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The Concert Singers get in a little sightseeing while in England as Choir in Residence at York Minster Cathedral in June.
Photo by Josh Dickard '09

IN YOUR WORDS

As a CSU alum and a theatre professor, I was thrilled to read the article about the Lyric Theatre and its upcoming production of *Show Boat* in the most recent issue of the CSU alumni magazine. However, AS a theatre professor with a specialization in African-American performance history and as an alum who learned about accuracy in reporting from J. Douglas Donehue in his journalism class, I wanted to point out an error on page 6. [*Show Boat* also marked the first time that white and black actors performed together on the stage.]

Black and white actors performed together on New York stages in Eugene O'Neill's "The Emperor Jones" (1920, 1924, 1925) and "All God's Chillun Got Wings" (1924), Lawrence Stallings' "Deep River" (1926), Jim Tully's "Black Boy" (1926), Paul Green's Pulitzer winning "In Abraham's Bosom" and Dubose Heyward's "Porgy" (1927), which premiered just two months before *Show Boat*.

All best wishes for a tremendous run!

Cheryl Black '75

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Historic groundbreaking held on campus

By Jan Joslin



Ground was broken Tuesday, Aug. 15 for The Wingate Inn at Charleston Southern. Left to right: Dr. Wendell R. Estep, pastor of First Baptist Church, Columbia, former CSU trustee; Mr. Kenneth M. Evans, chairman, CIDCOR, CSU trustee, president, Lord and Evans; Mayor R. Keith Summey '69, Mayor of North Charleston; President Dr. Jairy C. Hunter Jr.; Mr. E.L. Pooser Jr., president and chief executive officer, IMIC Hotels; Mr. Bill Hall, vice president of operations, Wingate Inns International, Inc.; U.S. Rep. Henry E. Brown, 1st Congressional District of South Carolina.

The 97-room Wingate Inn at Charleston Southern is the first hotel in Wingate history to locate on a university campus. Ground was broken Aug. 15, and building has begun.

Charleston Southern will retain ownership through the Charleston Interstate Development Corporation (CIDCOR) under a franchise from Wingate Inns International, Inc. IMIC Hotels, of Columbia, will develop and manage The Wingate Inn at Charleston Southern. Net

proceeds from the hotel will be used to fund student scholarships and other Charleston Southern programs.

U.S. Rep. Henry Brown and North Charleston Mayor Keith Summey both mentioned the growth of the area around campus. According to the South Carolina Department of Transportation: 31,100 vehicles travel on U.S. Highway 78 each day, and 70,700 vehicles travel Interstate 26 each day. Brown said, of the 750,000 people in the 1st Congressional District,

one in seven of them pass by Charleston Southern each day. Brown praised Charleston Southern and said, "I'm grateful for a college rooted on the solid rock."

Summey talked about walking on the campus for the first time in 1966 as a student. "The education I received here taught me to be a visionary. What this campus means to me is what it has done for my life since 1969, when I graduated."

The hotel, which is expected to open in 2007, is in our Medical/Business Park, which runs along the I-26 corridor. "We're excited about students doing internships with the hotel and other curriculum possibilities," said President Dr. Jairy C. Hunter Jr. Other projects in the medical/business park are currently in the planning phase.

Bill Hall, vice president of operations for Wingate Inns International, Inc., said "We're very excited to be here for many reasons. This is our first hotel on a college campus. It is a tremendous opportunity for students to learn about the hospitality business and business in general."

Ken Evans, chairman of CIDCOR, board of trustees member and president of Lord and Evans, summed up the excitement concerning the Wingate Inn at Charleston Southern. "We are a long way from the promised land, but we're in the land of promise. What is earned from this endeavor will support students."

American LaFrance not coming to campus

The cover story in the summer issue of *CSU Magazine* announced that an unused portion of land owned by the University would soon become the new headquarters for American LaFrance's international headquarters and assembly facility. However, because of a change in plans for their construction and their timeline, American LaFrance announced

in August that it would move its operation to a site near Interstate 26 in Berkeley County.

University officials are continuing to develop the medical/business park on the west side of campus. Ground was broken August 15 for The Wingate Inn at Charleston Southern, the first project to begin construction.

American LaFrance plans to still work with the University through scholarships and internships.

"Our faculty, staff and students are excited about the scholarships that will be funded by the company and the opportunity for jobs and internships," Sue Mitchell, vice president for business affairs, said. "We are in the planning phase of more potential projects now, and we've had numerous inquiries on future development."

Margaret T. Gilmore

GARDEN DEDICATED

By Allie Osman

The Women's Auxiliary Advisory Council dedicated the Margaret T. Gilmore Garden Sept. 18 during a ceremony held at the site between Jones and Norris halls.

"The mission at Charleston Southern is promoting academic excellence in a Christian environment, and Margaret has kept us true to that mission. Margaret continues to be an inspiration to everyone here," said President Dr. Jairy C. Hunter Jr., in his introduction of Gilmore.

Gilmore, a resident of Summerville, was one of the first people hired at the inception of the University and served the

University from January 1965 until her retirement in May 2004. While her main professional responsibility was as director of public relations, students and staff also know her as a profound mentor.

"Margaret has experienced the entire history of our school," said Dr. A. Kennerley Bonnette, chemistry professor and former provost and vice president of academic affairs.

"Margaret is a legacy of love at Charleston Southern," said Sandra Ward, chairperson for the Gilmore garden project. "The garden is a legacy of life to invite people to sit awhile and to reflect

and get in touch with their own thoughts and God."

Gilmore, longtime writer and author of the book *Dove*, wrote a prayer in the form of a poem that is posted in the garden.

As part of her remarks during the ceremony, Gilmore spoke of her hope for those using the garden. "Anytime we reach out to touch somebody in friendship, that makes that person's life a little brighter because we've touched their heart with love. They, in turn, will remember that and reach out and touch someone else's life in the same way."



President Jairy Hunter talks with Margaret Gilmore, her daughter-in-law Jane Gilmore, and son Tad Gilmore, after the Gilmore Garden dedication ceremony.



Barbara Mead, associate dean of students, presents Margaret Gilmore with roses after the dedication ceremony.

D.C. Connection: Living and Working in Nation's Capital

By Melody Lane '10

Not all classrooms are located on campus and not all learning takes place in the classroom. This fall, Nick Lomma, a junior, is spending a semester in Washington D.C., interning in S.C. Sen. Jim DeMint's office and taking several classes.

Lomma is participating in the Washington Semester Program which gives qualified students the chance to spend a semester interning in D.C. Eligible students come from many fields of study, and, in addition to interning, have access to educational and cultural opportunities in our nation's capital.

Lomma is a political science and criminal justice major. After graduation, he plans to attend either graduate school or law school and eventually hopes to apply to work with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"This program is giving me great work experience as well as contacts for future employment," Lomma said. Currently, Lomma's responsibilities in DeMint's office include sorting and opening constituent mail, answering phones, and composing a flight itinerary for the Senator. He also gives tours of the Capitol, takes constituents to sit in on Senate proceedings, and runs errands for the office staff.

Lomma is taking Debating Washington Issues and Theater Appreciation classes. He and the eight other South Carolina students in the program also are experiencing the diverse culture of D.C. Already, they have toured the Library of Congress and the Museum of American History.

"The best part about my internship" Lomma said, "is that they encourage us to experience everything. I can go to any committee meetings, press conferences or official government events that a staff member has access to. Being able to live right in the heart of our nation for a semester is extraordinary."

Lomma is the first Charleston Southern student to participate in the program, and the Honors Program is hoping to continue sending students each semester. Dr. Clay Motley, director of the Honors Program, said, "This is a career changing and life changing opportunity."

Yonnick Hammond, a May religion and public policy graduate, is pursuing his master's degree in public policy at George Washington University, as well as working as a legislative assistant to South Carolina Congressman Henry Brown. His duties include managing the overall mail system in the office, creating form letters for mass mailings, and researching legislative topics.

What took Hammond to Washington? "It is my pursuit to help others and make a difference that has brought me to our nation's capital," he said.

The Washington Semester Program is made available through the University of South Carolina's Institute for Public Service and Policy Research and the South Carolina Honors College. Admission is competitive and is only open to students in the honors program at their specified college.



Congressman Henry Brown and Yonnick Hammond '06.
Photo provided



◀ Nick Lomma and Senator Jim DeMint. Photo provided.

Rome: A whole new experience

By Nikki Garrett '08

When it comes to giving credit where credit is due, you will have no problem coaxing it out of junior Amanda Allen.

"Dr. Jill Lewis helped me in a lot of ways, really," Allen said of the vocal lessons to prepare her for a lead role in Opera Festival di Roma's "Don Giovanni." Encouragement and preparation for auditions were found in Lewis' office.

Armed only with a flyer calling for auditions for the opera as a source of information, Allen decided she "needed this experience."

Even with \$4,000 to raise, Allen was determined to go and be a part of this cultural experience. A scholarship was provided by the festival itself, but it was not enough, so with the help of her parents and a small scholarship from Charleston Southern, she worked for the remaining balance.

Once Allen had the means to go, she sent an audition tape of "Vedrai Carino" - Zerlina's solo in the opera. After being selected, Allen was off to Rome, Italy.

Excited about her new surroundings, she jumped in a taxi and was surprised when the driver had no idea where she wanted to go.

"I just had the address written on a paper and said here," said Allen.

She was amazed to find that very few places had the common luxury that Americans often forget about - air-conditioning. "It was so hot, like a sauna, where we had to practice" said Allen.

Allen enjoyed sights such as the Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain and the Coliseum. "It was my first time speaking Italian," said Allen, referring to her experience at an American favorite, McDonalds. Allen also was fond of the street markets and small grocery stores for fruit and snacks between meals.

Allen started practicing for the main event. Instead of performing as Zerlina, the soprano lead, Allen sang as a double onstage with Zerlina, as the understudy. "It was such an awesome experience," said Allen.

With a greater appreciation for differences in music, culture and social life, Allen returned to the U.S. two and a half weeks later.

The opera singer has settled in again to routine college life. "While you are young do everything that you can because when you get older you may not have that opportunity," said Allen. "Get experience."



Amanda Allen takes in the sights at the Vatican. Photo provided.



Photo by Tam Odom '03

RECORD ENROLLMENT

Andy Ainsworth, a sophomore from Bethlehem, N.H., helps freshmen move into the dorms. Enrollment is up 3.7 percent over last fall, with a total of 3,135 enrolled. The University's strategic goal of 3,000 students by the year 2008 has been exceeded ahead of schedule.

3,135

Photo by Sara Harrelson '08



Never Forget

The College Republicans and College Democrats joined together to plan a Never Forget event Sept. 11. Students raised funds to purchase more than 3,000 flags to represent the lives lost on 9-11-01, and displayed them between Ashby Hall and the Strom Thurmond Center. At a brief prayer service at noon, Maribeth Kellenbenz, president of the College Republicans, said, "This is to remind us of a day that changed our nation forever." Tyler Jones, president of the College Democrats, said, "It's not a Democrat issue or a Republican issue; it's an American issue."



Dr. Jacqueline T. Fish heads criminal justice.

Dr. Skip Martin, dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, recently asked her to share her educational philosophy.

Q. What makes a law enforcement officer want to enter the academic realm?

A. Traditional academic programs provide the theoretical knowledge but not the practical application that helps law enforcement and corrections officers survive and deal with the constant challenges presented to them on every shift. Seasoned practitioners, and I'm including myself, have a desire to share our training and experiences with students and new officers in the hope that what we teach may save someone's life and prevent them from making costly mistakes in their careers. There are so many soft (people) skills that cannot be learned from a textbook and must be taught by someone

who has truly "been there – done that" to be memorable learning experiences.

Q. Why did you decide to come to Charleston Southern?

A. Charleston Southern is in an exciting growth phase – not only is the school attracting new students in large numbers, but there is a synergy here that I felt as I visited the campus – even though it was midsummer. The faith-based education experience is particularly enticing as I come from a large state-supported university where religious beliefs could not be brought into the classroom or reflected in the instructional practices and dialogues between faculty and students. Charleston Southern has offered me the opportunity and challenge to build a good program in an exciting and top-level learning experience for current and future students.

Q. How does the faith factor enhance or contribute to the experience of a student majoring in criminal justice?

A. Law enforcement workers must make split second decisions that have life changing impacts. Those who work in our court system must sometimes pursue personally unappealing paths of prosecution. Correctional officers and employees at the other end of the criminal justice system are often challenged by activities and outcomes that occur within the other two facets (law enforcement and the courts). But if your daily motto is "do the right thing," you can finish your shift and go home with a peace of mind that is not possible for those who do not have Christ in their lives.

Q. What will be your principle goals as you direct the various facets of the criminal justice program?

A. The most prevalent changes facing the criminal justice system involve how science and technology are impacting the way crimes are investigated, how physical evidence is analyzed, and the phenomenon known as "The CSI Effect." I plan to review the existing curricula and determine how we, as a faculty, can integrate these current and emerging technologies into the courses to ensure that students are learning the most accurate and reliable techniques as they complete their studies.

Our program offers a cross-disciplinary approach which allows students to complete courses that address their professional goals. Retention rates appear to be steady, and I want to meet with the students to develop an understanding of areas where we can enhance the program. I am interested in attracting new students – both traditional and nontraditional.

Homeland Security concerns continue to force law enforcement officials to rethink and develop new strategies for providing day-to-day safety. Other universities are beginning to add a Homeland Security

track to their curricula offerings, and I would like to conduct a needs assessment to determine if this is an area that we should incorporate in our program.

Q. Your expertise has to do with the relationship between crime scene investigation and forensic science. Will courses of this nature be developed?

A. Absolutely – experiential learning provides the greatest opportunity for students to interact with the course content and the professor. In the traditional classroom, students learn theories and concepts. By utilizing situated learning techniques, students are presented with challenges that afford them the opportunity to apply those new concepts by experimenting in a safe environment and then reflecting on the outcomes of the experience.

Television shows have created an unrealistic perception of forensic technologies and how scientific advances can be utilized in crime scene investigations. This is known as “The CSI Effect,” and the impact is tremendous. Surveys indicate more than 60 million viewers tune in to watch the CSI shows each week. The state-of-the-art technology that provides instantaneous identification of perpetrators simply does not exist – yet these images are imbedded into our minds. I watch CSI because it provides me with examples to bring reality back to the students and hopefully open their eyes to what the general public is expecting of them. Potential jurors also watch CSI, and they are misled and often disappointed when no whiz-bang forensic technology is introduced into the courtroom.

There are many techniques available for use in the investigative field, and I will integrate reality-based processes into the courses to ensure students complete their program of study with authentic standardized procedures as part of their learning experience.

Q. Because the field of criminology is in constant change, what issues in today’s world need to be emphasized in the training of our criminal justice students?

A. The program can thrive only if we prepare students for success in their chosen profession. The issues facing criminal justice practitioners today include Homeland Security, cybercrime, Internet crimes against children, and training for all hazards – from natural disasters to manmade attacks. Science and emerging trends must be incorporated into traditional courses to ensure our graduates are the best prepared and they stand out in the pool of candidates from which agencies will select new employees. Nowadays there are ongoing collaborative efforts among local, state and federal agencies to combine resources and manpower to deliver a more effective system. Our students must be well versed in all facets of the criminal justice system and the functions of various agencies so they can maximize their contributions to this new way of doing business.

Q. Because so many students desiring to pursue a career in criminal justice are nontraditional students, will any attempt be made to develop a substantial number of online courses?

A. The system doesn’t operate on an eight to five schedule. Online courses offer an excellent opportunity for CSU to expand its reach and attract new enrollees.

Blended learning offers us additional educational tools we will explore within the criminal justice department. This method of instruction combines a mixture of classroom activities, online instruction, CD-based modules, simulations and online study groups or forums. Using the blended approach allows the faculty to offer flexible courses that are more attractive to working professionals who are not able to attend daily courses. Students will

complete assignments online and meet periodically with the professor in a structured class to reinforce learning and complete proficiency and skill enhancement portions of the curriculum.

To read the complete interview, visit www.csuniv.edu/news/publications.asp

FISH FACTS

Family: Husband Paul retired from Knoxville Police Department as a district commander after 30 years of service. Son Jon is currently enrolled in the master’s/ Ph.D. program in sociology at Florida State University. Daughter Emily is a second year student at Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville studying political science.

Jackie’s interests: Scrapbooking, University of Tennessee sports, writing, life member of the Girl Scouts of America. She recently wrote a crime scene investigation textbook with two coauthors who are professors at East Tennessee State University (her undergrad alma mater), and she is actively collaborating on an advanced level crime scene textbook. Jackie also works with Louisiana State University and the National Center for Biomedical Research and Training as a subject matter expert in forensics and crime scene investigation.

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Photo by Saeeda Ravenell



Martin named dean of humanities and social sciences

By Saeeda Ravenell '09

Luke 11:28 says, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it.” Dr. Donald “Skip” Martin has devoted his life to spreading the word of God. These days he’s just doing it a little differently.

Martin, former religion department chair, was named dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences this summer. Martin said, “It was something made by a matter of prayer. Because of what CSU represents, this was an opportunity to combine being dean with ministry. I was just waiting for God to let things fall into place.”

Comparing his administrative job with teaching, Martin said, “With being a dean, it’s a little heavier on the administrative end, but a lot of the things are the same. What makes it very easy is that I know most of the people here. They are people of very high caliber, and with them knowing their jobs, well, it makes mine easier.”

As the college grows, Martin plans on focusing on hiring. “It all begins with hiring not only professing Christians but committed Christians. All of life belongs to God, and they should understand how to integrate their faith. Helping them in their Christian walk will help the future of this department prosper.”

In addition to his academic career, Martin has been a pastor and a missionary to Guatemala. He founded Iglesia Evangelica Luz y Verdad (Light and Truth Evangelical Church), where he has served as pastor for 4 1/2 years, and AGAPE, a program designed to help guide Spanish-speak-

ing Christian leaders in ministry.

Martin holds a B.A. in religion and German from Carson-Newman College, an M.Div. from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and a Ph.D. in religion from Baylor University.



Beginning with this issue of CSU Magazine, we are including South Carolina Baptist pastors on the distribution list. Information in the ministries section of the magazine will replace "The Bridge" newsletter.



Photo by Sherry Atkinson

Screenen Association held a baptism rally in the University pool.



Photo by Sherry Atkinson

Equipping People in Churches seminar held on campus.

Impacting beyond our campus

By James W. "Skip" Owens, director of denominational relations

The ministries of the University impact more than just our students and campus. Through partnerships with Southern Baptist Convention agencies, the South Carolina Baptist Convention, local associations and churches, lives are being impacted.

Here are just a few of our ministries:

- Shepherd and His Sheep conference with Dr. Johnny Hunt, training pastors interested in partnering in church planting
- Training through Equipping People in Churches
- Silver Ring Thing, middle and high school students challenged to live biblically in their dating life
- Screenen Baptist Association Baptismal Rally, local churches held baptisms in the CSU swimming pool
- Missions in inner-city Charleston through Convoy of Hope
- Working with Habitat for Humanity in building homes for needy families
- Dr. Chuck Lawless, dean of Billy Graham School of Evangelism, Southern Seminary, will hold regional seminars on the subject of Spiritual Warfare in the 21st century, in Charleston, Lexington, Easley, and Rock Hill areas in March 2007
- Sixth year for Lifeway's M-Fuge camp at CSU. Our campus has become the number one M-Fuge site in the nation
- Fifth year of partnership with Dr. Jay Strack's Student Leadership University. Four interns from CSU ministered to top students from around the world
- Students and employees served this summer on the mission field in Guatemala, Romania, the Dominican Republic, Mexico, England/Scotland, Philippines, Moldova, Hungary, South Africa, Costa Rica, Thailand and Chile



Photo by Franny Garrett '09

Students meet the homeowner they assisted in one of CSU's Xtreme Makeover projects.

Xtreme Makeover Hits Summerville

By Sherry Atkinson

One expects to see new college students carrying backpacks and books...but hammers and paintbrushes? Saturday, Aug. 26, about 300 new Charleston Southern students joined with the city of Summerville and Summerville Baptist Church for a day of Xtreme Makeovers.

At 8 a.m., groups of 10-12 students left Summerville Baptist with their crew chiefs and supplies to head to work sites.

The project assignments included painting, yard work, roof repair and light construction, all in the Summerville area.

"We realize it is not enough to say we care for our community and then do nothing to make it better," said Clark Carter, campus minister. "Xtreme Makeover gave our students the opportunity to put their faith into action."

The event has been followed by a program called Catalyst where students continue to be involved in monthly community activities and projects, including Habitat for Humanity, assisting in United Way projects and others.

"This is an initiative we have been planning for and praying about for years," said Dr. Rick Brewer, vice president for planning and student affairs. "The time is now."

Photo by Becca Fawver '09



MISSIONS-ORIENTED TOUR KICKS OFF ON CAMPUS

Popular Christian group **SONICFLOOD** kicked off the start of their missions-oriented tour at Charleston Southern Aug. 27. Twelve hundred college and high school students attended the concert sponsored by the International Mission Board to encourage young people to think about missions.



Parents program revitalized

By Davinia Isom '10

Changes are under way in the CSU Parents Program, which exists to promote communication between the University and parents to support student success.

Parental encouragement and support can mean a lot to a student and can make the difference in collegiate success and failure. And the University wants to nurture the connection between parents and students.

Projects already in the works are:

- Parent orientation
- FAQ booklet about financial aid
- Parents reception at move-in
- Parents Weekend
- CSU Magazine to all parents of full-time students
- Midterm postcards
- E-mails about campus events

Look for more information about the revitalized Parents Program in the spring issue of *CSU Magazine*.

Why parents might want to invest in the Independent 529 Plan

By Garrett Abel '09

Students and parents alike have noticed the insatiable increases in college tuition throughout the U.S. in the last few years. According to analysts the approximately 6 percent annual increase will possibly continue for quite some time.

With many CSU parents thinking about college tuition for a younger sibling, any way around the tuition increases is a welcoming thought. A possible answer is the Independent 529 Plan, a prepaid tuition plan distinctively for private colleges.

The basic idea of the plan consists of purchasing certificates that equal a percentage of tuition at any of the colleges that belong to the Tuition Plan Consortium. This group of colleges offering this program exceeds 250 institutions nationwide, including CSU, giving parents the opportunity to lock in future tuition at today's prices. Not only does this help parents and students to ensure cheaper college for the future, but it also saves on federal taxes.



For more information on the Independent 529 Plan, visit the TIAA-CREF informational Web site, www.independent529plan.org.

Charleston Southern Moms and Dads

“We value the relationship we share with our students and their parents,” Dr. Rick Brewer, vice president for planning and student affairs, said. “Parental involvement is key to the University successfully preparing graduates and transforming lives.”

To stay current on issues affecting college students and parents of college students, log onto www.charlestonsouthern.edu/parents/index.asp.



Sissy Hunter, wife of President Jairy Hunter, greets guests at the annual reception for new parents on move-in day.

Photo by Sherry Atkinson



Oklahoma State University photo

THE SHOES FIT

GOODENOUGH LEADS LADY BUGS ONTO COURT

By John Strubel

By May 2006, it had been 14 months since Julie Goodenough had stepped on the basketball court as head coach at Oklahoma State. Job prospects came and went. Each opportunity felt like a pair of shoes one size too small: uncomfortable – and ultimately – painful to walk in.

“I applied for several jobs and went on several interviews and every time I would tell my husband, that wasn’t it,” Goodenough said. “Good jobs, good schools but I would call and say, ‘I’m sorry, I just don’t feel this is where the Lord is leading me right now, I want to pull my name out of the hat.’”

Goodenough’s husband Rob told her if she kept turning down jobs, eventually the opportunity to coach would be gone.

It’s those moments in our lives, when we are challenged, that our faith is tested. The touchstone for Julie Goodenough

had arrived, and she responded steadfastly in faith and prayer.

“I’d been praying about it; a lot of my Christian friends were praying for God to just reveal where we needed to be,” she said, “and I thought, ‘I’m going to know beyond the shadow of a doubt, I’m going to know where I’m supposed to go.’ So, I’d gone on several interviews and just didn’t see the signs, didn’t feel it.”

Goodenough’s next interview had promise. The former Oklahoma State coach felt good about the opportunity. “I interviewed and when I came home, I told my husband, there’s a lot of work to be done there, but it won’t be bad for us,” she remembers. Her husband Rob asked, “If they call and offer you the job, are you going to take it?”

Feeling confident an offer would come, Goodenough told her husband she would accept the position. The call came; the offer didn’t. The position was filled. That’s when she began to panic.

“I was like, ‘Oh my gosh, there aren’t going to be any more jobs open; oh my gosh, I got turned down,’ recalls Goodenough. “I thought, it’s getting late, there won’t be any more jobs open ... but I also knew too that’s not where I was supposed to go.”

Her worries were short-lived.

“Within 30 minutes of that rejection phone call, Jane Albright from Wichita State called,” said Goodenough.

Albright told her about the head coaching opportunity at Charleston Southern. Albright assured Goodenough the job “had her name all over it.” In a matter of minutes, Goodenough’s emotions ran from worry to optimism. As she read the job description and the school’s mission, her eyes filled with tears. She remembers thinking, “This is exactly what I’ve been looking for, what I’ve been praying for.”

On May 29, Goodenough was introduced as the new women’s basketball coach at CSU. “When he [Hank Small] called, and I accepted the job, it was really peaceful,” Goodenough recalls. “I knew this was where God wanted me to be.” Finally, the shoe fit.

Emotional Rollercoaster

Goodenough was unceremoniously relieved of her duties at Oklahoma State in March 2005. She was blindsided by the move.

“I had never been through an experience like that,” she said, “...asking me to turn in my letter of resignation. For me, it was such a blow to my ego. It was hurtful; it was embarrassing; it was almost like going through those stages of losing a loved one. I felt like I had to go through that process. I got really angry. I didn’t feel good about myself for a while.”

Oklahoma State had just hired a new athletic director with a different philoso-

phy, and the university decided to change directions of the program. Part of that process included a coaching change. Goodenough was out, and she began to question herself.

"I've always been a person whose cup is half full, that I can accomplish anything I put my mind to," she said. "If you say I can't, I work that much harder until I get it done. So, for someone to say, we don't want you here anymore...it hurt my feelings a lot."

Goodenough started her coaching career at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Texas, compiling a 188-54 win-loss record over nine seasons. She left the program with the best coaching record in the program's history, including six conference championships and five consecutive postseason appearances.

Her three-year tenure at Oklahoma State was highlighted by an exciting, high-energy brand of basketball that attracted five of the top 10 largest home crowds in school history, including the largest crowd to ever watch a home women's basketball game.

"I thought we made great strides while we were there," Goodenough said. "I inherited a program that was in serious financial straits, integrity and character ... we were competing in one of the top women's basketball conferences in the country, and it's hard to make strides in a conference like that ... in my first year, seven of the teams in the conference were in the Top 25 in the country.

"It was a great learning experience for me as a coach. I feel I am a better coach today because of the experiences I had there [Oklahoma State]."

Picking up the Pieces

Confused and rejected, Goodenough was not ready to jump back into coaching after leaving Oklahoma State. "There were some jobs that came open that spring, but I was an emotional wreck," said Goodenough. "The three-year process was a real energy zapper."

Goodenough used the changes in her professional life to make adjustments in her personal life. She became a full-time mother to her two daughters – Bailey, 8, and Macy, 10 – and a full-time wife.

"God was speaking to my heart a lot," said Goodenough. "It's kind of embarrassing to say this, but I kind of lost touch with them in that three years I was coaching, being pulled in so many different directions.

"I realized that the three years I was coaching at Oklahoma State that I was not doing a very good job of balancing all my commitments and responsibilities," she said, "... but I didn't know how to get it all in sync. We had a lot of pressure on us to build the program and win more games. I poured way too much time into trying to get that program going and missed out on a lot of things with my family."

Goodenough embraced the opportunity to coach Bailey and Macy, on and off the court.

She kept her skills sharp during her coaching hiatus as a volunteer coach for her daughters' Parks and Recreation hoops team. "That was such a fun time for me," she recalls. "I'll probably never have time to do that again. Both of my daughters accepted Christ in that year I was home. It was just an awesome year.

"Now I'm here, I've inherited another program ... but I think I appreciate my family a lot more now and understand how much I missed those three years I totally engrossed myself in my job," explains Goodenough. "I think I will be a better time manager. I think I will keep it all a little more in perspective. Plus, the fact that I have the two greatest assistant coaches in America, Kendra Anderson and Beth Jillson, working for me will make me a better head coach and will help me be more efficient with my time here."

Getting Back to Basics

It's Friday, September 8 and while most of the campus is shifting into weekend gear, Goodenough is filled with nervous excitement. The first team practice is scheduled for 5:30 p.m., that's less than three hours away. She rubs her palms together and scans a printout outlining her first practice.

"I haven't had a practice since March of '05," she says, looking at the schedule. "When I was making out the practice it was about five hours long."

The agenda looks more like a grocery list than a basketball practice: passing, ballhandling, defensive slide, shooting. Goodenough, without prompting, explains her way through the outline.

"While other programs are going to start putting in set plays and secondary breaks, while we're just working on fundamentals ... that's just where we're going to start," said Goodenough. "That's a big part of my coaching philosophy; we're going to be fundamentally sound. By the first game, if we're running one set play and that's it, then we better be running it really good. But we're gonna do those little things right ... I do not like sloppy basketball."

When she talks about basketball, her passion becomes visible. Like an excited teenager, she can't sit still, and her hands and arms are waving. "I just really, really missed basketball," said Goodenough. "I missed the competition. I missed that daily interaction with players. Our job as coaches is more than just teaching X's and O's, it's about developing people ... to help give them all the tools they need to be successful after they leave the program."

Goodenough's office has wall-to-wall coverage of her two greatest passions: family and basketball. Peppered with the colorful artwork of her daughters, the girls articulate their love and support on 8" x 11" paper filled from corner-to-corner with hearts, basketballs and stick figures resembling the new Lady Bucs head coach.

Her husband also shares her passion. Goodenough calls him her biggest fan and biggest critic. "In fact, he left me a voicemail today, just telling me how excited he is to see me on the floor again," she says. "To see me back where I belong – in coaching."

Goodenough and the Lady Bucs began a new era Nov. 13 against Jacksonville. Check out their progress at www.csusports.com.





File photo.

Walking by Faith in Kenya

Former CSU basketball coach Joe Peterson is a world away, living God's Word

By John Strubel

In an era of American Idols, Survivors, millionaires and reality role models, the name Joe Peterson means nothing. That's because Peterson, the former CSU assistant basketball coach, is not living his dream, but God's, a humble choice void of fame and fortune.

At 27, Peterson quit his job and walked away from his dream of being a college basketball coach (at least for the time being). He sold all his personal belongings at a garage sale and followed God's calling halfway around the world to Mbita, Kenya.

Mbita is a small fishing village off Lake Victoria. The average life expectancy in Kenya is 48 years old. It is one of the 10 most unequal societies in the world. It has the second worst income disparity in the entire world (10 percent of the population controls 42 percent of the income).

The poverty rate in Kenya is 50 percent, one-half of the population. The AIDS pandemic is alarming with more than 30 million Africans, including 2.2 million people infected with HIV (14 percent of the population). The rate of infection is more than 700 people a day. Currently, there are more than 13 million children who have lost at least one parent to AIDS and 3.5 million children who have lost both parents to AIDS. In Kenya, there are more than 1.1 million orphans because of this disease, and half of the population is under the age of 15.

HIV/AIDS is not the only prevalent disease in the district. The three most prevalent diseases are: malaria, upper respiratory tract infection, and diarrhea. A staggering statistic is that the doctor to patient ratio is one doctor for every

85,036 patients. There are three medical doctors in the entire district, one hospital and nine health centers.

This is what Peterson traded in his comfortable life for.

"It's not about me, it's not about us ... it's about God and being part of what he's doing," Peterson said, confident in his choice. "We can think up, and dream up what we want to do for Him and what we think God wants us to do, but if we just get on board with what God is doing, He can use us to do amazing things.

"We can teach scripture, show them truth and be role models and examples but it's God working in people's hearts to change them and transform them," he said. "Sometimes you just want so badly for someone to 'get it' and see their lives transformed, but you can't do it; I can't do it. You can't force people to make decisions ... we have our own free will to choose to follow God or follow our own desires."

Hearing God's Voice

For many people, both seekers and those of faith, God's voice is a mystery. But, as Peterson experienced, it does exist. "God still speaks to us today," he says. "If you truly and honestly seek Him, He will speak – and He will speak clearly to you.

"We can have plans for our lives ... as I look back on my life I see how my education, my experiences, the places I've lived, the people I've known, how all of that has prepared me for what I'm doing now," said Peterson. "Even though, at the time I had no idea, no clue, no desire, God knew and God was preparing me all along for it."

Peterson admitted he fought God's will too. Admittedly, he struggled with the idea of living to satisfy his own dreams and desires.

"It wasn't ever anything I wanted to do or planned to do," said Peterson. "I meet a lot of missionaries over here [Kenya] that say, 'I always wanted to serve in Africa, I always wanted to live in Kenya,' but with me it wasn't that way at all. I grew up wanting to be a professional basketball player. When I realized that wasn't going to happen being 5-foot-9, I decided I wanted to be a college basketball coach. So I was working toward that, and I was working my way up the ladder."

Christ Gift Academy, a mission team based in Kenya, had approached one of Peterson's close friends about moving to

Kenya to help build and grow the Christian mission efforts. That's when God pointed his finger at Peterson.

"I was discipling him," Peterson remembers. "He kept coming and asking, 'How do I listen to God? How do I know God's voice? I've never done this before, but I'm willing to do it if this is God's will for me...but I don't know!'"

"One night, he turned on me and said, 'Joe, why don't you go? I said, what are you talking about?,' he remembers. "This isn't about me, it's about you, I don't want to go, Africa's the last place I want to go, I'm a college basketball coach, I'm doing what I love to do, don't ever say that again, that's ridiculous."

Peterson hung up the phone with the question piercing his heart, why not you? "I was just sitting there, saying, 'Wow, what just happened to me? Where did that come from?'" he remembers.

Peterson did not want to pray about the idea, he didn't want to think about Kenya, fearing his own prayers would confirm God's call to serve – literally a world away. But the seed was planted.

The *Bible* says, Do not conform yourselves to the standards of this world, but let God transform you inwardly by a complete change of your mind. Then you will be able to know the will of the Lord.

The next day Peterson attended a mission conference at Spartanburg Baptist Church. "They interviewed eight missionaries about life as a missionary," remembers Peterson, "... and three of them were from Kenya.

"I just said to myself, 'What is happening? What is this?' At that point I said God, if this is you – and it's pretty obvious it is – then I'm ready to start praying about it and if it's really what you are calling me to do, I'm willing to do it."

Visiting Kenya

Peterson contacted Jody Felty, a missions pastor at Seacoast Church in Mount Pleasant, to inquire about opportunities. Within a year, Peterson was on a plane for Kenya for a two-week mission trip.

"When I first arrived, it was just how I pictured Africa to be," remembers Peterson. "Ladies walk around with big pots of water on their heads, there are mud huts, it's just impoverished."

"After a few days, I remember thinking, I don't know if I can do this ... I don't know if this is what God is calling me to do, but I don't know if I can do this." Peterson began praying, asking God in simple prayer, "Not my will but yours God."

Judi Cochran, the administrator at Christ Gift Academy, met with Peterson in Mbita and shared the needs of the mission: a staff administrator, a teacher and a male role model for the children. Peterson's spiritual gift is administration,

his passion sports and teaching with a fire for sharing God's world. Kenya was a perfect fit.

God knew it, now Joe knew it.

Hearing God's Voice

On his first day back in the U.S., Peterson opened the book *Hearing God's Voice* by Henry Blackaby. "The first chapter, the subtitle reads, 'Does God Really Call People to be Missionaries in Africa?' I put the book down and thought, God, you are speaking very clearly."

Before bed, Peterson called Felty to tell her about his experience and plan. He remembers telling her, "I am going to fast for three days, pray, seek God, hear His voice and confirm this is what He wants me to do." Felty agreed to do the same.

The night was unusually restless for Peterson.

"I'm usually a very sound sleeper, but on this night I woke up at three in the morning," recalls Peterson. "I sat up in bed and God just started speaking into my mind. I got out of bed and began journaling. He brought me to a couple passages in the *Bible*." Peterson opened to "Ezekiel 2" ...

And he said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you." And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me..."

Then, he turned to Matthew 25:35 ...

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in ..."

The next day Peterson began having doubts. "As I went through the day, I began having all these doubts," he recalled. "Is this really God? How do I know it's God? Just the normal doubts anyone would have when making a big decision like this.

"Then Jody Felty called and as soon as I told her what happened the night before, she stopped and said, 'Joe, I woke up at the same time, I couldn't get you off my mind. I just laid awake, praying for you, reading scriptures.' She began sharing Ezekiel 2 with me, and I was in awe ... God is incredible. I doubt, and He confirms."

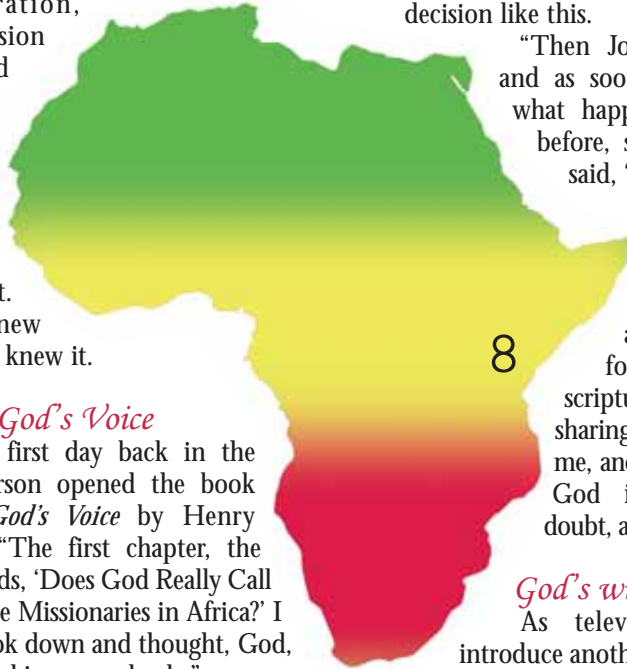
God's will bears fruit

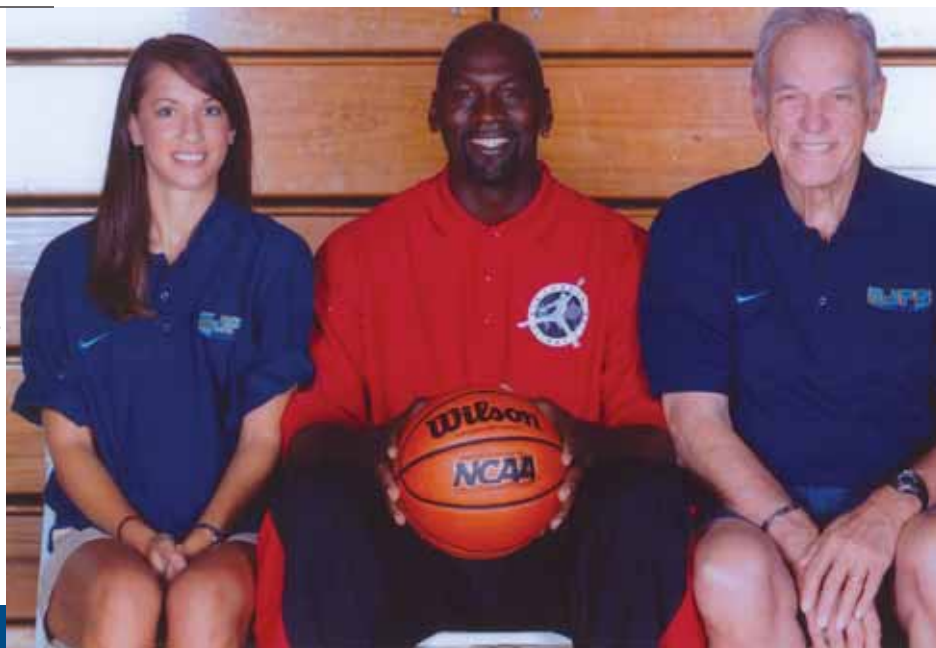
As television networks introduce another season of reality stars, Peterson is closing in on three years of serving the Lord in Mbita, where the focus is on serving those in need.

Christ Gift Academy is beginning to bear the fruit. In its infancy, the school served as a nursery, serving about 20 children. Today, through the team's mission work, the school serves 300 children and classes from kindergarten to eighth grade.

Peterson's role has expanded too. He now serves as an administrator and in a leadership role for the school, scheduling and teaching Bible studies and math. But there is still a lot of work to be done. "Unless something really dramatic happens, I feel like I'm going to be here a while longer," Peterson said.

Following Peterson's one-year commitment, he agreed to serve two more years, which officially ends at the end of 2006. For Peterson, that means a return to prayer and fasting, seeking God's voice.





Kate Ramer, Michael Jordan, and a Flight School official. Photo provided.

Ramer works for Mike

By Shannon Fisher '07



The Athletic Training Education Program is one of the most time-consuming majors that the University offers. In addition to the normal stresses of college life, ATEP students also have to complete

at least 200 hours of clinical athletic training experience per semester, sometimes working as many as 400-500 hours.

Unlike the athletes in the sports they're covering, these students never have an off-

season, just a new sports assignment. Most ATEP students can't wait for summer vacation and the chance to take it easy. But senior Kate Ramer decided to do more with her summer.

Ramer worked with the athletic training staff at the Nike/Michael Jordan Flight School, a summer basketball program that hosts more than 800 students per week, including the top 40 high school and college athletes in the nation.

She had worked at Nike camps in the past, and her supervisor encouraged her to apply to work the Flight School. Her application was initially turned down because she is still a student and is not yet nationally certified. However, this didn't stop Ramer.

She kept fighting to be accepted, and finally, became the first undergraduate athletic training student to be offered a position at the Flight School.

Ramer worked with some of America's most elite basketball players including Jordan, O.J. Mayo, the top high school recruit in the country, and LSU's Glen "Big Baby" Davis, the SEC player of the year.

"I am grateful to Nike for giving me this invaluable experience so early in my career," said Ramer. "Without the CSU ATEP, opportunities and dreams like this would never become reality. The program has helped me reach goals that I never thought would be possible."

Football victory over The Citadel sparks excitement *By Sports Information*

The victory over The Citadel 38-35 at Johnson Hagood Stadium was the Buccaneers first victory over the So-Con opponent in the two teams fourth meeting.

Senior quarterback Collin Drafts and junior wide out Maurice Price hooked up 12 times for 130 yards and two touchdowns. Drafts was 24-35 on the day with

five touchdowns and 320 yards. Preseason Big South Defensive Player of the Year Jada Ross led the Bucs defensively with 12 tackles. Josh Mitchell and Dennis Justiniani each recorded 10 tackles, with Justiniani having his hands in on 2.5 sacks.

"This was a big victory, there is no doubt about it," said head coach Jay Mills. "It had a lot to do with gaining respect in this area. We found a way to step up and win as a team. It shows a lot about the character of the players and the coaches on this team that we have been able to make big plays when we needed to."

The victory also marked the first time the Bucs beat a Southern Conference opponent.



Photo by Franny Garrett '09

ADVANCEMENT



Photo by Allie Osman

Lexington Sheriff donates \$100,000 for scholarships

By Deneshia Graham

Lexington County Sheriff James R. Metts gave checks totaling \$45,000 to President Jairy C. Hunter Jr., July 27, to finance additional college scholarships through an endowed scholarship fund that the sheriff established more than 10 years ago. Thirty-six teams of 144 golfers participated in the third annual Sheriff James R. Metts Golf Tournament in April in Lexington. Metts endowed five full scholarships for students majoring in criminal justice. Preference in awarding the scholarship is given to students from

Lexington County. A total of more than \$100,000 has been raised since the first golf tournament in 2004. "I am honored that businesses and golfers have so generously donated money to help us invest in the future of worthy young people," Metts said.

"Proceeds from the annual golf tournaments have exceeded our expectations."

At the end of this year's tournament, a total of \$82,000 had been raised. A friend of Metts' donated \$18,000 to bring the scholarship total to \$100,000.

President Hunter and Sheriff Metts share the podium at the fall board of visitors meeting to update members about the Metts Golf Tournament.

Photo by Franny Garrett '09



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Alumni Association **NEWS**

CONTINUING THE MOMENTUM



Photo by Elizabeth Shepherd Photography

By David Weiss '03
Director of Alumni Affairs

The fall semester has brought much excitement to the campus. We are truly blessed to be experiencing such unprecedented growth. More than 1,200 freshman and transfer students arrived for new student orientation, and overall enrollment has hit a new high of 3,135 students. The physical development of the campus continues as well, as groundbreaking on a Wingate Inn was Aug. 15. Graduate and North Charleston mayor Keith Summey reminisced about his time as a student during the early days of the campus, "The education I received here taught me to be a visionary." Summey graduated in 1969, and like all students and faculty/staff at that time, needed to be visionary to imagine what the University would eventually become.

The Wingate Inn is expected to open in 2007 in CSU's medical/business park, which is situated along the I-26 corridor. The Wingate Inn will provide opportunities for students. "We're excited about students doing internships with the hotel and other curriculum possibilities," said president Dr. Jairy Hunter. Other projects for the medical/business park are currently in the planning stages.

BUC FEVER - CATCH IT

Our sports teams continue to impress and have unleashed Buc Fever on campus. Our football team opened the season with impressive victories over Presbyterian College and crosstown rival The Citadel, CSU's first victory over the Bulldogs on the gridiron. A Nick Ellis field goal clinched the historic 38-35 double overtime victory. The Buccaneers added a come from behind victory over Wingate, capped by a last second TD pass from Collin Drafts to Maurice Price in the game's waning seconds, to improve their overall winning streak to eight games at press time.

School spirit and excitement around the athletic program as a whole have been growing following last season's conference championship in football, as well as claiming the city championship in basketball. "Great Expectations" is the football team's theme, and this winning attitude has flowed to other sports as well. The women's soccer team got out of the gates fast, and have a record of 3-3-1 at press time, including impressive victories over Howard, Wofford, and USC-Aiken. Log onto www.csusports.com for complete results and schedules for all sports, and make plans to join us on campus to watch our outstanding student-athletes in action.

HOMECOMING THANKS

A big thank you goes out to all who helped with Homecoming 2006. The Alumni Board deserves recognition for the role they play in planning and executing homecoming festivities, as well as the many students, faculty and staff who were helpful in making Homecoming 2006 a huge success. It is truly wonderful to be able to visit and fellowship with our alumni at Homecoming and events throughout the year. The Homecoming fun run, parade, tailgate party, football game, reunion party, and *Show Boat* musical performances were all great opportunities for alumni, students, faculty and staff to network and fellowship, and I would like to personally thank each and every graduate who returned to campus to attend Homecoming festivities. If you could not make it for Homecoming, we invite you to visit the campus and witness the growth of Charleston Southern firsthand. Feel free to contact me directly at dweiss@csuniv.edu or 843-863-7516 to arrange a visit...I would love to share with you how the Lord is blessing CSU.

Bryant draws on experience to publish book

By Garrett Able '09

It's probably safe to say that every person in America has a dream for his future. It's also probably safe to say that most of those same people never actually begin, let alone reach that dream. Daniel Bryant is not one of those people. The 2005 graduate has entertained the idea of reaching various people through ministry for quite some time, but it wasn't until the final weeks of his freshman year that he began to understand what his ministry would be. Fast-forward about four years, and Bryant's major work, a cartoon series and book, *Crunch Time*, is published and ready for dispersal.

Even though Bryant, a youth ministry major and art minor, was interested and involved in creating art most of his life, it all really started in Quad 2, beginning with the first sketches that would become the five main characters of the book. "The seeds came forward," Bryant says of his inspiration for his drawings. "Getting out of the box and into new experiences at CSU helped me see the Lord in a different light and to be challenged deeper in my walk of faith." Fervent in his belief that God has blessed him with a ministry of creative writing and illustrations, Bryant finds it necessary, as well as fulfilling, to use his creations for the betterment of anyone whom he can reach with his art.

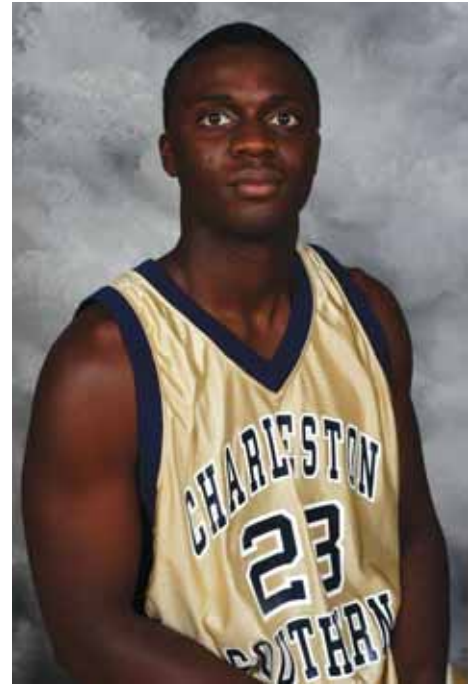
The artwork he crafts is completely based upon the characters and situations from *Crunch Time*, an entire cartoon series that he calls "the umbrella for everything else I create." *Crunch Time* relates the story of a group of teenagers who undergo a practical process of repentance and pacification in regard to God, com-

binning a conception of certain Christian principles with a sense of diverse challenges that may be part of life in a modern society. And even though the characters of *Crunch Time* are all African-American males, the problems faced in the book are worldwide, such as drugs, violence, premarital sex, homosexuality and pornography.

The characters aren't as racially diverse as some would consider politically correct. Bryant said, "When God gives you a vision you have to follow what he says...you have to do what he wants...you can't please everyone." He expects the future editions of *Crunch Time* to expand in areas of race and gender as well as into other controversial areas. Even though the cartoon style of *Crunch Time* may seem to be aimed at children, Bryant asserts that the book has a much broader target audience, ranging from ages 5-30.

Having already published three short cartoons of *Crunch Time* on DVD, as well as several other works, Bryant is excited that his most prized cartoon is reaching fruition. *Crunch Time* is available online in more than 2,500 Web store resources, including the publisher's Web site, www.authorhouse.com. When asking Bryant what he hopes for the future he declares an enthusiastic, "reaching young people through this artistry. It's my dream and God's vision for my ministry."

If you would like to purchase a copy of *Crunch Time*, or simply know more about Bryant and his ministry, contact him at minister32@hotmail.com.



DANIEL BRYANT

- Was a walk-on to the men's basketball team his sophomore year.
- Member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, president his junior year.
- Work-Study job: Chapel.
- Grew up a preacher's kid.
- Is happily married.
- Originally did seven sketches for the *Crunch Time* characters, but eliminated two because they didn't have "the look" he wanted.
- Experiences playing NCAA Division I basketball helped him write *Crunch Time*.

REVIEW

The bird in our hands – writing from the heart

By Ellen E. Hyatt, English & Foundation Studies Program professor

Gilmore's line "The moving finger writes and having writ moves on" is also the line Margaret Taylor Gilmore uses in her book, *Dove*.

This compilation of vignettes, verses, personal reflections and essays is by a wise woman – a woman who's known the "lonely heart," persistent, perennial questions, life's "interrupting cycles" we must endure, quiet we should not hurry, and, of course, the deepest, albeit fragile, moments of bliss.

Very readable with most selections a page or two, the book is informative, not didactic, and spiritual, not "boxed-lunch" religious.

About 150 works on 247 pages invite holding. But like a bird in hand, the words will lift off before reappearing when we do not expect them, yet mysteriously land when and where we most need them.

The title is derived from the opening piece "An Almost Perfect Dove." Gilmore describes a carved dove as feeling like "poetry in my cupped hands."

The dove is nearly "perfect," but a spot by a wing catches attention, causing Gilmore to wonder why the "perfect symbol of perfect peace" has an imperfection.

The rest of the essay works through the paradox and explains the connection between this carving and Gilmore's artist friend, Alice Ward, whose artwork for the book includes the ascending dove on the cover and the soft thematic images appropriate for each of the 12 sections.

Gilmore views her work as something for people to sense, much like Emily Dickinson's small fluttering bird: hopeful-

ness. Gilmore writes of feeling God's breath "filling" her so she'll have enough to share.

Well-known as a columnist in the area and CSU's retired public relations director and archivist, Gilmore's life has been richly purposeful.

Her literary, biblical and musical allusions layer the already profound – yet accessible – thoughts whether about pebbles, chimes, dogs, geese or Barabbas. And a tree "they" say shouldn't be there is a reminder for us to be more sensitive.

Gilmore has "writ" and moved on to more: future titles will include more bird references, like *Cardinal* and *Eagle*.

Her books are available at Manna House and All Books in Summerville; the Mills House in Charleston, the CSU Bookstore or direct from the publisher at www.boxerpublishing.com.

It would be nice eventually if a smaller than 9" x 6" version existed to cup in our hands. Nevertheless, don't we need to get *Dove*, hold on to it to read,

be still, think, read again? But we are not merely holding *Dove*. We are holding the heart of Margaret Taylor Gilmore.

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Honored Educators

By Dr. Linda Karges-Bone,
School of Education

The School of Education's new webpage, Honored Educators, highlights alumni who have been named teachers of the year, received national board certification, been named to an administrative position in a school or district, earned honors or awards from professional organizations, etc.

You can check out the webpage at <http://www.csuniv.edu/academics/schoolofeducation/honorededucators.asp>.

To be included on the webpage, send a photo and information to lbone@csuniv.edu. Include the following information: name; year of CSU graduation; degree completed; honor(s) received; years of teaching experience; current employer and current e-mail and phone.

We'll be calling

Did you receive financial aid during your years at CSU? With 95 percent of our students receiving financial aid assistance, chances are great that you did. In fact, many of us could not have attended CSU without scholarship assistance. With college costs continuing to rise, it would be impossible for many students to continue their education without this assistance. During the month of February, student callers will be contacting each graduate to update our database and to take pledges for the 2007 annual fund phonathon. Remember that NO pledge is too small and all money directly benefits the students. Also, many companies will match charitable donations. If your employer has such a program, you could double or even triple the value of your donation! Call the Alumni office at 843-863-7516 or e-mail alumni@csuniv.edu for more information about Phonathon! We look forward to speaking with you soon!

Alumnus Teacher and Her Students Have Global Impact

By Sara J. Harrelson '08



Dana Clerico poses with the sixth grade class at Tuwohofo-Holly International School in Ghana. Photo provided

When you ask award-winning teacher, Dana Clerico '99, how she got her students to raise more than \$15,000 for a school in a place most had never heard of, she humbly reveals that God is deliberate in His timing and execution as it pertains to His will.

Since 2002, Clerico has traveled to Ghana, Africa, twice to teach under CSU's Teaching and Learning in Ghana program. The program is run by Clerico's father, Dr. Don Clerico, and Dr. Pat Bower, professors in the School of Education.

In Ghana, Clerico witnessed children so desperate to learn they would walk five miles to school. She said being there helped her "realize how small and inter-

connected the world is." As a teacher at Alexander Graham Middle School in Charlotte, N.C., Clerico imparts her experiences to her students who are benefiting from the broader sense of awareness.

After returning from her last trip, Clerico challenged her students and soccer team to raise the funds needed to build a second story at the Tuwohofo-Holly International School in the village of Akotokyir, Ghana. As a part of the Character Development program, the students were encouraged to earn the money rather than ask for it.

They began to think beyond themselves and develop a more global perspective. She was thrilled when her students cheered on Ghana, a previously unheard of country, in World Cup Soccer. Over the course of the project, the students earned more than \$15,000. And Clerico was honored as Teacher of the Year for her school and won the 2005-2006 Promising Practices award from the National Character Education Partnership.

Clerico said, "It wasn't my project; it was our project, given to us at the right time." She recollected how God led all elements to fall into place.

While on campus, Clerico was a tough competitor and friendly teammate on the soccer team and benefited from the support of her professors. "They gave me a strong basis for teaching effectively. Their faith in you is empowering and challenges you to press toward your full potential," said Clerico. She continues to trickle that assurance down to her students in the hopes that they too will benefit.



Villagers dye cloth strips in Akotokyir, Ghana. Photo provided



Getting Reacquainted

Bruce Smith and Preston West, alumni from the early 80s, catch up at the President's Luau on move-in day, after moving their sons into the dorms. Also pictured are **Preston's wife, Brenda, and Aaron Dunn '82**, who volunteered to assist with move-in as an Alumni Association board member. *Photo by Sherry Atkinson.*

SCHOOLTIES

{ CLASS NOTES }

Compiled by Jan Joslin '82

1970

Mary Bernsdorff recently retired as principal of Indian Land High School in Lancaster. She and her husband, Karl, have two grown daughters.

1971

O.L. Thompson, president and CEO of O.L. Thompson Construction Company, Inc., of Charleston, has been named chairman of the board of directors for Santee Cooper.

1976

Joellen Cook's daily reflections have been syndicated by *The Columbia Record*, a subsidiary of *The State* newspaper in Columbia. Check it out at <http://countrygirl.thecolumbiarecord.com/default.asp>. Cook writes, "It's pretty exciting to me that this is all happening so fast and so unexpectedly."

1981

Mike Fanning was recently featured in the *Sumter Item*. Mike is athletic secretary for the South Carolina Independent Schools Association and is youth director at First Baptist Church and a member of Ellore Town Council. He and his wife, Marla, have a daughter, Morgan, 12, and son, Michael, 9, and live in Ellore.

1988



Laurie Fallaw is the new student activities director at Lander University in Greenwood. Previously, Laurie was director of community outreach with Cornerstone, the Alcohol and Drug Commission of Edgefield, Greenwood,

McCormick and Abbeville counties. She got her first experience with student activities when she served as coordinator of the volunteer program in student activities at East Tennessee State while working on her master's degree.

1990

Sid Farmer is youth pastor of State Line Baptist Church in Gaffney. He was previously the youth pastor at Northwood Baptist Church in Greer. He and his wife, Rachel, live in Gaffney.

Dr. David C. Hayes is senior pastor of West Monroe Baptist Church in Monroe, N.C. He received his doctor of ministry degree from Erskine Theological Seminary on May 14. His dissertation was entitled "How to Engage Christians with Biblical Principles of Giving."

1994



Cheryl Victa Burton and her husband, **Brian '95**, announce the birth of a daughter, Morgan Faith, on July 5, 2005. Morgan was welcomed by her older sisters, Alis, 7, and Gracie, 3. Cheryl works in the enrollment services office at CSU, and Brian

attends Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C., and is pastor of Summerbrook Community Church. The Burtons live in Summerville.

Kathleen Aultman Grant recently completed the first Leadership Oconee County class, a program designed to develop civic and community leaders who are aware of social and economic needs in the county. Kathleen is executive director of Oconee Community Services.



Capt. Kelly S. Walls, USAF, (Ret.), has been named to the board of directors for Animal Friends, a no-kill animal shelter in San Antonio, Texas. She also serves on the Protestant Committee on Scouting and is chairperson for Merit Badge University for the Alamo Area Council. Kelly and her son, Matthew, have traveled to China, Denmark, Sweden, Amsterdam, South Korea and Japan. When they are not traveling, they foster injured and handicapped cats and dogs.

1995

The e-mail address printed for **James A. Howell Jr.** in the summer issue of the magazine was incorrect. We offer sincere apologies for the inconvenience. His correct e-mail address is jahowell@greenville.k12.sc.us.



Jay Kennedy writes: "I graduated and got married in August 1995. Since then, we have been ministering in associate pastor positions in the Carolinas and Texas. In Victoria, Texas, we had the opportunity to serve as the worship pastors at Faith Family Church under the leadership of Pastor Jim Graff, who had served with his late father-in-law, John Osteen, at Lakewood Church in Houston. In December 2005, we moved to Northeast Columbia with our three boys to plant a Lakewood-styled, interdenominational church and held the first service of The Dream Church on Feb. 5, 2006. God is blessing us with a grow-

ing, interracial church. We're doing our part for church growth because we are expecting our fourth child in February 2007. Jennifer and I never thought we'd be senior pastors OR have four kids, but God's dreams for us are always better than our own!" Check out the church's Web site at <http://www.thedreamchurch.org>.

1996

Shannon Wiggins Self, B.S.N. '01, and her husband, Keenan, announce the birth of a son, Logan Alexander, on July 23. The Selfs reside in Fort Worth, Texas.

1997

LaShaun R. Flagg and **William G. Patterson** were married Aug. 19 in Charleston, where they are living.

Cynthia Anne Freed received National Board Certification in Young Adolescent English in 2005. She writes: "I am one of approximately 590 teachers in the state of New York to become nationally certified." She is also permanently certified as a 7-12 social studies and English teacher in the states of New York and Georgia.

1998

Matt Allen is vice president and retail sales manager of First Citizens in Moncks Corner. He previously worked for Zeus, Inc.

Angela Renae Brown and **Mark Charles McCall III** were married June 17 in Camden. They are employed by Kershaw County Schools and live in Elgin.

Denise Hucks was selected Teacher of the Year 2006-2007 for Goose Creek Primary. She and her husband, Steve, live in Summerville and have two children.

Belindalee Oliver is teaching second grade at AC Cochran Elementary School and is working on a master of elementary education at CSU.

1999

Derek Bass is in his last semester of coursework in a Ph.D. program at New England Theological Seminary. Next year, he plans to enter a two-year apprenticeship program for the purpose of planting and pastoring a church in New England. He and his wife, Elizabeth, are expecting their first child.

Whitney Berry Holbrook and her husband, Matthew, welcomed a son, Harrison Carlisle, on July 5. He weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz. and was 22 inches long. He was welcomed home by big sister, Lane Elizabeth, 2. Whitney received a master's degree in elementary education from Gardner-Webb University on Aug. 5. The Holbrooks live in Wilkesboro, N.C., where Whitney is enjoying being a stay-at-home mom.

Caroline Michele Perreyclear and **John David Walasek** were married May 27 in Charleston. John is in retail management for Publix Supermarkets, and they live in Orlando, Fla.

2001

Pam Wilson Hester and husband, **Rhys**, returned to campus this fall as employees. Pam is working in financial aid, and Rhys is a professor in the criminal justice department.

The Rev. Brett Mask is the new pastor of First Baptist Church, North. Previously he was pastor of youth and outreach at Lakeside Baptist Church in Greensboro, Ga. He and his wife, Laray, have a son, Tanner.

Ashleigh Parker received her M.Ed. in language and literacy from the University of South Carolina in May. She is teaching second and third graders at the Barnes Learning Center at Epworth Children's Home in Columbia. She is living in Columbia.

2002



Amy Wetzell and Bill Cissell were married April 29. She is the activity director for Mount Juliet Health Care, and he is the charge psychiatric nurse at Saint Thomas Hospital. They live in Nashville, Tenn.

Lili Gresham received her master's in mass communications, public relations, advertising and marketing from the University of South Carolina in May. She was recently named director of corporate relations and planned giving at CSU.

Kirsten Shanise Johnson and **William Vandyke McMillan III (M.B.A.)** were married June 20 in Lexington. He is employed with Cintas Corporation, and they live in Myrtle Beach.

Emily Reese graduated from the University of South Carolina with a master's in public health, emphasis in health services policy and management. Her thesis was supported by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, Division of Injury and Violence Prevention as policy recommendations and guidelines for tertiary prevention of traumatic brain injury for the state. After graduation, she was awarded a fellowship by the Association of Prevention Teaching and Research and currently works at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, Ga., within the laboratory practice evaluation and genomics branch doing research for biochemical genetic testing for rare diseases.

Jennifer Sloan and Adam Lee were married May 27 in Raleigh, N.C. Jennifer is employed by SAS Institute and is pursuing her Ph.D. in statistics at North Carolina State University. They live in Cary.

2003

James Eddie Bishop III writes, "I was married Dec. 28, 2004, to Amber Layne Myers. We have a daughter, Anna Layne. I am a police officer for the Darlington Police Department, and we live in Darlington."

Aimee Lynne Bliley and Lloyd Alexander Sifford IV were married June 10 in Charleston. Aimee is a registered nurse at the Medical University of South Carolina, and they live in Mount Pleasant.

Veronica Evans Boulden is the community reporter and mayor's liaison for the Prospect Pages. She and husband, **Dwayne '03**, have a daughter, Norah, 2. They live in Danbury, Conn.

Donna Bridges Dejeu, and her husband, **Adrian '02**, are living in Lawrence, Kansas. Adrian is in his final year of law school at the University of Kansas. Donna is working for the Lawrence Public School District. Adrian writes, "On June 21, we celebrated our 3-year wedding anniversary."

Brandi Michelle Stockman and Kirk Daniel Rhodes were married May 12 in Charleston. She is a self-employed marketing and promotions specialist. They live in Orlando, Fla.

2004

Catherine Cynthia Dean and Charles Jacob Grill were married June 10 in Varnville. She is employed by the Department of Social Services, and they live in Charleston.

Amanda Elmore is a case manager in the Toward Local Care Program with The Waccamaw Center for Mental Health. She is attending South University in Columbia studying for a master's in professional counseling.

Amber Justine Manuel and **Caleb Zachary Taylor** were married May 27. She is enrolled in the CSU School of Nursing, and Caleb is employed by Charleston Place and is collegiate minister at Summit Church.

Anna Braxton Varakin was recently featured in the *Spartanburg Herald Journal* in a back-to-school article. She is teaching second grade at Mary H. Wright Elementary in Spartanburg.

2005

Katherine Elizabeth Allen and William Benjamin Dangerfield were married July 29 in North Augusta. Katherine is office manager for Durst Family Medicine on Sullivan's Island, and they live in Mount Pleasant.

Kristen Dyan Edwards and **Joshua Adam White '03** were married April 29 in Lancaster. She is a teacher at Indianland Elementary School, and he is employed by Catawba Fish Camp. They live in Fort Mill.

2006

Lyndi Susan Christensen and Jerrad David Valicek were married June 10 in Goose Creek. Lyndi is employed with Polly's Jewelry and Berkeley County Schools. They live in Goose Creek.

Jessica Renee Mole and Jacob William Runkle were married July 22 in Brunson. She is employed by Hampton School District One. They live in Brunson.

Virginia and **Bobby ('05) Vann** have moved to Lancaster. Virginia is working for the Lancaster County Department of Social Service and has started work on a master's in social work. Bobby is minister of youth and recreation at Bethlehem Baptist Church and was ordained into the ministry in August. Virginia writes, "We have one dog named Lucy and a cat named Linus!"

KEEP IN TOUCH!

We would love to hear about your career and family. In order for your news to be printed in the spring issue of the magazine, we need to receive your information by Jan. 15, 2007. Photos are welcome and should be 300 dpi and saved as JPEG format.



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MEMORIALS

James Carlton Carter '70, age 72, of Hanahan, died September 4. He was retired from the Social Security Administration. Memorials may be made to a favorite charity in James Carter's name.

Helen Cosmopoulos '93 of Ladson died June 17. She was a restaurant manager. Memorials may be made to The Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 30 Race Street, Charleston, SC 29403.

Walter T. "Tommy" Cuthbert '72, age 58, of Summerville, died June 2. He was director of golf for Kiawah Island. Memorials may be made to Odyssey Hospice, 3870 Leeds Avenue, Suite 109, North Charleston, SC 29405; St. Luke's Lutheran Church Organ Fund, 206 Central Ave., Summerville, SC 29483; South Carolina Junior Golf Foundation, P.O. Box 286, Irmo, SC 29063 or Hollings Cancer Clinic, 171 Ashley Ave., Charleston, SC 29425.

Dr. Joseph Robert Weber of Anderson died July 27. He was a founding member of the CSU board of trustees. He was a minister for 50 years and was pastor emeritus of Forest Hill Baptist Church in Anderson. Memorials may be made to: Charleston Southern University, Development, P.O. Box 118087, Charleston, SC 29423-8087; Connie Maxwell Children's Home, 810 Maxwell Avenue, Greenwood, SC 29646 or Forest Hill Baptist Church, 909 Plantation Road, Anderson, SC 29621.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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STRATEGIC GOALS 2006-2009

Enroll 3,200 traditional and nontraditional students, increase retention, and enhance career planning and placement.

Promote a Christian vision of life that encourages and equips students, faculty, and staff for service and leadership, enhancing opportunities for prayer, evangelism, discipleship, and missions.

Develop and implement an integrated marketing and branding program that projects the distinctives of the University.

Enhance academic quality and learning opportunities by emphasizing faculty development, integration of faith and discipline, student internships/experiential learning, integration of technology and instruction, cultural diversity/interaction with minority faculty and students, global education, and graduation rates.

Offer academic programs designed primarily to meet the educational needs of working adults at on-campus and off-campus sites using both traditional and alternative instructional delivery systems.

Provide leadership for all out-of-classroom student experiences, maximizing student-learning activities by integrating the University's Life Preparation Concepts of leadership, values and ethics, service, communication, and wellness.

Provide for campus technology that assures competitiveness in instruction, promotes increasingly efficient administrative services, and enhances student success.

Provide a competitive NCAA Division I athletic program in compliance with NCAA guidelines, enhancing the academic, emotional, and spiritual development of the University's student-athletes.

Construct and upgrade campus facilities essential to support the University's goals and objectives.

Secure the resources required to accomplish all of the University's goals and objectives.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

Charleston Southern University is excited that the 2006 – 2007 academic year is in full swing. As the *President's Report for 2005 – 2006* highlights, we are continuing to fulfill our promise of *Preparing Graduates. Transforming Lives.*

The University is off to a wonderful start with a record enrollment of 3,135 students that exceeds the University's goal of 3,000 students by the year 2008. Students this year come to us from 40 states and 35 nations.

We are committed to our mission of *Promoting Academic Excellence in a Christian Environment*. Dr. Jim Colman assumed the role of Vice President for Academic Affairs in July. He brings with him a wealth of academic and administrative experience.

Our MBA program has experienced an unprecedented 200 percent increase in just the last three years. This graduate program is also available online. Charleston Southern and Horry-Georgetown Technical College (HGTC) have formed a partnership to offer a bachelor of management arts program. Students completing their associate's degree at HGTC can go on to earn their bachelor's degree from Charleston Southern by taking classes offered at HGTC.

Our students continue to exhibit our five Life Preparation Concepts: Communication, Leadership, Service, Values & Ethics and Wellness. Grace Kim, a native of the Republic of South Korea, is serving as president of the Student Government Association (SGA). She is working to strengthen the ties between our faculty and students.

Construction continues to progress on campus. The new cafeteria food court, coffee cafe and the Norris/Wingo classroom renovations will enhance the students' campus experience.

You may continue to learn about the topics mentioned in this letter by reading the following *President's Report*. Thank you for your support and friendship.

Sincerely,

Jairy C. Hunter, Jr.
President
Charleston Southern University.



New Vice President for Academic Affairs Voices Vision for Academic Success

By Allie Osman

Early in his career, Dr. Jim Colman realized that he wanted to use his spiritual gifts and talents to further the Kingdom of God. From that realization came a desire to serve in higher education administration and church music ministry.

Colman joined Charleston Southern University July 1, coming to the University from Oklahoma Baptist University where he served as the senior vice president for academic affairs. Colman earned a B.S. in music education from Grace College in Indiana and completed both his M.M. and Ph.D. in music education at Michigan State University.

Colman's vision for academic success is for Charleston Southern to become the first-choice university for students who desire a quality education with a distinctively Christian worldview. His goal is to promote quality academic programs, quality faculty and a quality experience for students.

"We need to develop programs that allow students to succeed and complete their degrees," said Colman in regard to academics. "We also need to develop programs that are attractive to contemporary students. For example, many of today's students are interested in graphic design, allied health, and language programs other than the usual offerings."

According to Colman, Charleston Southern has a fine faculty that is highly qualified, is an excellent group of teachers and makes a positive difference in the lives of students.

"Our faculty serves as the first line in student mentoring. In most cases, the faculty members are the ones who will have the greatest effect on students' academic success. Maintaining this close relationship between faculty and students, however, requires significant human resources. One of my tasks is to work closely with faculty to determine their needs and to work closely with the administration to meet those needs. Hiring faculty is one of the most important responsibilities I have," said Colman.

Colman also aims to enrich the students' experience on campus. "Providing students with a quality academic experience goes far beyond the classroom," said Colman. "A quality experience includes spiritual life opportunities to engage and develop faith, service opportunities to learn about giving and serving others, and a student life environment that helps students grow socially, mentally and physically. Such an experience results from an intentional immersion into the culture of the campus," said Colman.

"My overall goal is to enhance the reputation of the University in the academic community and in the Christian community. I want people to understand that anything done in the name of Jesus Christ ought to have quality stamped all over it," said Colman. "If I can accomplish these goals, our students will benefit, and I will have contributed to helping Charleston Southern accomplish her mission."



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Colman's Background

Senior vice president for academic affairs at Oklahoma Baptist University

M.M. and Ph.D. in music education from Michigan State University

B.S. in music education from Grace College in Indiana.

BMA program now offered in Myrtle Beach area

By Deneshia Graham



◀ Dr. Jim Colman of Charleston Southern, Dr. Marilyn Fore of HGTC, Dr. Stan Parker of Charleston Southern and Greg Mitchell of HGTC at the press conference to announce the partnership between Charleston Southern and Horry-Georgetown Technical College.

Charleston Southern and Horry-Georgetown Technical College officials announced this summer that students completing their associate's degree at HGTC can go on to earn their bachelor's degree through the Charleston Southern bachelor of management arts program, which will be offered at an HGTC site.

"We are delighted to be in this partnership with Horry-Georgetown Technical College, to provide educational opportunities for people who want to improve their vocation," Charleston Southern President Jairy Hunter said.

The University currently offers a degree completion program in criminal justice with Horry-Georgetown Tech and Coastal Carolina University. "We are extremely pleased with our existing partnership and look forward to preparing more graduates through the availability of the BMA program," he said.

HGTC President Neyle Wilson agreed. "We are very excited to enter into another partnership with Charleston Southern University," he said. "We are constantly looking for new options for our graduates to earn their baccalaureate degrees in the local area."

"The BMA can be completed in as few as 20

months," said Dr. Stan Parker, dean of Evening College and Extended Education Programs. "This degree will allow adults at least 23 years of age to be even more competitive in the job

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CHARLESTON SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY + HORRY-GEORGETOWN TECHNICAL COLLEGE



Swindle living out a dream

By Scott McCain

Good pitchers have short memories, so the saying goes. Whatever happened during the last at bat – a strikeout or a homerun – the pitcher must quickly forget previous triumph or failure, and focus on the current challenge.

RJ Swindle has experienced both success and disappointment, and whether or not he's forgotten either, has become one of the best pitchers to ever wear a Charleston Southern uniform.

In high school, Swindle dreamed of playing collegiate baseball with the University of Central Florida, his hometown school, as his first choice. UCF, South Florida and the University of Florida welcomed him – as a recruited walk-on. State scholarships would fund much of his education, but “they told me I might see some time as a middle reliever, but I really didn’t have what it took to play in Division I,” Swindle recalled. In fact, only one Division I school offered him scholarship money.

“I hadn’t even heard of Charleston Southern before. The coaches saw me at Clemson on a travel team, and I had my worst outing,” Swindle said, “but they believed in me. They told me I would have a chance to start, a chance to play right away. Since CSU was a Christian university, it made it easier for my parents to ‘let me go,’ so to speak. Looking back on it, I

wouldn’t have gone anywhere else. It was definitely the Lord’s leading that brought me here.”

Swindle became CSU’s number-one option from day one, getting the most starts each of his three seasons as a Buccaneer. As a freshman, he was the Big South Conference Rookie of the Year, and the next year he earned the Big South Player of the Year honor. His final two seasons he was named to the All-Big South first team. After only three seasons, Swindle held the school career record for strikeouts, wins, and innings pitched.



Following his sophomore 10-5 campaign, he began to draw interest from major league scouts (and from other Division I institutions that tried to entice him to transfer) and was told that a repeat performance next season would land him in the

2004 draft somewhere between rounds five and 10. While his junior season was good by all accounts, it did not live up to the expectations of some scouts, but the Boston Red Sox continued to show interest and called him the night before the draft to ensure that he would sign if picked.

Draft day was bittersweet for Swindle. Each round as the Red Sox’s pick came up, the entire Swindle family sat anxiously, only to be disappointed. Rounds five through 10 came and went, then 11, then 12, then 13. With the 425th pick in the 14th round, the Red Sox

drafted RJ, and although his draft order was lower than hoped, he would live the dream of playing professional baseball.

He spent his first summer in Lowell (Mass.) in the New York-Penn League, where nearly all new draft picks play their first year, and performed well while playing through some back pain. In the offseason, he discovered that the pain stemmed from a herniated disc and received treatment in Charleston just months before he expected to enter Boston’s farm system. However, management was not pleased for two reasons: one, that Swindle did not use the team’s medical network; and two, that they now had “damaged goods” on their hands that would, in their opinion, never make it in the pros. Boston cut him.

Swindle was devastated. “It was a real test of character,” he recalled, “thinking my career was over, but the Lord helped me through it.” His agent arranged a tryout for him in Orioles’ camp, but the back issue resulted in another release. In May, Swindle landed a spot with the Schaumburg (Ill.) Flyers, an unaffiliated team in the Northern League. From May 2005 to June 2006, he accumulated the lowest earned run average in the league, which drew attention from the Yankees’ organization, one of Swindle’s favorite childhood teams.

On a flight to Calgary, the call came from his agent—the Yankees had picked him up and he was back in affiliated minor league baseball. His assignment to the Charleston Riverdogs was a mixed blessing: he was back in the town he called home while at CSU with friends and familiar faces and places, but Charleston is the

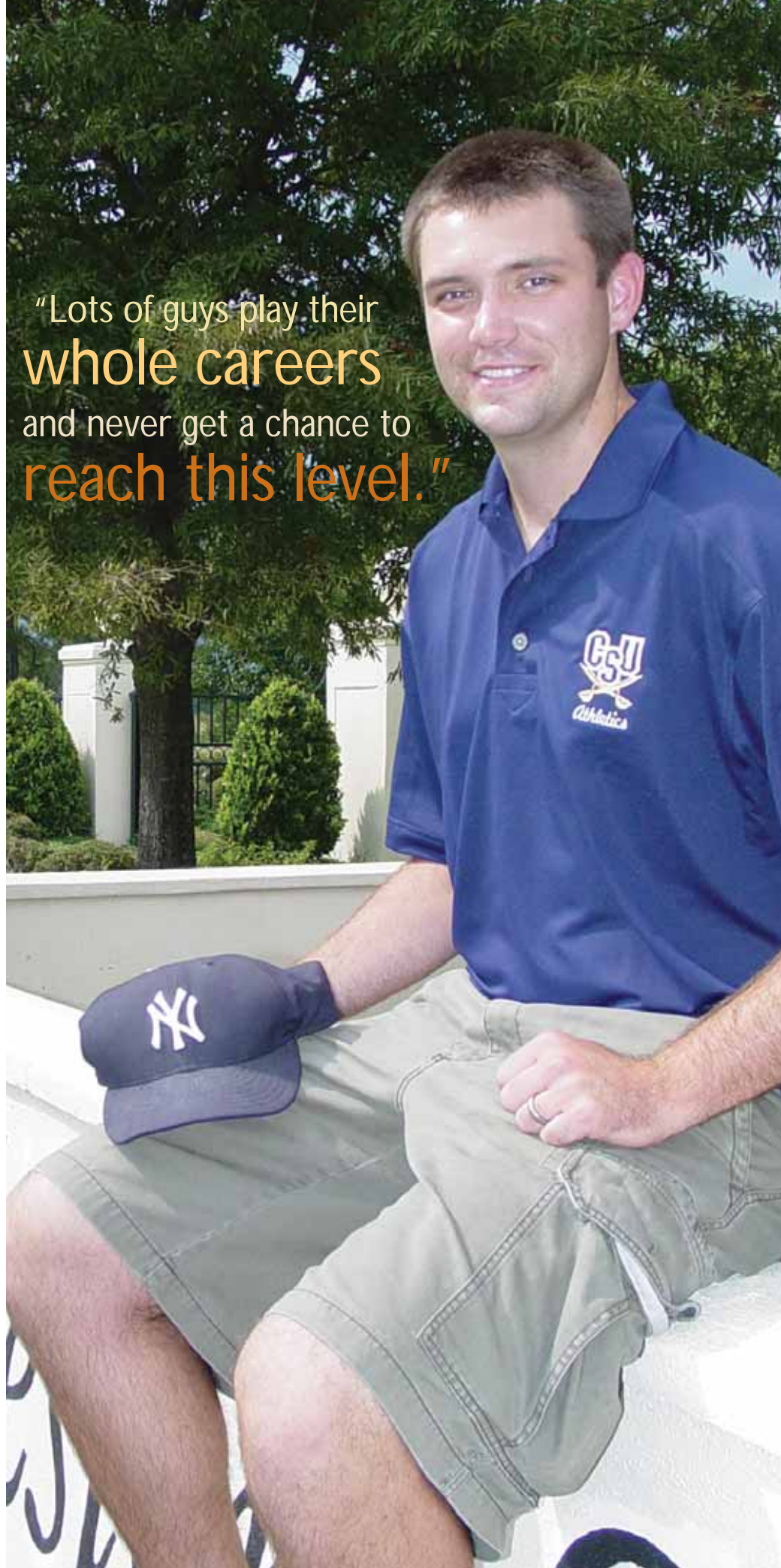
Yankees' lowest class (low single-A) affiliate. Instead of dwelling on the disappointment of the assignment, Swindle focused on the opportunity to advance. He compiled a 4-2 record and notched two saves in tight ballgames.

Prior to the Dogs final homestand, his opportunity came. September call-ups sent players from the AAA Columbus (Ohio) Clippers to the Yankees, which opened spots on the Triple A roster. With Trenton, the Yankees' AA team, embroiled in a playoff race and not wanting to disrupt its lineup, three Riverdogs received the promotion, including Swindle. "I was very shocked and excited," he said. "Lots of guys play their whole careers and never get a chance to reach this level."

RJ began to think the call-up was honorary, seeing no action in the first three games, but got his chance in the season finale on the road at Toledo. In front of the biggest crowd of his career, Swindle pitched two scoreless innings, allowing only one hit and getting the save in Columbus' 4-1 triumph.

So, what's next for Swindle? "I'd like to start next season with a Double A assignment, which I think is pretty realistic, and we'll see where it goes from there," he said. Making it into the major leagues is something that no former Buccaneer has ever done, but if past obstacles overcome is any indication, this lefty who wasn't supposed to be good enough to play Division I may play on the biggest stage of all sooner rather than later.

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Great Britain beckons Concert Singers for second time

By Jan Joslin

Photo by Darryl Bullock



Students, from left, Ann Durrence, Aaron Wyndham and Josh Chambers sing "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" as part of a music therapy activity with Glen Lodge Retirement Home residents in York, England.

Performing for a week as Choir in Residence at the largest cathedral in Northern Europe wasn't the only thing on Dr. Valerie Bullock's agenda when she led a group of students to England.

"In today's world, it is so crucial to have global experience," Bullock, professor of music and chair of the Horton School of Music, said. "Singing in a place where people have worshipped for a thousand years is incredible. Connectivity is so important. We're all worshipping even though we live 2,000 miles apart."

Ashley Williams, a sophomore majoring in church music, said, "It was amazing to participate in several different styles of worship. It didn't matter how it was done, it all glorified God in its own unique way."

The Charleston Southern Concert Singers performed the Evensong service each day at York Minster Cathedral in York, England, in early June. They were Choir in Residence at York Minster in 2004 and were invited to participate again in 2006.

During the week in residence, the Concert Singers performed the service of choral evensong every afternoon. "This beautiful service includes prayers, a psalm, and anthem and sometimes a hymn," Bullock said. In addition, the Concert Singers performed an entirely a cappella service one afternoon, at York Minster's Chapter House, entitled *American Tapestry* that featured Aaron Copland's *In the Beginning* with mezzo soprano, Dr. Jennifer Luiken, assistant professor of music/vocal performance.

On this trip, the Concert Singers also performed at St. Edward's the Confessor. "It was wonderful meeting the people at St. Edward's," Bullock said. "They had tea and biscuits for us after the concert." In Scotland, the students performed at St. Giles Cathedral, which was founded by John Knox.

The Concert Singers were able to return to Glen Lodge Retirement Center in York for a concert and music therapy outreach. "A lot of the same people were there, and the center had pictures of our 2004 visit on the wall. It was very touching," Bullock said. Also, music therapy students, under the direction of Lori Gooding, assistant professor of music therapy, worked with the North Yorkshire Music Therapy Centre.

Ann Durrence, a sophomore majoring in communication and minoring in music, was deeply touched by the trip. She said, "I just keep asking myself the same question: 'How can you return to a normal life after a whirlwind trip like that?' I still haven't figured out the answer, but I guess you simply hope that you'll get the same opportunity in the near future."

Durrence will likely get another chance at international travel as Bullock and the Concert Singers have requests coming in from all over the world.

Students gather in front of the York Chapter House after an afternoon concert.
Photo by Josh Dickard

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Student Government leadership takes on international flavor

By Melody Lane '10

Photo by Melody Lane



Grace Kim

Grace Kim, a native of the Republic of South Korea, is at the helm as president of the Student Government Association.

Kim is committing her time as president to strengthening the role SGA plays in campus life. "My goal for this year is for SGA to become a bridge between students and faculty. I want the students to realize how much the faculty care about them and that they are working for them."

A junior majoring in communication, Kim has a heart for international students. During the summer she participated in a five-week French study program in Quebec, Canada. It was on the trip that she realized what she really wants to do, and feels God wants her to do, is work with international students.

"I can identify with them because I am one of them," she said. In addition to working with internationals, Kim plans to continue her edu-

cation and her goal of learning six languages. Long-term she feels that God is calling her to serve in missions.

Kim arrived on campus in the fall of 2004 from Korea. "I had never even heard of Charleston before coming here," she said. "I wanted to go to a bigger school, like Penn State. To this day I don't know how I came here except that God just picked me up and placed me here."

The only thing that she felt she had in common with her fellow students was her faith. She quickly got involved and won a seat as a freshman senator and then realized how "loving and welcoming everyone was."

In addition to her role in SGA, she is a student representative on the cultural diversity committee, serves as a campus ambassador and works in the dean of students office with Dr. Bob Ratliff.

Photo provided



Dr. Lisette Luton, associate professor of French, and Grace Kim visit the sights in Quebec, Canada, while attending a French study program during the summer.

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Nothing second-rate about our honors program

By Dr. Clay Motley, assistant professor of English and director of the honors program

Have you ever heard of a college that claims to give its students a second-rate education? Of course not. All colleges claim to be dedicated to academic excellence, although the reality doesn't always match the rhetoric.

Do you know which independent college or university in South Carolina has the largest academic honors program? Furman? Presbyterian, Coker, or Converse colleges? Not even close. In fact, did you know that of the 20 independent colleges and universities in South Carolina, Charleston Southern has the largest academic honors program? This means that we are able to offer unparalleled academic, cultural, and social opportunities for its most talented students, proving promoting academic excellence in a Christian environment is more than just a motto.

The Honors Program is vital because it provides specialized academic opportunities for the University's most talented students. These opportunities include conducting research projects with individual professors and taking small, specially designed Honors core classes. Additionally, Honors students take three unique seminars, an Honors Freshmen Seminar, the Ethics and Leadership Seminar, and the Career Planning Seminar that is taught by President Jairy Hunter. To graduate from the Honors Program, all students must work with a faculty mentor to complete a three-credit-hour, independent senior project in their major area of study. "The Honors Program gives me a richer educational experience by challenging my ability in the classroom through additional oral presentations and research projects, which allows me to strive to reach my potential," said Cynthia Taylor, Honors sophomore.

Of course, the significance of the college



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Cynthia Taylor, Honors student, enjoyed dining with President Hunter and his family earlier this year.

experience is not isolated to the classroom and the laboratory. Thus, the Honors Program provides many social and extracurricular opportunities for its students to enjoy and learn. These opportunities include providing free tickets to concerts and performances in the Charleston area, organizing tours and scavenger hunts in the historic district of Charleston, and holding social luncheons and pizza parties on campus. President Hunter even hosted a cook-out at his home for his Honors Career Seminar class. "Dining with Dr. Hunter and his family was my best experience in the Honors Program and an indication of the special opportunities available to Honors students," said Taylor.

One of the most important benefits of special Honors Program activities is providing

opportunities for Honors students to make friends. Laura Crews, an Honors junior, says that, "I have made some of my closest friends through the Honors Program. I enjoy taking Honors classes because I know I will be surrounded by familiar faces." Elisa Deffendall, an Honors junior, notes that the friends she made her freshman year in the Honors Program "have stuck together throughout the following couple of years, and we are still very close now. Seeing my friends every few days in Honors classes really made the transition to college much better."

The most important duty of the Honors Program is preparing its graduates for their lives and careers. Daniel Grass, who began the M.D. program at MUSC this fall, and who received the Barry Christian Scholar Award at his gradu-

Honors Program

There are currently 60 students in the Honors Program. This is an increase from 32 students in the fall of 2001. This makes CSU's Honors Program the largest honors program of any South Carolina independent college or university.

The minimum qualification to apply to the Honors Program for graduating high school seniors is a 3.5 GPA and a 1200 SAT score. Current students must have a 3.5 GPA after 30 hours of college credit to be able to apply.

The average GPA of returning Honors Program students is a 3.54, which is contrasted with the overall undergraduate GPA of 2.7.

Current Honors students come from throughout the state of South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Colorado, Texas, Georgia, New Hampshire, Ohio, and Connecticut.

The Honors Program is specially designed to accommodate and accentuate any major. Current Honors Program students have such diverse majors as Biochemistry, Biology, Business, Chemistry, Church Music, COINS, Communications, Criminology, English, Elementary Education, History, Music Performance, Nursing, Math, Athletic Training, Psychology, Religion and Sociology.

To graduate from the Honors Program, students must have a 3.5 GPA, earn 18 hours of Honors Credit through independent projects, take six hours of Honors core courses, take the Honors Freshman Seminar, the Ethics and Leadership Seminar, and the Honors Career Planning Seminar, and complete a three-hour independent Senior Project.

The Honors Program is directed by Dr. Clay Motley, assistant professor of English, and a rotating council of faculty and staff.



Honors graduate Daniel Grass works in the lab. Photo by Deneshia Graham

ation in 2006, says: "The multiple presentations, diverse research, and individual mentoring by professors made me a cut above the rest of the degree-seeking students. Now entering graduate school and doing research at a major medical institution, I can see that my educational foundation is far above what is expected of me, which would be impossible without the Honors Program."

"I didn't originally realize all the benefits of the Honors Program as an entering freshman," said Sean Hayes, Honors junior. "I now look upon my Honors experience and realize that not only have my academics been enhanced through getting to know my professors better through one-on-one conversations stimulated by my research projects, but my professors also inspire me to do my best in my studies and as a Christian."

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– Laura Crews, Honors junior

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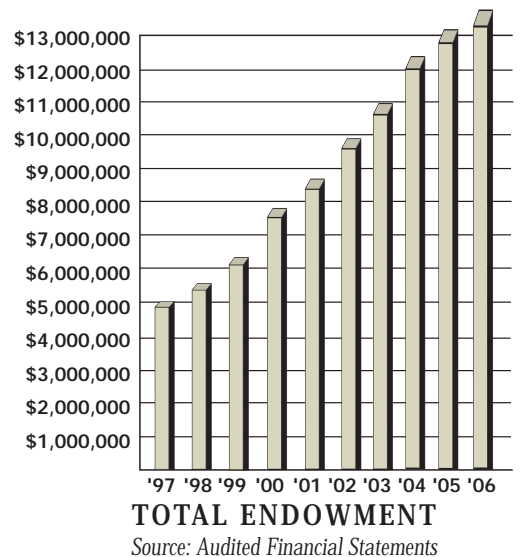
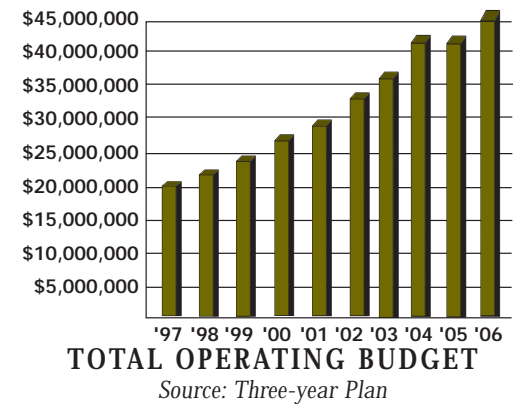
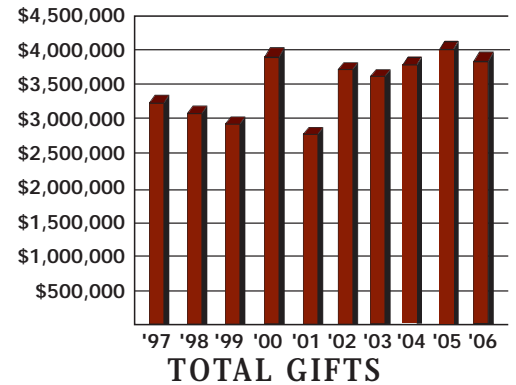
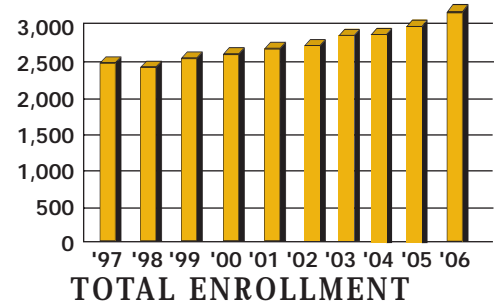
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