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Hall of Fame Weekend

Former members of the men's basketball team gathered on Hall of Fame Weekend for a blue and gold alumni game. O.J. Linney '01 attempts to block a shot by Eric Burks '96.



"Music Man" rehearsal

Many rehearsal hours added up to a successful fall production.



DEAR FRIENDS,

These are exciting times at Charleston Southern University! We are having an enrollment explosion! We have a record enrollment of 3,022, the highest enrollment in the school's history. This enrollment exceeds our goal of 3,000 students by 2007. Enrollment in our Master of Business Administration (MBA) program has grown to 245, a 178 percent increase over the 88 students of just three years ago.

All universities must engage in a self-study process every 10 years to ensure compliance with accreditation standards and guidelines. CSU began the self-study process in preparation for this accreditation three years ago. The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools accreditation team completed their visit to campus in early March. I'm pleased to report that our hard work has paid high dividends. The visiting team's exit report on our reaffirmation of accreditation was positive and complimentary.

God continues to bless CSU and work through our campus. Several students have received Christ as their personal savior and many others have acknowledged God's call to become servant leaders in their chosen professions. Our faculty and students are excited about our global missions programs, which provide opportunities for them to study and share the gospel abroad during the summer.

As many of you know, the University owns 60 acres of land adjacent to I-26. According to our master planners, this land will be surplus to our needs for another 50 years. With this in mind, our Trustees decided that this property will not be sold but rather leased and developed. The proceeds from this venture will be used for student scholarships and other University priorities. In this magazine, you will read about the Wingate Inn, the first phase of this development plan that will construct a medical/business park along I-26.

What you are about to read in the following pages are stories of success and growth. Sissy and I thank you for your prayers, friendship and support. Be assured that we are committed to Promoting Academic Excellence in a Christian Environment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jairy C. Hunter, Jr." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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

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Photo by Ryan Wilcox

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Left to right: Tina Buchanan, Josh Warrior, Dr. John Duncan, Matt Hurd, Jessica Caputo, John Watkins

Never giving up on his goal

By Deneshia Graham



Life has taught David Thiem many things.

A partner in a successful accounting firm, Thiem has learned the importance of building personal relationships with the people behind the paperwork. A community servant, he's offered his professional skills within civic and non-profit organizations. A father, he has encouraged his children to get an education and watched them earn their academic degrees.

But despite all he learned from life, Thiem still desired the college degree that eluded him more than 40 years before. Now in his 60s, he didn't need his college degree for promotion in the workplace.

He wanted it for himself.

"That was it for me," Thiem said, "being able to say 'By George, I finally did it.'"

Thiem invested two-and-a-half years and drove a total of about 8,000 miles from Thiem, Jackson and Pace in downtown Charleston to CSU. He was going to capture the dream that never died within him.

He enrolled in the University's Evening College and started on the coursework to

earn a Bachelor of Management Arts degree. "The B.M.A. is a degree completion program," said Dr. Stan Parker, dean of the Evening College. It is one of the best options for an adult student who has had prior college learning. It takes about 20 months to complete, if the student can transfer some previous college credit, but the program also helps students with no college experience.

Most people in the program are non-traditional students – enrolled part time, already in the workforce, financially independent, with a family to care for, Parker said.

"Adults are seeking college degrees in greater numbers than ever before," Parker said. "To ensure their success and keep them enrolled, CSU strategically developed the B.M.A. program to meet their needs and expectations for a college degree."

"That sounded tailor-made for me," Thiem said. "The B.M.A. program recognizes that you're working full time and adapts its schedule to that of a full-time employee."

Thiem had attended the University of Texas for about two years when he was younger. He joined the U.S. Navy and eventually settled down in Charleston, where he met his wife, Gloria.

When he took the state accounting exam in the 1960s, a college degree wasn't required. Today, with more than 40 years under his belt, Thiem has built a solid accounting career, 21 of which have been at Thiem, Jackson and Pace.

While enrolled, Thiem usually attended classes from 6 p.m. until around 10 p.m. A Mount Pleasant resident, he would often drive to class straight from work, with only a few minutes to grab something to eat after contending with

afternoon traffic.

Needing to allot time to study, he became less involved with civic organizations and social gatherings. He even maintained this pace during the stress of tax season, which could easily total 80-hour work weeks.

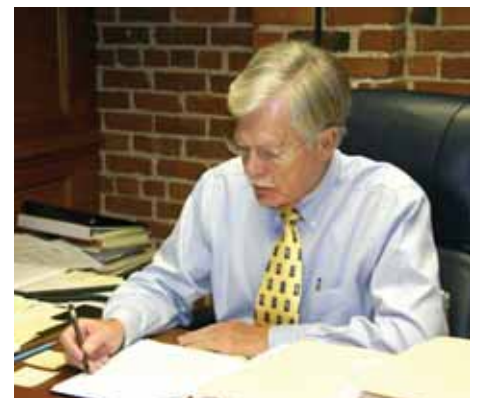
With the exception of one "B" in a Botany class, Thiem earned an "A" in all his coursework.

"David was focused upon his goal to get a baccalaureate degree. It was very clear that it was not only for him, but to reinforce the challenge that he had given early on to his children about accomplishing their highest potential," Parker said.

David Thiem earned his Bachelor of Management Arts degree in December.

"He became a wonderful friend to the students in his cohort and an encourager for them, which speaks so highly of him as an individual," Parker added. "As dean of the evening college, I was able to observe that firsthand on many occasions."

"The people at CSU are what convinced me to go there," Thiem said, mentioning the kindness and encouragement he received from various people, including Dr. Parker and his staff, Dr. A.K. Bonnette, the provost, and President





Jairy C. Hunter, Jr.

Longtime supporters of CSU, the Thiems' sons both earned degrees from CSU. David is a member of the board of directors for the University's Buccaneer Club, and his wife, Gloria, is a member of the Board of Trustees. Gloria holds an honorary doctorate from CSU, and the family aids students through The Thiem Family Athletic Endowed Scholarship.

"We are extremely proud of David Thiem's academic accomplishments," Hunter said. "Not only did he complete his college degree for himself, he did it to live what he believes in front of his children. His determination to complete his college degree while working full time will inspire others to follow in his footsteps. We are so pleased to call him a CSU alumnus."

His sons echoed their pride in their father's accomplishment.

"He is probably the smartest person I know," Rusty Thiem said, adding that most people were probably surprised to learn that he didn't have a college degree. "I think that his determination he showed

in getting his degree says a lot about him as a person. When he decides to do something, he never does it halfway. I know that I am that way now because of him."

Ashley Thiem agreed.

"I think I have taken two things from my father's experience," he said. "First, if you want to accomplish something, do it

to the best of your ability. He could have coasted through his classes just doing enough to get by, but he put in the extra effort to graduate summa cum laude. The second is that you are never too old to fulfill a dream if it is important to you. I only hope when I am his age I will have the same motivation to accomplish something that has always been important to me, even if I think that opportunity has passed me by."

Thiem said that despite his sacrifice, he believes his wife, Gloria, made the largest sacrifice. He said she encouraged him to study and helped him keep his dream in mind.

Gloria Thiem said people were surprised to learn that her husband had not earned his college degree. In conversations with others, she's encountered other executives who have not completed their college degree and shares her husband's story.

"David is an inspiration to so many people," Gloria said. "I could not be more proud of him."

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More Than 200 students Graduated in December

By Deneshia Graham

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More than 200 students received academic degrees during the December graduation ceremony Dec. 17 in Lightsey Chapel Auditorium.

Degrees awarded at the ceremony included associate of science, bachelor of technology, bachelor of arts, bachelor of management arts, bachelor of science, master of arts in teaching, master of education, master of business administration, and master of science in criminal justice.

Summerville business owner ❸ Mary F. D. Williams was the graduation speaker.

Williams, a member of the University's Board of Visitors, owns Williams Tax and Accounting LLC, which she founded in 1971. After attending CSU in the evening for 10 consecutive years, she graduated with honors (cum laude) in 1981 with a bachelor of science degree in accounting. She also received an honorary doctorate of humanities during the commencement. Williams is currently an active member of the Azalea Drive Church of Christ where

she serves on the Finance Committee; she is also the past president of the South Carolina Chapter of the National Association of Tax Professionals.

"It is because of this institution that you are where you are today," Williams told the graduates. "Every time you go to the bank to make a deposit – think of CSU. And don't forget to give back to CSU!"

Williams also urged students to be determined, God fearing, and to stay connected to loved ones. She left the students with several words of wisdom: "Don't be ordinary. Strive to be the best. Keep family first. Keep God in your life, and it will all come full circle. You cannot receive anything with closed hands."

A variety of awards were also handed out at the commencement ceremony.

❹ Jerry M. Williams, senior vice president of the First Citizens Bank in Lancaster, received an honorary doctorate in business administration. Williams, a member of the Board of Visitors, is a for-

mer member of the Board of Trustees. He helped establish the First Citizens Endowed Scholarship. His wife, Rebecca, is also a member of the Board of Visitors.

Distinguished Service awards were presented to ❶ Ann S. Taylor and ❷ William A. Blanton.

Taylor, the mayor of Heath Springs for approximately 15 years, has been a member of the Board of Visitors since 1997. Blanton owns Blanton Insurance Agency in Goose Creek. He is also a member of the Board of Visitors, a charter member of the University's BUC Club Board of Directors, and a former BUC Club president.

Additionally, ❸ Linda C. Tyler was named professor emerita of library science. Tyler, who retired in December, worked 36 years at CSU. She's served 20 years as the associate director of the L. Mendel Rivers Library and held the rank of associate professor of library science for 13 years.

Enrollment Passes 3,000

CSU welcomed 3,022 students to campus this fall, setting a new enrollment record. Not only has enrollment exceeded the 3,000-student goal, the record-breaking numbers are years ahead of schedule.

“One of the University’s five-year strategic objectives included the goal of enrolling 3,000 students by 2007,” said President Jairy Hunter. “CSU’s growth is representative of our excellent faculty and efforts to integrate faith and learning into our curriculum.”

Debbie Williamson, vice president of enrollment management, added, “More and more students are attracted to Charleston Southern because we live what we believe. Not only do we offer a top-notch education, we’re holding fast to our foundation of faith.”

Reasons To Believe Founder Shares Insight on Science and Faith:

Dr. Hugh Ross Speaks to Faculty, Staff and Students During Convocation Event

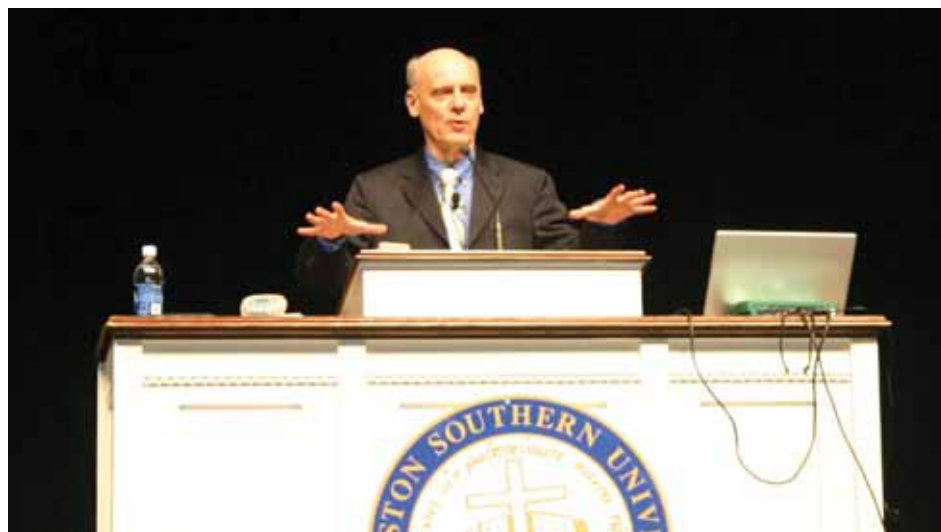
By Sherry Atkinson

At age 17, Dr. Hugh Ross began reading a small Gideon Bible he received at school several years before. “What immediately caught my attention in Genesis chapter one is how perfectly it follows the scientific method,” Ross said.

In February, Ross carried his tattered Gideon Bible to the stage of the Lightsey Chapel Auditorium where he spoke to students, faculty and staff during Convocation.

Ross is the founder of Reasons To Believe, an international, interdenominational ministry established to communicate the uniquely factual basis for belief in the Bible. Ross uses science to support the Bible.

The California-based organization was founded in 1986. According to its Web site, www.reasons.org, “the frontiers of science feed the front lines of Christian outreach. Scientific research has provided us with more than sufficient reasons to believe that His Word is true and, thus, every reason to trust Him, to receive the



redemption He graciously offers through Jesus Christ.”

Ross said he was convinced of the Bible’s accuracy when he put its claims up against science. “The Bible invites testing,” Ross said. “What I found about the Bible is that it was specific about names and dates and places. This is something I can put to the test.”

Ross completed his undergraduate degree in physics from the University of British Columbia. He earned his graduate and doctorate degrees in astronomy from the University of Toronto. He has authored numerous books, including *The Fingerprint of God*, *The Creator of the Cosmos*, and *Beyond the Cosmos*.

CSU Makes "MOST UNWIRED" List

The results are in for Intel's 2nd annual "Most Unwired College Campuses" survey, and CSU made the top 50 list, coming in at number 36.

The survey ranks college campuses according to greatest wireless Internet accessibility.

Intel's Web site states, "Across the country, wireless campus networks are dramatically changing the way students, faculty, and staff learn and work. With wireless networks and wireless-enabled laptop PCs such as those equipped with Intel "Centrino" mobile technology, professors can hold virtual office hours and administer exams while university operations personnel can complete paperwork on the spot and submit work orders from the field."

Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana, claimed the top spot as the "most unwired campus."

Wingate Inn is Coming to Campus

By Deneshia Graham



Charleston Lodging Company, LLC will break ground on a Wingate Inn hotel at CSU this year, making it the first hotel in the chain's history to be built on a college campus.

The 100-room hotel will feature advanced in-room telecommunications, excellent customer service, exceptional amenities and guaranteed satisfaction. It is expected to open in 2007.

Located at the intersection of I-26 at Exit 205B and Hwy. 78, The Wingate Inn at Charleston Southern will be situated at the west end of campus, across the street from Trident Medical Center.

The hotel will be in the first phase of CSU's new Medical/Business Park, approximately 50 acres running along the I-26 corridor.

President Jairy Hunter said he's "excited about the opportunities this business venture will provide CSU students."

Charleston Lodging Company, LLC will own The Wingate Inn at Charleston Southern, under a franchise from Wingate Inns International, Inc.

IMIC Hotels, a nationally recognized firm with more than 25 years of experi-

ence in developing and managing more than 45 hotels, will develop and manage The Wingate Inn at Charleston Southern.

Ken Evans, chairman of the board of directors for CIDCOR, the parent company for Charleston Lodging Company, said, "The Wingate Inn at Charleston Southern will be an excellent addition to the hospitality industry in the greater Charleston area. It will be a very efficient use of land, as it will provide scholarship and internship opportunities to students and serve the overall community."

Terry Gunn, president and CEO of Trident Health System, said The Wingate Inn at Charleston Southern would benefit the neighboring medical community. "We believe that the Wingate Inn's convenient location, right across the street from our hospital complex, will give families peace of mind that they can stay near their loved ones throughout their medical care."

Wingate Inn hotels are known to be among the most technologically savvy, which will complement CSU's campuswide wireless capabilities. The new hotel will offer high-speed Internet access in every room. CSU will provide full service catering options and high tech conference/meeting space with the ability to seat up to 1,500.

Net proceeds from The Wingate Inn at Charleston Southern will be used to fund student scholarships and other University programs.



Photo by Deneshia Graham

WAAC AUCTION

Peggy Sineath and Elaine Ling, members of the Women's Auxiliary Advisory Council, showcase items at the 3rd annual WAAC auction. The Women raised approximately \$18,000. Their faithful support of the University includes providing a scholarship and continuing campus beautification projects.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

by Becca Fawver '77



Ashby/Jones Halls renovation



Cafeteria expansion



First floor Library renovations



Completed patio area in front of Strom Thurmond Center



Library Reference Desk renovation



Coffeeshop addition at front of L. Mendel Rivers Library

Freshman Advocacy Program Enters Second Semester

By Jan Joslin • Photography by Karen Benjamin '08

Early indications show that the new Freshman Advocacy Program is already helping the freshman class. "I believe the smaller number of withdrawals from the university between the fall and spring semesters is early evidence that the Freshman Advocacy Program is already having a positive impact on retention," said Dr. Bob Ratliff, dean of students.

Ratliff and other administrative staff and senior officers are teaching phase two of the program during the spring semester. Phase two centers on career planning whereas the fall classes focused on orienting students to college life. "I was fortunate to be one of only a few people who had the opportunity to teach the Freshman Seminar course in the fall and then keep that same group of students for the career planning course in the spring," said Ratliff. "Also, my staff liaison, Julia Ard, and my peer leader, Stephanie Hood, stayed with me, so the team is intact for these students for the entire year."

Freshman Kila Russell took Freshman Seminar and is now in the career planning class. "Freshman Seminar helps freshmen get organized and make the transition into college life. You learn a lot of tidbits about your major that you can carry with you until senior year."

A major aspect of the program is mentoring; it is designed to increase interaction between



Dr. Bob Ratliff, dean of students, confers with Kila Russell after class.

faculty members and students. Freshman Hannah Causby said, "I think the benefit in this class is that as a student you actually get acquainted with your instructor. For example, I feel that if I ever needed anything, I could go to Dr. Ratliff and he would help me. It is just good to know a staff member who will help you if you ever needed them too."

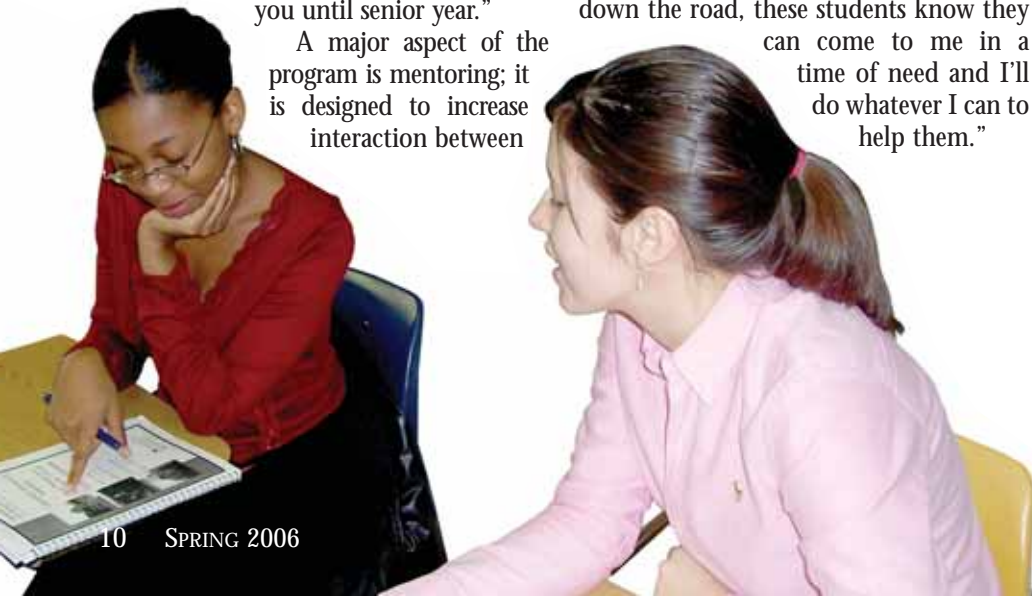
Ratliff said, "I constantly drill into my students that they can do this...that they will succeed. It will be enjoyable in the years ahead to watch them grow academically and mature. Even two or three years down the road, these students know they can come to me in a time of need and I'll do whatever I can to help them."

Dr. Mary Gene Ryan, dean of student success, said the program will be fully assessed after spring semester. She said, "In addition to helping the students begin to make decisions about their major and eventual career plans, we are also giving them tools to make them better people."

For example:

- Many of the classes are participating in Habitat for Humanity.
- Barbara Mead, associate dean of students, is hosting at least one session for each class on "dining etiquette" to help students develop the manners expected of them in the corporate world.
- Each class spends at least one session discussing how we can know what God's plan is for us and how we can honor Him by our choices.
- Students are doing some self-assessment, which means they assess their own learning and leadership styles.

After participating in Habitat for Humanity, one freshman wrote to instructor Annie Watson, director of advising, "I just thought that I would drop you a line and tell you how much fun I had today. It felt great to do something that will help someone else."



Peer leader Stephanie Hood, on right, discusses the curriculum with Anita Miller.

School of Education and Ladson Elementary School Celebrate Professional Development Site Partnership

By Dr. Linda Karges-Bone

During Homecoming Week 2005, a new banner celebrating the 16-year professional development site partnership between Ladson Elementary School and CSU's School of Education was unveiled at the elementary school. The PDS partnership is one of the longest-running in the state and represents a mutual decision on the part of both institutions to encourage and nurture best practices in teaching, the recruitment and retention of high-quality teachers, and the full potential of children and families. PDS activities include grant writing, curriculum initiatives, the standards-based science and social studies experience called "The

Ladson Project," staff development, and a clinical teaching exchange.

Over the past 15 years, more than 1,000 future teachers from CSU received training at the Ladson site. Currently, more than half of the Ladson Elementary faculty includes teachers who either began their careers as interns at the PDS or completed their graduate work as a result of the partnership.

Dr. Linda Karges-Bone developed the partnership in 1989 with former principal James Humphries. The work continued with Dr. Roberta Papineau, principal, and Dr. Jerald Bullock, co-director, during the 1990s and into the new millennium. In

2004, a third principal, Reginald Bright, was welcomed. In 2003, the Ladson-CSU partnership was showcased at the national PDS conference in Orlando. Presenters Dr. Linda Karges-Bone, Dr. Roberta Papineau, and Victoria Dukes shared research showing how the PDS partnership has helped Ladson Elementary achieve high test scores in spite of barriers like poverty. Ladson Elementary has been recognized as a DHEC Healthy School, Palmetto's Finest School, and one of the Education Trust's Schools that Dispel the Myth.



Left to right: Dr. Linda Karges-Bone (director), Mrs. Beth Hairfield, (Teacher of the Year for Ladson and a CSU alumna), Dr. Lorraine Wylie (dean of education,) and Mr. Reggie Bright (principal).



Taking ^{the} Next Step ⁱⁿ Ministry

By Sherry Atkinson

Although a newcomer to the Charleston Southern campus, Allen Hendricks is not new to the Charleston area. Reverend Hendricks, his wife, Miriam, and twin daughters, Sarah and Lauren, moved to the Lowcountry in 1996 when he accepted a call as the Minister of Music at Summerville Baptist Church.

Last fall Hendricks came on board at CSU as an adjunct professor, and in January of this year, he joined the faculty full time as the Director of New Vision Ensemble and instructor in the Endowed Horton Chair of Church Music.

Hendricks welcomed this new opportunity for ministry as the next step in God's plan for his life. "When I was called into the ministry," Hendricks said, "I thought at some point I would teach in higher education."

Hendricks grew up in the First Baptist Church in Easley under the musical leadership of Dr. Sidney Buckley. "He (Dr. Buckley) modeled for me what a Minister of Music should be and encouraged me through my teenage years after I announced my sense of calling to music ministry," said Hendricks.

"It is now an interesting parallel in our lives that he also has a ministry in the church and in the university."

Charleston Southern's Musical Ensemble, New Vision, is thriving under Hendricks's leadership. This 12-member group of students follows a busy travel schedule to different venues, sharing their testimonies, talent and love for the Lord. This semester their performance schedule includes worshiping at churches in Greenwood, Hartsville and Florence, as well as performing at the SCBC Senior Adult Convention in Myrtle Beach in March.



Convoy of Hope

By Franny Garrett '09



Hendricks looks forward to the opportunities ahead, teaching and mentoring students and “carrying the ministry of CSU out to local church congregations.” He has a mini tour in the works for New Vision, which includes traveling to North Carolina and Virginia during spring break in 2007, and in the future he envisions expanding New Vision concerts to include more congregational involvement as well as using visual media.

Another goal Hendricks will pursue for New Vision is incorporating an international mission trip at least every four years. As a member of the S.C. Baptist Singing Churchmen, Hendricks recently had the opportunity to be involved in mission trips to Taiwan and India. His experiences there encouraged him with a heightened sense of reaching other nations with the gospel through music. “It’s amazing how many doors music opens. Words you may not be able to speak, you can sing those same words all over the world,” Hendricks says. “I want these students to have that opportunity.”

In addition to his busy schedule, Hendricks also serves as a resource contact for churches throughout South Carolina. Recently he was involved in WinterFEST, a student choir event sponsored by the South Carolina Baptist Convention and hosted by Charleston Southern, which “jump started” students for spring and

summer mission projects. Later this year he will be leading a seminar at White Oak Conference Center and foresees many more opportunities to serve churches.

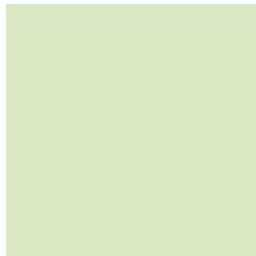
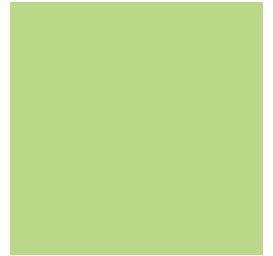
Rick Brewer, vice president for planning and student affairs, recognizes the impact Hendricks has on students at Charleston Southern. “Allen Hendricks brings to this position a wealth of ministry experience and musical expertise,” Brewer said. “What a tremendous opportunity for CSU and Allen to equip and mentor future generations of worship leaders with a heart for Kingdom Growth.”

As Hendricks speaks of his new teaching position and of touring with New Vision, he shares how different it is to step back from the leadership role during worship and watch students step forward into that role. He realizes God has given him the opportunity to play a vital part in these students’ lives, pouring into them from his 30 years of experience and education in church music.

Hendricks attended Furman University, earning a bachelor of music in education. He continued his studies at Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, where he received his master’s degree in church music in 1982. He served two churches in Chesapeake, Virginia, before coming home to South Carolina in 1996. In the future he plans to pursue a doctorate in worship studies.

Convoy of Hope is an event that provides individuals in need with free clothing, groceries, a haircut, and most importantly, the Word of God. Volunteers come from all over to help out; it was amazing to see everyone come together to help others. CSU students were found from the Kiddie Zone to handing out bags of groceries. Though it was absolutely freezing outside, everyone had smiles on their faces and warmth in their hearts from knowing that they were helping others for the glory of God.





SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

MEETING THE CHALLENGES OF A RAPIDLY CHANGING WORLD

The School of Business is redefining business education with a curriculum designed to produce creative thinkers with strong communication and interpersonal skills through a combination of state-of-the-art business courses and a broad-based liberal arts education. More than 20 percent of the University's students are business students, making business the largest academic department.



Wireless access to the Internet is allowing students to study anywhere on campus.



Paul Heinauer, president of Glasspro, shares leadership ideas with School of Business students.

Through exceptional teaching, distinguished by the integration of best business practices and timeless biblical principles, business professors are preparing students for productive roles in business and society.

The School of Business seeks to develop and provide programs that meet the rapidly evolving needs of the professional workplace including an awareness of the global business environment and proficiency with current technology and to graduate students with a strong academic, social, and ethical foundation.

SOFT SKILLS

Research shows that people skills are twice as important as technical skills in explaining job performance and in predicting career success. Professors help students assess and develop people skills in addition to technical skills. CSU students consistently score well above the national average on the BarOn-Eqi instrument used to assess emotional intelligence and soft skills.

RESEARCH

CSU has a tradition of fostering active learning, research, and student involvement. School of Business faculty members are actively involved with the South Carolina World Trade Center, the tri-

county area chambers of commerce, civic groups, and charitable organizations. Several faculty members provide consultation for area businesses as well as nonprofit and governmental entities.

CENTER FOR ECONOMIC FORECASTING

The Center for Economic Forecasting was founded in 1990 as a partnership with the Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of providing an economic forecast of the Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester region as a community service to businesses and citizens. Dr. Al Parish is the director of the center, and Gamble, Givens & Moody, LLC sponsors the center.

More than 20 percent of the University's students are business students,

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Ray Snyder, a senior partner with The Ken Blanchard Companies®, led a seminar for faculty. Snyder holds a B.S. ('75) and M.B.A. ('92) from CSU.

The forecast is produced using a proprietary econometric model and is published quarterly in the Business Review section of *The Post and Courier*. The Center also produces a two-year outlook on an annual basis that is presented at the Economic Outlook Conference. More information about the Center is available online at www.e4casting.com.

CENTER FOR ECONOMIC EDUCATION

Established in 1991, the Center for Economic Education provides teacher in-service training and summer courses for area school teachers. The Center also provides classroom speakers and curriculum materials for area schools. Dr. Mela Wyeth is the director of the Center.

SAP UNIVERSITY ALLIANCE PROGRAM

In 2004, the School of Business joined the SAP University Alliance Program and is currently the state's only college or university member. Through this program, CSU has become a leader in higher education by partnering with a dynamic leader in the business community. The SAP University Alliance Program provides a unique opportunity for students to gain real-world experience, and because corporate recruiters appreciate the value of SAP experience, graduates who receive certification from the University Program increase their opportunities to find rewarding employment.

FIELD STUDY IN GLOBAL AFFAIRS

Each year during the Maymester term, a course is offered to provide an educational travel experience to learn about international business. Recent countries visited include Austria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, and Russia. Future trips are planned to Singapore, Hong Kong, and Shanghai. Educational exchange opportunities also exist allowing students to spend a semester studying business at the University of Applied Sciences Wiener Neustadt in Vienna.

CSU has a tradition of fostering **ACTIVE LEARNING, RESEARCH,** and **STUDENT INVOLVEMENT.**



Dr. John Duncan

Expanding the Business Curriculum to Include Biblical Principles

by Jan Joslin

The School of Business is working to make sure that the business education students receive at Charleston Southern is different from what is found at secular universities.

“We believe that a Christian business program should properly prepare students for their place of God-ordained purpose in life,” said Dr. John Duncan, dean of the School of Business.

Solid teaching in the areas of accounting, economics, finance, information systems, management and marketing will never leave the curriculum. Instead, they are being enhanced with the integration of biblical principles.

“God’s Word has much to say about many areas applicable to business such as planning, stewardship, finance, leadership,

human resource management and care of the environment,” said Duncan. “We believe that a Christian business program should point out good business practices that are discussed in the Bible and encourage students to look to God’s Word as the ultimate business guide,” he said.

Courses such as Personal Finance, Introduction to Business, Business Ethics, Small Business Management, Strategic Planning, and Analysis and Ethics in Information Management already contain a high percentage of biblically based content.

“Our current project,” said Duncan, “will begin to include the following biblical principles in courses in the business curriculum: calling and purpose, integrity and character, stewardship, gifts and tal-

ents, servant leadership, godly relationships, empowering subordinates, planning with an eternal perspective, commitment, personal responsibility, wealth vs. riches, service, wellness, godly wisdom, proper use of the environment, and proper use of human resources.”

Duncan added, “The purpose of our lives should be to glorify God in all that we do, and this includes glorifying Him in our work.”

In her book *Total Truth: Liberating Christianity from Its Cultural Captivity*, Nancy Pearcey says, “In Genesis, God gives what we might call the first job description: ‘Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it.’ The first phrase, ‘be fruitful and multiply,’ means to develop the *social* world: build families, churches, schools, cities, governments, laws. The second phrase, ‘subdue the earth,’ means to harness the *natural* world: plant crops, build bridges, design computers, compose music. This passage is sometimes called the ‘Cultural Mandate’ because it tells us that our original purpose was to create cultures, build civilizations – nothing less.”

The School of Business is endeavoring to help students learn to carry out God’s command through relationships with business professionals and through internships where the professionals are asked to share with the students how their faith impacts their work.

“We intentionally arrange many of our internships with companies that are striving to honor God through business,” said Duncan. “This allows the student to receive not only valuable work experience but also invaluable mentoring from a dedicated Christian business professional.”

One of these internship experiences is supervised by Kevin Alford, a 1995 graduate of the M.B.A. program and a financial consultant for Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, the only faith-based Fortune 500 company. Alford is highly positive about his experiences with CSU interns. “I have worked with five interns so far, and each one has been a joy to mentor. The students have shown a strong desire to learn and maintain a solid work ethic,” he said.

He believes that faith-based businesses have an obligation to be involved in



Jim Dismore, founder of Kingdom Way Companies, lectures on campus.



The University has been a host site for Business by the Book seminars.



Kevin Alford, a 1995 M.B.A. graduate and a financial consultant, makes a presentation to M.B.A. students.

internships and mentoring. “We have an obligation to lead by example in showing how professionals can successfully integrate their faith and careers. When we are working within God’s will for our lives, we can provide examples of how our careers can be a source of great joy and satisfaction rather than a chore,” he said.

Alford believes it is important to show business students that it is possible to be successful without compromising values. He said, “By mentoring students, we are able to demonstrate that true success is achieved when we make Christ the center of our lives and not just our Sundays.”

Another area the School has been expanding in is hosting seminars and conferences and having professionals speak in classes. The School of Business brings in 40 to 50 business leaders each year to speak with students. Speakers run the gamut from local businessmen to nationally known speakers such as Dan Cathy, president and COO of Chick-fil-A.

Recent conferences include:

- A Crown Financial Ministries one-

day “Business by the Book” seminar, which had the largest attendance of any “Business by the Book” seminar to date.

- A “Taking Back the Gates of Commerce” conference.

- Two “Kingdom Way Companies” presentations featuring Jim Dismore. Dismore is founder of Kingdom Way Companies and has been on the boards of Crown Financial Ministries and the Fellowship of Companies for Christ International. He is currently CEO and Chairman of Ultimate Support Systems, Inc. and is one of the original founding officers of Wal-Mart.

“Jim Dismore has provided guidance throughout our planning process,” said Duncan. “His counsel and friendship has been of immense value. He’s been a catalyst for this project of designing the curriculum. We plan to continue to work closely with Kingdom Way Companies in developing the curriculum and other training programs that will be offered at CSU,” said Duncan.



Dan Cathy, president and chief operating officer of Chick-fil-A, addresses CSU students.



M.B.A. graduates

M.B.A. Program Experiencing Enrollment Explosion

by Jan Joslin

The master of business administration program, designed to educate successful business leaders, can count itself successful.

From 2002-2005, the program saw an enrollment increase of 178 percent, from 88 students in the fall of 2002 to 245 students in the spring of 2006, making CSU's M.B.A. program one of the largest in the state.

Education Benchmarking, Inc., which compares student satisfaction among national universities, ranked the CSU M.B.A. program 32nd of 94 institutions. This list includes prestigious schools like Johns Hopkins, Rutgers and Penn State.

Dr. Bill Bowers, director of the program, attributes enrollment growth to an increased awareness in the community through marketing and word of mouth. "Current students are telling their coworkers about us," he said. "They're doing the selling for us!"

Another explanation is the increasing importance of graduate degrees in the workplace. The threat of outsourcing to other countries has pushed people to try to stay

ahead of the competition. Seeking a higher degree is one way to do that. A recent *Business Week* article on wage data shows that the only group of workers outpacing inflation are those with graduate degrees.

To meet market demands, CSU has implemented a distance learning program. For the first time, M.B.A. students can complete their degree entirely online. While most students still prefer face-to-face classes, many are taking advantage of the flexibility of distance learning to keep up with the program when work or family loads change. Another bonus is that some students who started the program at CSU are able to finish online after being transferred by employers.

Dr. John Duncan, dean of the School of Business, gives Bowers a great deal of credit for the success. "The reason for the success is Bill Bowers's leadership and servant's heart," said Duncan. "He bends over backward to help people; he just has a heart for helping people," he said. "Students also find a different mindset at CSU and respond to it."

Bowers, Duncan and all of the M.B.A. professors are making sure quality is not sacrificed as they continue to grow. The growing enrollment has expanded beyond what the full-time faculty can handle, which has enabled CSU to tap into a wide range of part-time teachers, some of whom are CSU alumni: Ray Snyder, a consultant with the Ken Blanchard companies, is teaching a Christian leadership course; Jerry Gazes of First Financial Holdings and Dr. Jim Jones of Trident Health Systems are training students in human resource management.

Several students recently e-mailed Bowers after having Jones for Advanced Human Resource Management:

Lacey Gomez Moore wrote, "I just had to tell you that the course of my life has been forever altered by his class, and I also wanted you to know that Dr. Jones is doing an amazing job!"

Cee Sampson wrote, "In undergrad, the memorize/regurgitate theme was usually the way to get through a class with demanding work loads. I wanted an M.B.A. program that was geared more toward life applications of these subjects, and I think Professor Jones nailed this."

Bowers and Duncan say the School of Business continues to build on its reputation of graduating students who have soft skills in addition to intellectual skills. These skills are referred to as IQ (intellectual), EQ (people skills), and SQ (spiritual values). CSU students regularly score above average on the people skills.

"We are not aware of another school who tracks all three areas," said Duncan.

Bowers and Duncan have a five-year plan to grow the M.B.A. program to a minimum of 400 students. "We envision 200 in class and 200 online," said Duncan. Bowers, always the program's champion, added, "We're such a great deal - affordable, targeted to working adults, great location, and good quality, nice folks."

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know that Dr. Jones is doing an amazing job!"

- Lacey Gomez Moore



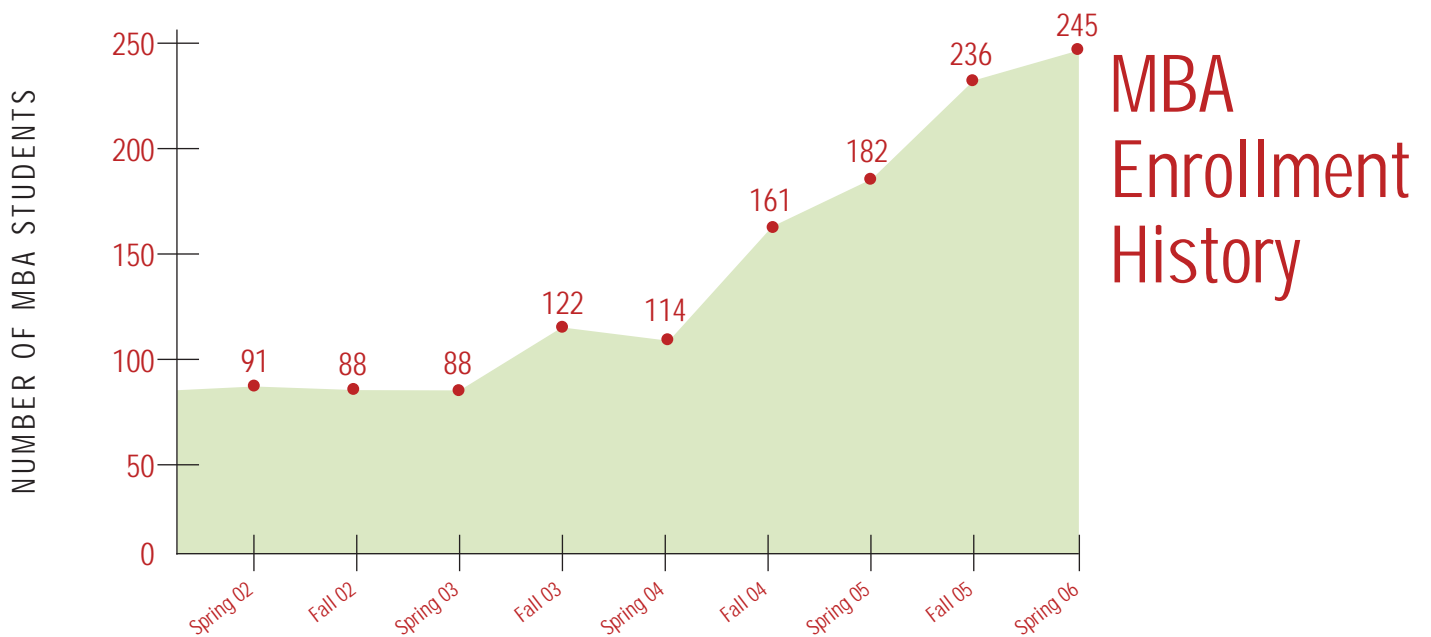
Dr. Arnold Hite congratulates business honor society inductees.



M.B.A. EQ (people skills) presentation



Mark Ruby (center), vice president for commercial at Robert Bosch Corporation, reviews strategic planning with M.B.A. students.





MAKING DISCIPLES

By Jan Joslin

Monday morning finds a small group of business students meeting with the dean of the School of Business, John Duncan, for a student version of the group Christ@Work.

Junior Matt Hurd says, “It’s a really good chance to pull away and be mentored by someone who’s actually in the workplace and in a career I’m interested in. It’s great speaking to a mentor and not just a professor.”

The group has grown by word of mouth and meets together weekly. “The conversations I’ve had with my professors have benefited me so much,” says Hurd. “When I talk to my brother and friends at other schools, their classes are so huge and they don’t have the same close interaction with professors as I have.”

Hurd is majoring in business with emphases in accounting and economics and is interested in graduate school. One

day he hopes to work in the public sector.

Even though he had never visited CSU, Hurd came to the University as a freshman to play football. He was in the starting rotation as a freshman but hurt his back two weeks after camp started.

“My world came crashing down,” he remembers. “Football was what defined me as a person. I had grown up in church and thought I had it all together. Most people thought I was a Christian.”

Several fellow football players realized that Hurd was in trouble. “A couple of guys on the team poured their lives into me,” he says. “I realized everything I was living for was false – I was depending on myself, not on Christ.”

Hurd says he wrestled with God throughout the month of September before finally accepting Christ. “After that my life was truly transformed,” says Hurd.

Since that time Hurd has been through a period of rehab, and he continued playing on the team, but the injury has proved too much. He now conditions with the team and helps them out but doesn’t practice or play.

Hurd says, “The concepts I am learning through Christ@Work will carry over into my business life. The person I want to be when I’m older – someone with a generous and compassionate mind and heart – I can start by doing that now as a student.”

A year ago, CSU piloted the first college Christ@Work group. According to its Web site, Christ@Work is a Christian business ministry that is “international in scope and enjoys the participation of men and women from all over the world who strive to work together to reach the workplace for Christ.”

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– Matt Hurd

REPLAY



Bucs Capture Share of Big South Title; Defeat Coastal Carolina in Double Overtime, 34-27

By David Shelton, Sports Information Director

With Eddie Gadson watching from heaven, the football team completed a miracle comeback and defeated defending Big South conference champion Coastal Carolina, 34-27, in double overtime to capture a share of the 2005 championship.

Gadson, a CSU receiver who died tragically last summer in an automobile accident, would have been proud of his teammates, who completed a 7-4 season by winning their final five games. And the way they won the title game was nothing short of divine intervention.

Charleston Southern trailed 24-10 with 2:49 remaining in the game after Coastal Carolina's Aundres Perkins scored on a 46-yard run on a fake punt. The Buccaneers quickly answered when Collin Drafts scored on a three-yard run with

1:39 left in the game, cutting the lead to 24-17. Then things got a little crazy!

Coastal Carolina recovered the onside kick with 1:38 left, and with CSU having only one time-out, appeared headed for victory. With 10 seconds remaining in the game, facing fourth-down and 21 from their own 38-yard line, CCU receiver Jerome Simpson took the punt snap and raced toward the endzone for an apparent safety. Simpson, however, stepped out of bounds at the four-yard line with 1.5 seconds left in the game, giving CSU a first-and-goal and time for only one play.

Drafts quickly ran the offense on the field and completed a four-yard pass to Markus Murry. Nick Ellis's extra point tied the game at 24 and sent the game into overtime.

Each team kicked field goals in the first overtime with Ellis nailing a 41-yarder to force the second extra period.

On CSU's second overtime possession, Andre Copeland scored from two yards out for a 34-27 lead. Coastal Carolina gained four yards on three downs, and a fourth-down pass to the 15-yard line fell incomplete, setting off a wild celebration that culminated in the tearing down of the goal posts.

"It's unbelievable," said head coach Jay Mills. "God is certainly smiling on us today, as is Eddie Gadson. I could not be more proud of a group of young men who have faced so much adversity but never gave up on the dream."



Photo by Maribeth Kellenbenz '08



Photo by Deneshia Graham

Bucs End Skid Against CofC with 82-77 Win

By David Shelton, Sports Information Director



Charleston Southern put four players in double figures – led by junior Dwayne Jackson’s 16 points – and ended a 23-game losing streak to crosstown rival College of Charleston with an 82-77 win before 4,026 fans at the North Charleston Coliseum Nov. 18.

Seniors Trent Drafts and Terrell Brown added 13 points each and junior Donnell Covington had 10 points for the Bucs as the team beat the Cougars for the first time since Dec. 3, 1988. Dontaye Draper had a career day for the Cougars, dropping in 25 points, while center Josh Jackson added 21.

“This feels great,” said Brown. “They always have a good team, and this year was no different. I was just trying to be a senior leader out there. There are just no words to express how excited we are.”

Drafts and sophomore V.J. Fails both fouled out. The Bucs racked up 27 fouls in the contest, the highest since having 33 against Liberty last season.

“Our team was very resilient today,” said head coach Barclay Radebaugh. “We showed a lot of poise and toughness out there and under tough circumstances we kept our composure. We talk a lot about giving God all the glory, and we certainly want to honor Him with this victory tonight.”

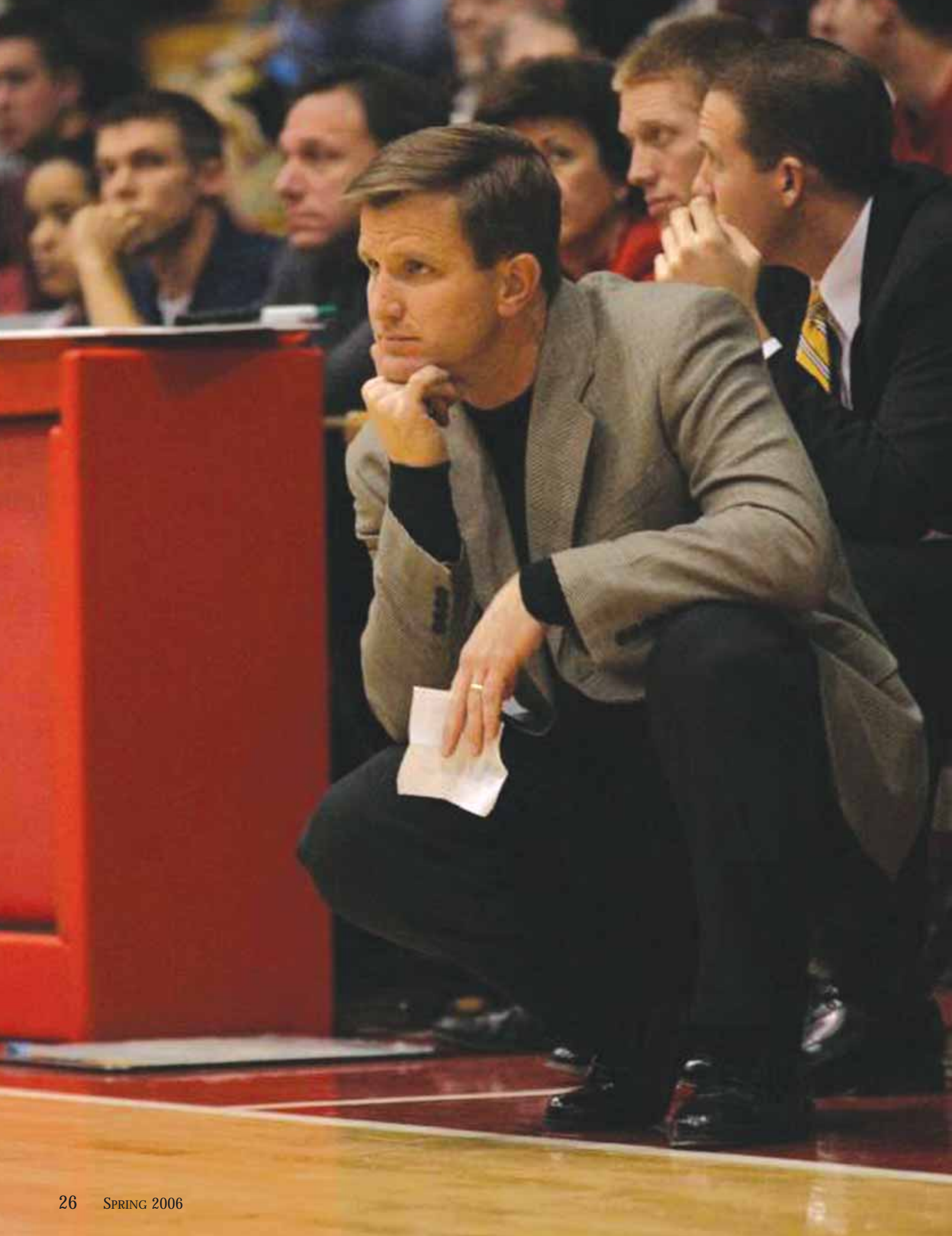
The Bucs shot better than 50 percent (12-23) from behind the arc, setting the record for three’s hit against College of Charleston in Radebaugh’s first career victory as a Division I head coach.

After a back-and-forth first half, the Bucs found themselves down five at half-time, 37-32. The Bucs wasted no time coming back and neither team could put the other away during the second half. After CSU grabbed a three-point lead with a three-pointer by Mario Williams, the Cougars struck back with a David Lawrence three to tie the game 75-75 and only 50 seconds to play in the game.

Clutch free throw shooting by the Bucs helped to seal the deal as Williams hit a pair and Chris Moore hit three-of-four down the stretch, including both shots off an intentional foul with 1.8 seconds to go in the game, which gave the Bucs the ball with a three-point lead. On the ensuing inbound pass, Ferdinand Cain emphatically dunked the ball to put an exclamation point on the game as time expired.



Photos by Sports Information



BARCLAY RADEBAUGH

by John Strubel

RUNNING ON FAITH

Barclay Radebaugh's check-book balance totaled thirteen dollars. Thirteen dollars left to feed his wife and their two children. Thirteen dollars to pay a stack of bills.

"When you look at men in the Bible, God always used a desert time to prepare them for the things He had for them in the future," says Radebaugh, the new head coach of the men's basketball program. "This was my desert time. Really, honestly, those were the hardest two years of my life."

The events of 1994 marked a turning point in his life and career. Radebaugh and his family lived the better part of two years on 110% faith and little income. With his funds depleting and his faith hanging in the balance, the doorbell rang.

"A gentleman who owns a large construction company came to our house. He had never been to our house before and hasn't been back since," Radebaugh remembers. "He spent 15 minutes with us. We just hung out and talked, and when it was time for him to leave, we walked him to his truck and said goodbye. We walked back in the house and found that the man had placed an envelope on our coffee table. In that envelope

was \$500. God met our needs in miraculous ways time after time after time. We never lacked for anything."

Radebaugh's life took an unexpected turn in the spring of 1994. After four successful years leading the men's basketball program at Furman University, head coach Butch Estes announced his resignation. Soon after, Radebaugh, the team's assistant coach, and the remaining staff were unemployed.

With no job and no prospects, Barclay and Hope Radebaugh attended the Fellowship of Christian Athletes annual coaches camp in the summer of 1994. On the final night of the conference, Hope, an accomplished vocalist, took to the stage to perform. Before she sang she shared her testimony with the 300 collegiate coaches, athletic administrators, and their families.

"There wasn't a dry eye in the place," Radebaugh remembers. Little did they know, Hope's emotional testimony and musical performance set off a chain reaction.

In the weeks after the conference, Radebaugh got a call from Art Baker from the University of South Carolina. "He said, 'we have a position for you on campus here at USC,'" remembers Radebaugh. "You may not want it, though ... it's a graduate

assistant's job.' I quickly responded, 'we'll come look at it.' I immediately knew God was pushing me toward that position."

Radebaugh accepted the job and began tutoring athletes. "Quite frankly, I went down there and was miserable," remembers Radebaugh. "One day, in my quiet time, God reminded me that He had placed me in that position, and He wanted to use me in that position to draw student-athletes into a personal relationship with Him. I asked, how? I hate it."

Radebaugh built a team of Christian tutors and began educating student-athletes, combining academic and biblical messages. "Every night we had 200 student-athletes come into the academic center there," remembers Radebaugh. "We started to see the fruit from that labor every night. We saw football, baseball, basketball, track, and tennis student-athletes come to know Jesus."

Still, Radebaugh yearned to coach again. After applying and searching for the right opportunity, he turned again to his faith for direction. "God, I am ready for a coaching position," Radebaugh prayed.

"I started applying and looking around, but I still couldn't find a job. In June, the Lord lay on my heart to ask Eddie Fogler if I could volunteer on his

staff,” said Radebaugh. “I said, ‘Lord, the last time I understood the word volunteer that meant without pay.’ God responded, ‘go volunteer, I’ll provide.’”

Radebaugh took another leap of faith and in the fall of 1996 he began working as a volunteer under Fogler. It was no easy task. His days were spent on the court as a volunteer, but the work didn’t end there. “I did all types of odd jobs on the weekends and at night,” he says. “I was a janitor part-time. I took any job I could get to feed my family. Then God met the difference.”

For two years Radebaugh remained steadfast. In February 1998 it paid off. Jeff Lebo, Fogler’s assistant coach, accepted a job as the head coach of Tennessee Tech. “He left at 11 on a Thursday morning in

February, and coach Fogler came in at 11:15 to offer me the job,” remembers Radebaugh. “So I went from an unpaid, volunteer assistant to a full-time assistant

in the SEC for one of the greatest coaches. Only God can do that! Just to see God provide and allow me to have a position like that, it just totally changed my whole career,” Radebaugh continues. “God used that time to show me some things that I needed to change and some areas in my life that I needed to give to Him, to surrender to Him, and allow him to use me and my position in the body of Christ, not to promote myself, but to promote Him. Those were crucial years in my life.”

Radebaugh, a 1987 graduate of East Tennessee State, began his coaching career in 1986 as a student assistant coach and in 1989, at the age of 21, he landed his first paid coaching position as an assistant at Wofford University. One year later when he accepted the assistant coaching position at Furman, Radebaugh became the youngest Division I assistant basketball coach in the country.

By the time he accepted the head coaching position at CSU, Radebaugh had 10 different coaching positions in 15 years including stints at Wofford (1989-1990), Furman University (1990-1994), University of South Carolina (1994-2001), Winthrop University (2001-2003), Queens University of Charlotte (2003-2004), and the University of Miami (2004-2005).

When former CSU coach Jim Platt announced his resignation last spring, Radebaugh moved in. “There was just an excitement on campus,” Radebaugh recalls. “With the development of the science building and the growth of the entire campus, there was just a tremendous opportunity and challenge to build a first-class program in every aspect. To do that in an environment that allows you to put Jesus Christ first, to honor God, and for people across the country to see that we’re doing everything in a first-class way for the glory of God, sincerely attracted me to this opportunity.”

Radebaugh’s office overlooks the Field House basketball court. It’s the only window in the office. The walls are paneled and bare. The furniture is modest, and the air is still and hot when Hope arrives.

Hope Radebaugh, the coach’s wife and mother of three – Anna, 14, Reid, 9, and Sophia, 7, – arrives at the office, carrying a new oscillating fan. You won’t see her name in the team’s media guide, but Hope is as much a part of the CSU Bucs as her husband/head coach.

“She’s been a coach’s wife for 17 years; she’s seen all the ups and the downs,” Radebaugh says. “She’s very good about creating margins in our life. She’s extremely important in the success in everything we do, and she’s real good at making sure we keep a healthy balance in our family.”

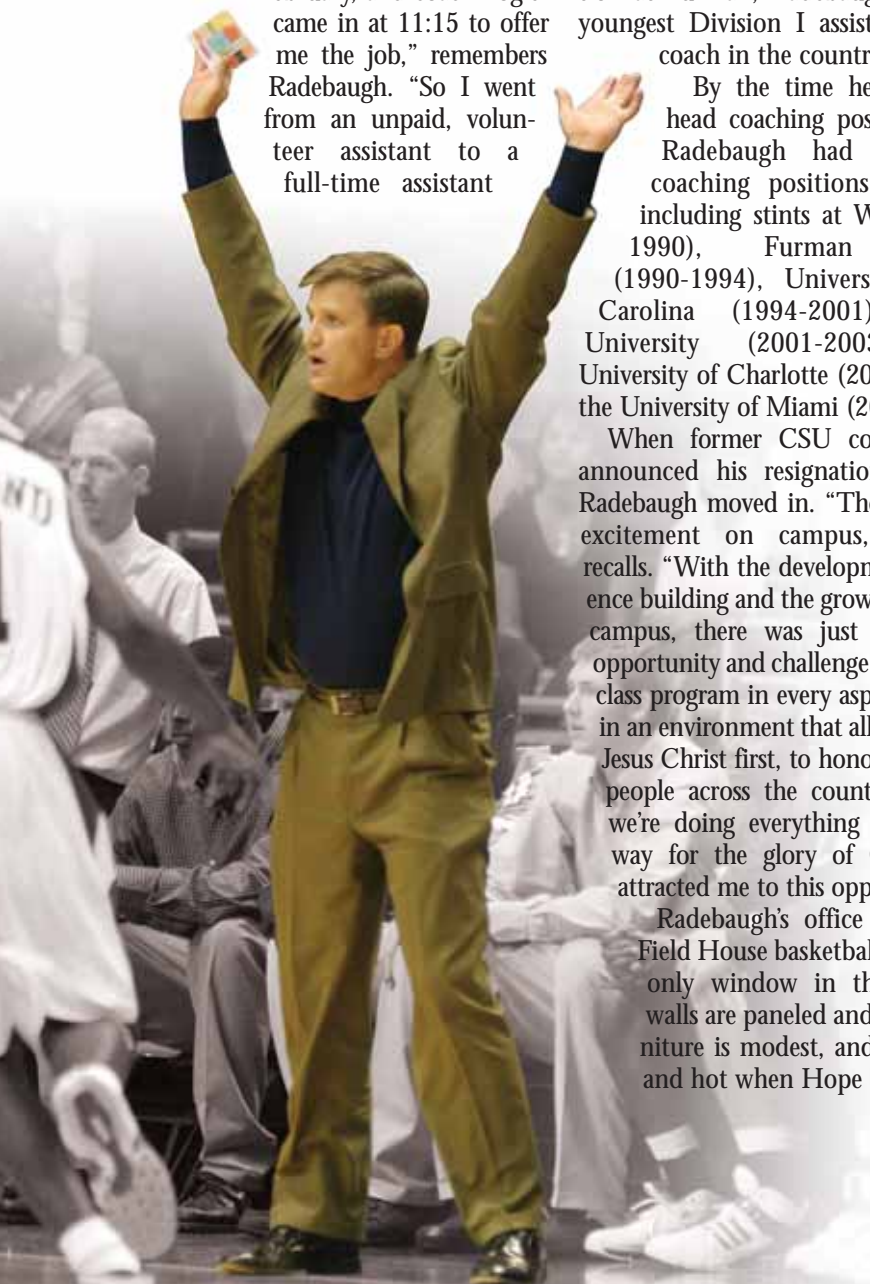
“That is my #1 challenge as a coach, husband, and father,” says Radebaugh, “making sure those things are balanced. That’s very important to me. I know when I stand before Jesus Christ someday, He’s not only going to ask me were you faithful in the mission I called you to, but were you faithful as a husband and were you faithful as a father? And I want to answer yes to all three of those.”

“Our theme for the season is ‘Every Man, Every Day, Every Play.’ To me, that goes right along with our philosophies of the fundamentals of winning. Everybody on this team is important. We’re gonna squeeze everything we can out of everyday. Every play, every possession, every offensive and defensive possession is extremely important as we seek to win games.

Radebaugh gets increasingly animated as he talks about his team. His passion is visible as he shares his excitement. “I talk a lot with our team about two things: having a championship attitude and doing the fundamental things that it takes to win.

“I say right up front that we have many important things in our program. Many things are important to us, like developing young people, but there’s absolutely no doubt that our goal is to win basketball games,” Radebaugh continues. “I expect to win basketball games. As Christians we need to put our best foot forward in everything that we do – every thing matters, every detail matters as we honor God.”

Barclay Radebaugh counts his blessings. He will never forget his desert time. But these are better days for the new CSU head coach. He is living his dream – coaching basketball and spreading the Word.



Learning Lessons

By Bob Trenor
Associate Director of Athletics

The start of the 2005 football season was just weeks away when an individual approached me wanting to know what I thought about the upcoming season. I quickly provided my best prognostication: I predicted a winning season. After the first few games that same individual commented that nothing had changed, and that whatever we do, "nothing made any difference." The individual questioned whether joining the Buccaneer Club did anything to help change the situation.

I have thought about that question for some time – does joining the Buccaneer Club make a difference? I have come to the conclusion that the question is far too narrow. What I believe the individual meant to ask was this question: does giving money to athletics guarantee winning seasons, championships, and undefeated seasons? In short, do dollars create absolute victories?

The answer is that dollars do not absolutely guarantee anything, but they do provide victories. How? Well, the definition of victory is the successful defeat of an opponent or obstacle. In life, as in sports, the opponent is your

adversary, but the real enemy or obstacle is quitting or just plain giving up. Frequently we think victories are a matter of wins and losses, but the scope of any collegiate athletic program is ultimately to prepare young men and women for success in their lives. Teaching them not to quit or give up is one of the most valuable lessons that can be learned. You can always be defeated, but you only lose when you quit.

The 2005 football season was the most successful ever at CSU and resulted in our first conference championship. Did these great achievements come about because people gave money? Probably not. However, there can be no doubt that the success of this past year was due to the fact no one quit – not the players, not the coaches, and not the individuals who contribute to the Buccaneer Club. Lesson learned!

Most likely you will receive an invitation to join the Buccaneer Club in the upcoming months. I hope you will consider supporting our young men and women. No one wants to lose, but losing only occurs when you quit. Don't quit on your BUCS.

Bucs bully the 'Dogs, win 74-57

By Blake Freeland
Assistant Sports Information Director

Led by Terrell Brown's 21 points, Charleston Southern took down crosstown rival The Citadel, 74-57, Dec. 1 in front of a crowd of 2,241 at McAllister Fieldhouse.

Defensively, the Bucs got it done all night with Ferdinand Cain blocking four shots and defense grabbing nine steals and causing 16 turnovers. In addition to Brown's 21, Donnell Covington dropped in 12 and Dwayne Jackson added 11 in the Buc's fourth straight victory over the Bulldogs.

The Bucs fell behind early 13-4, but eight-straight points by Brown, including two three-pointers, put the Bucs right back in the game midway through the first half. The two teams battled the rest of the half with the Bucs grabbing their largest lead of the first half at 32-25 when the first period expired.

Brown ended the first half with 13 points, leading all scorers to that point.

CSU quickly increased their lead after halftime, pulling ahead by as many as 12 points, which made the score 42-30 early in the second half. Late turnovers by the Bucs allowed The Citadel to pull the game within 10 at 65-55, but with Warren McLendon fouling out with 2:57 remaining in the game, the Bucs were able to hold off the late charge. A two-handed dunk from Trent Drafts with 29 seconds to go put an exclamation point on what many called the "Charleston Championship," named after the victory over the College of Charleston earlier in the season. It was the first time since the 1985-86 season that Charleston Southern was able to accomplish that feat.

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**P.J.
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COO
Trident Medical Center
B.S.N., M.S.N., nursing administration

How does your company benefit from the support you give to Charleston Southern?

We benefit through music therapy, nursing students, and future employees.



**John C.
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Southern University

What prompts you to give so generously?

I realize a degree from CSU has helped me so much in making my company a success.

How important do you think education is for today's workforce?

Education is what will keep us competitive against other countries. You've got to think outside of the box.

How does your company benefit from the support you give to Charleston Southern?

The contacts I make at the different meetings help me in my business.



Steve Gritzuk

Regional Manager
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What motivates you to make education for our students a reality?

A strong education is the backbone of our economy. We must all contribute what we can in order to increase the number of qualified college graduates in our society in order to effectively maintain our position in the global marketplace.

How important do you think education is for today's workforce?

Education is not only M.B.A.s and college degrees; it's trade schools, maintenance, and continued learning. Employees should be versed in education or skilled trades. It is those without any skills who are a detriment to our society. We must promote all facets of education.

How does your company benefit from the support you give to Charleston Southern?

Our company recruits only the best in the management field. Being a CSU graduate ensures us integrity and educational expertise that will help grow and establish our company for years to come.



J. Emory Ware

President, South Carolina/Central Georgia Regions Bank
B.S.B.A. in finance, Western Carolina University

What motivates you to make education for our students a reality?

My motivation is driven by the fact that young people need to be prepared/trained to take care of themselves once they reach adulthood. In many cases, young people do not have the financial or mentor resources to achieve this objective. The financial resources that we provide to CSU will hopefully provide opportunity for both in a Christian environment.

How important do you think education is for today's workforce?

Education prepares young adults to be responsible for themselves and their future families. It provides guidance and direction for those who have vision and dream but no clue as to how to accomplish this objective.



E.L. "Bert" Pooser

President & CEO
IMIC Hotels
B.S. in marketing, Moore School of Business, University of South Carolina

What motivates you to make education for our students a reality?

I realize that there are so many young people who need financial assistance in getting an education, and I want to assist them in that endeavor.

How important do you think education is for today's workforce?

Education is very critical in America today, and we must educate our young people for a better tomorrow.

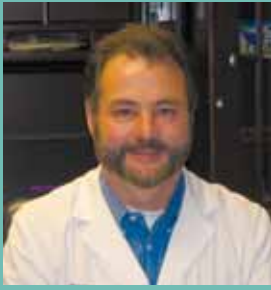


Judy Doran

Chief Nursing Officer
East Cooper Regional Medical Center
B.S.N., University of Iowa; M.B.A., Lake Forest Graduate School of Management

How important do you think education is for today's workforce?

Education is essential for a nurse to be successful in his/her career and to provide the very best quality care to the patients. Healthcare is a constantly evolving profession. Nurses need to remain informed and current in their practices.



Malcolm Edwards

M.D.
The Eye & Laser Center, Lancaster, S.C.
B.S., USC; M.D., USC School of Medicine; Ophthalmology Residency, Emory University

What motivates you to make an education for our students a reality?

My parents have always stressed giving. A number of things have motivated me to give specifically to CSU. My father is an active board member. Dr. Hunter is a native of my hometown and a great motivator. More importantly, I have witnessed firsthand the importance of a Christian university. The faculty and staff at CSU motivated and encouraged my daughter as she obtained her degree.

How does your company benefit from the support you give to Charleston Southern?

Our company benefits because many of the students that choose to attend CSU from our area are returning to Lancaster and surrounding communities. These well-educated, motivated and highly energetic young adults are having an impact on their hometown which benefits all the businesses in our community.



Earl Wheeler

Senior Vice President, retired
IBM
Graduate of Union College in Schenectady, N.Y., B.S. in engineering

How do you benefit from the support you give to educating future community leaders?

First, God has blessed me, and I need to be a faithful steward and support opportunities to do His work. Second, my heart is with CSU. It is a great opportunity to invest in God's work and CSU.



Stephen Rosenburgh

Founder & President
U.S. Land Investments
B.S. in political science, Laurentian University; master's in administration and marketing, advanced degree in public administration, Carleton University and the University of Ottawa; executive management program, Harvard Business School.

How do you live out the belief that we should all be active in our communities?

I have been chairman of Enterprise Development International, an organization that starts economic enablement programs in the United States and dozens of other countries. I am a commissioner for the Charlotte Housing Authority and a member of the First Union National Bank's Regional Ambassadors Council in addition to serving on the boards at CSU and Erskine College.



Keith Hewitt

President
Keith Hewitt Insurance Agency, Inc.
B.S. in marketing and management, Charleston Southern University

What prompts you to give so generously?

The role of the alumni is to assist in the growth momentum of the university through whatever means you may have available. It's giving a little back to insure that others have the opportunity I had.

How important do you think education is for today's workforce?

Competition is no longer just down the street. It's the world, the Internet, companies outsourcing to an educated and cheaper work force in other countries. We cannot turn off the radar and ignore what's coming at us.

How does your company benefit from the support you give to Charleston Southern?

The insurance and financial industry needs people who are entrepreneurial, capable of quickly adapting to changing markets, and comfortable with technology. CSU continues to provide these quality graduates year after year.



Jerry P. Gazes

Senior Vice President Human Resources
First Financial Holdings, Inc.
B.S. in management, Charleston Southern
University; M.A. in management supervision,
emphasis in human resources, Central
Michigan

What motivates you to make education for our students a reality?

The opportunity to serve or give back to the institution that provided me with such a solid foundation is very rewarding. There are so many outstanding young minds out there that wouldn't have the opportunity to advance their education without the programs provided by CSU. You know you have done the right thing when you receive a note from a student expressing their heartfelt thank you.

How important do you think education is for today's workforce?

The only way to keep up with the rapid pace of change in today's workplace is through education. If you are not committed to a continuous learning program, you will be left behind.

How does your company benefit from the support you give to Charleston Southern?

First Financial Holdings is the parent company for First Federal and their trust company, First Southeast Insurance and Investors. In broadening our horizon, it requires recruiting different talents and strengths. Through CSU, we have been able to employ many outstanding grads who are well prepared to assist the company in achieving its strategic business plan objectives.



Victor Packard

Vice President of Clinical Services
Palmetto Lowcountry Behavioral Health
B.S. in psychology; M.S.N., post master's adult psychiatric
nurse practitioner, Vanderbilt University School of Nursing

How has your education enhanced your career?

In my current role as the chief nursing officer, I have clinical oversight of all clinical departments outside of the department of medicine. My responsibilities include the operational oversight of the clinical services department; policy and procedure oversight; budgetary creation/compliance; regulatory standards assurance and compliance; staffing effectiveness; and various types of clinical supervision.



Dan T. Henderson

Broker and Principal
Coastal Commercial Brokerage Group/Carolina
Community Brokerage Group
B.B.A. in marketing, University of Kentucky; M.B.A.,
Charleston Southern University

What motivates you to make education for our students a reality? What prompts you to give so generously?

I believe life is all about giving back to others and the community. Education has been the key to my success, and I believe it is the key to others.



Michael B. Lewis

Senior Pastor
Cathedral of Praise
Bachelor of theology, master of business administration

What prompts you to give so generously?

The knowledge that through our support many students might be afforded the benefit of a Christian education.

How do you benefit from the support you give to Charleston Southern?

To have an institution whereby young girls and boys can go to a Christian university and receive a Christian education is a great benefit for us as a community and as a church.

Charleston Southern Exceeds Fundraising Goal for Memorial Scholarship:

Family, Friends Celebrate the Life of Summerville Attorney Troy G. Knight

By Deneshia Graham



President Jairy C. Hunter presented the family of Troy G. Knight with a check for \$137,565 on Feb. 23 for the University's memorial endowed scholarship in Knight's honor.

The amount is a substantial increase from the initial \$25,000 fundraising goal set by the University. Contributions quickly climbed close to \$70,000 as members of the Summerville community continued showing support for the scholarship fund. When the threshold increased to \$100,000, family and friends of Troy Knight again exceeded expectations.

The principal of the endowed scholarship will remain intact in perpetuity and only the annual interest income will be used for the scholarships. Based on cash contributions, the University can presently award three \$1,000 scholarships.

Scholarship recipients must be enrolled full time at Charleston Southern as criminal justice or business majors, and they should demonstrate financial need. First priority will be given to residents of Summerville, Knight's hometown, and second priority will be given to residents of Dorchester County. Students must maintain a 3.0 grade point average to renew the scholarship.

"We are excited about the financial assistance that Summerville and Dorchester students majoring in criminal justice or business at CSU will receive from the Troy G. Knight Memorial Endowed Scholarship," Dr. Hunter said. "This is a wonderful way to honor Troy and ensure that his positive influence will never be forgotten in our community."

Troy Knight died on Nov. 8, 2004. He was 38.

He was admitted to the South Carolina Bar Association in 1992 after having received his undergraduate degree from the College of Charleston and his law degree from the University of South Carolina. His grandfather, Carl Knight, served as sheriff of Dorchester County for 28 years, and his father, L.C. Knight, a career law enforcement officer, influenced the younger Knight. He started the Knight Law Firm in 2002.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Knight was a civic and community leader. He held leadership positions with the Summerville Dorchester Museum, Dorchester County Bar Association, the Salvation Army, Dorchester Public Defender Corporation, the Summerville Chamber of Commerce and Dorchester Habitat for Humanity. He was a member of the Exchange Club, the Kiwanis Club, the Masons, the Scottish Rite and the Omar Shrine.

Kelly Knight Byrd, Knight's sister and fellow attorney at the Knight Law Firm, expressed appreciation for the endowed scholarship on behalf of the family.

"Thank you to everyone who worked so hard on this project to make it a success," Byrd said.

Contributions can still be made to the Troy G. Knight Memorial Endowed Scholarship. For more information, contact Charleston Southern University at 843-863-7513.



A Challenge for 2006

As we enter the new year of 2006, our goal as the Alumni Board remains the same: keep each alumnus of CSU involved and connected!

We have experienced an exciting fall semester with a successful homecoming/family weekend and fall graduation. The Alumni Board would like to thank Mahaliah Campbell for her time and efforts as the chair of the Homecoming 2005 Committee. The Board would also like to thank David Spell, the keynote speaker at the fall graduation luncheon, for the encouraging speech he gave to the graduates and also for his continued support of his alma mater. We would like to thank and welcome David Weiss, who recently came on board as Alumni Director, as well as the entire Development office staff, for all of their assistance in making these events a success.

The Alumni Board would like to hear from those who are making a difference in both their profession and in their community. The Alumni Recognition Wall in the Strom Thurmond Center showcases those alumni who have shown these outstanding qualities. As your Alumni Association President, I encourage you to nominate the alumni you think should be

honored as an outstanding alumnus. CSUAA Vice President Edna Edwards-Holt is the chair of the nominating committee, and you may submit candidates for outstanding alumnus of the year to alumni@csuniv.edu.

As you read this, Phonathon 2006 will have been completed. As you know, we have made some changes in how Phonathon operates, and I hope that each of you had the opportunity to participate. At the end of the day, remember that your involvement in your alma mater has a direct impact on more than 3,000 young lives who are living their CSU experience right now. You have the power to make a difference! God Bless!



By Dr. Danny Johnson
'81, CSUAA President



Photo by Jan Joslin

YOU have the power
to make a
DIFFERENCE!



Photo by Elizabeth Shepherd Photography

DAVID WEISS

Hometown: Lancaster, S.C.

Residence: Summerville, S.C.

Education: Graduated from CSU in May of 2003 - B.S. in Political Science/History

Experience: Served on CSU Alumni Association Board of Directors from 2003-2005. Worked as a Regional Trainer and Asst. Store Manager for Food Lion prior to joining CSU as Alumni Director

Hobbies: Playing football, basketball, and golf (but not very well), as well as following politics and world events

Favorite quote: In matters of style, swim with the current; in matters of principle, stand like a rock. -Thomas Jefferson

Greetings CSU Alumni!

By David Weiss '03

It seems like only yesterday I was a freshman here at Charleston Southern, becoming acclimated to college classes, dorm living, and dining in the CSU cafeteria. The best part of my college experience, however, was the opportunity to be a part of the CSU family. The strength of the CSU family has never been more evident than in the fall 2005 semester. Faculty, staff, coaches, and students came together like never before following the untimely passing of baseball player Grant Ringenberg. The aftermath of this event showcased the true heart of the Charleston Southern family. The administration of CSU deserves special recognition for their exemplary leadership throughout the fall semester.

The fall semester also brought many highlights and much excitement to the campus. The new Science Building was dedicated on Oct. 14, ushering in a new era in science education. This new multi-million dollar facility houses the most advanced labs and scientific equipment available, and it gives students the opportunity to be a part of cutting-edge research; we are also nearing the completion of renovations to both Jones and Ashby Hall and the Library. The student body has also grown this semester totaling more than 3,000 strong. It is truly an exciting experience to witness the growth of CSU firsthand!

Our athletic teams also gave an inspired performance during the fall semester. The football team capped its best season to date with an impressive double overtime victory over nationally ranked Coastal Carolina. Football finished the season with a record of 7 and 4, and it also captured the Big South

Conference championship, its first in CSU history. Numerous CSU players were named to all-conference and all-region teams, and the College Sports Report chose CSU as the Division I-AA team of the year.

The men's basketball team also started the season strong, defeating both the College of Charleston and The Citadel, to claim the unofficial "city championship." The fall semester has been a very enjoyable one for Buccaneer fans everywhere.

As your new alumni director, I am looking forward to the challenges that face CSU. When you read this, Phonathon 2006 will have been completed. Our student callers, as well as our alumni volunteers, worked many long nights to ensure that each member of the CSU Alumni Association received their phone call! I would like to personally thank each person who made a pledge during the phonathon. Remember that your pledge directly benefits the students of CSU!

Also, as a reminder, mark your calendars for Oct. 26-29. This will be Homecoming/Family Weekend 2006. There will be a full slate of exciting events around campus as well as the homecoming football game against Austin Peay.

There are many ways to get involved and stay connected with your alma mater. The Alumni Board of Directors, Board of Visitors, and the Buc Club are just a few examples of ways to get plugged in! Remember, the Alumni Office serves as a resource for you. I can be reached directly at 843-863-7516, or by e-mail at dweiss@csuniv.edu. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as your Alumni Director and look forward to an exciting 2006 and beyond!

Alumni Giving Back

By Brandon Washington '07

Angela Isaac and Merilee Perrine are living testimonies of what CSU has done for them, and they now give back to CSU.

Angela Isaac graduated from CSU in 1999 with a degree in psychology and she holds a master's degree from Webster University. She is also working as an intern under the leadership of Glenda Nanna, director of counseling services.

"God ultimately knew the path I would take, and through my life, psychology and counseling have opened my eyes to the entire world around me," Isaac says.

Isaac hopes to teach at both CSU and Webster. She started the doctoral program this past January and hopes to finish in two years.

"It feels great being an alumnus," says Isaac. "I have always wanted to return and give back to this fine university. I feel that CSU has broadened my understanding of who God is and how to apply Him in my everyday life."

Merilee Perrine graduated in 1997 and began working at the Charleston Center with Women's Services. As a certified addictions counselor, Perrine specializes in women's issues with a focus on trauma recovery.

"I am a very cognitive person and enjoy using rational emotive behavior with my clients because it allows a person to separate thoughts from feelings to make better choices in life," she says. Perrine believes that the study of psychology has "helped me know more about myself and how to help others."

Perrine says it would have been easier to start her college career when she was younger, before she had children. "However, I think I have inspired my children with the idea that it is never too late to be what you want to be. Earning my master's degree was simple because I had been working in the field and understood more about the concepts being presented from experience," she said.

Perrine said, "I feel honored to be able to give back to help other students be successful in achieving their dreams of education with less stress, anxiety, depression, or other problems." In the future, she hopes to own a private practice, and with the help of her husband, open a home for women in recovery. She will also work with her pastor, Paul Rienzo, at Crosstowne Christian, with member's problems.

Brandon Washington is a junior science major from Marion, S.C. He is a student employee in the publications office.

This article originally ran on Buc Online, CSU's student newspaper, in the fall of 2005. Isaac and Perrine have completed their internships with the CSU Counseling Center.



Ansel Brown Goes Country

By Jan Joslin

You may have called him Michael in class, but these days, Ansel Brown is the name you're most likely to hear. Michael Ansel Brown '93 is about to break into the big time in country music. Even though Brown is making a name for himself on a national level, he still remembers his roots and the college he called home for four years. "I hope that one day I will be able to perform live at CSU to a sold-out Lightsey Chapel," says Brown.

With a nearly-completed album and air time on several radio stations in the Charlotte area, Brown is currently both singing and writing country music.

The story of his singing career began in children's worship time at his church in Cornelius, N.C., just outside of Charlotte. "About two years ago, I felt God telling me to step out of my comfort zone of singing Christian music to Christians and write and sing positive music in a secular genre like country music," says Brown.

Brown's producer is Cliff Downs, one of Nashville's up-and-coming producers. Downs is utilizing some of the best musicians and songwriters in country music today to produce Brown's album. For more details, visit Brown's website, www.anselbrown.com.

By day, though, Brown is a businessman and a managing partner at Eventys, a successful advertising agency in Charlotte, N.C. He and his wife, April, '93, have three sons: Sawyer, Garrett, and Dawson.

"I am proud of the awakening I had at CSU in my four years there," says Brown. "My life truly changed during that time. I went from a pure underachiever to a profound overachiever. Now I am at the start of a new chapter in my life, and I have no doubt that through Christ, I will overachieve again," he said.

Spell captivates graduating class

By Jan Joslin



Photo by Jan Joslin

At the annual Alumni Association sponsored luncheon, David Spell '71 kept the members of the December 2005 graduating class and their guests spell-bound with stories from his days as a high-dollar banker.

Spell's first job after graduation was in the banking industry. He said, "I learned everything I could about banking. I learned my craft."

His expertise paid off as he quickly rose in the ranks of the financial world, selling property and loaning money to clients such as Enron and World Com. Of his talent for closing the deal, he said, "I talked them to death until they signed up!"

The high-pressured lifestyle inevitably began to take its toll. "The pressure was incredible," he said. "Today, I'm still

investing my own money and my clients' money, but I'm having fun."

He also advised the graduates to keep their priorities straight and to keep their family first.

"One of the smartest things I ever did was graduate from here," said Spell. "This campus has evolved since I graduated. You have great facilities. When I left here, I didn't feel like I took a back seat to anyone academically," he said. He reminded the graduates their success will be determined by what they do with the tools they acquired while at CSU.

Dr. Danny Johnson '81, president of the Alumni Association, also welcomed the Class of 2005 into the Association and also reminded them of setting priorities. He said, "The three things you never get back are time, opportunity, and words."



Photo by Jan Joslin

David T. Spell, Jr. '71

Hometown: Denmark, S.C.

Residence: Sullivan's Island, S.C.

Family: Wife, Barbara, and two daughters

Occupation: Retired banker and currently a Financial Advisor with UBS Financial Services, Inc.

Past director of the Seibels Bruce Insurance Co., Gay and Taylor of Winston-Salem, and the Swiss RE Insurance Co. of Zurich.

Community: Member of First Scots Presbyterian Church, Charleston Rotary, and the S.C. Agricultural Society.

PHONATHON 2006 THANK YOU!

A big "Thank You" goes out to all Alumni who participated in Phonathon 2006. You've made this year one of our best ever!

REMEMBER:

- * To be listed in the 2006 Honor Roll of Donors, we must receive your gift by **May 31, 2006**.
- * Alumni participation rate is very important to foundations that may be considering a gift to CSU. Your gift will help the students and increase our Alumni participation rate!

On behalf of the CSU family, thank you again for your overwhelming generosity.

If you have any questions about your pledge, please call the Alumni Office toll-free at **866.845.4793**.

David Weiss
Director of Alumni Affairs



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1970

Denley Caughman and his wife, Ann, have moved to Marion where they bought a bed and breakfast inn called The Grove. Most recently, he was director of missions with Moriah Baptist Association in Lancaster.

1972

James Eason, associate professor of business administration at Coastal Carolina University, has received the Distinguished Teacher Scholar Lecturer Award. The award is given each year to an outstanding faculty member at CCU by the Horry Telephone Cooperative and includes a lecture. Eason's lecture was titled "Achieving the Dream: Values, Change, and Service to the Community."

1975

William Durst is in his 21st year of teaching theology at Bishop England High School in Charleston where he is also chair of the theology department. He and his wife, Mary, have three sons, Will, Thomas, and Joseph. William's e-mail address is Wdurst@aol.com.

1993

Lucretia Bryant Collins was ordained as a deacon at Boulevard Baptist Church in Anderson on Oct. 9, 2005. She and her husband, Jason, live in Anderson with their two daughters, Megan and Sydney.

Steve Eanes received the Corporate Associate of the Year Award from the Charlotte Region Commercial Board of Realtors Dec. 8, 2005. He was recognized for his promotion of the CRCBR's mission and his service on the organization's various boards and committees. Eanes is employed with Time Warner Telecom and has lived in Charlotte for 10 years. He writes, "This is a great award and due in part to the community service training emphasized at CSU during my time there." He adds, "I also passed five years in September 2005 as a Stage 3 malignant melanoma cancer survivor. The prognosis five years ago was a 30 percent chance of living five years. I am not special. Just very blessed."



1995

Caroline LaRoche Dame Brown writes, "**Shiloe Souza Burzinski '96**, and her husband, Steven, are the proud parents of a little boy, Peyton Joseph, born Nov. 15, 2005, weighing 6 lbs., 8.8 oz. and 19 inches long. Shiloe is in her third year of medical school at Texas Tech-El Paso at this time."

Kathy Dantzer Brownlee and **Kevin D. Brownlee '94**, proudly announce the birth of their second child, a daughter, Meredith Grace. She was born Sept. 8, 2005, and was welcomed home by her 3-year-old brother, Bryce. Kathy is employed by South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department as an office coordinator and counselor; Kevin is employed by Lynches River Electric Cooperative as vice president of marketing. They reside in Lancaster.

1996

► **Captain and U.S. Air Force Special Agent Michael T. Reese Sr.** has received his master's degree in psychology from Harvard University. Michael graduated with a 3.5 GPA. He is now assigned to the

Federal Law Enforcement Center in Brunswick, Ga. where he is the director of the Basic Special Investigator's Course. He directs all aspects of training in criminal, fraud, and counterintelligence investigations for 300 Air Force Special Agents and international students per year. He has served in the Air Force for 17 years (eight enlisted, nine as an officer). He has been selected for promotion to the rank of major, which he will pin on sometime this year. Granting Michael's degree, in the photo, is Dr. Michael Shinagel, dean of continuing education, Harvard University.

1997



▼ **Lorrie Norris Armstrong** and her husband, Allen, announce their new addition, Addison, born Nov. 7, 2005. Addison was welcomed home by big brother, Ashton. Lorrie has been a lab technician with Coastal Cancer Center for six years. The Armstrongs live in Myrtle Beach.

Cory Singleton is associate director for the youth ministry group of the South Carolina Baptist Convention. Previously, he was worship pastor at Wellford Baptist Church. He and his wife, **Allison Sayre Singleton**, have one daughter.

1998



▼ **Ashley Padgett Adams** and her husband, David, announce the birth of a son, David Luke, born Oct. 16, 2005. Luke weighed 9 lbs., 5 ozs. and was 21 inches long. The Adams live in Hanahan.

1999

Command Master Chief (SW/AW) Raymond James, USN, received a master of arts degree in national security and strategic studies from the Naval War College, the nation's oldest military service college, on Nov. 16, 2005, in Newport, R.I. James and Command Master Chief (SS/SW) Mike Bruner became the first enlisted graduates ever. "When we selected these two exceptionally qualified command master chiefs, we selected the best in the fleet," said Dr. James F. Giblin Jr., provost and dean of academics at the Naval

War College. Being the first always contains a certain level of pressure and even uncertainty. "More was expected from us, especially from our own senior enlisted community," said James. "Through this education, I can now explain to sailors throughout the fleet what our country is doing and how we all fit in."

Susan Shealey has joined Trident United Way as the short-term disaster housing coordinator. She is responsible for placing local evacuees of Hurricane Katrina.

Tisha Harper Simmons and her husband, Avery, will celebrate their sixth anniversary on April 15. They have a four-year-old son, Jalen. Tisha is a third grade teacher at Clinton Elementary School. They reside in Lancaster.



▲ **Marc Vickers** is interim associate pastor and minister of music at Siloam Baptist Church in Ninety Six. He and his wife, Christina, were married Sept. 3.

Susan Murray Wilbanks and **Brian William Givens** were married Sept. 3, 2005. Brian is a physical education teacher and coach with Dorchester 2 School District in Summerville.



2000

Desdemona Jensen writes, "It is good to be back in the States. Finished a tour overseas and am now assigned to the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. Life is good."

Angela Jones has joined the Summerville Main Street office of Prudential Carolina Real Estate. She previously taught school.

Mary Courtney Land and **Timothy David Brooks** were married Dec. 30, 2005 in Charleston. Timothy is a senior corporate sales trainer for Alltel, and they live in Charleston.

Kimberly Joy Linder and Andrew Todd Aydlott were married Oct. 15, 2005 in Charleston. She is employed by the U.S. Department of State, and they live in Hanahan.

2001

Mary Catherine Bagnal and **Jonathan William Ceral Brock** were married Jan. 7 in Columbia. Jonathan is a Ph.D. candidate at the University of South Carolina in the biochemistry department.

Christi Pinson Solivan, and her husband, Adam, announce the birth of their son, Elijah Adam, born Oct. 6, 2005.

2002

Sandra Dianne Biggs and **Christopher Daniel Wells** were married Nov. 5, 2005 in Charleston. He is employed by Rick Hendrick BMW, and they live in Charleston.

Lili Gresham received her master's degree in mass communications with a special emphasis in integrated marketing from the University of South Carolina. She served her internship at Chernoff Newman Silver Gregory, a full service public relations, marketing, and advertising firm in Columbia. Gresham worked in the public relations department assisting with local, state and national campaigns and projects. While earning her master's, she served as the manager and education coordinator for more than two years at the S.C. Artisans Center, "the state's official folk art and fine craft center." This summer, Gresham will tour Italy with her mother, **Faye Breland Gresham '73**.

Sharon Marie Rogerson and James Clayborne Thrower were married Nov. 5, 2005 in North Charleston. Sharon is the accounting/office manager for Trident Construction Company, and they live in Summerville.

The Rev. Adrian Vanderburg is currently attending Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary working on a master of divinity degree. He was ordained into the ministry in May 2005 at Edgewood Baptist Church in Walterboro where he has been serving as the minister of youth since June 2003.

2003

Constance Felicia Fielding and **Tony Wayne Person Jr. '00** were married Jan. 7 in Charleston. Constance is employed with Fielding Home for Funerals, and Tony works with the City of Charleston. They live in Ladson.

Tiffany Lyn Gibbs '05 M.Ed., and **Stephen Lawrence Gritzuk '04** were married Sept. 25, 2005, in Charleston. She is a teacher at Ladson Elementary School, and he is regional manager for GCA Services. They live in Charleston.

Kristen Jean Ivy and Mark Eric Weathersbee were married July 2, 2005, in Mooresboro, N.C. Kristen is manager of Gilligan's Raw Bar and Steamer in Goose Creek.

Crystal Jeorgg Larkins and Ryan Miller Copeman were married Dec. 17, 2005 in Charleston. Crystal is employed at the Medical University of South Carolina, and they live in Charleston.

1st Lt. Jerry Chad Owens is an intelligence officer with the U.S. Air Force and is stationed at Moody Air Force Base in Valdosta, Ga.

Shauna Tangemann works for Ryland Homes in Charleston and has been promoted to purchasing coordinator.



▼
Mary O'Brien Torretta and **Jon Lyle Torretta '04** write that they will celebrate their one-year anniversary on May 14. They were married in Richmond, Va. and are living in Arlington, Va. Mary is a law student at George Mason University School of Law, and Jon is employed by Patriot Harley-Davidson in metro D.C.

Anna Marie Tucker and Richard Douglas Juarez were married Jan. 7 in Greenwood. They are living in Kaiserlautern, Germany where he is stationed with the Air Force.

Hugh Welch recently accepted the position of personal banker at the Rosewood branch of First Citizen's Bank in Columbia. He is engaged to Amanda Cokins, and they are planning a spring wedding in Charleston.

Summer Ann Yeomans and **Frederick Reyes Jr.** were married Oct. 8, 2005, in Charleston. Summer is a law student at the University of South Carolina, and he is a Spanish teacher and track coach at Hanahan High School. They live in North Charleston.

2004

Emily Suzanne Bolding and **Jeremy Shane Simmons '05** were married Dec. 17, 2005 in Pickens. She is a teacher at Hagood Elementary School, and he is employed at Smith and James in Greenville. They live in Easley.

Megan Michael Lewis and **Luke Woodard Turner** were married Dec. 10, 2005 in North Charleston. Megan plans to graduate from CSU in May, and he is a distributor for Tools USA, his family owned business.

Ariel Denise Meyer and **Derek Arthur Brown** were married July 23, 2005, in Mt. Pleasant. He is attending New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and is a youth pastor at Clifton Baptist Church. They live in Franklinton, La.

Sydney Caroline Swails and **Joshua Dent Brant** were married Oct. 22, 2005 in Pawleys Island. She is a photojournalist at WCBF-TV, and he is employed by UPS. They live in Summerville.

2005

Alex Turner and **Nathan Falco** were married Oct. 22, 2005 in Summerville. Nathan is a counselor at Carolina Youth Development Center for teenage boys, and Alex is a preschool teacher's assistant at Calvary Baptist Academy. They live in North Charleston.

Jodi Jael Hopkins and **Rhett Franklin Harter** were married Dec. 17, 2005 in Charleston. He is a sales representative with Corinthian Marble and a youth minister at Pierpont Baptist Church. They live in Charleston.



▼
Melissa Mantho and **Jonathan Lane '03** were married June 18, 2005 in Savannah, Ga. Melissa graduated with a degree in education, and Jonathan is working with the Charleston City Police department. They live in Summerville.

Wynde Elizabeth Miles and Walter Edison Clark were married Oct. 15, 2005. She is a teacher at Fort Dorchester Elementary School. They live in Goose Creek.

Carrie Sanders and **Brad Vassey** were married July 23, 2005 in York. She is a student at CSU, and they live in North Charleston.

Lindsay Elizabeth Smith and **Robert Joseph Swindle** were married Nov. 5, 2005 in Johnston. She is a registered nurse in the PICU at Palmetto Health Richland Hospital, and he is a pitcher for the Schaumburg Flyers in Illinois. They live in Lexington.



▼
Rebecca Lynn Watson and Christopher Eifert were married Sept. 24, 2005. She is employed at Piedmont Medical Center in Rock Hill. They live in Chester.

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



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>>> **WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU!**



School of Education Wants to Hear from "Honored Educators"

By Dr. Linda Karges-Bone

The School of Education will begin a new feature on its Web site this year that focuses on graduates of the program who have achieved scholarly distinction. We would like to hear from alumni who have 1) become National Board Certified or 2) been named a Teacher of the Year any time since their program completion. Additionally, we would like to know if you have earned a significant distinction from a professional organization, such as being named as the "Reading Teacher of the Year" by the IRA. Please complete the following form and e-mail it to Dr. Linda Karges-Bone (lbone@csuniv.edu). We would like a digital photograph if you have one but that is not required. Periodically, we will feature a "Sketch" of one of our honorees and will interview you and post the photograph. The purpose of our "Honored Educators" site is to enhance the visibility of the competent, caring, committed teachers who complete our NCATE accredited programs at both the graduate and undergraduate levels. We are incredibly proud of you and want to share your good news with CSU friends and family. Please share this information with alumni who may not read *CSU Magazine* and encourage them to network with peers and help us to create an active, up-to-date site.



Name _____ Year of CSU Graduation _____

Program Completed: Circle all that apply.

B.S. B.A. M.Ed. M.A.T. Add-on Certification for Ed. Administration

Emphasis: _____

Honor Achieved: Complete all that apply.

National Board Certification in _____ (field).

Teacher of the Year in _____ (year) at _____ (school) in _____ (city and state).

Award or Distinction by Professional Organization:

_____ (Specify date and award)

Doctorate or Advanced Certification:

_____ (Specify institution and emphasis and date)

Years of Teaching Experience _____

Current Employer _____

Current E-mail and Phone Number _____

MEMORIALS

The **Rev. Robert "Bob" Bigham Jr. '83**, age 44, died Nov. 23, 2005, in Columbia. He was the former associate pastor of Edgewood Baptist Church in Walterboro. Memorials may be made to Second Baptist Church of Chester or to Hope Givers International, c/o Second Baptist Church, 729 Village Dr., Chester, SC 29706.

Antoinette "Toni" Kathleen Cox '04, age 51, died Nov. 19, 2005 in Goose Creek. She was an accountant with DSI Group. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Charleston, 3870 Leeds Ave., Ste. 101, N. Charleston, SC 29405.

Thomas Lacy Dabbs Jr. '69, age 59, died Sept. 25, 2005. He was a retired state employee and principal of Robert E. Lee Academy. Memorials may be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, South Carolina Chapter, 1247 Lake Murray Blvd., Irmo, SC 29063 or to First Presbyterian Church, 9 W. Calhoun St., Sumter, SC 29150.

John Fernandez '77, age 80, died Dec. 15, 2005 in Charleston. He was a heavily decorated veteran, a retired Charleston Naval Shipyard worker, and a past president of the CSU Alumni Association. Memorials may be made to St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, 6650 Dorchester Road, N. Charleston, SC 29418.

Grant Andrew Ringenberg, age 18, died Nov. 8, 2005. He was a freshman and a member of the baseball team. He was a former starting pitcher for the Middle Creek High School baseball team. Memorials may be made to MCHS Baseball Program, 123 Middle Creek Park Ave., Apex, NC 27539, or to Charleston Southern Baseball, P. O. Box 118087, Charleston, SC 29423.

James Doyle Roberts '71, age 59, died Nov. 12, 2005 in Aynor. He was a National Guard Veteran and self-employed as a farmer. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 950 48th Ave., N. Myrtle Beach, SC 29577, or to Pisgah United Methodist Church, 1600 Pisgah Church Road, Aynor, SC 29511.

Gregory John Smith '94, age 56, died Oct. 25, 2005 in Charleston. He was a tax accountant with Greg Smith Income Tax Service. Memorials may be made to Northbridge Baptist Church, 1160 Sam Rittenberg Blvd., Charleston, SC 29407, or to Hospice of Charleston, Inc., 3870 Leeds Ave., Ste. 101, N. Charleston, SC 29405.

Stuart Irving White '91, age 37, died Oct. 15, 2005. He was a wildlife officer with the S.C. Department of Natural Resources at the rank of corporal. Memorials may be made to the Salkehatchie Presbyterian Cemetery, 7263 Hendersonville Hwy., Walterboro, SC 29488.

David Thomas Winfield '70, age 57, died Oct. 7, 2005 after a long battle with cancer. He was a former lieutenant in the U.S. Coast Guard. Memorials may be made to Branchville Baptist Church.



South Carolina Loses Faithful Friend

South Carolina and Charleston Southern lost a loyal supporter with the death of Charles Alexander "Alex" Harvin III of Summerton on Oct. 11, 2005.

Harvin, age 55, was a 1972 graduate of CSU, and at the time of his death was the longest-serving current member of the S.C. House of Representatives. First elected in 1977, Harvin was majority leader from 1982-1986 and also a member of the House Ways and Means Committee.

An advocate for all, Harvin sponsored many bills that were enacted into law that promoted equality and protected the underrepresented. In addition to his legislative work, Harvin was a businessman and earned a law degree from Augusta Law School.

Since graduating from CSU, he has been a faithful supporter of the University, serving as a member of the Board of Visitors and a past member of the alumni board of directors. He received an honorary doctorate of laws from CSU in 1988 and was named Distinguished Alumnus of the Year in 2000. He was a gracious host to many CSU groups visiting the S.C. legislature.

In 1998 Harvin and his wife, Cathy, established the Harvin Family Endowed Scholarship. Memorials may be made to the Harvin Family Endowed Scholarship, CSU Development office, P.O. Box 118087, Charleston, SC 29423-8087.



We need YOUR opinion!

The CSU Alumni Association is now accepting nominations for each of the six annual CSUAA awards. If you know of an outstanding alum who fits the criteria of one of these awards, please let us know! Submit your nominations via e-mail to Alumni@csuniv.edu, or call the Alumni Office toll-free at **866.845.4793**.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

This is the most prestigious award given by the Alumni Association, and it is the hallmark of an alumnus who strives for excellence in all endeavors. It honors a person who has distinguished him or herself in three areas: service to the University, service to the community, and achievement in his or her field of endeavor.

OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

This award is designed to recognize an alumnus under the age of 30 who has been successful within his or her field of endeavor and shows exceptional promise of future achievement.

ALUMNUS COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Many of CSU's programs are directed toward community service, and our students embrace opportunities to serve Christ through volunteer work. This award honors an alumnus who goes "above and beyond" the expectations of his/her community, church or nonprofit group, and recognizes his or her personal sacrifice and exceptional volunteer service to a charitable organization.

UNIVERSITY MISSION AWARD

CSU's mission is promoting academic excellence in a Christian environment, and this award goes to the outstanding alumnus who exhibits the ideals and ethics of this university.

ALUMNUS SERVICE AWARD

Alumni who stay connected, volunteer, and participate in association activities are eligible for this award. This award honors and recognizes an alumnus who gives outstanding service to the University, the Alumni Association, or other alumni activities.

OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

To graduate and be successful in your field of study – this is the wish of every university's faculty and staff for their students. This award honors an alumnus who reflects honor on the University for exceptional achievement in his or her field of endeavor.