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Dear Alumni and Friends

IN THIS ISSUE OF THE CSU MAGAZINE, YOU WILL READ ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY’S VISION, “TO BE A Christian university nationally recognized for integrating faith in learning, leading and serving.” Our focus on faith integration is exciting, and we are already witnessing positive results.

Hebrews 11:1 states that “faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.” We are preparing our students to integrate faith in all aspects of life. Employers actively seek our graduates because of this experience.

We were fortunate in September to have partnered with Lowcountry churches in hosting the Franklin Graham Festival in Charleston. This was a wonderful experience, and I hope you were able to attend one of the sessions. Franklin spoke to our faculty, students and staff at Convocation the Wednesday before the festival began. Everyone was blessed with his message.

Let me take this opportunity to invite you to visit our beautiful campus. I would like you to experience firsthand the excitement among the CSU family and attend one of our fine arts or athletic events. The new Wingate Hotel is open, and discount rates are available for CSU alumni and friends.

At Charleston Southern we continue to review and update our safety and emergency procedures. The safety and security of our students, faculty, and staff remains our highest priority. We have implemented new security procedures that include armed guards, new campus security vehicles, checkpoints during overnight hours and increased patrols campuswide, to name a few. We continue to enforce a zero tolerance policy for all illegal drugs and continue to work closely with local law enforcement officials who advise us with security procedures. Be assured that we will continue to take every reasonable precaution to keep our campus safe and secure.

Thank you for your continued support, and may God bless you and your family.

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HEBREWS 11:1
In June, eight students participated in a three-week study-abroad course, Introduction to Chinese Culture, held in the People's Republic of China.

The course, designed and directed by Dr. David E. Phillips, professor of English, introduces students to Chinese culture through visits to important historical and cultural sites, instruction in elementary Mandarin, lectures on Chinese history and religion, and classes in martial arts, paper cutting, and calligraphy.

“I most enjoyed experiencing a new culture and seeing how others live,” said Erica Young, a junior education major. “I enjoyed seeing things some only see in history books like the Great Wall and Tiananmen Square.”

The students and Phillips, assisted by Dr. Donald Clerico, professor of education and director of the International Studies Program, visited Beijing for four days, where they toured The Great Wall, The Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square, The Capital Museum, Temple of Heaven, the Ming Tombs, and glimpsed sites of the 2008 Olympics. The remainder of the course was conducted at Qingdao University in Qingdao, known by the Chinese as the “Switzerland of China,” a small coastal city of 2 million situated on the Yellow Sea.

“I learned that it’s not the monuments, museums and other historical sites that capture my fascination,” said Emily Simmons, sophomore business finance major.
major. “It’s seeing a grandparent walking down the street with a grandchild, 1,000 people singing praise to God in a language I can’t understand, and listening to the plans and dreams of individual Chinese students that really enthralled me. This is experiencing culture. This is the real China.”

The course is the culmination of a two-year effort by Phillips and Clerico to establish formal relations between Qingdao University and CSU. In 2006, Clerico attended a conference on international study in Qingdao hosted by the Consortium for Global Education (CGE), a consortium of 40 private colleges and universities dedicated to the development of international study. The following year, Phillips and Clerico traveled to Qingdao University where they met with university officials and signed a letter of agreement to work toward developing international study and faculty exchange programs. This year Phillips and Clerico met with Qingdao University President Linhua Xia, Dean of International Programs Zhou Xiaoli; and other officials in an effort to expand the program to eight weeks, offering CSU and CGE students the opportunity to earn up to nine credit hours in Mandarin.

On the first day of language instruction, one of the two Mandarin instructors began her lesson by teaching the class the song “God Loves You” in Mandarin. The instructor, who had recently completed a graduate degree in theology in California, had been assigned to teach the class months before and didn’t know until shortly before the group’s arrival that she would instruct Christians. She became a close friend of the group, inviting them to church service at the official Protestant Church in Qingdao. Though the service was conducted entirely in Mandarin, the congregation was enthusiastic and the music beautiful. Afterward several students visited the church store, where they purchased silk scrolls with Bible verses, hymnals, and Bibles.

“The program has the potential to change lives, both the students and the Chinese with whom they interact,” said Phillips. “Our students’ hearts were touched by the warmth and hospitality of the Chinese people, and I believe the Chinese students, faculty, and staff we met at Qingdao University were touched by our students’ sincerity, openness, and spirituality,” he said.

Justin Ervin, a sophomore economics major, said, “The most memorable aspect about the trip, for me, was seeing how open the Chinese were to other cultures. They were very interested to know how the United States operates, just as we were equally curious about their lifestyles. It was a revelation for most of us; we didn’t know what to expect, and we couldn’t have been more pleased,” said Ervin.

Lauren Young ’11 contributed to this article.
i-STAN SIMULATOR PROVIDES CUTTING-EDGE INSTRUCTION by Doug Dickerson

THE SCHOOL OF NURSING HOLDS THE PRESTIGIOUS DISTINCTION OF HOUSING ONE OF THE WORLD’S MOST advanced wireless human patient simulators. CSU is the only school of nursing in the Lowcountry to have the iStan by Meti simulator.

The i-Stan simulator uniquely positions the Charleston Southern nursing program with state-of-the-art equipment for cutting-edge instruction. “There is application to all levels of nursing students,” says Dr. Tara Hulsey, dean of the Derry Wingo Patterson School of Nursing. “We will be integrating simulation scenarios throughout the curriculum.”

The i-Stan simulator mimics the anatomical workings of the human body to a level of realism not possible with other simulators. “The hands-on experiences the students will receive in very realistic patient scenarios will provide increased skills, self-confidence, and safety,” Hulsey said.

Dr. Tara Hulsey, dean, demonstrates the iStan simulator for President Jairy Hunter. Photo © Doug Dickerson.
THE SCHOOL OF NURSING ACHIEVED A SIGNIFICANT accomplishment with its recent graduating class—a 100 percent pass rate on the first attempt on the NCLEX-RN exam.

The 100 percent pass rate marks the second year in a row that the graduating class from the School of Nursing has earned this distinction on the first attempt. Ours was the only nursing school in South Carolina to earn this distinction for the year 2007.

Dr. Tara Hulsey, dean of the Derry Patterson Wingo School of Nursing, explains the significance of the milestone, “The 100 percent pass rate, especially two years in a row, is a particularly impressive accomplishment.” Nationally, the average pass rate for the NCLEX exam in 2007 for baccalaureate degree students was 85.47 percent. CSU’s pass rate for the past two years of 100 percent far exceeds the national average.

Hulsey stated that the faculty implemented a strategy to strengthen the nursing program and to improve the pass rate percentage.

“Faculty made aggressive curriculum changes that included strengthening the admissions criteria, integrating progression standards, using a national testing resource, and the development of a Capstone course for nursing senior level students that focused primarily on reviewing content and practicing computer testing to prepare for the NCLEX-RN exam,” she said.

The strategy adopted by Hulsey and the faculty has paid off with an impressive showing by the students. Holly Branch, a 2008 graduate from Reevesville, S.C., says, “I have been well prepared in many aspects of nursing; but to me, I have been most prepared to care for patients.”

The School of Nursing is undergoing other significant improvements to strengthen the course of study and to provide state-of-the-art equipment. The skills lab is undergoing a major renovation to a high-fidelity simulation lab and received an iStan in August; the iStan by Meti is the world’s most advanced human simulator.

Student enrollment will increase considerably this fall thanks to a generous three-year grant by Roper St. Francis Hospital that funded an additional faculty position. The program has nearly 100 BSN students in the fall semester.

“Thanks to significant financial support from organizations and the community since the program began,” said Jairy Hunter, president, “we have received funds for the endowment and current operations of the nursing program.”

Hulsey said the faculty has adopted a 5-year strategic plan with the strategic goals of leading the state and the nation in providing an excellent Christian nursing education, to prepare graduates for professional excellence and Christian service to the community, and to exhibit a culture of Christian leadership.

For Branch, the School of Nursing experience is remembered fondly. “I was most impressed with the devotion of each and every faculty member’s commitment to excellence. My experience was wonderful. I know that I was part of a family.”
FRANKLIN GRAHAM KICKED OFF his Lowcountry visit with a stop at Charleston Southern for Convocation Sept. 17. Graham spoke to an overflow crowd at the University.

More than 34,000 came from all over the Southeast to attend the Sept. 19-21 festival in Charleston. Graham, the son of famed evangelist Billy Graham, conducted the high energy festival at the North Charleston Coliseum.

“Charleston Southern has been a partner with this effort from its conception a couple of years ago, helping to bring him (Graham) here,” said Dr. Rick Brewer, vice president for planning and student affairs. Brewer pointed out that Franklin Graham’s appearance was a third generational one for the family. “Billy Graham visited the campus in 1970, Franklin’s son, Will Graham, visited five years ago, and now Franklin.”

Graham’s message to the Charleston Southern students was taken from Romans 1:16. “The Apostle Paul was not ashamed of the gospel. It is the power of God unto salvation. There is no other way you can be saved. Living in the South, we get lost with the word gospel. It’s the good news that there is a God in heaven. He made and created you and knows everything about you. This God in heaven loves you and has provided a way for you to be with Him,” he said.

Graham encouraged the students to commit themselves to ministry and service at home and abroad. “God has a plan for your life,” he told them, “You’ve got your life in front of you – how are you going to spend it?” he challenged.

As the CEO of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, Franklin Graham has noticeably placed his own signature on his evangelistic approach. The festival audience rocked each night to the tunes of Toby Mac, Israel and New Breed, Newsboys, Group 1 Crew, Kirk Franklin and Casting Crowns. Graham’s strong and yet simple gospel messages were delivered with an invitation to accept Christ.

Skip Owens, director of denominational relations and member of the Executive Committee of the Franklin Graham Lowcountry Festival, said it was refreshing to work with so many pastors and lay people from different denominations in preparation of the festival. “Seeing the results of thousands attending, especially Sunday afternoon where almost 14,000 packed the coliseum and overflow room, the prayers of believers, commitment of volunteers serving and the support staff of the Franklin Graham organization was used of the Lord. To God be the glory.”

Festival officials said more than 330 churches representing 41 denominations participated in the organization of the festival. Festival officials reported that more than 1,200 people responded to invitations to commit their lives to Christ. A group of more than 60 CSU students went through training to serve as counselors at the festival.
THE DERRY PATTERSON WINGO School of Nursing announced that Dr. Jennifer Shearer and Mrs. Cindy Dyson have earned the designation Certified Nurse Educator (CNE) after successfully completing a rigorous certification examination developed and administered by the National League for Nursing.

“As of March 2008, there were only 15 Certified Nurse Educators in our state; this brings our number of CNE credentialed faculty at Charleston Southern to 33 percent,” said Dr. Tara Hulsey, dean. Hulsey was in the first cohort in the nation to receive the CNE credential.

“The National League for Nursing’s CNE program has conferred new visibility and stature upon the academic nursing community, long overdue,” said Dr. Beverly Malone, CEO of the NLN. “Through the certification program, we have made clear to the ranks of higher education that the role of nurse educator is an advanced professional practice discipline with a defined practice setting and demonstrable standards of excellence,” she said. “In years to come it is hoped that certified nurse educators will command higher salaries and be first in line for promotions and tenure.”

“With nearly half (46 percent) projected to retire within the next decade and nearly three-quarters (72 percent) within 15 years, replacing them is of grave concern,” noted NLN president Dr. Elaine Tagliareni. “We must encourage more nurse faculty to prepare for certification as nurse educators so that our nursing schools can be staffed by academicians of highest caliber. Only in this way can excellence in nursing education be ensured for another generation.”

The NLN unveiled the CNE program in 2005, with 174 passing the examination that first year—an 85 percent pass rate—representing 50 states and the District of Columbia. As of March 31, 2008, a total of 954 nurse educators, representing every state, have earned the CNE credential nationwide with an overall pass rate of 83 percent.

“This new achievement among the nursing faculty at Charleston Southern significantly increases the caliber of an already strong program. “I am so proud of Dr. Shearer and Mrs. Dyson for pursuing this credential,” said Dr. Hulsey. “It’s a mark of the highest standard of excellence, and they are serving as role models and leaders in nursing education. Having 33 percent of our faculty certified in nursing education demonstrates our commitment to providing the highest quality nursing programs.”
CRACK. CLICK. STOP. REWIND. PLAY.

R.J. Swindle ‘04 sat in a recliner in front of his parents’ television set, remote in hand, watching a videotape replay of his major league debut with the Philadelphia Phillies. The last time he’d seen it was in real time, July 7, 2008.


Swindle replays the fateful seventh pitch, a 55-mile-per-hour Bugs Bunny curveball, a second time. Each time it has the same unhappy ending; the 3-2 pitch to New York Mets All-Star third baseman David Wright lands in the left bleachers at Citizens Bank Park for a home run.

Swindle smirks, then rewinds the videotape one more time.

By this point it would be easy to start slapping labels on him. Have mercy on thyself son.

But Swindle’s not intentionally trying to punish himself. He’s trying to read his lips as Wright rounds the bases. “You can see me say something,” said the former Buccaneer left-hander. “Right after the home run you can see me saying, ‘Welcome to the big leagues!’”

Three pitches later: Crack. Another hit. Seven more pitches. Crack. A third consecutive hit. Seventeen big league pitches, three hits, no outs. OK, this isn’t fun anymore.

But Swindle was not about to sweat 45,000 restless, what-have-you-done-for-me-lately Philly fans and one mocking, shaggy, 300-pound, green mascot (Phillie Phanatic). Why should he, he’s dug himself out of deeper holes personally and professionally.

Swindle signed his first professional contract after being selected by the Boston Red Sox in the 14th round of the June 2004 Major League Baseball draft. But before he could step on the field for spring training in 2005, he was released. Swindle had pitched the previous season with a herniated disc.
When Boston heard the news, it nearly ended his baseball career before it had a chance to get started. The injury was a red flag to major league teams. In less than a six month after signing his first professional contract at age 21, Swindle was labeled “damaged goods.”

Swindle sat down with his wife, Lindsey, their family and agent and decided if he wanted to clear his medical record he would have to have surgery to repair the herniated disc. He underwent surgery and tried to start over, but no one was interested. For the next two years Swindle bounced between Independent League baseball and the minor leagues, pitching for pennies.

“I had been going through the denial from all these teams and scouts, ‘you don’t throw hard enough, you won’t work at this level,’ being told all this stuff I couldn’t do,” said Swindle. “I’m never gonna play again. All those thoughts raced through my head.”

**FRIEND AND FOE**

Former Charleston Southern teammate and 2005 ninth-round draft pick of the New York Mets Bobby Parnell is peddling furiously on a stationery bike in the middle of the team clubhouse at Turner Field in Atlanta.

Lounging across a black leather sectional in front of him is All-Star shortstop Jose Reyes. He nibbles on a Nutty Buddy ice cream cone, eyes fixed on a plasma TV screen showing *Dumb and Dumber*; he giggles like an awkward teenager. Reyes, 25, who grew up in Villa Gonzalez in the Dominican Republic, may be seeing the slapstick comedy for the first time. Parnell isn’t laughing. The entire Jim Carrey comedy catalog was exhausted in the minor leagues.

Three years earlier Parnell was pitching for the Charleston Southern Bucs. His rise through New York’s organization has been surgical in comparison to Swindle’s journey. It’s happened so quickly, as a matter of fact, that the former CSU pitcher is still trying to separate reality from fantasy.

“I don’t think it’s sunk in yet,” said Parnell. “I don’t think I’m going to realize it until I get home and sit down in that recliner at the house. Right now I’m still enjoying it, taking it all in.”

Since arriving in New York on Sept. 1, Parnell says, “I definitely kept my eyes down and my mouth shut, but it’s definitely an adjustment to get to a point where you’re comfortable. You’ve gotta know you’re low man on the totem pole; you keep your mouth shut, and you do what you’re asked to do.”
It's that attitude that makes Parnell an enabler for the bizarro subculture that governs major league baseball clubhouses.

It didn't take long, maybe a few minutes actually, for Parnell to get his marching orders from his mates. Mets reliever Joe Smith dumped backpack duties on Parnell. According to Parnell, “the guy in the bullpen with the least amount of experience, the low man on the totem pole,” carries the backpack to the bullpen before each game.

No big deal, right?

This isn't just any backpack. That would be too easy. Rookies must be humbled.

For the final month of the season Parnell carried a bright pink Sleeping Beauty backpack filled with gum, candy, Band Aids -- "whatever you need down in the bullpen so you don't have to go back to the clubhouse" -- across the diamond, through the outfield, by the wisecracking fans and into the bullpen.

The backpack sits squarely in front of Parnell's locker. He smiles, shakes his head and puts his new duties in perfect perspective.

“I'd rather be carrying a pink backpack in the major leagues than be in the minor leagues,” said Parnell. “If they told me this is the only way I could be in the major leagues, I'd do it every day.”

Both Swindle and Parnell, former Buccaneers, are living their dreams. Drafted in 2004 and 2005 respectively, Swindle and Parnell account for two of the three players on the University short list of student-athletes drafted by major league teams. For the record, the third was former Charleston Southern pitcher Matt Coenen, who was drafted by the Detroit Tigers in 2001. Coenen retired after five seasons, reaching his peak with Double-A Mississippi Braves.

As Coenen’s career quietly ended in 2005, and while Parnell was still trying to come to grips with his status, Swindle had the same experience.

**DRAFT DAY**

In June 2004, Swindle sat with family and friends in his parent's living room, listening to the annual draft selections streaming off the Internet. As the rounds passed … seven, eight, nine … Swindle started getting anxious … 10, 11, 12, 13 … “They kept picking left-handed pitchers before me,” remembers Swindle. Then, in the 14th round, the Boston Red Sox number came up again and the room fell silent.

“It's mind-numbing,” said Swindle. “Everyone was jumping up around me. I was just sitting there, shocked. I was hopeful it would happen, but until I actually heard my name … it was unbelievable.”

It's July 7, 2008. Four years and change later, and less than a week after being promoted to the major leagues, Swindle is celebrating his 25th birthday from a major league bullpen in Philadelphia. You couldn't buy a better birthday gift. Long summer days on the playground, childhood dreams of playing in the majors and one day, this day, it comes true.

The previous week had been a blur. Swindle had been promoted (for two days), sent back to the minors and promoted again. “The trainer came and got me,” remembered Swindle. “I walked in the office and coach smiled and said, ‘Congratulations, you’re going up!’ It was crazy. Everything was like in slow-mo. The dream comes true, right there.”

Swindle grabbed his mobile phone and started dialing. First call: His wife, Lindsey.

“It was late at night, and I couldn't reach her. She was at work. So I left her a message and waited,” said Swindle. “Because I didn't want to tell anyone until I told her.”

Ten minutes … 20 minutes … 30 minutes pass. Swindle called again. No answer. “I left another message,” he said, then waited some more. He squirmed in his seat for about 15 minutes before he started calling his family, friends and agent.

Between calls he had an incoming call. It was Lindsey. When Swindle told her the news, she started screaming and telling every coworker within earshot, and some not. His ears were still ringing, or at least he thought they were.

The phone in the bullpen is ringing. Phillies coach Roly deArmas picked it up.

“Alright R.J. get going,” said deArmas.

“I didn't even warm up in Atlanta, so this was the first time,” said Swindle. “Your heart skips a beat.”

The warmup lasted about a second, at least in the excitement of Swindle's memory. Then, it was game on. Swindle jogged from the outfield bullpen to the mound. “There were 45,000 people all around me,” he said. “When you step on that mound and throw that first warmup pitch, it's surreal.”
That’s about the time the legs give way. Butterflies have a funny way of doing that to you.

Two months later it was Parnell’s turn. “The first thought was, just relax and here we go,” added Parnell, who made his debut on Sept. 15 against the Washington Nationals. “I didn’t really get nervous until I walked through that tunnel to the outfield door to run in.”

Sure, playing in front of thousands of screaming fans, pitching to the best hitters in the world, that’s why Parnell suddenly had a case of the jitters, right? “Ah shoot man, I was thinking, just don’t trip. Don’t fall,” remembers the Salisbury, North Carolina, native in a thick Southern drawl.

Swindle reached new heights this past summer when he was selected to pitch for Team Canada at the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing.

“It was unbelievable,” said Swindle. “China, the money they poured into it, they pretty much shut down the whole city (Beijing) to host the Olympics. Then getting to pitch for your country was amazing. I wouldn’t have passed up that experience for anything.”

In China, Swindle was exposed to baseball fandom at a whole new level. “Every Asian team, they have drums and banners and whistles and bells, every game, every inning, every out, every pitch they are chanting and singing,” he remembered. “It’s was like a festival, like a circus. It was loud and nonstop.”

But it’s Parnell who deserves the Olympic gold medal for surviving the annual rookie hazing ritual. In mid-September, Parnell was one of a handful of New York Met rookies who traveled from New York to Washington in “a Michael Phelps bathing suit, swim cap and goggles,” said Parnell. “That goes up there with that pink book bag. They were going to make us wear flippers, but they didn’t do that. I left the clubhouse in it, on the airplane, then the hotel. That was a cold trip man.”
LEADING

PROFESSOR LEADS INITIATIVE IN FLORIDA
by Doug Dickerson

LINDA KARGES-BONE, PROFESSOR of education and leading instructor on brain development, has been teaching cutting-edge brain training initiatives in the country’s 11th largest school district in Orange County, Fla.

"Have you ever heard of the amygdala?” asks Bone of hundreds of Florida educators who attend the three-day brain training initiatives that she has been leading there for more than three years.

As Bone explains, the amygdala is a cluster of almond shaped structures deep in the brain that fire up when a child or adult is under stress, in crisis, or suffering from anxiety. When the amygdala turns on, the prefrontal cortex, where higher order thinking and creativity thrive, can barely function. The result: behavioral issues, cognitive struggles and creativity blockages.

The three-day “Rules of Engagement” professional development sequence which Bone developed along with a team of Orange County Public School leaders, teachers, and administrators, instructs educators about the differences in students’ brains and the impact of gender and personality on behavior. Opportunities to create more brain-friendly classrooms and strategies to enhance the function of the brain, especially when dealing with at-risk youth are key components of the teaching.

Bone says that “the brain is our most important tool in teaching, and yet we know so little about it.” She added, “Consider the fact that if one were to count the connections in the prefrontal cortex alone, it would take 32 million years to finish the counting, and still we say that a child cannot learn or that we cannot teach a child. We simply haven’t stumbled on the right set of connections. Brain training is about making connections, for students, parents, and teachers.”

In the past three years hundreds of teachers from dozens of schools have completed the sequence. Marti White, professional development coordinator for the Orange County Public Schools, said, “Her workshops are always filled to capacity, and teachers and administrators are on a waiting list for future workshops. Dr. Bone has connected the most current brain-based research to practical, everyday teaching and long-range planning that will help ensure that every student is engaged and learning,” she added.

Bone’s perspective on brain-based teaching reflects her worldview as a Christian scholar. “The brain is God’s gift to us. It is a unique, mysterious gift that He wants us to unwrap and then use to give Him glory. I think God feels real joy when a child who has felt alone or frustrated or stupid suddenly experiences confidence and creativity because a teacher was able to reach him or her in a way that made sense to that one, precious brain,” said Bone.

CONSIDER THE FACT THAT IF ONE WERE TO COUNT THE CONNECTIONS IN THE PREFRONTAL CORTEX ALONE, IT WOULD TAKE 32 MILLION YEARS TO FINISH THE COUNTING, AND STILL WE SAY THAT A CHILD CANNOT LEARN OR THAT WE CANNOT TEACH A CHILD. WE SIMPLY HAVEN’T STUMBLED ON THE RIGHT SET OF CONNECTIONS.

LINDA KARGES-BONE
LEADING SUCCESSFUL PEOPLE ARE EXCELLENT LEADERS.

As Vince Lombardi, an American football coach, said, “Leaders aren’t born they are made. And they are made like anything else, through hard work. And that’s the price that we’ll have to pay to achieve that goal, or any goal.”

This summer, three students worked hard to achieve their goals of becoming better leaders. They went to Orlando to participate in the Student Leadership University intern program.

Founded by Dr. Jay Strack ’75 in 1994, the program is designed to “encourage young leaders to commit themselves to excellence.” Kristen Carter, Casey Estes, and Melodie Daniel went to the Orlando 101 program as interns to lead high school students as well as grow closer to Christ.

They were chosen to attend the Orlando 101 program through an application process. Clark Carter, campus minister, said, “We recommend the best team to go to SLU.”

As interns they had a lot of responsibility. Carter says that they were in charge of the “logistics” behind the field trips. “We were in charge of registration, name tags, and organizing the park buses. We were also assigned a group of kids each week.” In addition, CSU students also had the task of making sure that SLU was represented efficiently.

Estes was in charge of “making sure that all students were present at all events, whether it was listening to a speaker or going to Universal Studios.” The students also raised money for the Feed the Children Foundation.

Aside from managing multiple duties, Estes learned more about Christ and herself as a person. “The biggest thing I learned this summer is flexibility. It’s good to try and complete things in a timely and efficient manner; however, perfection is out of the realm of reality.” Estes also learned that time management skills are completely necessary to be successful.

Aside from that, Estes says that her “relationship with Christ has grown. I can genuinely say that this experience is something that I’ll keep with me always.”

Daniel was meal coordinator and assisted the hotel staff in coordinating meals for the students. In addition, she said, “The students, and myself, learned personality profiles, time management, worldviews/apologetics and other leadership skills. This is the first time I have ever been in a sort of role model position, but I learned that I was always representing CSU and SLU, and these students really looked up to me.”

Carter is a sophomore majoring in psychology and is from Goose Creek; Daniel is a freshman early childhood education major from Ladson, and Estes is a sophomore early childhood education major from Ladson.
THE CONCERT SINGERS ADDED three more countries to their growing list of performance and outreach destinations. On June 6, 18 members of the highly acclaimed CSU Concert Singers were accompanied by faculty members Dr. Valerie Bullock, conductor; Dr. Jill Terhaar Lewis, soprano, and Dr. Jennifer Luiken, mezzo soprano, as well as accompanist Dr. Margaret Byrd. Eight members of the Singers of Summerville along with family and friends also joined the CSU team.

The CSU Concert Singers performed at the Salzburg Cathedral in Austria, St. Andreas Church, Staudach-Egerndach Germany; St. Stephens in Vienna, Austria; and in the Czech Republic city of Prague. “Everyone felt that the trip was truly life altering,” said Bullock.

One memorable experience of the trip was a visit to the Austrian concentration camp at Mauthausen. “Our guide was a passionate college student who led us through this very moving experience. We prayed for those who lost their lives at this camp and were moved by all of the memorials from countries such as Italy, Russia and Bulgaria,” said Bullock.

In Prague the CSU Concert Singers ministered at the Czech Baptist Church. The group was welcomed by Pastor Vadlo Vovcanic. “It is interesting to note,” said Lewis, “that even after all those special experiences in the great cathedrals, the worship in that small church in Prague – in a language none of us spoke – was the most moving for several in our group,” she said.

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For recent graduate Ashley Williams, the trip was especially meaningful. “There is so much beauty over there in Austria; it’s such a nice reminder of God’s incredible power and creativity. It was wonderful to see Christ exalted in another language and culture. Though we live on different sides of the world, we’re all brothers and sisters in Christ if we will believe and accept Him. It doesn’t make us that different after all,” she said.

Bullock echoed Williams’ response by adding, “We remember the beauty of the scenery, the churches and the incredible experience of sharing God’s word through song in different countries. It’s not something we will soon forget.”
TRIP TO POLAND TEACHES PLAYERS INFLUENCE

by CSU Sports Information

THERE WERE PLENTY OF THINGS THAT THE MEN’S BASKETBALL coaches wanted to get out of their summer trip to Krakow, Poland, and in just eight days, they were able to see plenty of results.

With extra time to practice with the team, the staff hoped to see significant improvement in the team during the summer months. With an emphasis put on defense, CSU responded in their four exhibition games, allowing 50 points or less in three of the contests, cruising to a 4-0 record during the trip.

The trip had a much deeper emphasis than just basketball, though, as the coaches wanted to teach their players to serve others. With daily clinics, and a trip to the orphanage, that mission was also accomplished. Going into the trip, they challenged the team with Matthew 20:26-29, which reads “It is not this way among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave; just as the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and give His life as a ransom for many.”

“I was so proud of our players,” said Head Coach Barclay Radebaugh. “When we went to that orphanage they immediately responded and would just hug those kids and let them know that we loved them and were praying for them. They were able to see an immediate response, too, as the orphans started to follow us everywhere.”

Despite all of the barriers that exist in a foreign country, Radebaugh urged his players to fight for influence. They knew that nothing would be given to them just because they were American or because they played basketball well.

“Our desire in Poland was to use basketball to gain the influence to show the people of Poland God’s unconditional love,” said Radebaugh. “In order to gain influence, we had to demonstrate excellence in every aspect of the trip. We knew that we had a small window of opportunity and that every detail of our trip mattered. We knew we had to put on a great three-day clinic, to play extremely hard and to exhibit great sportsmanship in order to open doors. On a week-long mission trip, first impression matters.

“The great news is that we saw tangible evidence of God using our team,” continued Radebaugh. “Many doors that were tightly shut before were wide open for the team and the incredible group of Southern Baptist missionaries that hosted us. The crowds at our clinics and at our games grew significantly with each passing day.”

“The coaches and team left Poland exhausted but thrilled at the opportunity to use basketball as a mission’s tool,” said Radebaugh. “The team left with a trunk full of memories and many new friends to keep up with in Poland.”

Sophomore guard Tovi Bailey, who kept fans up-to-date on the team’s trip with a daily blog, echoed the sentiments of his coach.

“God has used basketball to break down walls,” said Bailey. “Our mission was to come to Poland and spread God’s word, and it was a success. I feel great about how God has used us this week.”
AT 80 YEARS OF AGE, SOME MIGHT THINK A PERSON has earned the right to slow down and take it easy. Jeff Whittington of Conway, owner of Coastal Crane Co. in Myrtle Beach, would take exception to that. The Conway resident is a man with a big heart and many talents.

Whether you call him husband, father, grandfather, church leader, or civic leader; by all accounts, he is a generous man who has made a profound impact on the lives of many people.

“Daddy’s generosity has always been a part of my life,” says Ann Caughman, Whittington’s daughter and only child. “He was always tender-hearted towards people down on their luck, often advancing or loaning employees money, helping a single woman with car repair or maintenance, or helping someone get on their feet. He has always been a giver,” she said.

Married to his wife Bernice for more than 61 years, the indelible impression of Whittington’s life is that of family. Whittington’s daughter Ann is married to Dr. Denley Caughman ’70, and they have two children. The Caughmans own and operate The Grove Bed & Breakfast Inn located in Marion.

Whittington’s long-standing ties to the community as a businessman and church leader have earned him many accolades including Rotarian of the Year and Lifetime Trustee at the Garden City Chapel in Murrells Inlet. His wife Bernice served many years on the Conway Hospital Foundation Board of Trustees.

Robert Shaw, pastor of the Garden City Chapel praises Whittington’s “can-do attitude.” “Jeff simply doesn’t use the word no. He finds a way to make things happen. If he does not have what you need he will find it and of course he willingly offers anything in his possession to help further the ministry of the Garden City Chapel,” he said.

One longstanding recipient of Whittington’s generosity is Charleston Southern. Instrumental from the early days of the University to the present, Whittington’s relationship to Charleston Southern spans more than 30 years. Whittington’s daughter attended Charleston Southern, and it’s where she met her husband Denley. A member of the Board of Visitors and the Buc Club, the family also funds the Jeff C. Whittington Family Endowed Scholarship to provide scholarships to help fund an education in music and church related careers.

Recipients of the scholarship know full well the impact the scholarship has made on their lives and what it has helped them to accomplish. “Without Mr. Whittington’s Family Endowed Scholarship, I would not have been able financially to go to college,” says 2008 Charleston Southern alum and current employee Christi Coghill. “Now I work at Charleston Southern and hope that one day I can help others the way Mr. Whittington helped me. I am so thankful for his generosity.”

Inspired by the need for music students to have a place to practice and train, Whittington again stepped up in a generous way. Through a gift to the University, a new multipurpose academic building was constructed. The building, which houses classrooms with rehearsal facilities, practice areas and sound proof instruction rooms, is named Whittington Hall in honor of the Whittington family and opened in 2000.

Charleston Southern alum Jonathan Torres ’08, a worship leader at Northwoods Assembly church in North Charleston, was another recipient of the Whittington scholarship. “This scholarship helped make it possible for me to go to college. I honestly don’t know where I would be if it were not for scholarships like this one. I am very excited about what God is doing in my life – and I know none of this would be possible without the scholarships I received that helped me go to college,” he said.
“Jeff and Bernice Whittington are cherished friends of Charleston Southern,” said President Jairy Hunter. “There is no way to adequately measure the impact they have had on the lives of students here. Through their generosity and support, countless lives have been impacted for Christ for generations to come,” he said.

Reflecting on a lifetime of serving others, Whittington says, “That’s what it’s all about. Whether it’s in business or everyday life, if you do for others it will come back to you as fast as you can give it,” he said.

“Daddy was a good role model in that he was a fair disciplinarian, fun to be around, a good teacher and patient as Job,” said Caughman. “Their influence on me was profound, and they have allowed me to mature and find my way. I am grateful for the life I have now, knowing much of it is due to the hard work and commitment of my parents to me,” she said.

Lee J. Colan once said, “We were meant to give our lives away. Spend more time living your legacy instead of worrying about leaving it.” And that’s just what Jeff Whittington is doing.

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HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN A GIVER.

ANN CAUGHMAN
(WHITTINGTON’S DAUGHTER)
From Abandonment to Adoption:

THE CHINA EXPERIENCE

by Dr. Myrna Nicolette, Associate Professor of Psychology
SEVENTEEN STUDENTS AND three faculty members partnered with the organization Visiting Orphans (www.visitingorphans.org) to travel to Chifeng, Inner Mongolia, China, in May. The experience was part of the psychology course, From Abandonment to Adoption: The China Experience. The course examined the effects of abandonment and neglect on the emotional and intellectual development of children. The students learned about the Chinese culture and the social, political, and spiritual conditions that result in the abandonment of infants.

“I feel that not only was I an inspiration to the children but I was a tool God used to show the children that there are those that love them and care for them in this world,” said Travis Bowe, a freshman psychology major.

The visit to Chifeng generated excitement both inside of the orphanage and also in the local community. Chifeng is a large city of approximately 4.5 million people. The psychology team was one of the first groups of foreigners to visit the city, and the staff of the orphanage and many of the residents of the city had never met anyone from outside of China before. When the team brought their smiles and donations to the Chifeng Social Welfare Institutes (SWI), they were noticed. They were enthusiastically welcomed by the directors, staff, and residents of the orphanage.

Local newspaper and TV reporters covered the visit and interviewed several students and took pictures. The students visiting the orphanage appeared prominently on the front page of the Chifeng daily newspaper. In addition, the team appeared on the local TV station daily news.

The warm reception at the orphanage included a luncheon. The students and faculty were invited to help make Chinese dumplings with the orphanage staff and the children. The team was joined at lunch by the orphanage director, deputy-director, and even the city manager (mayor) of Chifeng. The warmth of the reception was overwhelming but customary in the hospitable Chinese culture.

The CSU team donated clothing, toys, games, baby bottles, and stuffed panda bears. While visiting the orphanage, the students painted the dining room. They designed colorful splashes of blue and green patterns, which created a more cheerful atmosphere. In addition, the team donated four much needed large heating/air-conditioning units to the orphanage at a cost of approximately $4,000. These units will allow the orphans and staff to use therapy rooms which can become very hot during the summer months and extremely cold during the winter months.

In addition to visiting the orphans at the Chifeng SWI, the students were invited by a local English professor to spend time at the Chifeng University, mingling and talking with the Chinese students. The team members were surprised to have several hundred Chinese students greet them upon their arrival at the University. Some Chinese students performed a traditional Mongolian welcoming ceremony and gave them each a beautiful, handmade Mongolian scarf as a gift. Many of the Chinese students had never met Americans before and were really excited to talk to the CSU students and faculty. Several of the Chinese students asked why the team came to China, and the team members were able to honestly share about their Christian beliefs.

In addition to bringing love, games, and attention to the children in the orphanage, one day the CSU Team took some of the orphans to the local Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant in town. Afterward, they took the children outside of town to hike in a park known as Red Mountain. The Team also visited a local Mongolian village with the orphans. The children were so excited and had such fun leaving the orphanage and taking trips into town for the first time in their lives.

The children in the Chifeng SWI orphanage were chosen by the CSU team because they were underserved and many of the children had special needs. The team found that the orphaned children had problems including: cleft lips, club feet, hearing impairments, mental retardation, and various other physical and mental disabilities. The children were excited to receive the unconditional love, kisses, and hugs from the team members. The team got permission to take some of the special needs students outside to play for the very first time. The next day, the team was excited to see that all the children had been brought outside by the orphanage staff to greet their bus. The CSU team brought a large parachute, CSU basketballs, bubbles, and sidewalk chalk for the children. There was much excitement and laughter in the orphanage courtyard that day.

Lauren Robinson, a sophomore education major, said, “I feel like I made a difference to the children in China because every day we went into the orphanage the children’s faces lit up with excitement and joy.”

In addition, the team taught songs and games and brought crayons and coloring books. Many children had never seen crayons before and had to be shown how to use them. The team was encouraged by the progress that some of the children made in just a few days. For example, the team was told that one little girl could not speak. However, when the team was leaving, she said “I love you” in Chinese!

For more information about the trip, please visit the Web site www.joyshare.com/sites/CSUCHina for an overview and pictures.
YOUR ALMA MATER ALWAYS tends to hold a special place in your heart. So many memories—good and bad—go along with the four-plus years that you spent at a school. The ties are likely stronger when you have represented that school in competition, sacrificing your body for the good of the team.

A lot of people hope to stay involved with their schools throughout the years, whether through a booster club or just as a fan. At Charleston Southern, four alumni have come back to serve as head coaches, hoping to lead their respective teams to all the success, and more, that they enjoyed.

Of the four, only Danyel Bellush ’97, ’01 M.Ed., was fortunate enough to take over immediately, leading the volleyball team the year after she finished playing.

“If we aren’t breaking records, then it isn’t a good thing because it means we aren’t getting better,” said Ansley. “As long as the records are falling, I know we are getting better and that the program is improving, and that is still what I want.”

Ansley, a member of the 2006 CSU Hall of Fame class, has been able to continue to grow the program, despite setting the bar pretty high as an athlete. The 2008 Big South Coach of the Year, Ansley’s squad finished as the Big South runners-up, the highest finish for a team since her freshman year.

“We wanted to be on the national scene, and we did that in a big way with Dionne Gibson finishing higher at the NCAA Championships than any CSU athlete ever has,” continued Ansley. “The main goal is just to improve, though, whether that is on the track or in the classroom.”

Starting just his second year as the head coach of the women’s golf program, Mike Wilson ’99 has already had success at his alma mater. The third seed going into the 2008 Big South Championships, the Lady Bucs jumped out to a nine-shot lead after the first round and cruised home with their first Big South Championship since 2001. The team also earned the 2008 Big South Women’s Golf Sportmanship Award.

“I think we were the only ones that thought we had a chance as the third seed,” said Wilson. “The team played really well, and after we won it was great to see the feedback from other programs here and the campus in general.”

Hoping to find the same success that other alumni have as heads of various sports, Stuart Lake ’94 signed on to coach the baseball team after having spent time at places like Ole Miss and the University of South Carolina. During his 14 years of coaching, Lake has had more than 75 players go on to play professional baseball. Even though he was working with other programs, his love of CSU never faded, and as the opportunity to become the leader appeared, it seemed a great fit for Lake.

“It’s very exciting, and I am very grateful to have the opportunity to coach at my alma mater,” said Lake. “It is a Division I program that I feel is on the way up. We are in a conference that is constantly getting better and better. It is easy to recruit when you had a great time here and got a great education. It makes it easy for me to look at a parent and tell them about the school when we go to offer their kid a scholarship.”

Lake isn’t the only one taking advantage of the recruiting benefits that come with taking over at your alma mater.

“It has helped in recruiting, because I know what they are going to go through,” said Ansley. “I’ve been on both sides. I have been here as an athlete, and I know what it’s going to take to succeed on the track; I know what it’s going to take to succeed in the classroom. Parents trust me because they know I went here and that I am familiar with the area.”

Wilson’s positive experience as an athlete has translated into an easy sell of the school from a recruiting side as well. “I loved going to school here, and I definitely use that in recruiting. Having gone here, I understand what you get when you come to CSU. It’s not just an education and an opportunity to play golf; the religious aspects of CSU really set us apart. Not to mention the way that everyone cares about your success. I think the community feeling is really a strength of Charleston Southern.”

The religious aspects have drawn a lot of people to CSU, and changed many lives, perhaps none more than Bellush.

“I actually didn’t know it was a Christian school when I got here, but God’s plan was obviously to bring me here,” said Bellush. “Some are hesitant about coming to a Christian school, but I know that if we can just plant a seed in their heart and then 10 or 20 years down the road it makes sense to them and they accept Christ as their savior, then I think we’ve been successful. I’m glad I came here and have been able to stay here. I met my husband here, and really, I think that CSU saved my life.”
STUART LAKE

The newest addition to the group of alumni coaches is Stuart Lake, who took over the reigns of the baseball program. Lake’s road to the CSU head coach has been a long one, returning 14 years after his 1994 graduation.

During his coaching career, Lake has been around the state of South Carolina at the College of Charleston, The Citadel and the University of South Carolina, as well as a stint at Ole Miss. More than 75 of his players have gone on to play professional baseball, with 31 players being drafted in the first 10 rounds of the MLB draft.

“It’s very exciting. I feel grateful to get an opportunity to coach at my alma mater. It’s a Division I program that I feel is on its way up. We are in a conference that is constantly getting better and better in baseball especially. To be in a city and a state that I love and grew up in is very exciting to me. It’s easy to recruit when you had a great time here and got a great education. It makes it easy for me to look at a parent and tell them about it when we go to offer their kid a scholarship. We have seven commitments for 2009, and four of them are from South Carolina. I’ve been very open, I feel our school offers a Christian environment that is needed in our society and provides a solid education. Baseball wise, it’s very helpful that two of our former pitchers are pitching in the big-leagues and that is something we are very proud of.

“I don’t think you could ever say that you intentionally came back to your school, but I have always kept up with the program. My career has taken me from South Carolina to Ole Miss and back. I always wanted to be a head coach and getting that chance with a program and area that I am familiar with can only be a positive.

“It was neat to see that some of the records were set back during my time here, but the great thing is that records are meant to be broken, and we sure hope that we can break some this season.”

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MIKE WILSON

Wilson is in just his second year as the head coach at his alma mater but has already made his presence known. The third-seed going into last year’s Big South Championship, Wilson and the Lady Bucs jumped out to a nine-shot lead after round one. With only five CSU golfers on the trip, one dropped out with an illness, forcing the other four to play their best golf of the season if they wanted to claim the championship.

The Lady Bucs did just that, holding off a late Coastal Carolina charge to win the championship by four shots. It was the first Big South title for the women’s golf program since 2001. Wilson’s team also earned the 2008 Big South Sportsmanship Award.

“It’s a lot different than playing, that’s for sure. For me, it’s just a great opportunity to pursue the career that I have been looking to do. It’s fun and exciting. When I graduated I served as the men’s and women’s assistant coach for a year. I never really thought I wanted to be in the golf business, but I went out to Seabrook Island as a cart attendant, and they talked me into being a teaching professional. So I started doing that and really enjoyed it, so I did that until 2006. I moved to Washington D.C. to be just a teaching professional instead of being a club pro at the same time. I was able to learn a lot more about techniques and ways to teach while in D.C. I missed Charleston, though, so I moved back and worked at Coosaw Creek Country Club until I heard about this position, and I thought it would be a good fit for me.

“I guess you couldn’t ask for much better out of your first year. We played really well and were very competitive in about half of our tournaments, and we thought we had a pretty good chance going into the Conference tournament. I think we were the only ones that believed that, being the number three seed. They played really well and it was just awesome to see the feedback from other programs and the university, and to get to participate in the NCAA tournament. It was a lot of work, but I think the team realized that all that work actually paid off.

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“Lately it has really helped me. At first, I didn’t know a lot of the other alumni, but now a lot of my players are coaching and it definitely gives me an advantage because they will sell the school for me because they had such a great experience here. I try to be upfront with what we are about. I actually didn’t know it was a Christian school when I got here, but God’s plan was obviously to bring me here. I try to be really up front and if that starts to scare them away, then we probably don’t want them here. If they are hesitant, I try to let them know that if we can just plant a seed in their heart and then 10 or 20 years down the road it makes sense to them and they accept Christ as their savior, then that is great news and I think we’ve been successful. Having grown in my own faith, I am more confident in doing that.

“I wasn’t hired until around July 28, and my interview with Coach Bagwell consisted of ‘Danyel, do you want this job? Then go see Karen and get your keys.’ They really wanted Carrie O’Connell, but she had already signed a teaching contract and couldn’t get down here until the next year. It still didn’t work out, and Coach Bagwell asked me to stay on.”

Going into her seventh year at the helm of the women’s track and field program, Ansley has coached 21 athletes to all-conference honors, including seven individual Big South champions. The 2008 Big South Outdoor Coach of the year, Ansley led the Lady Bucs to a runner-up finish, the highest since she was a freshman at CSU.

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School Ties

MARGARET TAYLOR GILMORE

MARGARET TAYLOR GILMORE, age 88, died Aug. 22, 2008, in Loveland, Co. She was one of the first five employees hired at the University.

Margaret Aline Taylor, born July 21, 1920, in Elm Springs, Ark., was the only child of Gladys Irene Fair Taylor and John Earl Taylor. Because her mother died soon after she was born, she was raised by her paternal grandparents, Hugh Johnson Taylor and Alice Orellia Norman Taylor.

At age five the family moved to Manzanola, Colorado, where Margaret grew up and graduated from high school. She then enrolled at Colorado State Teachers College in Greeley, Colorado, to study toward a degree in English.

Following her marriage to Bruce Millard Gilmore, she became the mother of one child, a son, Bruce Taylor Gilmore. The family lived in Due West, South Carolina, from 1940 to 1962.

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Her writing career spanned her lifetime. Writing first for her high school newspaper, she later contributed short sketches to The Due West Weekly. Next, she was a member of the staff of writers for the Independent/Daily Mail in Anderson, S.C., where she edited a section of the paper for eight years. In the early 1960s, at a suggestion from a friend, she applied for an opportunity to write for the Charleston Post and Courier. Becoming a member of that staff of writers, she believed, was her ultimate achievement.

In 1964, she became a part of the team of five individuals who set about structuring the physical and academic base for the new college being sponsored by South Carolina Baptists. This became the greatest challenge of her professional career.

Her multifaceted role gave her the opportunity to write, professionally and with sensitivity, the spiritual responsibilities that came with keeping the public informed as to what the college was becoming. In her personal journals she wrote of the challenges that came to staff, faculty and students who came to invest their confidence in the new college. She composed a weekly in-house newsletter that maintained a family feeling for employees.

During those early years she filled various roles of leadership responsibility, always writing to put a face on the fledgling institution. She served as director of public relations and was the beloved advisor for the student newspaper and the student literary magazine. For 40 years she continued to be a part of the steady growth of what is now Charleston Southern University. Her collective accumulation of records resulted in her final responsibility as University archivist.

Charleston Southern University awarded her the honorary doctorate of letters in 1992, and she was a recipient of the Alumni Recognition Award. Her book, Dove, a collection of poetry and prose, was published in 2006. Also, in 2006, the Charleston Southern Women’s Council dedicated the Margaret Gilmore Commemorative Garden in the center of campus to honor her years of work at CSU.

Her second book, Cardinal, is scheduled for release soon, and her third book, Eagle, is scheduled to release in spring 2009.

In addition to her work on campus, she was a speaker and teacher in Bible classes, at commencements and taught many classes on keeping a personal journal.

Surviving are her son, Dr. Bruce Taylor Gilmore and his wife, Jane, of Loveland, Co., three grandchildren, Catherine, William and Andrew, and eight great-grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to the CSU Women’s Council to be used for scholarships or other projects for the beautification of the campus.

BE READY FOR YOUR CALL!

It may not feel like it now, but spring will be here before you know it! Each spring, CSU students and alumni work hard to contact more than 12,000 alumni to update information and seek financial support. With your help, the 2009 Phonathon will help CSU students continue to achieve their dream of a quality Christian education.

With more than 3,000 students, the need for student scholarships is greater than ever before. Making a gift to the annual fund during Phonathon is a wonderful way to have a big impact on the lives of CSU students. Here is the challenge for CSU Alumni: If you have participated in Phonathon before, please prayerfully consider increasing your gift for 2009. If you have never given to Phonathon before, please start now! A gift of any size can have a huge impact on the lives of our students and the future of our University!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SAVE A PHONE CALL, PLEASE CONTACT THE ALUMNI OFFICE AT 843-863-7516 OR BY E-MAIL AT ALUMNI@CSUNIV.EDU TO GET YOUR PLEDGE IN EARLY!
Fellow Classmates,

During Homecoming 2009, Charleston Southern will be honoring the Class of 1969 on its 40th reunion. The Class of 1969, along with the classes of 1967 and 1968, make up the founding classes of Charleston Southern. CSU, then known as the Baptist College at Charleston, opened its doors in the fall of 1965. Starting with just more than 400 students and meeting at the First Baptist Church of North Charleston, the members of the founding class had no idea what the next four years had in store. These students helped form the firm foundation for the Baptist College. This foundation has helped CSU grow from those original 400 students to more than 3,000 today. The University has changed names, expanded facilities, established a strong athletic program, and graduated more than 13,000 students, all while staying true to the original mission of the school.

Have you wondered what your classmates from the founding class are up to now? Have you kept in touch with your friends? If you are looking to reconnect, here is your chance! The founding class is now seeking volunteers from the class to assist with contacting classmates and planning the reunion events. If you would like to be a part of the Founding Class Committee, please contact David Weiss in the Alumni Office at 843-863-7516 or at dweiss@csuniv.edu to get plugged in. All members of the class are encouraged to join the effort!

Sincerely,
Don Nye ’69

Assistant Vice President and Certified Senior Advisor
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ALBERT EINSTEIN IS ONE OF THE most celebrated figures of the 20th century. Honored by Time magazine in 1999 as the “Man of the Century,” Einstein’s influence on the world of science is still felt today. His views on giving are also very striking. With apologies to Einstein, we could rephrase his quote to apply to our relationship with our alma mater. It may read “It is every alumnus’ obligation to put back into the University at least the equivalent of what he takes out of it.” At the very least, it gives us a unique perspective on our relationship with Charleston Southern.

There are many great things happening at CSU, and it all starts with our vision—“To be a Christian university nationally recognized for integrating faith in learning, leading, and serving.” This vision is at the heart of all that we do at Charleston Southern. From the School of Business to the Horton School of Music, and all points between, our faculty is integrating faith into the learning experience. Dr. Amy Nolan, a 1994 graduate and associate professor of biology, has been a strong supporter of integrating faith into the learning experience and encourages her students to look at all aspects of their lives through a biblical perspective. Jonathan Lane ’03 recently shared with the student body during convocation how his work as a police officer with the City of Charleston gives him the opportunity to serve the public while living out his faith. Campus Minister Clark Carter, a 1987 graduate, provides strong Christian leadership to mission teams from the University as they travel to do missions work in places such as Baltimore, Maryland, and Cleveland, Ohio. Students from CSU have taken part in global missions efforts to places in China, England, Peru, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, and Thailand, just to name a few. All of this is made possible by the prayers and support of CSU alumni and friends.

With enrollment of more than 3,000, the growth of CSU over the years has been remarkable. Along with the increasing number of students comes an increased demand on scholarships, grants, loans, and work-study programs. Nearly 95 percent of our students receive some form of financial aid, many of whom would not be able to attend college without the assistance. Our alumni have been very generous over the years, providing the base of support for the University. It is our challenge to continue leading the way for future generations of CSU students.

The 2008 President’s Report, located in the back of this issue of CSU Magazine, honors those alumni who have made a gift to Charleston Southern over the past year. The list is divided into class years—how does your class compare to others? Talk to your classmates and fellow alumni—there are many ways to give back to CSU. Service on the Alumni Board or the Board of Visitors, membership in the Buc Club, and pledging to Phonathon are just a few of the ways you can get involved. To find out more information, contact the Alumni Office directly at alumni@csuniv.edu or at 843-863-7516. Remember, as Mother Teresa said, “To keep a lamp burning, we have to put oil in it.” Your support is the oil that keeps CSU’s light shining strong!
A FEW SHORT MONTHS AGO, I HAD AN AWESOME OPPORTUNITY TO SEE NEW AND returning students come onto the campus on move-in day. The sight of many international students along with those from across the country and locally, meeting for the first time, was a joy to behold. Excitement was everywhere among students, parents, and families while staff, security, and volunteers kept perfect order with parking and aiding those moving in with everything from home that could fit in the vehicle. We can only imagine how different move-in day must have been handled more than 40 years ago.

I feel certain each of us has committed to supporting CSU and CSUAA to the best of our abilities. Our ongoing involvement and participation in campus activities will ensure a strong and active alumni association.

On behalf of our alumni association board members, I wish each of you a blessed holiday season and a reminder to continue your involvement with our students while they journey toward higher education at CSU. Let us pledge to continue our support to CSU in making every effort to “give back” as our legacy continues.

YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED! -

THE ALUMNI OFFICE IS CURRENTLY ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR THE SIX CSUAA AWARDS.

If you know of a deserving CSU alumnus, please let us know! Submit award nominations to the Alumni Office via e-mail at alumni@csuniv.edu or by phone at 843-863-7516.

- Distinguished Alumnus of the Year
- Outstanding Young Alumnus of the Year
- Alumnus Community Service Award
- University Mission Award
- Alumnus Service Award
- Outstanding Alumnus of the Year

Please log onto www.charlestonsouthern.edu/alumni for more information.
NEW TENT GREETs BUC CLUB MEMBERS

Members of the Buccaneer Club are gathering in style in a new tent purchased for this football season.

For information on joining the Buc Club, contact Cathryn Broderhasuen at cbroderhasuen@csuniv.edu.
DR. BONE’S EUROPEAN ADVENTURE

THE DUTCH PAINTER, VINCENT VAN GOGH SAID “The best way to know life is to love many things.” Travel offers those who want to know life more fully, opportunities to see, taste, touch, and experience many new and wonderful things, including the fine art of the painter! In June 2009, Dr. Linda Karges-Bone, professor, author, and consultant will lead a group of educators, artists, college students, and life-long learners on a European Adventure that spans two weeks and four countries. The travel group will leave from Charleston, S.C., and travel to Italy and points beyond, returning two weeks later from Amsterdam.

This trip is designed to broaden one’s educational, social, and creative horizons through exposure to travel, art, geography, history, religion, architecture, and food. Working with the respected Explorica company, Dr. Bone’s group will begin in Milan, Italy, move to Florence and Venice, take the high-speed TVG train to Paris, continue to Monaco and Nice, and wrap with two days in Amsterdam.

“The best way to know life is to love many things.”
VINCENT VAN GOGH

“An important aspect of this trip is the quality of the lectures and guides who will be providing background knowledge and leading tours,” noted Dr. Bone. “Travelers will soak in the best teaching and most lively lectures bringing the ancient cities and amazing art to a new, more meaningful level.”

Prospective travelers need not have a college degree or a teaching background to join the group. Only a love of learning and a high level of energy are necessary. Dr. Bone added “This is a fabulous way to do Europe. Everything is planned out for you. Just grab a passport and pack a rolling bag. But be ready to walk, explore, talk, and eat lots of pasta, bread, and gelato.”

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON DR. BONE’S EUROPEAN ADVENTURE, BEGINNING IN JUNE 2009 AND CONTINUING FOR TWO WEEKS, VISIT WWW.EDUCATIONINSITE.COM OR VISIT WWW.MYEXPLORICA.COM FOR TRIP BONE-4634.
**1969**

**Gene Butler III** is the new economic development director for the Berkeley County Government. In an article from the *Goose Creek Gazette*, Butler said, “This is a wonderful opportunity... I am excited about helping Berkeley County continue to grow and prosper.”

**1973**

**Archie Franchini** has recently been named the Deputy Superintendent for the Berkeley County School District.

**1975**

**Elizabeth Stewart** is the new director of housekeeping at Somerby of Mount Pleasant. She has 25 years of experience working in commercial and hospital settings. Prior to taking her new position at Somerby, she served as an environmental services supervisor at Roper Hospital.

**1977**

**Jan Stanley** was honored at Kenan Stadium October 25 as an inductee into the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame. Jan has not only established herself as an extraordinary volleyball coach but a successful basketball coach as well. She is second all-time in state prep history in volleyball victories. She has coached for 33 years at West Henderson with an amazing record of 645-114 and two state championships in 2003-04. Her basketball team won a state title in 1991 in addition to 250 victories. Jan has also served as a member of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Board of Directors for four years.

**1990**

**Susan Edwards** has spent the past year working for the Archdiocese of Boston as the parish stewardship coordinator. She resides in Cambridge, Mass., where she plans to make her permanent home.

**1998**

**Mark Cisar** was inducted into the 5th annual Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Hall of Fame August 16. Mark played baseball as a starter for four years at CSU later to be drafted by the Boston Red Sox. He also played for the Augusta Green Jackets and the Capitals de Québec. Currently, Mark is a teacher at the Belmont Career Center and is the head football coach at Union Local High School in West Virginia.

**1992**

**Jamie Moody** married the former **Connie Leigh Baxley** May 31. They live in Summerville with her twin five-year-old sons, Chase and Jackson. Jamie graduated from Webster University with an M.A. in clinical counseling. He is currently employed as the residential manager for the Oakgrove High Management Group Home, which is part of the Carolina Youth Development Center located in North Charleston.

**1996**

**David Allen** is working as the deputy sheriff with the Suwannee County Sheriff’s Department. David was recently awarded the Law Enforcement Officer’s Medal of Valor for an incident that took place in Suwannee County, Fla. He and his wife, Melissa, reside in Branford. He was a member of the football team while at CSU.

**2000**

**Dita Floyd Rose** and her husband, **Thomas Rose ‘96**, proudly announce the birth of their son August 8, Thomas Jerome Rose IV, 7lbs. and 3.5 oz. Dita graduated from the University of Phoenix in May 2008 with a master’s in elementary education.

**2001**

**Christina Sparks Walker** works as the band director at Ridgeland Middle School. For the past seven years Christina has created a band program that now involves 50 students. She has been selected as the 2008 Jasper County School District Teacher of the Year. In a news report she said, “I feel it is my job to not only teach students music but also the life lessons that can be learned through music.”

Courtney Williams and **Chadwick Lee Humbert** were married June 21 at St. Lukes Chapel in Charleston. They reside in Goose Creek, and Chadwick is currently employed as a driver by United Parcel Service.
2002

Ryan Brownlow and Nicole Burton Brownlow proudly announce the birth of their son, Christian Tyler Brownlow. Christian was born July 5, weighing 8 lbs., 11 oz. Nicole is a financial aid officer at Trident Technical College, and Ryan is the youth pastor at The Fellowship of Oakbrook. They reside in Summerville.

Heather Pipkin Gray and Captain David Gray ’01 announce the birth of their daughter, Ava Elizabeth. Ava was born July 18 weighing 7 lbs., 2 oz. in Willingboro, N.J. David and Heather also have two other children: daughter Nyah, 4 and son Garrett, 2. They recently moved to Ramstein Air Base, Germany, where David serves as a flight commander for the 86th Contingency Response Group. Heather is a freelance photographer and also a stay-at-home mom.

Lea Odom and Neal Dajean Webb were married April 11 at an outdoor ceremony in Mount Pleasant. Neal’s wife, Lea, works as a physical therapist at Trident Sports Medicine & Rehabilitation. Neal is currently employed with Everyman Property Development of Kent, England, and they live in Charleston.

2003

Joseph Debney is the new executive director of elections and voter registration for Dorchester County. Joseph formerly worked for the Charleston County Board of Elections and Voter Registration and the State Election Commission. Joseph and his family are expecting their third child in January 2009.

Mark Heidt Meyer and Tarrah Thompson Meyer are proud to announce the birth of their son, Luke Heidt Meyer. Luke, 8 lbs. and 3 oz., was born Aug. 21 in Mount Pleasant. Mark is currently employed at Gregg Middle School in Summerville as a sixth grade language arts teacher. Tarrah, Miss CSU of 2003, works as a ninth grade English teacher at Summerville High School.

2004

Amanda Elmore graduated on June 21 from South University (Columbia Campus) with a master of arts degree. She is employed with the South Carolina Department of Mental Health and was recently promoted to Human Services Coordinator/Mental Health Counselor.

Kate Hayden Jackson ’05 M.Ed. is the children’s minister at The Chapel, located in Brunswick, Ga. Kate taught elementary and middle-school-aged children until she felt the Lord calling her for full time ministry at The Chapel. Kate writes, “Working at The Chapel is the BEST thing that has ever happened to me! We are a strong family and we do life together. The bond we have here is something I have never experienced!” Kate recently married Eric Jackson, and they now reside in Brunswick.

2005

Brittney Leigh Smith and John-Nicholas Everette Stockman were married May 24 at First Baptist Church in Charleston. Brittny is employed by First Federal Savings and Loan and is scheduled to graduate from CSU in December. John works at CSU as an enrollment counselor.

2006

Derrick Apple has joined Jarrard Nowell & Russell LLC as a staff accountant.

Tina Buchanan and Chris Atkinson were married Aug. 9 in Minneapolis, Minn., where they currently reside. Chris and Tina work together at Crossroads Technology Solutions, Inc., a privately held company specializing in medically intelligent consulting. Tina teaches dance to young children, while Chris ministers through church worship and leads a prison music ministry. They write, “We enjoy spending time with friends and family, and we love to travel. We are both looking forward to many years of fulfilling experiences ahead.”

Tabitha Mack Glover was awarded the 2007-2008 Jackson School Reading Teacher of the Year as well as the 2008-2009 Jackson School Teacher of the Year Award. Tabitha is in her 3rd year in Kershaw County School District. She is currently working on a master of library and information science at the University of South Carolina and hopes to become a school media specialist.

Jessica Poole is currently working with preschool age students at Charleston Collegiate.
2007

Laura Tauscher Carnes has been promoted to office manager and director of gifting at Charleston Nut Company, located in Mount Pleasant.

Ginny Easterby and Jeremiah Jones were married June 21 at St. Matthews Lutheran Church in Charleston. Ginny works as a PE teacher at Murray LaSaine Elementary School. Her husband, Jeremiah, is employed as a manager of RCI Enterprises, and they live in Charleston.

Leslie Ott Howard and her husband proudly announce the birth of their son Richard Anthony Howard, 8 lbs. and 7 oz. Richard was born July 11. Leslie works as a marketing product manager at South Carolina Federal Credit Union, and she and her family live in Charleston.

2008

Joanna Carolina Smith and Brian Christopher Hull ’06 were married June 21 at Cane Branch Baptist Church. Joanna works at the Charleston County Library, and Brian is employed by NCO Group. They currently reside in Charleston.

Megan Pledger and David Mosteller ’07 were married at Deer Park Baptist Church May 31. They are now living in Ladson, S.C.

Lauren Amy Redwine and Jared Kyle Lethco were married at Old Fort Baptist Church in Summerville on July 12. Lauren is employed by the Summerville Medical Center. Her husband Jared, is currently employed at Dick’s Sporting Goods and attending CSU where he is majoring in biology.

MEMORIALS

Charles Earl Leavitt, Sr. ’71, age 76, died August 17 at Roper Hospital. Charles was the pastor of Christ Lutheran Church in Cullman, Alabama.

Ana McCuiston ’96, died on March 9 in Versailles, Missouri, after a battle with cancer.

Bhanwari “Bobby” Ramkhalawan, Jr. ’03, age 30, died June 17. He was vice president of BDA Inc., and a member of Palmetto State Ford Club and Khaotik Illusions Car Club.

Glenda Lee Flowers Stone ’93, age 53, died August 10, 2008, in a bus accident. She was a volunteer Guardian Ad-Litum with Berkeley County.

Mae Martin Tassin ’71, age 85, died June 15. She was a retired teacher from Porter Gaud School.

KEEP IN TOUCH

We would love to hear about your career & family.

IN ORDER FOR YOUR NEWS TO BE PRINTED IN THE SPRING ISSUE OF THE MAGAZINE, WE NEED TO RECEIVE YOUR INFORMATION BY JANUARY 28, 2009.

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Establish a culture where biblical faith permeates all aspects of University life.

Student Success
Prepare students to succeed intellectually, professionally, spiritually and personally.

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Develop a community of faculty and staff committed to integrating faith and work.

Distance Education
Enhance learning opportunities through online programs.

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Build a distinctively Christian identity that highlights excellence.
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Each member of the Board of Trustees is elected by the South Carolina Baptist Convention for a term of five years. The purpose of the board is to oversee the formulation of policy necessary and appropriate to accomplish the University’s mission and vision.

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The Presidential Council and our yearly mission trips to Romania (We have just completed our 11th mission trip to Romania, the cross is in the Carpathian Mountains.) are two ways we have seen the change in our lives. The council is a way to encourage college students to seek Christ. The trips to Romania are reaching out to those that the world has neglected and abused and rejected. The love for them is God’s doing, without Christ in our lives these changes would never have taken place.

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