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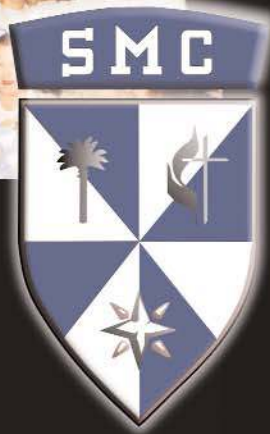
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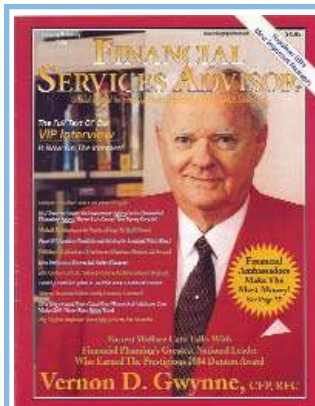
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Message from the President



In his wonderful book, *Human Gold From Southern Hills*, Dr. David English Camak, the founder of Textile Industrial Institute, the forerunner of Spartanburg Methodist College, devised an innovative way for persons on the mill-hills in Spartanburg County who hungered for an education to continue to support their families *and* earn an education. He developed a “week-about” program by dividing the enrollment into two groups: While group “A” worked in the mills, group “B” attended classes. At the end of the week, the two groups switched roles, thereby enabling students to support their families and to earn an education. Also, Dr. Camak established the Model Mill and sold the cloth made in the mill to support the Institute. He and his colleagues called the product “character cloth” because, in their opinion, it was the finest cloth produced in South Carolina and developed the best character traits in the students that produced it. Although eventually the mill was sold and the noble claim of producing “character cloth” came to an end, in many ways the image of “character cloth” still prevails at SMC.

Today, our student-athletes learn that success is best measured by the development of character; that the value of healthy competition is best served only when the rules of the sport are observed; that good sportsmanship is grounded in fair play regardless of the outcome of the competition; and that student-athletes must live by the highest of standards as they represent Spartanburg Methodist College. These values weave the fabric of “character cloth” into the lives of student-athletes.

SMC students learn that they are responsible for their behavior both in and outside the classroom; that one’s academic performance must reflect one’s own work; that the outcome of their academic performance is satisfactory only when it represents their best efforts and their best research.

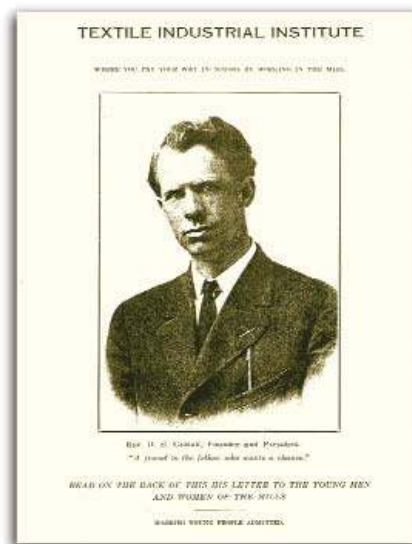
At Spartanburg Methodist College, students and student-athletes become champions when they have made their best effort...in the classroom, on the playing field, and in their relationships with others. The fabric of “character cloth” must be woven together in such a way that Christian values hold it together. The eminent Harvard University philosopher, Santayana Y. Orega, years ago said that the only thing persons actually own are their values; if one sells them, one has nothing left. Spartanburg Methodist College is about the work of instilling Christian values into the lives of our students. This and this alone produces “character cloth.”

At SMC, academics, athletics, extracurricular activities, and living together in an academic community where respect for others governs our way of life are partners in the great enterprise of higher education. We proudly provide “character cloth” for our students because its fabric will never fail, its worth is priceless, and its strength imparts values that enable students to assume their rightful place as leaders in the 21st Century.

Thank you for supporting our students and mission in higher education. With your support, we shall continue to weave “character cloth” into the lives of our students.

Sincerely,

Charles P. Teague
President of the College



Greetings from the Alumni Office

The Alumni Office has had a very exciting year thus far. On August 20, 2004, the Alumni Council extended a warm welcome to freshmen and their families with tea and cookies. We were able to meet many future alums on that day. In October we celebrated Homecoming/Family Weekend 2004 (see below) and recognized the 1994 Men's Soccer Championship Team. This was a very exciting day as many alumni and their families revisited the campus and participated in the special events and games. We are also preparing for our Phonathon which will be conducted in the late fall.

As the holiday season quickly approaches and you reminisce about your life at Spartanburg Methodist College, take a moment to make your commitment to today's students in need of your support. By making your annual Alumni Loyalty Fund gift, you are sharing with current and future students the same quality liberal arts and sciences education you once enjoyed. Your gift will help our students reach their full potential at Spartanburg Methodist College.

I also invite you to reconnect with your alma mater and connect with the alumni of tomorrow. Please take this opportunity to return your gift in the envelope provided. Thank you for your commitment to the future of SMC and for enhancing the college experience for our students of today and tomorrow.

Sincerely,

Leah L. Pruitt '98

Director of Alumni Relations



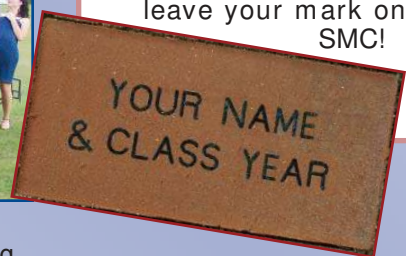
Leah "reconnects" with Tiffany Whittle (left) and Heather Waldrep (right) for a portrait during Homecoming '04



Leah Pruitt

Walk of Memories

Join many alums and other SMC friends who have left their mark on a growing campus. Order a brick in our Walk of Memories. Add your name and class year, remember a classmate, honor your parents or a favorite professor. The cost of each brick is \$100. If you are interested, contact Leah L. Pruitt, Director of Alumni Relations, at (864) 587-4225 or email pruittl@smcsc.edu. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to leave your mark on SMC!



HOMEcoming '04 —October 1-3, 2004



Above: The Homecoming Court. Below: Dr. Teague crowned Ashley Watson as Homecoming Queen and Scott Rector as Homecoming King.



1994 NJCAA Champs

Former Pioneers Coach Pete Petersen made a presentation to former soccer players from the '94 championship team during Homecoming '04. Pictured from left are Petersen, Team Captain Richard Reid, player Russell Sipple, and Assistant Coach Vic Pace.



Alumni Weekend 2004

AWARDS LUNCHEON



SMC alumnus and Anderson County Sheriff Gene Taylor received from President Charles Teague the Young Alumnus of the Year Award during the Alumni Awards Luncheon. Taylor attended SMC during the 1970s and returned to graduate in 1981. Taylor said his time at SMC helped him make an important transition in his life.



Sybil Price, pictured here at Alumni Weekend 2004, celebrated her 95th birthday July 27th. Sybil is a 1944 graduate of SJC and served the institution for many years as librarian. She now resides in Hodges, S.C.



Norris Dockins of Anderson, S.C. received the Alumnus of the Year Award. As a SJC student in the 1940s, Dockins was the first to receive the Olin D. Johnston Citizenship Award. The award, named for the former U.S. Senator, S.C. Governor and early graduate of the institution, continues to be given to deserving SMC students.



Ruby Bishop Pagano of East Brunswick, N.J. and twin sister Ruth Bishop Jones of Tunkhannock, Pa. traveled the distance to be together at Alumni Weekend 2004.



SMC Trustee Mellnee Buchheit receives from President Teague the Distinguished Service Award. Buchheit and members of her family have been strong supporters of the College for many years.



Miriam Henry receives the Outstanding Contribution to SMC Award in memory of her late husband, John W. Henry, who started the Criminal Justice program in 1969 and directed it for 12 years.



Leah Pruitt, Director of Alumni Relations, looks over a 1936 Olympian yearbook with Royal Hayes during Alumni Weekend 2004. Hayes attended the institution, which was then known as Textile Industrial Institute.

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Gifts to SMC

Here are some examples of how SMC's mission continues to be fulfilled through the generosity

Sparrow lobby dedication



SMC dedicated the lobby of Bridges Residence Hall to the memory of H. Booker Sparrow September 8. Pictured from left are family members Henry Sparrow, Wesley Sparrow; Juanita Sparrow, John Sparrow, Sr.; and President Charles Teague.

Spartanburg Methodist College dedicated the lobby of Bridges Residence Hall to the memory of Lake City, S.C., businessman H. Booker Sparrow, who died on March 4, 1984. Present were Sparrow's son, John Sparrow Sr. and his wife, Juanita, and grandsons Wesley Sparrow and Henry

Sparrow (John's nephew). President Teague expressed the College's gratitude to the Sparrow family. "Thank you for your most generous gift that makes it possible for us to remember your father in a special way," he said.

Dr. Arthur Hartzog, Dean of Students, said that the lobby serves as a "living room" for Bridges residents. He said that carrying out details for a project such as Bridges Hall are not possible without significant financial support from contributors such as the Sparrow family.

"A lobby builds community within a residence hall," said Stacey Mason, Director of Residence Life, adding, "It welcomes you to the building with open arms. I would like to thank the Sparrow family for helping us do that."

Jared Bates, Resident Assistant at Bridges Hall, also expressed thanks to the Sparrow family during the ceremony. He said, "When I first came here, I couldn't believe this was a residence hall. This looked like a five-star hotel."

Bridges Hall, which opened in August, 2003, is named in honor of the Bridges family of Spartanburg who have been strong supporters of the College.

Citi Financial supports Freshmen Day of Service



Citigroup Foundation gave Spartanburg Methodist College a financial gift to boost its Freshmen Day of Service, which took place August 21. Chris Marshall (right), Upstate District Manager for CitiFinancial, presented a check July 13 to President Charles Teague. Citigroup Foundation derives its funding from gifts made to it by Citigroup businesses which include Citibank, Smith Barney, Travelers Life and Annuity, Primerica, Banamex and CitiFinancial.

Gift helps Duke Power Scholarship empower more students



President Charles Teague receives a check for the Duke Power Company Scholarship from David E. White (center), Duke Power's Spartanburg District Manager. At right is J. Wayne Landrith, Executive Vice President of the South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities (SCICU).

The Duke Power Scholarship is awarded annually to deserving students who reside within the region served by the Duke Power Company.

of individual donors and corporate support.

Cookbook continues to benefit scholarship



Dr. Ed Ellis (left) and his wife, Dr. Charlotte Lindler Ellis (right), presented a \$10,000 donation Sept. 1 to President Charles Teague, representing proceeds from the sale of the cookbook, *Quiche Me, Loraine*. These proceeds are used to increase the endowed Iris M. Clardy Ellis and Loraine Ellis Memorial Scholarship to provide financial assistance to worthy and deserving students.

Gift to SMC strengthens Hoover Scholarship, benefits students entering Law Enforcement field

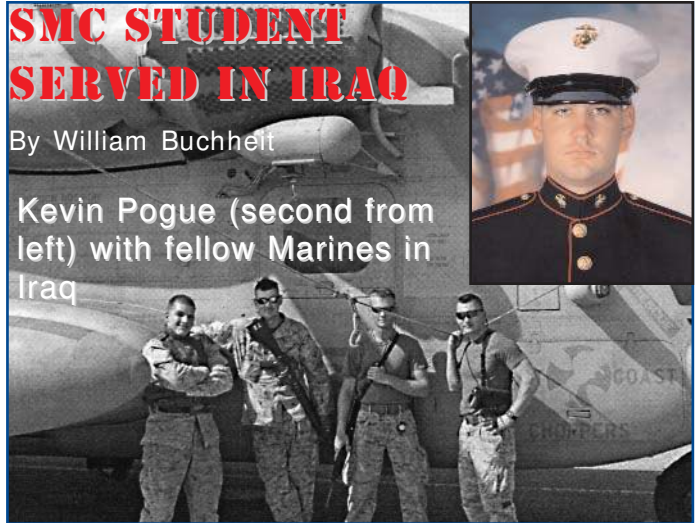


President Charles Teague (center) accepts a check from Fletcher Thompson on behalf of the Piedmont Chapter of the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI Foundation to fund the J. Edgar Hoover Memorial Scholarship. Pictured from left is Bert Rolander, Chairman of the society's Piedmont Chapter; Sterling Case, Vice President for Institutional Advancement at SMC; Teague; Thompson, a chapter member and former SMC Trustee; and Ray Barry, also a Chapter member.

SMC STUDENT SERVED IN IRAQ

By William Buchheit

Kevin Pogue (second from left) with fellow Marines in Iraq



When Kevin Pogue enlisted in the Marine Reserves in 2000, he had no idea he'd be in Iraq four years later. But that's exactly where he's been since February, working to install peace and democracy in a land once terrorized by Saddam Hussein. Pogue, who attended SMC last year, spends most of his time loading and unloading ships and helicopters.

"Specifically, I am a heavy equipment operator," he says. "My job is to move pallets of equipment and baggage on and off aircrafts." It is tedious, back-breaking work, especially in the 130-degree desert heat, which may explain why the 26-year-old marine has lost 15 pounds since he landed there four months ago. In addition to the heat, Pogue said his unit must constantly battle desert sandstorms, which he claims can be just as treacherous.

The Reserve unit, which is based out of Charleston and composed primarily of soldiers from that area, drinks water and Gatorade and eats mostly chicken and rice. They sleep on cots in tents of five and spend the majority of their free time listening to music and watching movies on personal DVD players. While the days are long and the living and working conditions difficult, Pogue says not everything is bad in Iraq.

"Most of the civilians treat us politely and with respect and I have made many new friends with the Navy personnel here," he says. "I talk to family and friends by email, phone and letters. They are all three important to me for morale and support." He says that if Upstate citizens are wondering how to help the soldiers, the best thing to do is send care packages. Food, candy, DVDs, CDs and magazines are among the most requested for items. He says what he misses most about the Upstate are the woods and outdoor activities, and has just one message for the people in Spartanburg County: "A country boy can survive."

Editor's Note: Kevin has now returned to the U.S. and should be home by press time. Our thanks to Will Buchheit and Buchheit News Management, Inc. for sharing this story with us.

SMC Adds Paralegal Program

Certificate opens doors to fast-growing career in the legal field

An exciting new program at Spartanburg Methodist College will provide training essential for entry into one of the fastest-growing fields in the job market today.

The Paralegal Certificate program began offering evening classes in August. This two-year program, formerly offered by Converse College, is for individuals seeking to work in a legal setting. The program also provides additional training for individuals who already work in the legal field.

Developing the new program for SMC is Yvonne Woody Harper, who has several years of experience working as a paralegal and as an instructor in paralegal programs at Converse

Paralegal instructor
Roxanne Reynolds
assists a student
enrolled in the
Paralegal Certificate
Program.



"Spartanburg Methodist College enjoys a rich tradition of providing vital programs that benefit our community. We are excited to welcome the Paralegal Certificate Program as a wonderful addition to our continuing education portfolio," said Eugenia Hooker, Director of Continuing Education and Public Service.

Dr. Tom Wilkerson, Vice President for Academic Affairs, is enthusiastic about the new program as well. "The paralegal program at Converse College has always been excellent, and Spartanburg Methodist College is delighted to be able to offer this opportunity to the Upstate community," Wilkerson said.

The Advisory Committee is composed of a "Who's Who" in the legal field. Serving along with Harper are Robert M. Barrett, Attorney with Holcombe, Bomar, Gunn & Bradford; Mary Jane Benzon, Retired Paralegal, Advantica Legal Department; Ponda Caldwell, Associate Judge of Probate, Spartanburg County Probate Court; Bill Duncan, Attorney, Butler, Means, Evins & Brown; David Drum, Paralegal, City of Spartanburg Community Development Department; Bruce Littlejohn, Retired Chief Justice, S. C. Supreme Court; Erika McJimpsey, Chief Juvenile Prosecutor for the 7th Judicial Circuit, Spartanburg County, Assistant to the Senior Attorney for the Army Reserve's 415th Chemical Brigade in Greenville, S.C., and member of the Army's Judge Advocate General (JAG) Corps; Toria Means, Real Estate Paralegal, Lister, Flynn & Kelly, P.A.; Rhonda Mitchell, Paralegal with Holcombe, Bomar, Gunn & Bradford, P.A.; Roxanne Reynolds, CPLS - Paralegal with Holcombe, Bomar, Gunn and Bradford, P.A.; Albert V. Smith, Attorney; Fletcher D. Thompson, Attorney and former SMC Trustee; and Liz J. Patterson, Founder of Converse College PLA Program, Trustee at SMC, Political Science Professor at SMC, and former member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Means, Mitchell and Drum earned their paralegal certificates from the program when it was housed at Converse.



Paralegal Program Advisory Committee members, pictured from left: (seated) Mary Jane Benzon, David Drum, Toria Means, Roxanne Reynolds, (standing) Program Director Yvonne Harper, Robert M. Barrett, Fletcher D. Thompson, Erika McJimpsey, Ponda Caldwell, Bruce Littlejohn, Rhonda Mitchell, and Liz Patterson. Caldwell, Harper, McJimpsey, Patterson and Reynolds are also faculty members.

(Not pictured are Bill Duncan and Albert V. Smith.)

College and Virginia Intermont College. She is a graduate of Virginia Intermont College, where she earned bachelor of arts degrees in Business Merchandising and Paralegal/Pre-Law Studies.

Paralegals work under the direction of an attorney and perform substantive legal work in law offices, corporations, banks, hospitals, insurance firms, government and real estate companies or other related legal fields. Harper noted that large corporations usually have legal departments because it is much more economical for them to have an in-house paralegal who can work with an attorney within or outside the company. This allows for companies to be more cost-effective in legal matters, according to Harper.

Course offerings will include Introduction to Paralegal Studies, Research and Writing, Civil and Criminal Litigation, Family Law, Probate, Real Estate Law, Business Law, Employment Law, Ethics, Law Office Management, and other law-related courses.

Trustee News —

Foster to Chair Board, New Trustees, Officers Named



Foster



Calvert



Buchheit



Gramling



Hays



Osborne



Patterson



Westbrook

SMC is pleased to announce that H. Daniel Foster was recently elected by the Spartanburg Methodist College Board of Trustees to serve as Chairperson.

Foster was elected as a College trustee in 1997. He succeeded Bruce Yandle, whose term as chairperson expired this year. Foster is president of the H. Daniel Foster Co., a financial services consulting firm. He is an alumnus of SMC.

The College also announced that Jerry Calvert would serve as Vice Chairperson. Calvert is President/CEO of First National Bank of Spartanburg, and is also an alumnus of SMC. He has served as Chairman of the Board of Spartanburg Area Chamber of Commerce, was on the Board of Directors of Carolina Country Club, and is outgoing President of Spartanburg Downtown Rotary Club.

Mellnee Gardner Buchheit was named Recording Secretary. Buchheit is President of Buchheit News Management, Inc. She has served on numerous boards that include the Spartanburg Little Theatre, Friends of the Arts and Science Center, Spartanburg Day School, and Spartanburg Regional Foundation. She is a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church, the Lady Slipper Garden Club, Junior League, and Fannie Louise Holcombe Book Club.

New Trustees elected to the board were John T. Gramling II, Lawrence F. Hays Jr., Jean O. Osborne, Liz J. Patterson, and L. Andrew "Andy" Westbrook III.

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Faculty and Staff Notes:

Linda Bradley has served SMC for the past five years as an adjunct faculty member, teaching Computer Science classes. Linda has been promoted to full-time Professor of Computer Science at SMC.

J.L. Geddis, Professor of Accounting and Economics, received the Archie Vernon and Margaret Wannamaker Huff Faculty Prize this past Spring. Geddis began his career at SMC in 1964 in the business office, where he served as Vice President for Business Affairs for many years. The prize is made possible through a generous gift from Dr. A.V. Huff in memory of Dr. Huff's parents. Huff was a Trustee at SMC and recently retired from the position of Vice President for Academic Affairs from Furman University. The prize, awarded for study or travel, is presented annually to a professor who exemplifies outstanding professional qualifications and teaching ability.

Dr. Mark Gibbs received the Exemplary Teacher Award during Awards Day, held April 14 at SMC. The Exemplary Teacher Award is sponsored each year by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church, and the recipient is nominated by a faculty committee. The award is given to a faculty member who demonstrates excellence in teaching, shows civility and concern for students and colleagues alike, and has a commitment to values-centered education and service to students, the institution, and the community.

David Gibson returned with second place honors from the National Scrabble Championship in New Orleans, La. For the past two decades, the SMC Mathematics professor has garnered prestigious awards for his mastery of the popular board game. Last year he was national champion following the National Scrabble Association's All-Star Tournament at Providence, R.I.

Dr. Arthur Hartzog, Dean of Students, was recently presented the Joe Nixon Senior Student Affairs Officer Award to honor his achievements and service. The award was presented by the South Carolina College Personnel Association (SCCPA) at its spring conference in Myrtle Beach.

Stacey Parris has been promoted to Head Women's Basketball Coach and Professor of Physical Education. Parris has been coaching the Lady Pioneers part-time for the past two years.

Danny Philbeck has been named Vice President for Enrollment Management. He supervises the departments of Admissions, Financial Aid, Intercollegiate Athletics, Public Information, and Mass Mail Services and Inventory Control. Philbeck assumed those duties on an interim basis after Bob McLendon resigned in 2003.

Gwynne a Top Financial Planner

SJC Alum receives Dunton Award

Vernon Gwynne RFC, CFP (SJC 1948) received Financial Planning's highest honor, the Loren Dunton Memorial Award for 2004. The Dunton Award is presented to an individual for making valuable contributions to the financial services profession.

Gwynne is the founder of Financial Services Exchange (FSX) in Lady Lake, Fla., a firm doing Due Diligence and offering seminars. Gwynne's firm has raised more than \$900 million in investments. Only one individual worldwide receives this award annually.

Friend and classmate Rudy Cox of Spartanburg characterizes Gwynne as "truly a professional role model."

While at SJC, Gwynne was recognized for several achievements, including the Blair Medal and Most Likely to Succeed. The 1948 *Olympian* lists Gwynne's several activities: Literary Editor for the yearbook, the *Olympian*; Advertising Manager for the student newspaper, the *Trailblazer*; as well as an assistant in the Physics Laboratory. He was also a member of the Tennis, Basketball and Bowling teams, Phi Theta Kappa, Block "S" Club, and the Burgess Literary Society.

"I had just been to Yale University as a Naval V5 training to be a pilot when the war ended in 1945. When I went to SJC I started over as an absolute freshman," said Gwynne, whose family moved to Spartanburg when his father accepted a managerial position at the *Spartanburg Herald-Journal*. At first, Gwynne didn't know anybody, so he studied a lot. One of Gwynne's goals was to get more lines of credit in the annual than anybody else. "If you look at the annual, you will see that I've been able to accomplish that," Gwynne recalled.

Another highlight Gwynne recalls was studying Psychology under Dr. Mary Bert. He also remembers being

asked to teach Physics lab in return for a full scholarship. After graduating from SJC, Gwynne continued his studies at Wofford and received a bachelor's degree in Psychology.

Gwynne then entered the investments business, where he has remained active since 1950. During his career, Gwynne was Executive Director of the International

Association for Financial Planning (IAFP), which he contributed to the strengthening of the organization. He then left IAFP to start his own practice with two other partners in Dallas. "As part of IAFP I took groups all over the world. I've been to 81 countries. I have spoken and brought financial planning to several of them. We helped start it in England, Germany, Italy, and Japan," said Gwynne, adding that he enjoyed his travels around the globe. He then joined the International Association of Registered Financial Consultants, (IARFC) an organization Gwynne said was harder to enter than most professional organizations. To be called a Registered Financial Consultant, IARFC requires that consultants be tested annually and

take at least 40 hours of continuing education.



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SMC receives CASE award

Spartanburg Methodist College recently received national recognition for its gift planning at the CASE (Council for Advancement and Support of Education) Annual Assembly in San Diego, Calif. SMC was one of five institutions to receive gold medals for an entry in the Advancement Services Programs category. The entry, entitled "Gift Planning Prospect Management," was presented by Rev. Michael Bowers, the College's Director of Gift Planning.

Alumni News

1930s

Edgar L. Allen (1935) and his wife, **May Young Allen** (1936), celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary March 19, 2004 as they both turned 89 years young.

Jack M. Andrews (1936) is enjoying retirement in Greenville, S.C. **Peter Howard Dantzler** (1938), of Orangeburg, S.C., along with his wife, Irene, were recognized for exhibiting the character trait of kindness for the month of April. After becoming widowers, Peter and Irene married 17 years ago. Irene is from Bowman, S.C., and Howard, now retired, is from the Providence community near Holly Hill, S.C. Quoting a comment to *Orangeburg Times and Democrat* staff Writer Charlene Slaughter, "We just see a need and act upon it when others see a need and wait for someone else to do it." They assist others for doctor's visits, invite families of the sick into their home, visit and assist residents of The Methodist Oaks and Kings Daughters Home, and deliver homemade pound cake to shut-ins. Irene worked for the cancer clinic for 26 years. Howard was in school work for 37 years: 20 years as a teacher and 17 years in administration. They were nominated for the recognition award by Mary Nell Fairey of Rowesville, S.C. SMC congratulates the Dantzlers.

Claudia B. Smith (1938) is enjoying her retirement in Belton, S.C.

Scott Willis, Sr. (1938) is retired in Aiken, S.C.

Sarah Hughes Lineberry (1939) is enjoying her teaching retirement in Spartanburg, S.C.

1940s

Earle B. Hamilton (1940) resides in Buckingham, Pa.

Randy Bradford (1940) has retired in Pauline, S.C., and enjoying life with his wife, Jonelle S. Bradford.

Joseph S. and **Virl Morrow Momier** (1941) of Landrum, S.C., recalled some fond memories of **William Boyd's** (1941) wife, Lou. Their classmates were deeply hurt with Lou's passing. Lou will be missed but not forgotten.

Grady L. Kinley (1941) is a retired UM Minister and resides in Goldsboro, N.C. He has been widowed for 12 years.

Tyrus Wood (1941) is retired in Spartanburg, S.C. Ty fondly remembers baseball days with Coach "Slim" Mooneyham.

Rev. Lucy Tedder Davis (1941) is retired and residing in Florence, S.C.

Dr. Robert D. Warren (1941) is retired and living in Danville, Pa.

Sarah C. Phillips (1942) of Lexington, S.C., is recovering from recent back surgery. We wish Sarah a speedy recovery.

D. Jesse Plummer (1942) is enjoying retirement in Lamar, S.C.

Warren H. Abernathy (1942) enjoys supporting the Pioneer Club.

Rev. Charles M. Blackmon (1943) and his wife, Gladys (1944), celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Feb. 23, 2004. With continued good health and God's blessings, they hope to make it to their 70th anniversary. "It is great to come back for homecoming to meet old and new friends and see our beautiful campus," writes Mrs. Blackmon.

Dr. Eugene Rutledge (1943) of Anchorage, Alaska, fondly remembers days at SMC while reminiscing about Martha Duckworth Cavin and Dr. William P. Cavin (deceased Wofford College professor) and their children, Bill, Jr. and Carole C. Burdette.

Alumni Spotlight

Marguerite Smith Compton of Spartanburg shared with us a photo of her (left) and Vandilla Lowther, taken on graduation day, June 5, 1944. The photo was taken in front of the entrance to Judd Hall.



LeeBelle Stanley Murray (1943) is a retired school teacher in Charleston, S.C. She would love to see or hear from any of the SJC alumni and would like to see them if in Charleston.

Dr. John M. Butler (1944), a dentist in Mt. Pleasant, S.C., proudly supports the Alumni Loyalty Fund.

Betty Horton Barkley (1944) of Gastonia, N.C., has retired.

Dr. Ruby Amerson Matthews (1944) resides in Charleston, S.C.

Ruby Ragan Bridges (1944) of Campobello, S.C., has retired.

Katie Watford Eubanks (1944) of Goose Creek, S.C., retired in 1986 from Berkeley County Schools after 42 years of teaching. She is enjoying her four grandchildren: Blake, 14, Lauren, 10, Taylor, 8, and Morgan, 5.

Marguerite Compton (1944) wrote, "I certainly enjoy reading *Frontiers* when it comes in the mail, especially news about the Classes of 1944 and 1943. I enjoyed my days at SJC and always will remember them. We graduated on June 5, 1944. That was 60 years ago." Marguerite, who turns 80 on October 19, would love to hear from her classmates. (See photo above)

Lucia K. Whitlock (1944) resides in Cartersville, Va.

Ruby C. Dodd (1944) is a retired postmaster, living in Round O, S.C.

Guy F. Fain, Jr. (1944) and his wife **Naomi Scott Fain** (1948) live in Moore, S.C.

Virginia Rushing Boiter (1945) recently retired from the Spartanburg County Library. She enjoys traveling and visiting children in Arizona and Maryland.

Sue Weathers Shuler (1946) retired from public school teaching in 1988. She is enjoying retirement with her husband of almost 56 years, Charles, and with their children and their spouses. They enjoy their seven grandchildren's academic and sports adventures. They live in Providence Community near Holly Hill, S.C., where she started teaching in 1946.

Alumni News *(continued)*

J. Fred Lister (1947) of Columbia is retired.

Sara DeLoache Gibson (1947) is retired and living in Sumter, S.C.

Donald O. Thompson (1947) is enjoying retirement in Hendersonville, N.C. with his wife, Linda S. Thompson.

Juanita Horton Stepp (1947) is enjoying her retirement from teaching. She resides in Boiling Springs, S.C.

Vernon Gwynne (1948) of Lady Lake, Fla., was one of three speakers invited for the Financial Advisors Forum, which featured financial advisors from the U.S., Taiwan, Australia and Panama and was sponsored by the International Association of Registered Financial Consultants. Vernon holds the professional designation of CFP. He also received the Loren Dunton Memorial Award for his experience in the financial services profession (*see p. 10*).

Mary Wilburn Waddell (1948) is retired and living in Aiken, S.C., with her husband, George C. Waddell.

Robert M. Bennett (1948) is a self-employed PE, PLS.

Edward T. Hinson (1948) proudly supports the SMC Alumni Loyalty Fund in memory and in honor of the Class of 1948.

W. Joe McCurry (1949) of Abbeville, S.C., has retired.

Flossie W. Vassey (1949) of Lancaster, S.C., has retired from Lancaster County Schools.

Gerald W. Dorn (1949) and wife Betty live in Greenwood, S.C.

Albert Bernard Martin (1949) is retired in Spartanburg, S.C.

Leonard A. McDowell (1949) is enjoying retirement in Chesnee, S.C.

1950s

Peggy Brown Bryson (1950) is a retired elementary principal from Virginia Beach City Schools in Virginia Beach, Va. She and her husband, Bill, are enjoying their grandchildren and traveling.

Shirley Patton Adams (1950) is retired in Woodruff, S.C., with husband Robert F. Adams.

Helen Gregory Sanders (1950) is a homemaker in Charleston S.C. with husband E.F. Sanders.

Juanita G. Rogers (1950) is enjoying retirement in Greer, S.C.

Lawrence M. Jamerson (1951) is retired and lives in Virginia Beach, Va. He and his wife **Betty Jo Vinson** met at SJC in 1950 and are supporters of the Alumni Loyalty Fund.

Frances Day (1951) is retired and lives in Whitesburg, Ky.

Maxine Fogle Owen (1952) of North, S.C., has retired.

James E. "Jim" Brantley (1952) and his wife, Elizabeth, reside in Marietta, Ga. Jim retired from the Hanover Insurance Co.

Armenta Wood Prince (1953) is a retired school teacher in Loris, S.C. She graduated from High Point College in 1955 with a BA in Elementary Education. She taught for 38 consecutive years prior to her 1993 retirement. She married Charles Elbert Prince in 1960. They have a son, Keith.

Richard E. Huggins (1953) enjoys supporting the SMC Alumni Loyalty Fund. He resides in Garden City, S.C.

Choko N. Oshima (1954) is a Japanese Language and cooking classes teacher in Fort Collins, Colo. In 1970 she started a small business, East-West Imports — a cultural experience center.

Clarence L. Craven (1954) of Barefoot Bay, Fla., has

retired. He wrote a note along with his contribution to the Alumni Loyalty Fund, "It was good to attend the reunion this year. 'So nice to see the ladies looking even more beautiful, and the men holding their own so well!' Bless you!"

Mary Arthur Sims Powers (1954) of Union, S.C., has retired.

Ruth Kelly Cannon (1954) loves working with the administration at Cannon's Camp Ground UMC.

Edith Johnson Roper (1954) of Matthews, N.C., retired from Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. She enjoyed seeing many friends at the Alumni Weekend 2004. She is in a bowling league, tutors at a local elementary school and is actively involved in church.

Vera Waldrep Langston (1954) is retired and lives in Inman, S.C.

Christine F. Bair (1954) writes: "We enjoyed attending our 50th class reunion this year (2004). It was good to see so many of my former classmates."

Wendell J. Lee (1955) of Roebuck, S.C., is retired.

Ray Petty (1955) retired in 1990 from Hartsville High School as a Guidance Counselor. He and wife Frances have four daughters and eight grandchildren who keep them busy and happy.

Judith Casey Bishop (1955) and her son, **James C. Bishop** (1990), recently sent a contribution to the Alumni Loyalty Fund.

Judith has retired from the Department of Social Services and James works with First Fidelity of Spartanburg.

Paul D. Ward (1956) is owner of Appliance Sales & Service, Inc. of Spartanburg, S.C.

Barbara Trinchler Watkins (1956) will be moving to Australia for a short period of time. Lucky Australia!

Louise M. Parris (1956) and husband W. Keith lives in Spartanburg, S.C. Louise proudly supports the SMC Alumni Loyalty Fund.

Walter Corn (1958) and wife, Patricia Davis Corn, are both retired and living in Spartanburg, S.C.

Patricia Davis Corn (1959) and hubby, Walter, are both retired in Spartanburg, S.C.

James H. Atkins (1959) is retired from W. R. Grace, in Duncan, S.C., where he and wife Barbara W. Atkins reside.

Michael L. Dozier (1959) of Marion, S.C., has retired.

1960s

Patricia S. Wood (1960) is a retired minister in Greenville, S.C.

Alfred McGaha (1962) of Gaffney, S.C. is a retired elementary school principal in Cherokee County, S.C. He served the school for 35 years. He is currently selling real estate with Buise Bowers Realty in Gaffney.

Janette S. Mangum (1962) of West Columbia, S.C., is a teacher with the Lexington County Schools District 2.

Ashley D. Mangum (1962) of West Columbia, S.C., is a food service supervisor with the S.C. Dept. of Corrections.

Philip D. Greer (1962) is enjoying retirement in Columbia, S.C., with his wife Sandra C. Greer.

Carl Lowe (1963) is President and Owner of Suwannee Daisy in McAlpin, Fla. He is married to alumna Elaine Raegan Lowe (1964).

Neil D. Vaughan (1963) and his wife Emily G. Vaughan live in Meggett, S.C. They are the owners of Vaughan's, Inc. of Ridgeville, S.C.

Cheryl Coleman Marsh (1964) and her husband, Wayne, live in Matthews, N.C. They, along with daughter Jessica, had to shovel lots of snow from the 18 inches that fell there last February. It took some vehicles going from Greenville,

S.C. to Concord, N.C. more than five hours to make the trip on that day. Precious memories!

Ralph C. Driggers, Jr. (1964) remembers baseball days at SMC and trying to teach undergrads Sterling Case and Don Tate how to play! Ralph proudly supports the SMC championship teams.

Marta Riddle Brown (1964) is a drama teacher with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools at South Charlotte Middle School. She is status sponsor for the N.C. Junior Beta Club and Emeritus Board Member of First Candle/SIDS Alliance.

Roy Neal (1964) is retired and living in Wilmington, N.C.

Gerald B. Smith (1965) of Spartanburg is employed with Georgia-Pacific Corp.

The Hon. Lanny F. Littlejohn (1965) is a judge with the state of South Carolina.

Allen H. Hipp (1965) of Saluda, S.C., is a self-employed businessman.

Donna T. Melton (1965) is a resource teacher with Spartanburg, S.C. School District 7. She is married to **Earl B. Melton** (1963).

Freddie Whitman (1966) of Clinton, S.C., works with Timken as a Supplier Development Manager.

Nancy F. Watson (1966) is a retired Spartanburg District 2 teacher. She resides in Chesnee, S.C.

Haskell R. Brown, Jr. (1966) and his wife Virginia R. Brown live in Ladson, S.C. Haskell works with Wells Fargo.

Charles H. Johnson (1966) is Regional Director of Spartan Marketing, Spartanburg, S.C.

Woodrow P. Gilbert (1966) is a technical associate with Milliken Research in Spartanburg, S.C.

William S. Wilkerson, III (1967), former SMC student-athlete from Hickory Grove, S.C. and his wife, Ruth, gladly support SMC student-athletes.

William Ivey (1967) is retired and living in the United Kingdom.

Anita Phillips (1967) works with Mary Kay Cosmetics and lives in Mt. Pleasant, S.C.

J. Ron Faulkenberry (1967) of Florence, S.C., is Dean of the School of Education, Francis Marion University.

Harold Bridges (1967) works at the University School (the alternative school), chairs the Board of Directors for the Boys' Home, and chaired the Board for the Spartanburg Council on Aging. He has a bachelor's degree in Political Science from Wofford College, and a graduate degree in Elementary Education. Harold resides in Spartanburg, S.C.

Michael S. Ritchie (1968) is President of Piedmont Auto Parts in Chester, S.C.

Roger L. Ezell (1968) is a self-employed plumbing contractor in Marshall, N.C.

Rev. James David Miller (1969) is a finance officer with First Financial Group. He lives in Brentwood, Tenn.

Gene F. Moore (1969) is Human Resource Advisor with Tyco Electronics in Shelby, N.C.

1970s

Dr. E. L. Tate (1970) currently has his own medical practice.

Jan Trantham (1970) is Vice President of Grant Realty & Appraisal Co. of Asheville, N.C.

Millie Griffin (1970) of Aiken RV Park and Sales, Inc. made a contribution to the Alumni Loyalty Fund and writes that she is a widow and has six children, all of whom are married. She loves God, young people, and working in her church. She made a donation in memory of her grandson, Jeremy, a

Alumni Spotlight

Criminal Justice grad Recognized

Lance Cpl. Steve Sluder (1986) a graduate of the SMC Criminal Justice program, was awarded the Silver Star for Bravery last February by the American Police Hall of Fame.



The 37-year-old Spartanburg native was also nominated as a candidate for Law Enforcement Officer of the Year after he demonstrated bravery in a violent standoff in Abbeville County last December. He was also named Trooper of the Year for Troop Two after diffusing a violent standoff in Greenwood County in 2001. Troop Two covers seven Upstate counties.

Sluder says the Criminal Justice program at SMC has been helpful in his career because he was exposed to a variety of experiences. Looking back, Sluder realized how beneficial this variety of experiences was. Sluder, who also serves as one of seven spokespersons for the highway patrol in South Carolina, sums up his professional development by saying, "When I joined the highway patrol. I thought my entire career would be catching bad guys. But you need to prepare yourself for different things as they come along, and I thought SMC did a good job of that."

SMC student who was killed in an automobile accident.

Charles Hicks (1971) graduated from Clemson University after leaving SJC in 1971.

Marion Jackson Mize (1972) is a JROTC instructor with Berkeley County Schools, Moncks Corner, S.C.

F. Vernon Chandler, III (1972) and Nataly are currently residing in Heidelberg, Germany, where Vernon is assigned as the Deputy Command Chaplain, U.S. Army Europe.

Joanne McCarter Metcalf (1972) of Campobello, S.C., is retired from the S.C. Dept. of Juvenile Justice.

Wayne Federline (1973) and his wife Nancy, who were married on St. Patrick's day 1994, now have a six-year-old daughter, Gabrielle Hannah, who is a Kemp Orange Belt. Wayne is a supervisor with Securitas-Pinkerton and lives in Greenville, S.C.

John Irwin (1973) works with Clemson University Cooperative Extension Service as Extension Livestock Specialist. He has worked for Clemson for 25 years. His nephew, Will Irwin, graduated from SMC in May, 2004.

Daniel Philbeck (1974) was recently named Vice President and Dean for Administrative Affairs (*see page 9*).

C. Wayne Yarborough (1974) of West Columbia, S.C., is branch Manager with Palmetto Citizens Federal Credit Union.

Franklin B. Pack (1974) of New Port Richey, Fla., is President of Pasco Towing. He retired from management with UPS to begin his own business. He and his wife Toni have three children: two girls and a boy.

Alumni News *(continued)*

H. Daniel Foster (1975) was elected to serve as Chairperson for the SMC Board of Trustees during their May meeting (*See p. 9*). Dan and his wife, Martha, live in Spartanburg where Dan is President of the H. Daniel Foster Co. Congratulations, Dan!

Denise Davis Hayes (1975), formerly a MDO teacher with First Baptist of Augusta, Ga., is now residing in Knoxville, Tenn.

Alan D. Cheek (1976) is a self-employed Realtor in Key West, Fla.

Steven G. Hope (1977) works with the S.C. Dept. of Mental Health in Due West, S.C.

Debbie Ballenger Austin (1977) resides in Columbia, S.C., with husband, Samuel Austin, Jr. She is a teacher with Union Methodist Kindergarten.

Judy Evans (1977) teaches at Iva Elementary School and has taught a total of 19 years. She was named Teacher of the Year in 2004. Judy has a son, Derek, who is in the Army Reserve, and trained at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. Her daughter, Cassie, is in her freshman year at Anderson College, and another daughter, Judy, is married.

Larry Hamrick (1978) of Howe, Ind., is employed with ELCA-IK Synod. He and his wife, Margaret Kelly Hamrick, have two children, Garrison and Ginger.

Clarice Calvert Bobo (1978) lives in West Columbia, S.C.

Robert Morris Dickson (1979) works as a teacher and coach at Rock Hill High School, where he has been for nine years. Robert was selected as a coach for the North-South All-Star softball game 2004.

S. Eric Lowman (1979) is employed with BB&T in Beaufort, S.C.

1980s

Charles "Neal" Metcalf (1980) is enjoying life in Wellford, S.C.

Brenda Hodge Russell (1981) is owner of By the Numbers, Inc., an accounting firm in Spartanburg, S.C.

Robin Rogers (1981) is the Principal of Hanahan Middle School in Berkeley County School District and resides in Pinopolis, S.C.

Gary Davies (1983) and his wife, **Debbie Bolin** (1982), have three children: Shaina and twins David and Derek. They live in Clover, S.C. After SMC, Gary joined the U.S. Army and remained on active duty for 15 years. He now works for the local Sheriff's Department.

Laura Owen Hooper (1982) is in her 19th teaching year. She teaches at Lexington School District 2 and is working on her Master's-plus-30. Last June, she celebrated 18 years of marriage. She has a son, Dustin, 12, and a daughter Dana, 8.

Malcolm English (1982) of Kansas City, Mo., graduated from Charleston Southern University and Midwestern Baptist Seminary. He has been called as pastor of Thyft-Falls Baptist Church, Kearny, Mo. Rev. English has served as camp administrator of New Hope Retreat Center in Kearny for four years. He and wife, Jan, have four children.

Jean P. Collins (1984) and her husband, David, reside in Spartanburg, S.C.

Terri Rollins Kemmerlin (1984) is a Hampton School District 1 Business Education teacher and lives in Varnville, S.C.

Dennis L. Haimbaugh (1985) and his sister **April**

Haimbaugh Cooke (1987) lost their brother, Jeffrey Dale Haimbaugh, on July 31, 2004. Our deepest sympathy to two of SMC's best. May God bless you and your families.

Douglas L. Bouknight (1986) is an Administrative Officer with the U. S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development in Lexington, S.C.

Amy Fowler Henderson (1987) is an Administrative Assistant with the University of South Carolina Upstate. Amy is expecting her first child in September, 2004.

Ginger Waters Darwin (1989) of Moore, S.C., is employed with Smith, Kesler & Co.

1990s

Lisa Transiskus (1990) is a graphics copy editor with the Atlanta Journal-Constitution in Atlanta, Ga.

James C. Bishop (1990) and his mother, **Judith Casey Bishop** (1955), recently sent a contribution to the Alumni Loyalty Fund. James works with First Fidelity of Spartanburg and Judith has retired from the Department of Social Services.

Norma J. Walker (1990) is a "Stay-at-Home" mom in Greenville, S.C.

Marcus D. Brown (1990) opened the Marcus D. Brown Funeral Home in October of 2004.

Karla Sistare Milhorn (1990) and husband, Pete, are the owners of two pharmacies: Lancaster Pharmacy Home Medical and Wellness, Lancaster, S.C., and Great Falls Pharmacy, Great Falls, S.C. She earned certification for Certified Diabetes Educator (CDE) and works one-on-one with diabetic patients. They have three daughters: Bailey, 5, Avery, 2-1/2, and Caroline, 1.

Sandy Smith (1991) is currently teaching in Lithia Springs, Ga. She has a BS in Exercise Science and a BS ED in Physical Education and Health. She recently completed her EMT-Intermediate training.

Glen O. Clark (1992) resides in Boiling Springs, S.C.

Maria DeZern (1993) is employed with Greenville County Disabilities & Special Needs Board as an Early Interventionist. Jim DeZern, her father, passed away in October 2002. Maria is also a 1995 graduate of Limestone College.

Jonas M. Vassey (1993) of Spartanburg is a Purchasing Agent with Johns Manville.

Amy Neal Sorrells (1994) is married to Ron V. Sorrells, Jr. They have a daughter, Madijah "Maddie" born Jan. 19, 2003.

Gina Sorgee (1996) was wed to Robert Pitchford on April 7, 2001. She is a first grade teacher at Ellenboro Elementary School.

Doshia Jones Booker (1998) is married to Willie Booker. She is employed at Charles Lea Center.

2000s

Gregory Len Elder (2004) of Boiling Springs, S.C., is a state trooper with the S.C. Highway Patrol.

Births

Sarah Pym Franks (1997) and husband, Gary, had a little girl, Amanda Brooke Franks, on March 6, 2003. Amanda Brooke is their second child.

Katie Hardee Pack (1998) and husband David are enjoying their son born on August 19, 2004. Congratulations, parents!

If you have a story that you would like to share about your time spent at SMC, SJC, or TII, contact Ed Welch at welche@smcsc.edu or 864-587-4254.

Marriages

Albert R. Rose (1993) married his wife, Yarah, on Oct. 19, 2003. They reside in Columbia, S.C., where Albert is employed with First Citizens Bank as a Trust Officer. He and Yarah have a son, Justin, born Sept. 11, 1998.

Lien Su (1994) was wed to Clifford Shifflett on November 15, 2003 in Charlotte, N.C. Former SMC student Isabel Bravo was the Maid of Honor, and former SMC student Lisa McMillian was a Bridesmaid. Lien and Cliff live in Charlotte.

Deaths

Hazel W. Fordham (1936) of Glenwood, Ga. died September 19, 2002. Hazel was retired from the United States Courts.

John David Lowry, Sr. (1936) of Spartanburg died March 20, 2004. Our deepest sympathy to his wife, Euna Mae Brady Lowry, and children: John D. Lowry, Jr. and wife Patricia of Rock Hill, S.C.; Richard Brady Lowry and wife Judy of Cross Anchor, S.C.; Elizabeth L. Lowe and fiancé Ralph N. Brendle; Mary L. Dodkin and husband George. John David was a member of the 1936 varsity basketball team. He was a member of Bethel UMC and the Loyalty Sunday School Class.

Keith L. Gordon (1937) died January 11, 2004. Our deepest sympathy to family and friends.

Neetumn G. Bagwell (1938) died on July 20, 2004 at Greenville Memorial Hospital. Our deepest sympathy to his family, former classmates, and friends.

P. M. Plyler, Jr. (1938) died on February 19, 2003. His daughter, Debra P. Jaillette, informed us of her father's death by a letter dated March 22, 2004. We were very sorry to hear of one of SMC's faithful alumni dying. He is truly missed by former classmates and the SMC community. Mr. Plyler had four daughters, three brothers and their families. He has three grandsons, two of whom are Marines and one an Army Sergeant. Mr. Plyler also served in the military.

Rev. Wendell G. Davis (1939), who went on to graduate from Catawba College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and served as a devoted church pastor for more than 55 years, died July 10, 2004. Our deepest sympathy to family and friends.

Trustees (continued from page 9)

Gramling is President of Gramling Brothers Inc. He is also a member of Gramling United Methodist Church and has served on the boards of Gramling Brothers Inc., The Palmetto Bank, and Gramling United Methodist Church. He resides in the Gramling community.

Hays is minister of Bethel United Methodist Church in Spartanburg. He has served on the Board of Ordained Ministry, the Board of Habitat For Humanity, and the Duke Board of Visitors. He has also served as President of Duke University Alumni Council, received the C.A. Dukes Award, and received recognition from the Outstanding Young Men of America.

Osborne is a United Methodist minister and deacon from Myrtle Beach who has been actively involved

Alumni Spotlight

Charles "Chuck" Wright, pictured here at a May 27 debate, won the Republican nomination for Spartanburg County Sheriff. Wright is a graduate of the Criminal Justice program at SMC.



Edgar Lafell Campbell (1940) of Jackson, S.C. died November 23, 2003. Our sympathy to his wife, Kathryn S. Campbell, and their family. He received a BA Degree from Furman University in 1948, served in the U.S. Army Air Force in WWII, loved God, family and his church, and loved sports.

Jack P. Corn (1944) of Mauldin, S.C. died on March 21, 2004. Our sympathy to his wife Jane and children: Judy and husband Allan Newman; Jan and husband Paul of Fountain Inn, S.C.; John and wife Laura Corn of Simpsonville, S.C.; and Jerry Corn of Mauldin, S.C.

Helen Breazeale Lanford (1944) died on October 15, 2002.

Robert P. Scurry (1947) passed away October 1, 2003, of cancer.

James W. Jack (1956), husband of **Elizabeth S. Jack** (1959), passed away. Elizabeth is retired in Spartanburg, S.C. Our sympathy to Elizabeth over her great loss.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of **Johnnie Whetstone** (1954) family and friends at his death.

James M. Hinson, Jr. (1995) died on August 7, 2004. Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends.

Correction: Fried Huiet's information in the last issue of the *Frontiers* magazine reported that he had been married for 34 years and has a 17-year-old grandson. Actually, he has been married for more than 35 years and has a two-year-old grandson. We regret the error.

in several ministries and organizations. She is a member of Christian Educator's Fellowship, and serves on the boards of the United Methodist Board of Ministry and Family Outreach of Horry County. Osborne is also a past chairperson of the United Methodist Advocate Trustees and the United Methodist Board of Health and Welfare.

Patterson is a former member of the U.S. House of Representatives and a Spartanburg native. She also teaches Political Science and serves on the Advisory Committee for the Paralegal Certificate Program at SMC.

Westbrook is an executive with BB&T in Greenville. He has served on the boards of the S.C. Bankers Association, the Upstate Board of the March of Dimes, Spartanburg County Commission for Higher Education, and the University Center of Greenville.



Mace presented to SMC

Terry Stephenson, Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science, and his wife, Raylene (center) presented a ceremonial mace to Spartanburg Methodist College April 23. Stephenson also presented silver medallions portraying the College seal to former president, Dr. George Fields (left), and Dr. Bruce Yandle (second from right), who chaired the SMC Board of Trustees until recently. A presidential medallion was presented to SMC President, Dr. Charles Teague (right).



Stephenson bears the ceremonial mace in the procession of graduates this past May



Clemson economist Dr. Bruce Yandle shared his outlook on the U.S. economy May 19 to Spartanburg area business leaders and others at SMC. Until recently, Yandle chaired the SMC Board of Trustees. He also headed the U.S. Dept. of Commerce during the Reagan Administration. Yandle insists that the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks are not responsible for the economic slowdown. "The slowdown was made in Washington, D.C. by the Federal Reserve Board deliberately and then 9/11 came along and hit it a lick," Yandle said. He summarized the current economy by saying "the patient is out of intensive care now, in a private room, and a pretty strong heartbeat is being detected."

New Faces at SMC

Rob Burke comes to SMC from Campbell University, where he was Assistant Men's Basketball Coach. He has also served as Head Junior Varsity Basketball Coach, Assistant Basketball Coach and coached Men's and Women's Cross Country teams at Limestone College. Prior to that, Burke played overseas for the County Clair Jets, a professional basketball team in Ireland. He also briefly coached the Jets. For Burke, basketball is a family tradition. His father, Bob Burke, coached 22 years at Chowan College and is currently Assistant Basketball Coach at the University of Hawaii. Burke counted it a privilege to play under his father for four years while both were at Chowan.



Burke

Kendra Burnette joins the Admissions Department as an administrative assistant. Kendra has been married to her high school sweetheart, Eric Burnette, for 10 years. Both met at Byrnes High School. Kendra also has a B.S. in Special Education from Winthrop University. Kendra enjoys working at SMC part-time, so she can spend as much time as possible with their six-year-old son, Jaren. They also enjoy their dog, a pug named Nugget. Kendra also has taught fifth-grade Sunday School for the past eight years.



Burnette

Brooks Carter is the new Director of Athletic Fundraising at SMC. SMC is a familiar place to Brooks, who attended the college and graduated in 1983. He then attended the University of South Carolina, where he received a B.A. in Liberal Arts. Brooks is a Greenville native, but now resides in Greer with his wife, Laura, and two daughters, Joy, 10, and Emily, 8. He enjoys spending time with his family and watching his daughters play soccer.



Carter

Wallace Dillard has joined SMC as a campus safety officer. Dillard has worked several years in law enforcement, most recently as a patrol officer with Union Public Safety Dept. He also worked with the S.C. Dept. of Corrections. Dillard is a graduate of Greenville Technical College, Community Policing School of North Florida College, the S.C. Criminal Justice Academy and the S.C. Dept. of Corrections Academy. He is also certified as a basic firefighter and school resource officer. Dillard resides in Union with his wife, Doris. They have three children and three grandchildren.



Dillard

Kristi Harvey is the new Cheerleading Coach. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Elementary Education from Limestone College and expects to receive a Master's degree in Elementary Education from Converse College in July. Kristi's professional work experience includes serving as the Assistant Cheerleading Coach for the University of South Carolina Upstate and teaching at Merrywood Elementary School in Greenwood, S.C. She is currently employed as a teacher at Boiling Springs Elementary School in Boiling Springs, S.C.



Harvey

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SMC in Sandlapper!

Spartanburg Methodist College will be featured in the winter edition of *Sandlapper*. Nicknamed the “Magazine of South Carolina,” *Sandlapper* regularly runs articles showcasing various Palmetto State institutions. “It is a privilege to be showcased in such a prestigious magazine,” says Ed Welch, Director of Public Information and contributor to the article. The winter edition hits the shelves of bookstores and numerous other outlets across South Carolina this December. For details, contact www.sandlapper.org.



ESTATE PLANNING

A bequest to Spartanburg Methodist College is a way of perpetuating a donor's support for the role Spartanburg Methodist College plays in the lives of others. It also enables a donor to make a major gift that might not otherwise be possible.

Through a bequest, a donor may leave to Spartanburg Methodist College a specific dollar amount, reserve for Spartanburg Methodist College all or a certain percentage of the estate after provisions for family members and other beneficiaries have been made, or name the College as a residual beneficiary. The donor may stipulate whether the bequest is for the general support of Spartanburg Methodist College or for a specific purpose. A bequest may also be made in honor or memory of another individual.

In addition to cash and securities, bequests to Spartanburg Methodist College may include real estate, works of art, or even patent rights. All outright bequests to Spartanburg Methodist College are exempt from federal estate taxes, and there is no limitation on the size of the gift.

Suggested Forms of Bequests

When making or revising a will, a donor should obtain the assistance of an attorney. The Director of Gift Planning at Spartanburg Methodist College will be pleased to work with the donor and his or her attorney to design a tailored estate plan. The following are suggested forms for making various types of bequests:

1. Outright bequest in will

(a) Specific dollar amount:

*I bequeath the sum of _____ dollars [\$_____] to
Spartanburg Methodist College, Spartanburg, S.C., to
be used or disposed of for _____ [or as its
Board of Trustees in its sole discretion deems appropriate.]*

(b) Specific property (personal property):

*I bequeath <DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY> to
Spartanburg Methodist College, Spartanburg, S.C., to
be used or disposed of for _____ [or as its
Board of Trustees in its sole discretion deems appropriate.]*

(c) Specific property (real estate):

*I devise all of my right, title, and interest in and to
the real estate located at
<DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY> to Spartanburg
Methodist College, Spartanburg, S.C., to be used or disposed
of for _____ [or as its Board of Trustees in its sole
discretion deems appropriate.]*

(d) Share of, or entire residue, of estate:

*I devise and bequeath (all/ or _____ percent
[_____%]) of the remainder of my property to
Spartanburg Methodist College, Spartanburg, S.C., to
be used or disposed of for _____ [or as its
Board of Trustees in its sole discretion deems appropriate.]*

2. Conditional bequest in will

Insert the conditional language in one or more of the above provisions. For example:

*If my husband/wife does not survive me, I bequeath the sum of
_____ Dollars (\$_____) to Spartanburg Methodist
College, Spartanburg, S.C., to be used or disposed of for _____
[or as its Board of Trustees in its sole discretion deems appropriate.]*

3. Restricted bequest

If the bequest to SMC is restricted, insert the restriction in place of the words “to be used or disposed of as its Board of Trustees in its sole discretion deems appropriate.” For example:

*I bequeath the sum of _____ dollars (\$_____) to
Spartanburg Methodist College, Spartanburg, S.C., for the following
use and purpose:
<DESCRIPTION OF PURPOSE>*

In these cases, the donor may use the following provision:
*If in the judgment of the Board of Trustees of Spartanburg
Methodist College it becomes impossible to accomplish the purposes of
this gift, the income or principal may be used for such related purposes
and in such manner as determined by its Board of Trustees.*

For more information, contact Rev. Mike Bowers, Director of Gift Planning, at Spartanburg Methodist College, 1000 Powell Mill Road, Spartanburg, SC 29301-5899, or call (864) 587-4220. He will be happy to assist you in making a gift to advance the work of Spartanburg Methodist College.

Service, Teamwork, Reaching Out —

That's what Freshmen Day of Service is all about

On August 21, incoming freshmen teamed up with sophomores, faculty and staff for a morning of hard, but worthwhile, work. Dan Foster (top, left), Chairman of the SMC Trustees, and President Teague (second from top, left) joined in the activity as SMC reached out into the surrounding community. Also supporting Freshmen Day of Service was Citi Financial (see page 6), and the General Board of Global Ministries. Coca-Cola provided bottled water to all of the thirsty workers.



One of the largest fund-raising tournaments in the Greenville/Spartanburg, SC area!

FALL GOLF CLASSIC — Oct. 25, 2004
SPRING GOLF CLASSIC — TBA

This tournament provides program support for nearly 300 student athletes who annually attend Spartanburg Methodist College. More than 90 percent of SMC students require some form of financial support with nearly 30 percent coming from families with incomes below the federal poverty level.

Funding raised by the Golf Classic affords student athletes 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 the Director of Athletic Fundraising at (864) 587-4310 for details, and make plans to join us!



New and returning students mingled and met with representatives from several organizations outside Burgess Student Center during Student Activities Fair, Aug. 26. Below, sophomore Jessica Williams at the P.O.P.S. (People Organizing Programs Successfully) table.



New Faces (continued from p. 16)

Heather Hollis is the new Dance Coach at SMC. She received a Bachelor's Degree with a major in Criminal Justice and a minor in Sociology from the University of South Carolina Upstate. Her professional work experience includes serving as a member of the Greenville Growl Hockey Professional Dance Team and Dance Instructor for the Starmakers Dance Company in Spartanburg. Heather is currently employed as a Victim's Advocate for the Spartanburg County Solicitor's Office.

Paul Morton is one of two new full-time campus safety officers. Morton comes to SMC with more than 12 years of law enforcement experience, having started in 1992 with Spartanburg Public Safety. He is a graduate of the S.C. Criminal Justice Academy and also graduated from Woodruff High School. Morton is also a certified detective. Morton, who resides in Boiling Springs, is the son of Howard and Dianne Morton, and has a daughter, Samantha.

Mark Perdue is the new Athletic Director and Professor of Physical Education. Perdue comes to SMC from the University of South Carolina Upstate, where he was Assistant Athletic Director for Sports Medicine and a Physical Education instructor. Perdue received a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Athletic Training and a Master of Science degree in Physical Education from Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia. Before moving to Spartanburg, Perdue was Coordinator of Athletic Training Services at the University of Charleston in Charleston, West Virginia.

Michael Queen joins SMC this fall as a new admissions counselor. Queen has an Associate of Arts degree from Spartanburg Methodist College, where he graduated Cum Laude in 2002, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from the University of South Carolina, where he graduated in 2004. While at SMC, Queen received the Thomas R. Bailey Humanitarian Award and a Leadership Award. He is also a volunteer firefighter at Converse Fire Dept., and has received the Clyde W. Pearson Firefighter of the Year Award.



Hollis



Morton



Perdue



Queen

2004-2005 EVENTS AT SMC

FALL GOLF CLASSIC

Oct. 25 — River Falls Plantation, Duncan, S.C.

DRAMA PERFORMANCE

— SMC Players

Nov. 4,5,6 — 7:30 pm, Camak Auditorium

MARK TWAIN — George Frein

Nov. 10 — 11:00 am, Camak Auditorium

DISCOVERY DAY

Nov. 13 — SMC campus

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Nov. 17 — 11:00 am, Camak Auditorium

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Nov. 29 — 7:30 pm, Camak Auditorium

FALL CONCERT

Dec. 2 — 7:30 pm, Camak Auditorium

DISCOVERY DAY

Jan. 17 — SMC campus

PLOUGHSHARE

— Dr. Mark Gibbs & Friends play Bluegrass, Harmony

Jan. 24 — 7:30 pm, Camak Auditorium

DRAMA — BLACK HISTORY MONTH

— 7 a.m. Productions

Feb. 7 — 11:00 am, Camak Auditorium

SOUTHERN VOICES: BLACK, WHITE AND BLUES

— Scott Ainslie and Glenis Redmond

Feb. 14 — 7:30 pm, Camak Auditorium

FACULTY RECITAL

— Susan M. Davis & Miranda G.S. DiMarco

Mar. 2 — 7:30 pm, Camak Auditorium

DISCOVERY DAY

Mar. 26 — SMC Campus

ALUMNI WEEKEND

Apr. 1,2

DRAMA PERFORMANCE

— SMC Players

Apr. 1,2 — 8 pm, Camak Auditorium

SYMPOSIUM ON FAITH AND THE ARTS

April 7 — SMC Campus

SPRING CONCERT

Apr. 21 — 7:30 pm, Camak Auditorium

FINE ARTS NIGHT

— SMC Students

Apr. 26 — 7:30 pm, Davis Mission Chapel

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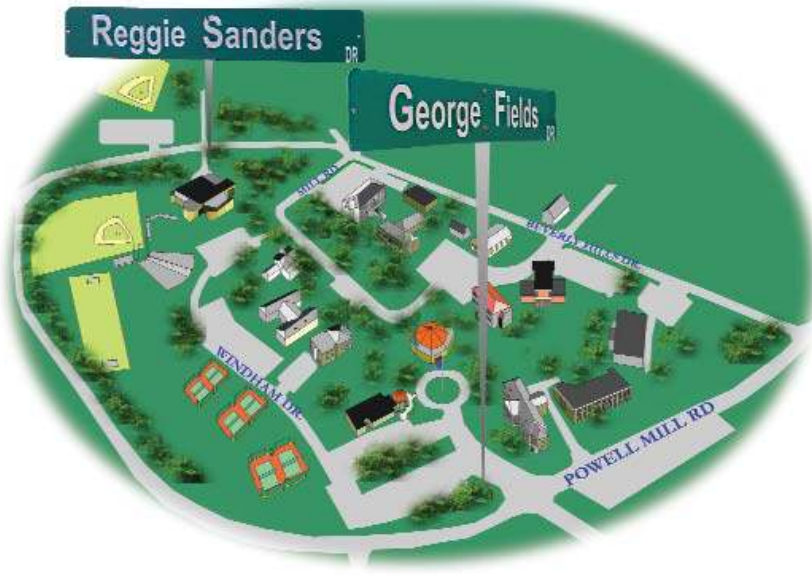
May 7 — 10:30 am, Bridges Arena



SMC Hosts Debate

Republican candidates for Spartanburg County Sheriff faced off May 27 at SMC for a debate, organized by the Criminal Justice Dept. and Office of Continuing Education and Public Service. Pictured from left are incumbent Sheriff Bill Coffey, along with candidates Bill Norris and Chuck Wright. The debate was moderated by Rita Allison, Education Advisor to Gov. Mark Sanford and Communications Director for the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education. Wright, who won the June primary, appeared with Democratic candidate Jack Owens in another debate October 15, also held at SMC.

CAMPUS STREETS NAMED FOR
FORMER PRESIDENT, STAR ATHLETE



This fall, SMC honors two of its best by naming two streets on campus for them. On Oct. 21, the entrance drive is to be dedicated in honor of George Fields, who was president of SMC from 1976 to 1997. On Nov. 22, a street central to the athletic facilities on campus is to be named for Reggie Sanders, former Pioneer baseball player who has played for several major league teams, and is currently with the St. Louis Cardinals. Fields and Sanders are scheduled to appear at these dedication ceremonies.

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DISCOVERY DAY AT SMC

Most people remember their alma mater quite fondly and SMC alumni are no exception. If you have a prospective college student in mind with whom you would like to share the SMC experience, consider telling them about Discovery Days, an excellent opportunity to experience SMC firsthand.

Contact the Admissions Office at Spartanburg Methodist College at 864-587-4213, 800-772-7286 or email admiss@smcsc.edu and we will gladly send some information about the College and schedule a time to tour the campus.

Invite a student who you think might benefit from the SMC environment to a Discovery Day event. It is a wonderful way to enjoy the campus while meeting the faculty, staff and students of the College. Contact us about coming on one of the following dates:

November 13, 2004

January 17, 2005

March 26, 2005

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