren Endowed Scholarship	The Bonnie and John Q. Hill Music Program Scholarship	The Duke Power Company Scholarship
The George and Laura Patterson Endowed Scholarship	The Eila Jones-Dorcas Waugh Endowed Scholarship	The Treva Jenkins Endowed Honors Scholarship	The Fred M. and Sara W. Epting Scholarship
The Mae H. Purcell Memorial Scholarship	The Western North Carolina Endowed Scholarship	The William B. Kerfoot Memorial Scholarship	The Gregg-Graniteville Annual Scholarship
The John and Jim Ramsey Endowed Scholarship	The W. B. Wilkerson Family Scholarship	The Dr. H. Lester Kingman Memorial Scholarship	The LeRoy Moore Annual Scholarship
The Victor M. Ross Memorial Scholarship	The W. B. Wilkerson, Jr. Memorial Endowed Scholarship	The Marlboro County Endowed Scholarship	The National Methodist Scholarship
The Agnes and Cyrus Shealy Endowed Scholarship	The John A. and Harriet Witherspoon Memorial Scholarship	The Cliff and Laura Odum Endowed Scholarship	The Presidential Scholarship
The Mark M. Shook Endowed Scholarship	The York County Endowed Scholarship	The Sam and Bobbie Poston Endowed Scholarship	The Mary Connor Price Memorial Scholarship
The Agnes Brown Sill Endowed Scholarship		The Sybil Inez Price Endowed Scholarship	The Rotary Scholarship Saint Matthew United Methodist Church Scholarships
The Isbel Lane Sisk and J. Kelly Sisk Greenville County Endowed Scholarship		The Patsy Tinsley Simmons Endowed Scholarship	The SCANA Corp./SCE&G Annual Scholarship
The John McMahon Smoak Endowed Scholarship		The O. D. Sparkman Honorary Endowed Scholarship	The JM Smith Corporation Scholarship
The H. Booker Sparrow Memorial Scholarship		The Sumter County Scholarship	The Sonoco Products Company Annual Scholarship
The Glenn and Mary Stables Scholarship		The Swofford Family Endowed Scholarship	The Spartanburg County Foundation Scholarship
The Paul K. and Louise H. Starnes Endowed Scholarship			The L. C. Turbeville Memorial Scholarship
The Walter Terry and Gloria Raylene Stephenson Endowed Scholarship			The United Methodist Foundation Scholars Program
The Ralph Albert and Beatrice Suttle Endowed Scholarship			The UPS Annual Scholarship
			The Sallie Lybrand Ward Scholarship
			The Lettie Pate Whitehead Annual Scholarship

Developing Endowed Scholarships

These scholarship funds are in the process of becoming endowed scholarships. Once the balances reach a total of \$10,000 in cash, scholarship awards will be supported by the income produced by each fund. The awards will be given in accordance with guidelines established for each endowed scholarship.

The Weldon M. Cash Family Endowed Scholarship

Annual Fund Scholarships

These scholarship funds are supported by the generous gifts of alumni and friends on an annual basis. Awards from these funds are made in accordance with the guide-

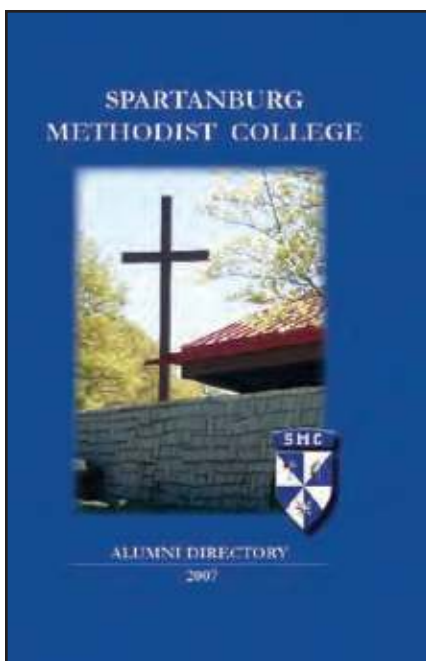
From the Alumni Office

Greetings from the Alumni Office!

I am very excited to announce that Spartanburg Methodist College and Harris Connect have teamed up to bring you another Alumni Directory. This directory will allow you to reconnect with your classmates. To ensure we get the most accurate data, we need your help.

Data Verification Forms will be mailed to all Spartanburg Methodist College Alumni in the near future. Each form will be imprinted with the information currently on file for you.

It's important that you take just a few minutes to look over the data listed on your Verification Form. For many Alumni, it's been years since this information has been updated. As a result, a significant number of SMC records contain outdated and incomplete information.



As a special courtesy to SMC Alumni, the information gathered during this special data verification project will be incorporated in the upcoming Spartanburg Methodist College directory project.

All Alumni are strongly urged to mail back their completed Verification Forms within 14 days of receipt – even if there are no updates to the information listed. This timely response will help SMC make sure all Alumni have taken advantage of this important opportunity to confirm the accuracy of their information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Leah L. Pruitt'.

Leah L. Pruitt '98

Director of Alumni Relations

Coming Soon!

The 2007 Spartanburg Methodist Alumni Directory will soon be available. Contact Alumni Director Leah Pruitt for more information at: pruittl@smcsc.edu



More than 100 alumni were welcomed back to the SMC campus for the 2007 Alumni Weekend held March 30 and 31.

Guests had the opportunity to reunite with each other during a dinner March 30 at the Fire Mountain Grill in Spartanburg and during an awards luncheon and class reunions held on March 31.

During the awards luncheon, a newly endowed scholarship made possible by the Class of 1953 was announced.

The Class of 1964, Class of 1940, and Class of 1963 were recognized as the Top Three donating alumni classes.



(l-r) Liz and Jim Brantley ('52) talk with Marion Vaught, whose wife Elsie is a '43 alum.



(l-r) SMC President Dr. Charles Teague greets Dan Kirby, an SMC '72 alum.



Alumni gather and reminisce during Spartanburg Methodist College's 2007 Alumni Weekend.



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(Clockwise from left)

SMC President Dr. Charles Teague awards Stacie Williams, class of 1996, with the Young Alumni of the Year Award. Williams served as 2006 - 2007 president of the SMC Alumni Council.

Donnie Parris (left), class of 1982, was awarded the Alumni of the Year Award by President Teague

SMC baseball coach Tim Wallace (right) was awarded the Distinguished Service Award for his years of service at the College.

Leah Pruitt, SMC Director of Alumni Relations, inducts Cecil Abrams as the 2007 - 2008 president of the Alumni Council.

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Alumni News

Class of 1940

Nannie Mae Allen, of Clemson, SC, was proud to be able to attend the 2006 class reunion at SMC.

Class of 1941

Ray P. Lybrand and wife, Edna Stanley Lybrand (SJC 1942), are self-employed in Albemarle, NC.

Class of 1944

Beth M. McCarter resides in Fountain Inn, SC.

Class of 1946

Mary Louise Ross Garner works with Spartanburg County School District 2.

Class of 1947

Wade Buchanan is owner of Wadeken Ind., Inc. in Canton, GA.

Class of 1952

Gerald T. McCray, Sr. of McMinnville, OR recently wrote, "I was a grad of the 1952 class from Florida, then transferred to Florida Southern, and later to Emory University. Then I pastored churches in Florida, then Alaska Mission at Nome, then churches in Iowa, Georgia, Florida, and the Oregon Conference. I was Chaplain at Chemawa

Indian School and later at the Indian Mission at Chiloquin, Oregon."

Class of 1953

Armenta Wood Prince writes, "...I'm looking forward to receiving the FRONTIERS magazine."

Class of 1954

Vera Waldrep Langston lives in Inman, SC.

Class of 1955

Patricia Lindley Clawson lives in a small fishing village in No Neck of Virginia with a golden retriever "CC". She would love to hear from her classmates and friends at SMC.

Mary F. Wells resides in North Augusta, SC.

Class of 1961

William F. Hannon, III of Inman, SC is self-employed.

Class of 1962

David K. Smith is owner of Smith's Drug Stores, in Spartanburg, SC.

Class of 1963

George M. Stoltz and wife Jenel S. Stoltz reside in Rosman, NC.

E. Cantey Pearce, of Chesterfield, VA, is employed with DuPont.

Class of 1964

Hugh and Eleanor Harrelson reside in N. Myrtle Beach, SC

Jackie E. Atkins is Senior Vice President with Citizens Building & Loan Association. He and wife Elizabeth reside in Greer, SC.

W. Ray Ridgeway is employed with Milliken & Company in Spartanburg, SC.

Class of 1965

Phillip Sill is self-employed in Orlando, FL.

Jane Reed Dyches is Executive Director of the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce and lives in St. Matthews, SC.

Class of 1966

Henry "Barry" Broome, Jr. is employed with Tim-Bar Corp. in Spartanburg, SC.

Class of 1968

Edward "Ed" Charles Shealy, Jr., his wife Judy, and children Chuck and Alison, have moved to Anderson, SC. Ed was a member of the baseball team, the pep band and a member of the National Honorary Foreign Language Society while a student at SMC.

Class of 1969

E. Michael Dills of, Rock Hill, SC, is a Sales Manager with Southwest Engineers.

Ted P. Jones of Bradenton, FL is an Executive Director for the Sarasota Bay Club. He and wife Rita have two sons, Blake and Neil.

Chaplain (COL) Samuel J. T. Boone, US Forces Korea Command Chaplain, "GOD First ... Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines Always!

Class of 1970

Dr. David B. Stout, Jr. and wife Duffy Allen Stout live in Chapin, SC. Dr. Stout is GED Administrator for the SC Department of Education.

Erik F. Anderson is Senior Civic Engineer with Sinclair & Assoc., LLC in Moore, SC.

Class of 1972

F. Vernon Chandler was the recipient of the 2006 Heart of Universalism Award. The award was presented during the national Universalist Convocation held in Ellisville, Missi. Vernon recently completed 30 years of ministry with the Unitarian Universalist Association. He and his wife, Nataliya, reside in Eberstadt, Germany.

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Richard Cain, of Laurens, SC, is the Area Director for the SC Dept. of Vocational Rehabilitation. He is the married father of 2 children.

Dr. William R. Childs, of Anderson, SC, is the Senior Pastor of St. John's UMC.

Michael A. "Tony" Smith and wife Jane F. Smith live in Summerville, SC. Tony is employed as a Senior Special Agent, US Immigration & Customs Enforcement. He has served 30+ years in law enforcement. His son, Adam, is a college graduate; his daughter, Allyson, a college sophomore. He and Jane are very involved in church and community activities.

Class of 1973

Chris J. Cantrell is enjoying life with his wife

Bonnie in Spartanburg, SC.

Rick Dizbon is Minister of Music at Southside Baptist Church in Spartanburg, SC. He has served as teacher, assistant principal, principal, a director of federal programs, assistant supt for instruction for Spartanburg School District 7, Cherokee County Schools, and Spartanburg School District 2. He enjoys reading, especially about the Civil War, reading the Bible and praying.

Class of 1975

James R. Norris is employed with The Kroger Company in Cincinnati, OH.

Robert Lawrance Rhodes of Charleston, SC is employed with Burger King. He enjoyed his recent trip to Orlando, FL and the Air Force Base.

Class of 1976

Jamie H. McFadden of Greenville, SC works with N. B. Handy.

Gloria Alma Elledge is still teaching at Duncan Christian Academy in Duncan, SC, has a new grandson, Eli Clark, whose parents are Dusty and Lindsay. She is using her Early Childhood Education degree on her job and also on her grandchildren.

Class of 1977

Foster Miller "Billy" Routh, III of Columbia, SC is Program Manager for the SC Budget & Control Board.

Lynette Smith Fisher wrote, "My husband and I live in Atlanta, GA metropolitan area. I am an Emergency Room RN who works part-time as a nursing supervisor at a local hospital."

Class of 1978

Theodora Morton Miles lives in Greenwood, SC.

Glynda G. Karabinos, of Inman, SC, is employed with Tyco Electronics.

Class of 1979

Stephen Eric Lowman of Beaufort, SC is an area executive with BB&T.

William Evans Nash, of Chester, SC, is an engineer with Duke Energy.

Joy B. Workman, of Central, SC, is a Major Gift Officer with Furman University, Greenville, SC.

Class of 1980

Paula Worthy of Inman is a RN with the Spartanburg Regional Medical Center.

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Class Notes

March 1, 2007

Dear SMC,

I would like to take this opportunity to let you know of some very important events that have recently happened in my life...

Have you recently been married?

Are you serving in our Armed Forces?

Have you recently moved and need to update your address with us?

Do you have other news or photos to share?

Let us know what's going on in your life! Send us a note at:

SMC Alumni Office
1000 Powell Mill Road
Spartanburg, SC 29301

or e-mail Leah Pruitt, Director of Alumni Relations, at lpruitt@smcsc.edu

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Class of 1981

J. Donald Powell, of Appleton, WI, is a Benefits Consultant for The Staci Group, Legislative Chairman for the Northeast Wisconsin Association of Health Underwriters (RHU), Reg. Employee Benefits Consultant (REBC) and Disability Income Associate (DIA). He has three children.

Class of 1984

Jill Simpson Evans of Easley, SC is the Executive Director of the Pickens County Habitat for Humanity. Jill is a former Director of Alumni Relations at SMC.

Class of 1985

Beverly Marsh Luther is enjoying life with husband Roger, daughter Cora, and stepson Drew—and her doggies, Smokie and Ottis in Greer, SC. Beverly's mother, Jayne Marsh, is Office Manager for Institutional Advancement at SMC.

Class of 1986

Jacqueline "Courtney" Johnson Foster is an education associate with the SC Department of Education.

Class of 1987

April Haimbaugh Cooke is owner of Pal's Printing &

Embroidery, Inc. in Rock Hill, SC.

Laura Skipper Taylor is the Piedmont Regional Admissions Counselor for the College of Charleston. Laura graduated from CSU in 1989 with a BS in Criminal Justice/Sociology. She has a daughter, Avie.

Class of 1990

Dr. Brooks A. Godwin of Greenville, SC is a dentist with Simpsonville Dental.

Class of 1991

Lynia Watts Ard recently wrote, "I have been married again since 1996. My husband's name is Dwayne. I have been a grandmother since 2006. My granddaughter, Savannah Bailey Bridges, is absolutely gorgeous! She is expecting a cousin in late summer. Savannah's father, Christopher, is a corporal in the US Marine Corps. My two other sons, Brandon and Benjamin, are 19 and 15 respectively. Brandon just recently got married. I graduated from Southern Wesleyan in 2005 with my Master's Degree in Business Administration. I am a very active partner in my church, The Harvest in Lexington, SC. I work a full-time job, part-time job and

am a part-time PartyLite Consultant...."

Class of 1992

Gina Chesnut of Campobello is a Speech Pathologist with Spartanburg County School District One.

Class of 1994

Kes Outhwaite, of London, England, is employed with Spring Technology Staffing Services, a business unit of Spring Group plc.

Class of 1995

Brenda D. Thornton is employed with Milliken & Co. in Spartanburg, SC.

Class of 1997

Patricia R. "Pat" Dixon is an Administrative Assistant with the Spartanburg County School District Six Schools.

Class of 1998

Tiffany Whittle is employed with Greenville Tech. She and husband Wesley (SMC 1997 Grad) left Lexington, SC to reside in Greenville.

Class of 2007

David C. Roper's father is the pastor at Zion UMC in Anderson. David has a brother, Patrick (17 years) and a sister, Megan (4 years).

Anniversaries

Class of 1943

Elsie Collins Vaught and husband John wrote, "God has blessed us to celebrate our 60th Wedding Anniversary in 2006."

Class of 1955

Allen E. Long and wife, Jean Bell Long (Class of 1955) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by taking a trip to Australia and New Zealand. They are planning another trip to Australia soon.

Births

Class of 1981

Michelle Bedell Jolly, of Gaffney, SC and her husband are proud parents of their second child, Jack McConnell Jolly, born September 2, 2006. Michelle is the first female to be elected President of the SC State Board of Dentistry on July 1, 2006.

Class of 1996

Danny Gullledge of Enoree, SC and his wife Jennifer are proud of their son, Wyatt James Gullledge, born October 12, 2006.

Expecting

Class of 1998

Steven Donald Smith and wife, Autumne, of Columbia,

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SC, are expecting their second child in August. Steve is VP, Operations, Compass, Inc.

*In Memorium***Class of 1936**

Nora Bowers Ashley, of Greenville, SC, died 12/21/2006.

Class of 1937

Francis DeWitt Benson, of Fairforest, SC, died on October 22, 2006. He was the widower of Elizabeth Franklin Hughston and father of a son, Frank, and a daughter, Susan Royer.

Class of 1941

Donnie Rice Blackwell died on October 26, 2006. Her husband, Homer, predeceased her. Eyra Kent Nichols, widow of Tom Nichols, and Fletcher and Ruth Thompson attended the graveside services. Homer and Donnie were very instrumental in the establishment of the Class of '41 Scholarship Fund.

Class of 1943

Cecile Causey Cox died on April 23, 2006. Her son, Mark, lives in Supply, NC.

Darryl E. Windham, of Front Royal, VA, died

January 31, 2007.

Dr. John McKager Butler of Mt. Pleasant, SC died November 19, 2006. He is survived by his wife Katherine Donaldson Butler; son Jonathan H. Butler; daughter Elizabeth Duren; a sister, Elizabeth Graves; and grandchildren John, Robert and Michael Butler, Daphne and Aidan Brion, and Sophia and Troy Duren.

Class of 1944

Henry S. Moore, III, died October 16, 2006. He was a WWII Veteran in the US Navy, attended USC and Horry-Georgetown Technical College, was a night auditor for the Carolinian Motel for more than 35 years, a Catholic, a member of the Knights of Columbus, and an avid gardener, specializing in roses. Our sympathy to his wife Lillian and family.

Class of 1951

Bryant L. Mason, Jr. of Jonesville, SC died August 30, 2006. Retired from Milliken & Co, he was a member of Pacolet Mills Baptist Church and U.S. Navy veteran, having served during the Korean Conflict. He was the widower of Betty Bryant Mason and father of Sherrie M. Harmon and Larry B. Mason.

Rev. Samuel H. Poston died December 21, 2006. He is survived by his wife Bobbie Gillis, daughters Joy Sanders, Jan Richards, and Kay Nelson, and seven grandchildren. Sam was a member of the SMC Alumni Council and was very active with the College.

Class of 1956

Bobby Lee Bridges died February 9, 2007. He was a graduate of USC in Columbia, a Master of Landrum Masonic Lodge #278, Worthy Patron of the Eastern Star Chapter #169, member of the Landrum First Baptist Church, and a retired personnel manager.

Class of 1962

Vera M. Crocker, of Boiling Springs, SC, died December 4, 2006. She is survived by husband, Rev. James W. Crocker, Sr., and son James W. Crocker, Jr., of Chesnee. Mrs. Crocker was a member of Boiling Springs First Baptist Church.

Class of 1963

John P. Welsh, of Harrisonburg, VA recently passed away.

Class of 1963

Ann Threadgill White recently passed away. She is survived by her husband, SMC alumnus William E.

White (Class of 1981).

Class of 1965

Raymond E. Bartee, husband of Mary White Bartee, died October 21, 2006 in Hollywood, SC. They were married 41 years and had three children and three grandsons.

Class of 1980

Maria Frost Cummins of Spartanburg, SC died November 25, 2006. She is survived by her husband, Charles Leslie Cummins, III; a stepson, Chase Cummins, a stepdaughter, Chrystal Stroud; a brother, Mark Frost; and a special niece Kayla Anne Frost.

*Marriages***Class of 1992**

Allison Teresa Wells, of Irmo, SC, married in September of 2005. She is now Mrs. Teresa Woods. Congratulations, Teresa!

Attended

Jerry Lee West, of Lyman, SC, married Stephanie Debra Antone, of Wellford, SC, on November 18, 2006 at Wellford Baptist Church.

Donald Franklin Zimmerman, of Roebuck, SC, married Mindy Leigh

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Westbrook, of Chesnee, on October 15, 2006.

Retirement

Class of 1961

Barbara "Ann" Johnson Hall and husband Henry (Class of 1976 and former SMC employee) are retired in Woodruff, SC.

Class of 1941

Rev. Lucy Tedder Davis is retired in Florence, SC.

William C. Boyd loves retirement in Whispering Pines, NC.

Class of 1943

Coda Wilson Horne, of Honea Path, SC, is enjoying retirement.

Class of 1944

Edith Burns Stanley enjoys retirement life in Spartanburg, SC.

Ruby R. Bridges, of Campobello is retired.

Class of 1945

Virginia Rushing Boiter is retired from the Spartanburg County Public Library.

Class of 1946

Betty Wilburn Huneycutt, of Columbia, SC, is enjoying retirement.

Class of 1948

Lafayette Thompson, of Asheville, NC, is enjoying retirement in the mountains.

C. P. Stribling lives in Spartanburg, SC where he enjoys retirement.

Class of 1949

Richard and Alma Jolley Riley, of Columbus, OH, have been retired for 15 years and have two grandsons, both of whom have earned the Eagle Scout Award.

Joseph Ray Clary of Raleigh, NC is enjoying retirement from NC State University.

Class of 1950

Ruth King Eason, of Matthews, NC, writes, "Enjoying retirement very much; active in my church and traveling with senior adults. I'm 'Grandmom' to three wonderful grandchildren."

Class of 1951

Elizabeth Baker Horton, of Lancaster, SC, wrote, "I am doing well since my retirement of the Accounting Department of Customer Service for Springs Industries in Lancaster, SC. Staying active in music of my church, and Senior Groups

of Lancaster, SC. I enjoyed my years at SJC and many friends I loved so much."

Charles E. McKinney of Boone, NC writes, "In my retirement, I'm continuing to pastor (part-time) churches on Boone Circuit Charge of United Methodist Churches. My wife Barbara and I live near Boone and enjoy many activities."

Paul C. McMurray is enjoying retirement in Charlotte, NC.

Class of 1953

Carroll Gosnell is enjoying retirement in Inman, SC.

Class of 1954

Florie McCoy Graham is retired from UNC-Greensboro.

Class of 1955

Barbara H. Murphy is retired in Lexington, SC.

Ray E. Petty, of Hartsville, SC is retired

Class of 1956

Rev. Vernon F. Deese is retired but is still serving Mt. Vernon UMC in Sumter, SC.

Mary Hendricks Bryson, of Easley, SC, is enjoying retirement from One World Technologies, Inc. of

Pickens, SC.

Mrs. Jerlyn Bain Hutto is retired in Edisto Island, SC.

Class of 1957

Sandra Smith Cribari writes, "Don and I are both retired. We love and enjoy our three children and seven grandchildren. Agoura Hills is near Los Angeles, CA, where we have lived for 42 years."

Class of 1958

Ralph M. Kesler, of Anderson, SC, retired from Clemson University in 1997; he is married and has four children and eight grandchildren. Aside from family, golf is his enjoyment.

Mary Frances Lee Cantrell retired as the Coordinator of Special Reading Programs for Spartanburg County School District 7. She enjoys being home with her husband Bill.

Class of 1959

Carolyn Bruce Sheehan and her husband, Stokes Sheehan (SMC Class of 1958), of Campobello, SC, are retired teachers and have seven grandchildren.

B. Wayne Pigg is retired in Hartsville, SC.

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Class of 1960

Leon Troy Nobles is retired and lives in Graniteville, SC.

Carol Layton Spracklen is retired in Camarillo, CA with her husband Milo.

Class of 1961

Paul Dover, of Shelby, NC, is enjoying retirement.

Kay T. McBee is retired and lives in Cross Hill, SC with her husband Marion.

Class of 1963

James Roy Clark is retired

in Columbia, SC with his wife Marcella.

Class of 1964

J. Mickey Fain of Campobello, SC, is retired.

Elaine Gilstrap Allen is enjoying retirement in Easley, SC.

Class of 1974

Brenda P. Foster retired from Spartanburg County District 4 Schools, and is enjoying living in Enoree, SC.

Class of 1977

Madora B. Holder of Spartanburg is retired.

Parent Comments

Fanessa Abney Coleman, parent of SMC Freshman Melanie C. Coleman, is a clerk/presser for Paul Abney of Abney's Dry Cleaner in Saluda, SC. She recently wrote, "Having gone to, and graduated from, a two-year college, I know all too well the importance of pledging and supporting the school

in every way possible. As a divorced, single parent, money is often tight. However, I would encourage every parent and person to do what they can to assist and help the students."

Gerald S. and Barbara B. Smith, SMC parents, recently gave a donation to the college in honor of "all who do their best." This should be an incentive for the SMC students to do their best so that they will be honored in life.

Homecoming and Family Day

Plans are underway for the 2007 SMC Homecoming and Family Day, which will be held September 29.

The day's activities will include:

- ♦ Breakfast with faculty and staff members
- ♦ Athletic events
- ♦ A talent showcase featuring student groups and individuals
- ♦ Lunch and live music
- ♦ Games and other fun activities

For more information on the 2007 Homecoming and Family Day, contact SMC Director of Student Activities and Leadership Development Kim Day at dayk@smcsc.edu or (864) 587-4006.



(l-r) SMC President Dr. Charles Teague with 2006 Homecoming Queen Danessa Kilpatrick and Homecoming King Vernon Taylor

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Travis Armour

Class: Sophomore
Hometown: Murrells Inlet, SC
Campus Involvement: Pioneer Baseball team, Psi Beta National Honor Society of Psychology
Honors/Awards: President's List - Fall 2005, Dean's List Spring 2006



Sean Biggs

Class: Sophomore
Hometown: Wellford, SC
Campus Involvement: Ambassador, English Honor Society recruiting officer, SMC Singers, Relay for Life Committee, Trailblazer Staff
Honors/Awards: Dean's List



Amanda Bradley

Class: Sophomore
Hometown: Boiling Springs, SC
Campus Involvement: Delta Iota Chapter, Phi Theta Kappa
Honors/Awards: President's List, Dean's List - Fall 2005



Halsey Carey

Class: Sophomore
Hometown: Lexington, SC
Campus Involvement: Dance Team, Kappa Sigma Alpha (Vice President), POPS (Secretary), Ambassador, SMC Singers, Leadership Retreat
Honors/Awards: Psi Beta National Psychology Honor Society, Dean's List - Fall 2005 & Spring 2006, Fall 2005 Student Development Office Student of the Month



Nakedra Delly

Class: Sophomore
Hometown: Gilbert, SC
Campus Involvement: Resident Assistant 2006-2007, Gospel Choir 2005-2006, Step Team 2005-2006, Student Support Services Mentor 2006-2007
Honors/Awards: Psi Beta Honor Society 2005 - 2006



Christopher Dover

Class: Sophomore
Hometown: York, SC
Campus Involvement: Kappa Sigma Alpha - President, Campus Crusade for Christ, Student Ambassador



Soraya Graham

Class: Sophomore
Hometown: Camden, SC
Campus Involvement: Phi Theta Kappa, Soccer team, Kappa Sigma Alpha, SSS Mentor, SSS Tutor
Honors/Awards: Dean's List - Fall 2005 and Spring 2006



Adam Hager

Class: Sophomore
Hometown: Rock Hill, SC
Campus Involvement: Athletic training, Resident Advisor



Donald Hollis

Class: Sophomore
Hometown: Wellford, SC
Activities: Student Ambassador, Kappa Sigma Alpha, Social Judicial Board, Student Support Services
Honors/Awards: Excellence in English, Ambassador Scholarship



Julie King

Class: Sophomore
Hometown: Spartanburg, SC
Campus Involvement: Student Ambassador, Campus Crusade for Christ, Sigma Kappa Delta, Phi Theta Kappa, SMC Singers, SMC Troubadours, Social Judicial Committee, SSS Tutor, SSS Mentor

Honors/Awards: National Dean's List, President's List, Guest Musician in Ploughshare Bluegrass ensemble, English Honor Society



Jada Land

Class: Sophomore
Hometown: Cowpens, SC
Campus Involvement: Ambassador, SMC Singers, Troubadours, SMC Quality Enhancement Plan member, Sigma Kappa Delta
Honors/Awards: SMC Idol 2006, Carolina Idol - 2004-2005

Among American Junior College Students"



Tameka Massey

Class: Sophomore
Hometown: Columbia, SC
Campus Involvement: Ambassador, Student Government Association, Phi Theta Kappa, SSS Mentor, Leadership Retreat Participant, SGA Leadership Retreat
Honors/Awards: Dean's List Spring 2006



Stephen Miller

Class: Sophomore
Hometown: Greenwood, SC
Campus Involvement: Leader of Campus Crusade for Christ / Shepherd Team, Kappa Sigma Alpha, POPS, SSS Mentor, Relay for Life Committee, Trailblazer Staff, Intramural football and basketball

Honors/Awards: National Dean's List



Phillip Morgan

Class: Sophomore
Hometown: Campobello, SC
Campus Involvement: Baseball team, Resident Assistant



Kimberly Nicholson

Class: Sophomore
Hometown:
Campus Involvement: Volleyball team, Softball team, Gospel choir, SSS Mentors, Troubadours
Honors/Awards: Vicki Corn Softball Award



Crystal Painter

Class: Sophomore
Hometown: Gaffney, SC
Campus Involvement: Resident Assistant, SSS Mentor, SSS Tutor, Relay for Life Event Chairman, Kappa Sigma Alpha board member, Campus Planning & Development
Honors/Awards: Dean's List

- Spring 2006, SSS Award for Academic Excellence 102 - Spring 2006



Summer Pruitt

Class: Sophomore
Hometown: Chesnee, SC
Campus Involvement: Student Government Association - Vice President, Cheerleading team - Captain, National English Honor Society, POPS, Delta Psi Omega, SMC Players, Olympian Yearbook staff, Wesley Fellowship,

Kappa Sigma Alpha, Awards Committee
Honors/Awards: 2005 - 2006 Homecoming Queen, National English Honor Society



Christopher Roberson

Class: Sophomore
Hometown: Woodruff, SC
Campus Involvement: Kappa Sigma Alpha, QEP Committee, SSS Mentor, Student Government Association, SGA - Director of Public Relations, Campus Ministry Committee, Resident

Assistant, Relay for Life mentor, Relay for Life - accountant

Honors/Awards: Dean's List - Fall 2005, SSS Award for Excellence in English 101, SSS Award Most Improved - New Testament, SSS Award Most Improved - Biology 105, Convocation Marshall



Maria Ruvalcaba

Class: Sophomore
Hometown: North Charleston, SC
Campus Involvement: Cross Country team member, Olympian staff member, Kappa Sigma Alpha, CRU
Honors/Awards: Academic All-American Team, Dean's List



Michael Sandifer

Class: Sophomore
Hometown: York, SC
Campus Involvement: Kappa Sigma Alpha, KSA 1st Vice-President 2006-2007, Campus Crusade for Christ, Sigma Kappa Delta, Phi Theta Kappa, Academic tutor, Student Ambassador, SSS Mentor

Honors and Awards: Phi Theta National Honor Society, Sigma Kappa Delta Honor Society, J. Lacy McLean Scholarship Award, Excellence in Mathematics Award, President's List Fall 2005 and Spring 2006



Amanda Shelnett

Class: Sophomore
Hometown: Clinton, SC
Activities: SGA President 2006-2007, Kappa Sigma Alpha - Secretary 2006-2007, Delta Psi Omega - Secretary 2006-2006, SMC Players 2005 - 2007, SMC Cheerleading 2005 - 2006, Sigma Kappa Delta - Secretary 2005 - 2006, Student Ambassador 2006 - 2007, Olympian Yearbook

staff 2006 - 2007, Wesley Fellowship 2006 - 2007, Campus Life Committee 2006 - 2007, College Town Service Committee 2006-2007

Honors/Awards: Most Outstanding Freshman Award, Psi Beta Psychology Honor Society, Dean's List - Spring 2006, Sigma Kappa Delta English Honor Society



Reginald Taylor

Class: Sophomore
Hometown:
Campus Involvement: Baseball team 2005 - 2006, Resident Assistant 2005 - 2006, Senior Resident Assistant 2006 - 2007, English Honor Society - Freshman president
Honors/Awards: English Honor Society

RAs, Ambassadors Prepare for 2007-08

Thirty-one student leaders recently participated in the 2007 annual Leadership Retreat.

The group, consisting of the 2007-2008 Ambassadors and Resident Assistants, participated in numerous team building activities and spent a beautiful weekend at Look Up Lodge in Travelers Rest, SC.

The students completed a low ropes element, dropped 70 feet in a three-person swing, made smores around a campfire, and paddled their way across the lake.

They were also encouraged to reflect on their values and beliefs and to identify common stereotypes and misconceptions.



The students also participated in sessions focusing on leadership in movies, on their positive attributes, and on the future of SMC.

"This year's leadership

retreat really affirmed to me that SMC has a great group of students with many abilities and much potential. I cannot wait to see these students grow and blossom

into the leaders they are meant to be," says Kim Day, SMC Director of Student Activities and Leadership Development.

WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY



(l-r) SMC Dean of Students Dr. Art Hartzog talks with Spartanburg District 7 Superintendent Walter Tobin and Spartanburg District 6 Superintendent Darryl Owings at a recent Superintendent's Breakfast held at SMC for all of the county's school district superintendents. SMC hosts one breakfast a year for the local superintendents in order to keep close communication with them and give them an up-close view of Spartanburg Methodist College.

GIVING THE GIFT OF LIFE



Freshman Deneshia Corry gives blood during a recent blood drive held on the SMC campus. The Palmetto Blood Bank holds several blood drives on campus each year.

MAKING MUSIC



Sophomore Julie King plays a musical piece during the 2006 Fall piano recital.

HOLIDAY SEASON ARRIVES



Sophomore Chris Dover places a wreath in Camak Auditorium during the 2006 annual Hanging of the Greens, to celebrate the Christmas season.

THE NEXT STEP



SMC's Student Government Association sponsored its "College Day...Pick Your Way" event in January, giving students the opportunity to talk to recruiters from 4-year colleges and universities throughout the region. More than 30 institutions of higher education were represented.



IT'S A SNOW DAY!!!



It doesn't happen all that often...but when it does snow at SMC, the students come out in droves to take advantage of winter's majesty. On Feb. 1, SMC received its only snow of the winter of 2006-2007.



From a Children's Home to a College Campus

Lessons Learned and Friendships Made On The Way to The Future

For a lot of children who grow up or spend time in a children's home, opportunities to go to college might not be as accessible as for others.

But here at SMC, three young ladies who know first hand what that's like are drawing from those experiences as they continue their college education.

Reisha Alston started living at Epworth Children's School in Columbia, SC in 2004. While she was there, she met Tameka Massey, who had been living at the school since 2002.

Amanda Shelnett had been a resident of Thornwell Children's Home since sixth grade.

Each have their own personal stories and situations that necessitated their placement in those homes.



Amanda Shelnett

After being thrust into those new surroundings, their new environments would end up providing many benefits. But at the same time, there were also some challenges.

"Leaving home was the biggest thing – not being able to see my siblings every day was hard. Some of the behaviors and attitudes from other girls at Epworth took some getting used to also," Alston says.

Massey says being around a lot of girls of various ages was also sometimes difficult.

"Girls are all about drama. It was nerve-racking at times," she says.

But all three say living in an environment with many other children around provided tremendous learning experiences – and each say their individual experiences helped them build character and motivated them to pursue a college career.

"All of a sudden I had to do all these different things on my own. I learned quickly that I needed to be responsible for myself," Alston says.

Massey says her experience was similar when she first got to Epworth.

"The hardest part was not being able to hang out with my friends and do other things that



Tameka Massey and Reisha Alston

most kids do in high school," says Massey.

Shelnett says over time, she grew to love Thornwell and became active in various activities.

At first she had her heart set on Converse College. She applied and was put on a waiting list.

Then she heard about SMC and her house parents brought her to a Discovery Day. She started college at SMC in the Fall 2005 semester.

It was Epworth that pushed Alston and Massey academically and turned them on to SMC.

"I don't think I would have been prepared for college if I wasn't there [at Epworth]. They motivated me and asked me what I wanted. I knew I wanted to go to college- but at first I thought 'I don't want to go to SMC just because they want me to go there'," says Alston.

Massey had her first SMC experience also during a Discovery Day. In Fall 2005, she

found herself returning to the campus as a college student.

When Alston visited the College's Web site, she became interested, applied, and received an early decision scholarship.

So within a year's time, all three girls found themselves at South Carolina's only two-year, private liberal arts college.

Now they all consider SMC a second home, despite the fact Massey and Alston still have residence at Epworth and Shelnett at Thornwell. They each return to those respective facilities many weekends.

But each girl says that college has provided a big dose of reality.

"I could never go out with friends or do what I wanted to at night or on the weekends until I came to SMC. My first semester was really hard, but that gave me a big reality check," says Alston.

Massey says her transition to life at SMC "wasn't too bad. It's a lot different than living

in a children's home because in college you have to work out personal differences on your own."

Time management has been a big lesson for each girl.

"I always wanted to be able to get up when I want to, even on weekends, but never could until now. I've learned to really be good with time management and organization," says Massey.

Shelnutt says she was reluctant to get involved at first.

"It was rough at first—I didn't like being away from Thornwell because it was like my home," she says.

But eventually all three girls became involved in a wide array of campus activities—so much, that their combined list of activities would impress just about anyone.

Alston has been active in the Student Government Association, Dance Team, Kappa Sigma Alpha, leader-

ship classes, and the awards committee. She serves as a Resident Assistant this year, as a mentor and peer counselor, and has a work-study position on campus also.

Massey has served as a Student Ambassador and mentor, and has also been active in Phi Theta Kappa and the Student Government Association.

Shelnutt served this year as President of the Student Government Association. She has also been involved in Kappa Sigma Alpha, Delta Psi Omega, SMC Players, Cheerleading; served on the Campus Life Committee, College Town Service Committee, the Olympian yearbook staff; and earned a Wesley Fellowship.

Shelnutt was also SMC's first Outstanding Freshman when she received the award in Spring 2006.

"That was a big shock. I thought, 'You want to give this

award to me? You've got to be kidding me.' But I was so excited and appreciative of it," she says.

All three girls say that because of the close-knit student body, they have each developed new friendships that they wouldn't trade for the world.

"My high school friends don't even compare," Shelnutt says.

For now, the girls are looking forward to their next step.

Alston will graduate from SMC in December 2007 with an Associate of Science, after which she plans to pursue a Bachelor's in Nursing at USC Upstate, followed by a Master's in Early Childhood Education.

But Massey and Shelnutt will beat Alston to the punch when they receive their diplomas in just a few weeks.

Massey will receive an Associate in Arts, with an emphasis on Social Science. She plans to attend Columbia

College this Fall and pursue a career in social work.

"I want to help kids like me. I'll probably start off working for DSS, but I would like to work at Epworth and they require a Master's," says Massey.

Shelnutt will receive an Associate in Arts. She is looking at opportunities at Southern Wesleyan University or Converse College. She wants to pursue a career in broadcast journalism.

"I love to talk. That's one of the things I'm best at. And I think it would be so cool," says Shelnutt.

They all agree though that if it wasn't for SMC, they probably wouldn't be as confident, prepared, and excited for the future as they are now.

"SMC is awesomely cool. It's fantabulous. It's amazing. I will never forget this experience," says Shelnutt.

Paralegal Program Offering Spanish Communication Course

SMC's Paralegal Certificate Program introduced its newest elective this Spring-- Spanish Communication Tools for Legal Professionals.

The course is designed to help legal professionals bridge the language barrier with Spanish speaking clients.

"The need for bilingual legal professionals is only going to increase as the (local) Spanish speaking population increases," says Yvonne Harper, director of the program.

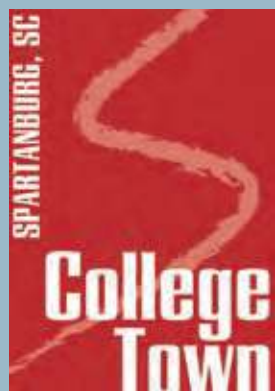
She says attorneys and legal professionals who are not fluent in their clients' native language are encountering increased communication and procedural problems.



August 2006 graduates of SMC's Paralegal Certificate Program.

Delores Mendez, Victim Advocate McDonald, who recently completed with the Spartanburg County SMC's Paralegal Certificate Program, Solicitor's Office and Leslie are team-teaching the course.

SMC Gives Back to the Community



CSI: SMC Students Participate in Annual Service Program With County's Other Colleges

SMC students, along with students from Spartanburg County's five other colleges, recently spent a Saturday providing much needed volunteer services at more than a dozen local agencies as part of the CollegeTown Service Initiative. CollegeTown is a consortium of all six of the county's institutions of higher education.

(Above, left) SMC admissions representative Allison Caulk (back row, 1st on left) and her mother Lou Caulk (front row, 1st on left) volunteered with a group of CSI students to help at Miracle Hill Ministries; (Above, middle) SMC student Wanda Sherlock was one of more than a dozen students that helped out at the Spartanburg County Humane Society; (right) SMC students Margaret Elliot and Travis Eiler remove Christmas lights from a tree at Skylyn Place.

LENDING A HELPING HAND



A group of six SMC students, led by Kim Day, the College's Director of Student Activities and Leadership Development, and Chaplain Candice Sloan assisted the Wesley CDC in Yadkinville, NC last fall in building a deck, wrapping a house, and cleaning and priming a house. Pictured above are Amanda Shelnett (right) and another SMC student.

ENJOYING A GAME OF BINGO



Kappa Sigma Alpha is the co-ed service fraternity at Spartanburg Methodist College. Under the direction of Mr. Pete Aylor and a dedicated student-led Board, KSA is able to perform hundreds of hours of community service in the Spartanburg area. Above, SMC Freshman Juliana Gomez, from Anderson, SC, participates in a game of Bingo with residents at Mountainview Nursing Home during a recent KSA visit.

PIONEER ATHLETICS MAKING ITS MARK IN 2006-2007 SEASON



SMC Wrestlers Clinch 9th At Nationals

The 2006-2007 season went very well for the SMC Wrestling team.

Coach Robbie Higdon says the team's tough schedule helped them increase their competitive edge throughout the season.

Some very impressive standouts for this year were Michael Boring, Justin Newell, Tim Burdine, JJ Jackson, John Murray, and Jeremiah Webb. Each of these wrestlers ended with excellent season records and qualified for nationals.

The team went to its first district championship this season, where it finished third. Seven of

the team's wrestlers scored points to help the team finish 9th in the division.

The team ended the season with a No. 9 Division I placement at the NJCAA National Championships.

At nationals, the team placed 13th in the field of 35 teams competing in the overall tournament, with a final score of 39. This was the highest a SMC team has placed in the national tournament during the team's four-year history.

Recruiting is going very well this year. Higdon says he hopes to sign a good field of recruits from South Carolina, Georgia, Florida,



J.J. Jackson, a Sophomore wrestler, was one of seven SMC wrestlers that made it to Nationals. Above, he is pictured in a match against Gardner-Webb during the 2006-2007 season.

Alabama, and North Carolina. well as topping the team's 06-07

Higdon anticipates having a performance. successful 2007-2008 season, as

Spring Sports Seeing Promising Results So Far

Softball

At press time, the SMC Lady Pioneer Softball Team was 14-12 overall and 7-6 in the Region. A key game was a 9-8 nine-inning victory over No. 12 nationally ranked Georgia Perimeter. The bulk of the team's Region X games were in late March - early April. The team will then prepare for the Region X Tournament where the champion will go to nationals in Plant City, Florida.

The Lady Pioneers' pitching has been very strong lately with both Chelsi Edwards (No. 4 nationally) and Ashely McGuirk (No. 24 nationally) ranking high in strikeouts per inning. Jessica Shaw is recently suffered an ankle sprain but was very effective in beating

Georgia Perimeter and Young Harris (ranked No.30 nationally at the time) prior to her injury.

Ana Oswald leads the team in RBI's with 26. Brittany Guice and Whitney Wiles lead the team in hitting with .412 averages.

"With some improvement on defense we feel confident that we can challenge for both the regular season crown and the Region Tournament championship," says coach Rick Pauly.

Men's Golf

At press time, the SMC Men's Golf Team had won three out of four tournaments this season.

The team won the Tri-County Tech Tournament, with Tad Toler as the tournament medalist with a

73. The team also won the Upstate College Classic at Limestone College. Kyle Parker was the medalist with a 77-72.

The team placed 8th at the Tusculum College Invitational, 4 shots out of 5th place.

The highlight of the season so far was clinching 1st place at the Cavalier Invitational. Matt Jackson was the tournament medalist with a 146. All five SMC men placed in the Top Ten at the tournament.

Men's & Women's Tennis

The SMC Women's team has struggled this season, but it won its first match of the season against a Division II opponent when it defeated North Carolina Central University. The ladies' squad has

endured injuries throughout the year and have only recently become healthy as a whole. Three matches have been decided 5-4.

The SMC Men's squad has competed well against their opponents but have come up short in two 5-4 match scores, while winning only one match so far at press time against Benedict College. That match was taken quite handily at a score of 8-1.

Men's team member Will Stone has compiled an individual singles record of 6-2, and will likely be a candidate for Nationals taking place at Collin County Community College in Plano, Texas the second week of May. Will will be the second player representing SMC to attend within the past two years.

TEACHING SPORTSMANSHIP



Jesse S. Bobo Elementary School students talk with SMC baseball team catcher Justin Weaver as he signs autographs on National Sportsmanship Day. The team spent the morning talking with students about good sportsmanship, playing kickball and basketball with them, and signing autographs.

As of press time, the SMC baseball team was 34-6 overall and 15-5 in Region X.

Soccer, Volleyball Players Named All-Americans

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SOCCER

The SMC men's soccer team finished the 2006 regular season 10-6-3, placing 2nd in Region X.

Forwards Nathan Arroyo and Shane Abbott were named to the All-Region men's soccer team, as well as defenseman Ben Brannan. Arroyo was also named a NJCAA 2nd Team All-American. Forward Andrew Phillips was named a Honorable Mention to the All-Region team.

The SMC women's soccer team finished 3-10-3, placing 3rd in Region X. Defensive player Samantha Decker was named an Honorable Mention to the All-Region women's soccer team.

VOLLEYBALL

The SMC volleyball team went 11-9 in the 2006 season, closing with a 12-10 record after the Region X tournament and placing 6th in the Region.

Two SMC women were chosen as All-Region volleyball players. Sophomore Nikki Golston was ranked 5th out of the field of 13 All Region selectees. Sophomore Amanda Bouchillon was ranked 11th.

Cross Country Teams Finish Historic Season With New Records

MENS CROSS COUNTRY

Freshman Jeremy Vangsnes led the Pioneers as he set school records for the 8K cross country distance as well as the half marathon. In El Paso, at the NJCAA Division I Cross Country National Championships, the former Broome High School runner from Cowpens, S.C. led the team as he finished 78th in 26:26.6, establishing a new school record.

Two weeks later in Wichita, KA, at the NJCAA National Championship Half Marathon, Vangsnes was also the top finisher, placing 28th and setting a new SMC record of 1:17.15. Vangsnes was the top finisher for the Pioneers in four of the teams seven meets.

Sophomore Griffin Cole, the team captain, was the top runner for the Pioneers in two races. He also set a personal best at the National Championship, running 26:54.8. Cole finished his career with the Pioneers with four of the fastest 10 times in school history.

Teamwise, the men won four of the six regular season meets they ran. At the National cross country meet, the men finished 19th in the country; and at the Half Marathon Nationals the team was 10th, its best team result ever in the event.

At season's end, Vangsnes was named the team's Most Valuable Runner, the Region X Runner of the Year, and he won the team Academic Award for the best fall semester gpa (3.75).

Freshman Wells Johnson was chosen as the team's Most Improved Runner. Also, three of the freshmen men -- Vangsnes, Scott Bernshausen and Travis

Eiler -- were named to the NJCAA Cross Country Coaches Academic All American Team.

WOMENS CROSS COUNTRY

Sophomore Jocelyn Veit finished her stellar career as a Pioneer by leading the team to the finish in all six races for the Pioneers. Veit had a season best 19:46.1, the third fastest time in school history and she leaves with six of the 10 fastest times in school history.

The team was ranked as high as 15th in the nation during the season, but a freak injury to one runner and a previously undiagnosed heart malady in another prevented the Pioneers from qualifying for the NJCAA Division I Cross Country National Championships for the fourth year in a row.

Individually this year, Veit had four Top Three finishes in regular season meets with one second place and three thirds. She qualified individually for the Cross Country National Championships where she finished 51st overall.

At the NJCAA National Championship Half Marathon, sophomore Hilary Richards, the Pioneer's team captain in 2006, led the team with a 27th place finish overall and the second fastest time in school history, trailing only her own performance in 2005.

Veit was selected as the team's Most Valuable Runner and the Region X Runner of the Year. Richards was named the Most Improved Runner, and Kara Harper won the team's Academic Award for her 4.0 fall semester GPA.

Harper was also named to the NJCAA Cross Country Coaches Academic All American Team.

Wallace Named 2006 Diamond Sports ABCA Regional Coach of the Year for Division I

SMC baseball coach Tim Wallace was recently named the 2006 Diamond Sports American Baseball Coaches Association's (ABCA) Regional Coach of the Year for Division I of the National Junior College Athletics Association (NJCAA).

"I am happy to receive the 2006 Diamond Sports ABCA Regional Coach of the Year for NJCAA Division I baseball," says Wallace.

"The 2006 Pioneer baseball squad did a tremendous

job in finishing as Region X Champions following a phenomenal season. I am well aware that the award I've received is testament to the effort that they put forth. I wish that I could forward a plaque to all of the 2006 Pioneers."

Wallace, who is in his 16th season of coaching the SMC baseball team, led the 2006 team, which closed off the season with a 44-18 record, to a Region X championship.

His SMC teams have produced a 654-210 total



POISED AND READY



The Lady Pioneers return 5 players that took the team to the region championship and 4 of them were starters. With the signing of 4 players that played in the North-South all-star game, the sky is the limit for the 2007-2008 season. Returning are #24 Erica Caldwell who led the team in Scoring, #21 India Belton who was second in scoring and 1st in assist, #23 Neshonda McLaurin who led the team in rebounds, #14 Lati-sha Lee who was second in assists and #32 Renique Riley who brings toughness and attitude night in and night out.

record, seven Region X titles and two NJCAA World Series trips.

The three-time Region X coach of the year has seen 42 of his former SMC players sign professional contracts.

"Coach Wallace is a true

leader and an inspiration to his players and the Spartanburg Methodist College community. We congratulate him on receiving this award and thank him for all of his hard work and dedication," says Mark Perdue, SMC athletic director.

Perdue Participates In Mission Trip to Senegal

SMC Athletic Director Mark Perdue recently spent 10 days participating in a mission to West Africa, helping educate and minister to local families.

The mission to the village of Cewo in Senegal was sponsored by the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention

Perdue says that he and his wife had wanted to participate in an international mission for some time.

"The timing was right and this was a wonderful opportunity for us," says Perdue.

The Perdues participated in a

teaching of Rick Warren's "The Purpose Driven Life" to adults and also taught Bible lessons to the children of Cewo.

"This was a life changing experience. I never thought that I would get so much out of this personally. But the real reward was getting to meet the people and helping minister to them," Perdue says.

The Perdues were given the African names Isa Pwoy and Della Chandune by the Cewo residents.

"They welcomed and treated us like family," Perdue says.

While visiting Cewo, Perdue also presented the men's



soccer teams of the Cewo and Popenguine villages with Spartanburg Methodist College athletic jerseys.

Soccer is the national game and is played widely throughout Africa. In honor of the Perdues, the villages of Cewo and

Popenguine played an exhibition game wearing the SMC Soccer jerseys. Cewo won the match 3-1.

Perdue adds that he and his wife will most likely participate in another mission trip to Africa sometime in the near future.



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Each year, more than 200 players participate in the Spring Golf Classic, one of the largest fundraising tournaments in the Greenville-Spartanburg area. This tournament provides program support for more than 190 student athletes who annually attend Spartanburg Methodist College. More than 90 percent of SMC students require some form of financial support with 25 percent coming from families with incomes below the federal poverty level. Through your generous support, these student athletes are afforded the opportunity to fulfill the dream of earning a college education. Join many SMC friends, sponsors, and alumni for a day of golf at River Falls Plantation Golf Club. Contact Michael Reese, Director of Athletic Fundraising at (864) 587-4310 or e-mail michael.reese@smcsc.edu. Details are also on our website at www.smcsc.edu.

Women's Golf Tees Off This Fall at SMC

The SMC Board of Trustees recently approved the creation of a women's golf team, which will open its inaugural season in the Fall of 2007.

The move comes as part of the College's strategic plan for growth of the athletic department.

"Having a high-caliber women's golf team will definitely be attractive from a recruiting standpoint," says Danny Philbeck, SMC Vice-President for Enrollment Management.

SMC Athletic Director

and Men's Golf Coach Mark Perdue hopes to recruit 10 players for the first season, although a head coach for the new team has not yet been chosen.

"Our recruitment plans for this team are already underway, and we've already received some very strong interest from some very talented young ladies," says Perdue.

Along with Louisburg College and Cape Fear Community College, both in North Carolina, SMC will be one of only three colleges in Region X of the National Junior College Athletic Association to offer women's golf.

Scene on the Golf Course — Fall Classic 2006 —



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