The Arts at CSU

CSU Players present

Romeo and Juliet

Thursday, Oct. 16, 8 p.m. • Friday, Oct. 17, 8 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 18, 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.

CSU Lyric Theater presents

The 1940s Radio Hour

FEATURING

Chattanooga Choo-Choo, Ain’t She Sweet,
Blue Moon, Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy, At Last,
Strike Up the Band, I’ll Be Seeing You and more

Thursday, Nov. 20, 7:30 p.m. • Friday, Nov. 21, 7:30 p.m. • Saturday, Nov. 22, 7:30 p.m. • Sunday, Nov. 23, 3 p.m.
Contents

SUMMER 2008

REFLECTIONS FROM THE POND

Food Service 4
Byers Awarded Scholarship 5
Hanna Honored 5
Back Porch Storytellers 6
Wonderful Wizard 6
May Graduation 7
Wingate Opens 8

CHALK TALK

Integrating Faith 9
Honors Program 9
Retiring Faculty 10
Science and Christianity 12
NCATE Reaccreditation 13
Criminal Justice Grant 14

MINISTRIES

Baltimore Trip 15
Senior Conference 16
Catalyst Sparks 17

FEATURES

The Explorers Club 18
Rick Bickerstaff + LA film 24
Married to the Game 28
Buccaneer Baseball 32

REPLAY

Cheerleaders 34
Fisher DeBerry 35
Football Schedule 35
Vetter Excels 36
Women's Golf 37
Building Buccaneer 37
Track Team Wrap-up 38

ADVANCEMENT

Google BOV Breakfast 39
Scholarship Luncheon 40
Cope Scholarship 41
BOV Exec. Council 42

SCHOOL TIES

Homecoming 43
Alumni Luncheon 44
Alumni News 45
David Cheatle 46
Jermaine Whirl 46
Class Notes 47

ON THE COVER:

Leslie Ward, a sophomore from Fountain Inn majoring in communication and religion, greets the sun rising over the Atlantic on Folly Beach.

Photo © Rhett Marley
CSU Magazine is published three times a year by the Office of University Relations for alumni and friends of Charleston Southern University.

Address changes should be sent to Mary Person, director of operations for advancement, CSU, P.O. Box 118087, Charleston, SC 29423-8087 or e-mail mperson@csuniv.edu.

Senior Officers
Dr. Jairy C. Hunter Jr., President
Dr. Jim Colman, Vice President for Academic Affairs
Dr. Richard B. Brewer Jr. ’77, ’96, Vice President for Planning & Student Affairs
Sue Mitchell, Vice President for Business Affairs
Debbie Williamson, Vice President for Enrollment Management
W. Stovall Witte Jr., Vice President for Advancement & Marketing
Rusty Bruns, Chief Information Officer
William L. Ward ’90, Executive Director for Development
Michelle Lovins ’05, Associate Vice President for Business Affairs
Lindsey Walke, Assistant to the President

www.charlestonsouthern.edu

Published by
Atlantic Publication Group
One Poston Road, Suite 190, Charleston, SC 29407  |  843.747.0025  •  www.atlanticpublicationgrp.com

Richard Barry, President
Warren Darby, Vice President of Operations
Ashley Arnsdorff, Publishing Services Director
Ali Lorenzana, Editorial Services
Bob Durand, Senior Art Director
Janean Lesyk, Graphic Designer
Dear Alumni and Friends

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING THE CLASS OF 2012 TO CAMPUS THIS FALL. CURRENT STUDENTS HAVE been taking advantage of online options to register for classes and reserve their textbooks. Enrollment figures are currently on schedule to reach our goal of enrolling 4,000 students by 2014.

Charleston Southern was proud to host approximately 4,000 young men and women from M-Fuge (formerly Mission-Fuge), for the ninth consecutive year. These youth are great ambassadors for Christ, providing assistance and ministering to needy people in the local community. The CSU family also participated in several global education mission trips over the summer when faculty and students visited countries such as China, Czechoslovakia, Mexico and Austria. Plans are currently under way to conduct a mission trip to India next year, in conjunction with the International Mission Board.

The spring graduating class left our students many things to live up to including a 100 percent pass rate on the National Council Licensure Examination Registered Nurse (NCLEX-RN) by the graduates from the School of Nursing for the second year in a row. Our athletics program had an outstanding year with school records being broken by the men's and women's 4 x 400 m relay teams and in the hammer throw. Two sprinters also exemplified excellence and represented CSU at the NCAA National Championship in Des Moines, Iowa. The women's golf team represented the Big South Conference in the NCAA East Regionals, and three baseball players were named to the 2008 Louisville Slugger Freshman All-American team. These are just a few of the wonderful things that are happening at CSU.

The University is partnering with Lowcountry churches to host the Franklin Graham Festival at the North Charleston Coliseum September 19-21. We’re excited that Franklin Graham will be speaking at our convocation on September 17. What a wonderful experience this will be for our students.

Our alumni are also making a name for themselves, and in this issue of the CSU Magazine you will read about several who are following their dreams. You will also read about a new course, Cosmology, Creation & Christianity, that was offered to upper level science students. The course offered a dialogue about the blending of science and Christianity. The first stage of our excess property development plan is complete with the recent opening of the Wingate Inn by Wyndham. This beautiful hotel is now open for business.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers.
Looking forward to seeing you on October 30 as we kick off Homecoming.

JAIRY C HUNTER JR
Culinary Competition

THIS SPRING ARAMARK HELD ITS 2008 ACE Culinary Competition where the best of the best from the higher education divisions competed in a head-to-head four-hour culinary competition.

The Carolinas region field started at 18 chefs, and the top three were picked to move on to the national competition in July. Charleston Southern is proudly home to two of these, Billy Hicks and Karen Cullen.

Winning menus

**Billy Hicks**
- Tomato caramel tart
- Potato crusted salmon with a champagne chive sauce and duo of asparagus
- Chocolate molten cake with raspberry jus and vanilla strawberry ice cream

**Karen Cullen**
- Buttermilk nicoise salad
- Braised veal shank with cabernet demi-glace and port wine reduction presented with baby carrots and roasted fingerling potatoes
- Spiced apple spring rolls with a mint-infused syrup

GOING GREEN

IN OTHER DINING HALL NEWS, GOING green is the trend.

When students visit the CAF, Java City and Edwards Express, they have the option of helping CSU go green. In the CAF, students have the option to go trayless.

JanaMarie Gilmore, dining hall supervisor, says, “So far we have received great response to our new program. Our biggest rollout, obviously, is the removal of the trays, and we have received all positive feedback. Maybe 5-10 people a day request trays.” Reducing the number of trays used saves water and electricity.

Corn-based to-go cups, recycling bins and other initiatives are in the works.
BYERS AWARDED PALMETTO GOLD SCHOLARSHIP

BYERS, A SENIOR, HAS BEEN chosen as a 2008 Palmetto Gold Scholarship recipient. The Palmetto Gold Nurse Recognition Program originated in 2002 when a coalition of South Carolina nurse leaders came together and developed a statewide program to highlight the contributions nurses provide within the healthcare system.

“Liana is well-deserving of this award,” says Dr. Tara Hulsey, dean and professor of the Derry Patterson Wingo School of Nursing. “She takes every opportunity to promote our school; she regularly volunteers her time on and off campus and is clearly dedicated to the art of nursing,” she said.

Byers credits the high criteria for placement into the Charleston Southern nursing program “because it delivers only the most dedicated and motivated students into the healthcare setting where attention to detail and excellence in performance could mean the difference between life and death,” she said.

After graduation, Byers plans to work for the Roper St. Francis Healthcare System thanks to another scholarship. “I am looking forward to a nursing career serving people that will make my family and my alma mater proud and carrying out that career with an attitude of faith, giving all the glory to God.” The Derry Patterson Wingo School of Nursing is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year.

NANNA HONORED BY TCCA

DIRECTOR OF COUNSELING Services Glenda Nanna has been selected as the Administrator of the Year by the Tri County Counseling Association.

Nanna was nominated by TCAA member Dr. Bob Ratliff, dean of students. “Glenda is an innovator who has taken a small counseling program, with limited resources and budget, and made it into a model of what a small college counseling center is capable of doing,” said Ratliff.

Under her leadership, CSU has started a PEER Educator Program. Students are trained by Nanna and make presentations on alcohol, drugs and other topics in Freshman Seminar classes for more than 600 freshmen each semester.

She instituted the Volunteer Counseling Assistance Team to assist counselors in the event of a large-scale disaster or tragedy in which students would be affected.

Nanna has involved CSU in the Peer Assistance Leader (PAL) Program, a partnership between the Charleston Police Department, CSU, College of Charleston, and The Citadel. The goals of the program are to educate, assist and intervene with minimal law enforcement involvement, to enhance student safety, improve quality of life and build partnerships between college students and police.

Other accomplishments include partnering with Webster University and The Citadel to become a supervising counselor for students in the master’s programs, securing a nationally recognized speaker to provide training in threat assessment, and organizing initiatives for National Alcohol Screening Day, National Depression Screening Day and National Eating Disorders/Body Imaging Week.
DULCIMERS. GHOST TALES. AFRICAN MYTHS. RAUCOUS FAMILY HUMOR. TALKING animals. Soulful ballads. Lowcountry legends. All of this and a potent dose of English language arts standards brought 75 educators and future teachers from CSU and three local school districts to the University for an evening workshop entitled, “Do Tell: Put the Book Down.”

Hosted by the Professional Development School initiative in the School of Education, this new event promises to develop into an annual celebration of literacy. Professor Rebecca Hill, the PDS liaison who organized the event with Karen Stinson, media specialist from Ladson Elementary School, shared her enthusiasm for the program. “We are heavily invested in our PDS networks and want to use them as a way to share best practices, especially as they pertain to children’s language, literacy and creativity,” Hill said.

“For our teacher candidates,” said colleague Dr. Sally Brown, “this evening provided the opportunity for them to discover the rich history of oral storytelling and its contribution to the development of reading and writing.”
THOUSANDS OF PROUD PARENTS, friends and relatives packed the North Charleston Coliseum to witness the commencement May 3 of 300 graduate and undergraduate students.

Johnny E. Ward of Moncks Corner, chairman of the board of trustees, said, “I have two grandchildren here today who are graduating. I don’t know if there is anyone here that is any prouder than I am.”

Dr. George C. Greene III, chairman of the Charleston-based Water Missions International, was commencement speaker. In his address, Greene cited a conversation that a young lawyer had with Jesus found in Mark 12. When asked what the greatest commandment was, Jesus responded, “to love the Lord your God with all your heart, and all your soul, and all your mind, and all your strength. The second command is the same; you shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

“I want to suggest to you that this is the key to a life of significance – to love your neighbor as yourself. And note that this is not a suggestion or a recommendation. It’s a commandment – straight from God,” Greene said.

Greene and his wife, Molly, left the corporate world in 1981 and started an environmental consulting company. Ten years ago, Hurricane Mitch hit Central America and left an estimated 11,000 people dead in Honduras alone. It was out of this devastation that Greene said he clearly heard the Lord say to him, “you need to help these people.” Within a few weeks of the hurricane, his company designed and built six small community water treatment systems.

In 2001, Greene formed Water Missions International, which now has more than 500 water systems in 32 countries providing safe water to more than 1,000,000 people. Greene was awarded an honorary doctorate of public service degree.

With more than 100 years of combined service, four professors were honored as emeriti faculty during the ceremony. Those honored were Carol Jean Drowota, professor emerita of English; Linda Salter Gooding, professor emerita of history; Wendell Thomas Guerry, professor emeritus of religion, and Anne Leigh Hawkes, professor emerita of foundation studies and English. In addition to the emeriti faculty, the distinguished professor title was granted to A. Kennerley Bonnette, distinguished professor of chemistry.

A highlight of the ceremony was the commissioning of three graduates into the U.S. Air Force: Daniel Beirne received his bachelor of technology and is awaiting assignment; Derek Combee received his bachelor of arts and begins pilot training next year; and Marcus Pivec received his master of business administration and began navigator training in June.

The Distinguished Service Award was presented to Bill and Bonnie Weathersbee of Lexington for their special contributions through the Ronnie Sission Memorial Endowed Scholarship, the Board of Visitors and the Buccaneer Club Board of Directors.
WINGATE BY WYNDHAM IS NOW OPEN AT THE ENTRANCE TO CHARLESTON SOUTHERN. THE HOTEL features: free high-speed wireless Internet, 24-hour business center, 32” HDTVs in all rooms, 2,000 square feet of meeting space, sundries shop, fitness room, spa & outdoor pool, and complimentary deluxe continental breakfast. Alumni and parents can call for a special rate 843-553-4444.
THREE GRADUATES WORE THE honors program medal at graduation this year. Dr. Clay Motley, director of the honors program (second from left), congratulates Laura Crews, a math and economics major from Simpsonville; Shannon Fisher, an athletic training major from Greer, and Rachel Smalley, an athletic training major from Aiken.
Professor Anne Hawkes began her employment in 1987 as an assistant professor of foundation studies. This title was changed to assistant professor of foundation studies and English in 1989. In 1991 she assumed the position of director of foundation studies program, a position she retained until her retirement.

Hawkes graduated from Clemson University with an M.A. in English. She received a B.A. in sociology with a minor in English and psychology from the University of Richmond. Prior to coming to Charleston Southern she held teaching positions at Clemson, Central Wesleyan College, and the College of Charleston.

Hawkes is a member of the National and South Carolina Council of Teachers in English, the college section of the National Council of Teachers of English, the Southeastern Atlantic Modern Language Association, and the South Carolina and National Associations for Developmental Educators. She is a proud member of Sigma Tau Delta.

She has two children, Ian and Ellan. She lives in Charleston and is a member of Grace Episcopal Church.

Dr. W. Thomas Guerry joined CSU in 1981 as a counselor and adjunct instructor in religion and sociology. In 1983 he was promoted to the position of assistant professor of religion. In 1989 he was promoted to the position of associate professor of religion.

Guerry earned his D.Min and B.D. from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, and his A.B. from Erskine College. Prior to coming to Charleston Southern he served as a senior minister, a pastor, an adjunct professor of religion and philosophy and a counselor for the hearing impaired.

He has been a member of the American Academy of Religion, the Society of Biblical Literature, the South Carolina Academy of Religion, the National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion and the Southern Baptist Historical Society.

Guerry and his wife, Vicky, live in Mount Pleasant with their son, Benjamin. They are members of Providence Baptist Church.

Drowota received a Ph.D in English from the University of South Carolina, the M.A.T. in English from Duke University and B.S. in English, with a minor in French from the College of Charleston. She has held teaching positions at the University of South Carolina, Columbia College, Longwood College, and in the Charleston County Public School District.

Drowota is a member of the South Atlantic Modern Language Association, the Southeastern American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, the American Society for Theatre Research, the National Council of Teachers of English, the South Carolina Women in Higher Education, the Poetry Society of South Carolina, English-Speaking Union, the Center for the Study of Southern Culture, the Society for the Study of Southern Literature, and Carolinas Communication Association.

She is a past president of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Beta Chapter. In 1989 Drowota was awarded the Excellence-in-Teaching Award, and in 1986 she was awarded the Faculty Merit Award.

Drowota lives in Hanahan and is an active member of the St. Johannes Lutheran Church.

Professor Linda Gooding began with CSU in 1967 as an administrative assistant in student services. In 1968 she accepted the position of instructor in history. In 1974 Gooding was promoted to her current title of assistant professor in history.

Gooding earned an M.A. in history from the University of Tennessee and a B.A. in history from the College of Charleston. She has been the recipient of many awards including the National Honor Society, the Faculty Merit Award, the Excellence-in-Teaching Award and the Alpha Eta Delta Kappa Gamma Achievement Award.

Gooding has been a member of the Southern Historical Association, the South Carolina Historical Association, the World History Association, and the Southern Association for Women Historians. She has also been President of the state chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International.

Gooding is married to Rhett Gooding, and they have one daughter, Iris. The Goodings live in Ridgeville and are members of Sandridge Baptist Church.

President Jairy Hunter praised the retiring faculty for their outstanding service. “Professors Gooding, Drowota, Hawkes and Guerry represent the core liberal arts areas of history, English, and religion whose values helped create, in its earliest days, a small, liberal arts Baptist college in Charleston. Like proud parents, they have nurtured the growth of this young college into a mature, much larger Christian University. We are indebted to them for the University they have helped to create.”

President Jairy Hunter praised the retiring faculty for their outstanding service. “Professors Gooding, Drowota, Hawkes and Guerry represent the core liberal arts areas of history, English, and religion whose values helped create, in its earliest days, a small, liberal arts Baptist college in Charleston. Like proud parents, they have nurtured the growth of this young college into a mature, much larger Christian University. We are indebted to them for the University they have helped to create.”

Dr. Carol Drowota, Professor Anne Hawkes, President Jairy Hunter, Professor Linda Gooding and Dr. Tom Guerry.
COSMOLOGY, CREATION & CHRISTIANITY WAS offered to upper level science students for the first time this spring. Taught by Dr. Jamie Probin, associate professor of mathematics, the course opened up a dialogue about the blending of science and Christianity.

Dr. Probin and a student in the class, Heather Koziel '08, talked with us about the experience.

**How did you first become interested in this topic?**

**Probin:** When I was a student in Liverpool, England, my minister (pastor) had Ph.D.s in both theology and cosmology and wrote books and lectured about science apologetics. For the first year of my Ph.D., I lived with him and his family, and I learned a huge amount talking with him. It was so interesting to me to see how the worlds of science and faith converge more and more as we learn about the universe.

**Why do you feel it is important to have a course such as this in the curriculum?**

**Probin:** I think it is vital that a Christian university with the mission of CSU’s should have a Christian worldview course for science majors. When our students graduate they will likely end up in a workplace with scientists from secular institutions, who have been told that science and Christianity don’t mix, or even the popular myth that science somehow disproves the Christian faith. I think it is important that our students know how much scientific evidence there is for the Christian faith and be able to express that. For our science majors who are not Christians, I hope they learn some aspects of science that show them a new side of Christianity.

**Did anything in the course change your way of thinking or your beliefs?**

**Probin:** With no textbook I had to create the course from scratch, so I suppose my thinking and beliefs sculpted it to some extent. But it was interesting to read the work of the students. As a math professor I’m not used to grading essay questions (and it is much easier to grade math questions, where the answer is either right or wrong!), but it was interesting reading the different reactions students had to the material.

I suppose of the material in the course, the most esoteric idea was from a philosopher called Nick Bostrom, presented by Paul Davies in his excellent book *Cosmic Jackpot*. The only credible atheistic alternative that explains the design in the universe is the idea of the Multiverse – basically that there are a near-infinite number of universes, and we just happen to live in the one that “works.” Bostrom argues quite convincingly that if the Multiverse exists then statistically it is almost certain that we are all computer-generated simulations in a Matrix-style reality. It sounds crazy but the logic is hard to dispute, and what is funny is that in an attempt to avoid the need for a Designer to the universe, you end up with a different kind of design anyway! It turns out that design is inescapable.

**Koziel:** Coming into it, I knew that I’d need an open mind to get out of it everything I could. Dr. Probin picked excellent books for us to read that laid out different views on how the universe was created. We discussed the ideas of different and parallel time frames, one creator vs. no creator vs. multicreators. I loved the ability to read about something and then teach it to the others because it gave me the chance to devise my own ideas. Dr. Probin did a very good job at not forcing his beliefs on us, but letting us think for ourselves.

**What surprised you most about this topic?**

**Probin:** I think what surprises me most is finding that there are still rational scientists who can look at the universe, with all that we now know, and see it as the result of random, meaningless chance. It makes you realize that the consequences of acknowledging God’s claim on your life
are so contrary to the selfishness of the human condition that some people will believe the most fantastically far-fetched ideas to avoid them.

Koziel: I wasn’t very surprised by anything we talked/read about because of my background in the sciences. We’re taught that the world is always changing and to keep an open mind, because who knows what could happen.

Do you have plans to teach this course again?
Probin: I’d love to teach this course every semester! I really hope it will become a required course for all our science majors.

How did this class differ from the other science classes you’ve taken?
Koziel: There was definitely a lot more reading and a LOT more paperwriting. It also focused more on theories rather than fact. Because cosmology is such a new field, there isn’t much experimentation that can be done on it, so theories are devised but not tested. This was nice, because we could actually argue our own thoughts, and who knows, we might have been right.

Why is this type of class important in preparing you to be a well-rounded scientist?
Koziel: This class allows a better understanding of how our universe was put together, and therefore, possibly a better chance of changing the world. The more we know about the history and creation of our earth, the better chance we have of doing something to save it. I think everyone should have a chance to learn as much as they can about it.

Anything you would like to add?
Probin: I think it’s important that we stress the importance of the idea of apologetics. Sometimes Christians will say we don’t need to bother with science or nature, as everything we need to know we can find in Scripture. But I would say that Scripture itself constantly calls us to see God’s majesty reflected in His creation. But I would say that Scripture itself constantly calls us to see God’s majesty reflected in His creation. Psalm 19:1 says, “The heavens declare the glory of the Lord; the skies proclaim the work of His hands.” Jesus exhorts us to worship God “…with all our minds…” It is an amazing gift that the Lord has given us a creation that is understandable, and minds that can understand it. To ignore that is at best a missed opportunity, and at worst a dereliction of our Christian responsibilities.
THE SPACE AND NAVAL WARFARE Systems Center of Charleston (SPAWAR-SYSCEN) has awarded CSU a grant to conduct research in the area of information quality related to law enforcement agencies.

As technological advances enhance the ability of agencies to share information and build intelligence, the quality of that data is of paramount concern. Local and state agencies utilize shared information to guide decision making, positively identify people and make appropriate arrests.

“We are very fortunate to partner with SPAWARS,” said Dr. Jacqueline Fish, director of graduate studies and chair of the criminal justice department. “It is a wonderful opportunity for our students to gain firsthand experience working with local, state, and federal agencies while they are still pursuing their undergraduate degrees.”

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) is the research, development, testing and evaluation agency of the United States Department of Justice. They have awarded an Information-Led Policing grant to SPAWARS to continue previous research conducted on the quality of information and data utilized by police agencies to build intelligence that will assist in the reduction and prevention of crime.

The Computer and Information Sciences (COINS) and the Criminal Justice (CJ) departments at CSU will complete a major part of the grant deliverables under the direction of Principle Investigator Fish.

Senior Steve Garbeil, a software engineer from Summerville, will create a Web-based scenario depicting the consequences and outcomes of a law enforcement scenario based on substandard data.

Rebecca Randall, a senior COINS student from Moncks Corner, will assist the project by designing a Web page and helping with both the scenario development and best practices data development.

Juniors Josh Simkulet of Summerville and Jasmin Robinson of Summerville, criminal justice majors, will be gathering best practice data from law enforcement agencies and compiling the results of this research into publicity slick sheets designed specifically for the law enforcement audience. “I am really enjoying the project and the opportunity to get firsthand accounts of how various agencies are operated,” said Robinson. “I am also looking forward to the finished phase to see how everything I’ve done comes together and works out.”

“All of the Charleston Southern students are enthusiastic about working on a project that will be submitted to the NIJ,” said Fish. “The results will positively contribute to the improvement of data quality and the future actions of local and state enforcement agencies.”

At the conclusion of the project, the hard work of the research assistants will be featured on an interactive Web site and in publications designed for law enforcement agencies across the United States.
EMBRACE BALTIMORE MISSIONS TRIP  
by Doug Dickerson

A CSU MINISTRY TEAM PARTICIPATED in a week of evangelism in Baltimore, Md., on a spring break trip. The group, led by campus minister Clark Carter, partnered with Embrace Baltimore, a 2-year emphasis by the North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

“This was the most diverse group I have ever taken on a missions trip,” said Carter. “The great thing was that God used all of us to minister in a powerful way to the people of Baltimore.”

The team ministered at The Church on Warren Avenue (formerly known as Lee Street Memorial), in a variety of outreach initiatives from outdoor concerts to ministry in a local recreation center in which dozens were ministered to each day. The team cleaned out the church and reorganized their supplies, and hosted a Parents Night Out, which 22 children attended. The team also ministered to homeless in the area and purchased a bicycle for one homeless man so he could get to and from work.

“On this missions trip to Baltimore, God blew us away,” said Dustin Bowers, a junior from Rock Hill. “Being obedient to God by embarking on this trip was the greatest spring break ever,” he added.

Jaimee LaFave, the director of mobilization for Embrace Baltimore was impressed with the team from CSU. “It was so great to have the team from Charleston Southern come and serve in Baltimore with The Church on Warren Avenue. They truly represented the Embrace Baltimore spirit by embracing the region with the love of Christ in the Federal Hill neighborhood,” she said.

Junior Danielle Jenkins from Hampton expressed faith in the long-term effects of the trip. “God is going to do great things in Baltimore because of Charleston Southern University students. God is going to make CSU a better campus because Baltimore has helped unify individuals and stretch us out of our comfort zones and reach those that have not walked with Christ,” she said.

Carter affirmed the impact of the ministry team’s outreach in Baltimore. “People came to know Jesus as their personal Savior. Homeless people were given hope; children heard about Jesus for the first time. Parents had a chance to be refreshed and rejuvenated. Neglected children were given attention and love at a recreation center. A church was re-energized. Baltimore was loved. Not only was Baltimore touched by us being there, but we have been changed forever because of the work God did in and through us.”
MINISTRIES

SENIOR ADULTS COME TO CAMPUS

MORE THAN 500 SENIOR ADULTS representing 55 churches attended the South Carolina Baptist Convention Senior Adult Convention March 31- April 2 at CSU. During the conference, Rodney Stilwell, founder of The Potter’s Hand Program, used his potter’s skill to craft a clay vessel while speaking on Romans 12.
LAST FALL STUDENTS TEAMED UP with First Baptist Church, Ravenel, and the Charleston Baptist Association to reach out to a mobile home community located in Ravenel. It was a fun-filled day as the neighborhood children enjoyed playing their favorite games while having their bicycles repaired.

Earlier this year, the groups returned to renew those relationships and to replace the community's worn-out basketball goal. Campus Ministries and First Baptist Church donated funds, and the basketball goal was completed by members of Summit Church and CSU football players.

Corey Humphries, director of Catalyst, a CSU service project initiative, noted the students' selfless attitude as they shared of themselves, their time and their lunches. “They served their socks off,” said Humphries.

While the basketball goal was being raised in Ravenel, more than 100 representatives from CSU sports teams, clubs, sororities and the Student Government Association volunteered at Countdown to Kindergarten at Stall High School in Charleston.

The event, a collaborative effort of several Lowcountry agencies, provided dental, vision and hearing screenings and a chance for the children and parents to meet local kindergarten teachers. In addition, a fire department spokesperson addressed fire safety, and fingerprint kits were available through the police department representative. Riding on a school bus and climbing on a fire truck were the highlights of the morning for the more than 260 children entering kindergarten this year.

In addition to giving direction, guidance and support to participants, the CSU students also engaged the children in games and activities, clapping and cheering them on.

“The whole thing was just fun,” said freshman volleyball player Cori Holmen. “The kids really looked up to us, and we felt like we were giving back to the community.”

Another Catalyst project found 17 students laboring on a Habitat for Humanity construction site in Jedburg. Their goal – to complete the porch on a 23,000-foot ReStore facility.

“My parents instilled in me to see the good in volunteering,” said Adriana Fiscella, a freshman predental major from Virginia. “I feel I am making a difference when I volunteer.”

When completed, the building will serve as a collection site for donated items, the sale of which will provide money for Habitat home building supplies.

In March, students worked with Water Missions International (WMI), a non-profit Christian engineering organization serving the water and sanitation needs of people in developing countries and disaster areas, as well as sharing the message of Christ. WMI has more than 500 water systems in 32 countries providing safe water everyday to more than one million people.

Enthusiastic students assembled water systems and then packaged them for shipment. According to Daniel Williams, a junior religion major, the systems were sent to Honduras where they will be maintained by local missionaries.

The experience was a rewarding one for Williams. “I want to help in anyway I can to be of assistance to my brothers and sisters in Christ,” said Williams. "It’s good for the heart.”

Through Catalyst, students continue to involve themselves in matters of the heart as they nurture relationships, like the mobile home community, and by entering new areas where they are tangible witnesses of God’s love.
BREWING UP GOOD VIBRATIONS

by John Strubel

IT’S TUESDAY, A CELEBRATED DAY IN THE MUSIC INDUSTRY. TUESDAY IS WHEN NEW MUSIC IS RELEASED, AND BREWER IS EXPERIENCING HIS FIRST-EVER TUESDAY AS A RECORDING ARTIST IN THE INDUSTRY. YOU WOULD THINK THIS TUESDAY IN EARLY APRIL WOULD BE FULL OF FANFARE FOR THE 26-YEAR-OLD CHARLESTON SOUTHERN ALUMNUS, BUT FOR BREWER, IT’S BUSINESS AS USUAL. IT’S JUST TUESDAY, WHICH MEANS WORSHIP TEAM MEETINGS AT ASHLEY RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH, WHERE HE SERVES AS THE CONTEMPORARY SERVICE WORSHIP LEADER.

Again, the phone vibrates. Brewer looks at the number just in case it’s Brian Wilson calling. Yes, the Brian Wilson, former lead singer of the Beach Boys.

While driving his girlfriend, Krista, home after a recent dinner date his cell phone started buzzing, of all things. Not recognizing the number, he didn’t pick up, letting the call go straight to voicemail.

Later, Brewer checked his voicemail. At first he was sure what he was listening to was a phone prank from a friend. But as he listened, his face went blank. “At the end [of the voice message], a friend of mine who plays guitar for him (Brian Wilson), came on the line and said that was Brian (Wilson) telling you how much he liked the songs.”

Seeing his expression, Krista asked about the voice message.

It was Brian Wilson, the Brian Wilson of the Beach Boys calling to pay the band a compliment. The call is more personal and has much deeper significance to Brewer. See, by the third grade Brewer was “sitting in the back of the car, going to the grocery store with my Mom, wearing a yellow Walkman, with headphones on and listening to the Beach Boys 20 Greatest Hits cassette. It was kinda weird for an eight-year old kid, I guess.”


One listen to the debut CD from The Explorers Club and the link between Brewer, Wilson and the Beach Boys emerges. Freedom Wind, the 12-song pop compilation released in May, is a throwback to the 60s, complete with feel-good lyrics and made-for-summer vocal harmonies reminiscent and oft-compared to the Beach Boys and Beatles, a comparison Brewer doesn’t resist.

“I don’t mind that comparison at all,” he said. “Obviously I have that vocal style that they invented back in the early ’60s. Back then, it was like a style of music. Nobody’s doing this kind of music anymore. I found that I’m fairly gifted at writing that ’60s, early ’70s ‘happy’ sound.

“When I read reviews they say, ‘it’s as good as the stuff back then, it’s more of a continuation than a reprocessing. That’s how I look at it: it’s a continuation. I don’t mind being compared to legendary artists, it’s better than being compared to not-so-legendary artists. It’s a compliment.”

Freedom Wind is not a Beach Boys ripoff. The influences are deep – and evident. “There’s stuff on there that’s influenced by country songs, doo-wop, Gershwin, even Broadway stuff I picked up from my Mom,” said Brewer. “My brain attaches everything I’ve been surrounded with my whole life and everything ends up being in that music.”

His brain began creating musical attachments at age seven when his father (Dr. Rick Brewer, vice president for planning and student affairs at CSU) bought Jason his first cassette tape: a recording of the Beatles first album Please, Please
Me. Born 20 years after the release of the first Beatles single “Love Me Do” and the Beach Boys debut CD Surfin’ Safari, Brewer was hooked by the sound.

Then everything changed when he saw the film Back to the Future. “I wanted to be Chuck Berry. That’s what I wanted to do. That’s the music that got me excited,” he said. Then, in 1987, Hail! Hail! Rock and Roll, a tribute to Chuck Berry was released. Brewer was mesmerized.

Soon he was dragging his dad to the video store to rent The Complete Beatles documentary. “I would rent it all the time,” he said. “I would wear it out, and my favorite part of the movie was the beginning because they would talk about Chuck Berry.”

It wasn’t long after he picked up his first guitar at 11, Brewer set off on a more serious musical exploration and education that began – like most teenagers with a musical instrument – with a no-name garage band. That continued through high school and college, all the while he was compiling musical knowledge and clocking experience.

“What really stuck with me, and always has, is really good songwriting,” said Brewer. “If I’m going to be a musician, and I want it to be really good and timeless ... I want to get to the point where I can incorporate all the great aspects that make a popular song. I want to be musically good but really accessible. I found the best way to do that, for me, is to really study these great, truly gifted individuals and just surround myself so it comes out in my songwriting.”

Brewer became increasingly passionate about the process and began studying those who were inspiring him. “I was listening to tons and tons of bootlegs of session tapes from my favorite musicians,” he said. “I think what I do is, listen to every little thing ... I listen to the tone of it.”

His attention to detail has paid off professionally, but the jury is still out on whether or not it will damage his personal relationships. “Krista puts on a song she really likes, and she’ll be playing it and ...” That’s when the question comes: Do you like it?

“I can’t really pay attention to how good the lyrics are because all I hear is all the stuff in it that I wouldn’t do,” he said with a sheepish grin. “I’m all about the sound, and she’s all about the words.”

That drives Krista crazy. “I try not to do it too much,” he added. “That’s why when we drive in the car we’ll either listen to classical music or sports scores, something simple.”

More good vibrations (excuse the pun) are coming from Brewer’s mobile device now. It’s fascinating to see what a recording contract, a couple of national television appearances and a handful of critically-acclaimed reviews can do for a band that began as an experimental project.

I don’t mind being compared to legendary artists, it’s better than being compared to not-so-legendary artists. It’s a compliment. JASON BREWER
Following college graduation in 2004, and a seven-month hiatus from life in a band, Brewer started getting restless. During this down time, he had been writing three songs and was ready to record them. “I didn't want this to be a rock and roll band, I wanted it to be a singing group ... that was a rock and roll band,” he said.

One by one Brewer cherry-picked local musicians to help with the experiment, that included three more Charleston Southern alumni (David Ellis ’04, Stefan Rogenmoser ’07 and James Faust). He then added drummer Neil Thomas and bassist/vocalist Wally Reddington.

The experiment went so well the band put together a live show and performed through most of 2005. By the summer of 2006 the band had performed in New York and was on their way to Los Angeles. That's when things started happening.

The band hired a lawyer, then a licensing agent for film and television and finally a record contract with Dead Oceans. In January 2007, the first of the three experimental songs, “Forever” appeared on the Fox television show “The O.C.” and later on the CBS television comedy “How I Met Your Mother.”

Described as “psychedelic pop” (Pitchfork Media), “bohemian beachbums” (Spin Magazine) and “jangle pop” (Download.com), the question is: Where does The Explorers Club fit in? Today's music industry has never been more fragmented. Every artist is labeled by category, like it or not. It's all part of a larger global marketing plan designed to saturate today's music providers (radio, iTunes, XM and Sirius satellite) with format-specific music.

Brewer is aware, yet comfortable, with his band's place in today's music world saying, “We knew we were going to be outcasts, but that's OK,” he said. “The music industry goes where the excitement is. If you're not the hippest, coolest thing then you're not a thing.”

But this band has a secret weapon. With a live show oozing with feel good lyrics and energy, the band is defying the odds. “What makes The Explorers Club successful is people really like the songs, and they come to see the live show and we give them a blast of energy and fun, and we're really starting to earn a reputation of being a really fun experience.

“When I was a little guy what got me dancing, what got me excited about the song on the radio was that it was fun, it was singing about something I could relate to. The Beach Boys are singing about going surfing, and the Beatles are singing about a girl in “I Want to Hold Your Hand.” That stuff. There's no innocence in today's music, it's so direct.”

Being a Christian and being in the music industry is a challenging position. It comes with its own set of risks. From ethics to morality, Brewer is faced with daily, frontal attacks in an industry known – and sometimes celebrated - for its provocative “sex, drugs and rock and roll” lifestyle.

Brewer's phone vibrates, but this time he doesn't seem to notice it, probably because the conversation has landed on his two passions: faith and music.

“I don't have a problem telling anyone about it (his faith). I'm a music leader at my church. God created music. God gave me ability to play music. I do feel called to use my music to glorify God. I'm using the things that God has given me to spread the gospel. This (music) is just a vehicle to invite me into your home, to get to know me and you're going to know everything about me, and my spiritual life is me. I think it's a good vehicle, and I'm glad I have the keys to it.”
I didn’t want this to be a rock and roll band, I wanted it to be a singing group... that was a rock and roll band.

JASON BREWER
HOLLYWOOD

>> up close and personal

Compiled by Jan Jolson
After a drive cross-country from Charleston to L.A., this is the world senior Rick Bickerstaff entered for spring semester. He said, “Overall, the program was incredible. It was, without a doubt, my best semester. It totally changed my outlook and direction for my career. I honestly can’t say enough good things about the experience.”

Charleston Southern is an affiliate member of The Council for Christian Colleges & Universities (CCCU), which is the sponsoring organization of the film studies center. Bickerstaff is the first CSU student to serve as a CCCU intern.

**HOW DID YOU FIRST BECOME INTERESTED IN THE FILM INDUSTRY?**

>> I started making movies back in high school when my friends and I would videotape and edit our skateboarding and rollerblading escapades. Then, we decided to make a movie with acting and skateboarding, and things grew from there.

**WHAT IS IT ABOUT THE FILM INDUSTRY THAT DRAWS YOU?**

>> It is so fun to be creative and write and direct and shoot whatever I want. I also can combine everything I like into a movie from writing ridiculous comedies to making cool shots to skateboarding to making music or whatever. If I could get paid to do all these things I love, it would be amazing.

**SO, IS THIS SOMETHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO DO AS A CAREER?**

>> Heck yeah! I plan on it; and since I’m officially graduated, I guess it’s time to get started.

**WHAT MAKES THE LOS ANGELES FILM STUDIES CENTER (LAFSC) UNIQUE?**

>> You get to live in LA with a bunch of strangers from all over the country and explore the huge and diverse city of Los Angeles together. You become an insider to an industry that spends most of its time keeping people out. You get to work in places like the Warner Bros. lot, and some even get to spend time on movie and television sets. You get to make movies or write movies, depending on your concentration, with pretty nice equipment. There is really a strong family of Christians in the industry in LA, and the LAFSC introduces you to it. So basically, if I ever want to go back to Los Angeles, I know that I have a school that will welcome me, help me get a job, help me find a place to live, and that I have plenty of friends out there that all want to do the same thing that I do.

**WHAT DID YOU LEARN ABOUT CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW AND HOW TO IMPACT OUR CULTURE?**

>> The program is, in a way, counter to what many would expect. So many Christians think Hollywood is this evil place where Christians should never go. There’s definitely some weird stuff out in LA, but for the most part everyone there is trying to make it in some way, so everyone’s equal. The best way to impact the culture out there, or anywhere, is to love people. Let’s face it: Christian movies are really made more for Christians to watch than non-Christians. So, if you want to change Hollywood, you have to get inside and love people.

**WHAT WAS A TYPICAL DAY LIKE FOR YOU IN LA?**

>> Mondays and Fridays were internship days, so I would get to work at 9 and stay until about 7 at night. I interned at Silver Pictures, who made the recently released *Speed Racer*, along with *The Matrix Trilogy, Die Hard 1 & 2, the Lethal Weapon series, Fred Claus, V for Vendetta*, and a whole bunch of other movies. I was a typical intern: copying, delivering packages, getting food, running errands, etc. There’s also a thing called coverage, which is basically where you read a script and write a little book report on it – I did that too. On Tuesdays I had Theology in Hollywood, where we watched movies, read and talked about practical theology as Christians in the industry. We also had speakers occasionally on how to be a Christian in Hollywood. We met Doug Jones (the *Silver Surfer* and the creature guy from *Pan’s Labyrinth*), one of the writers of *That ’70s Show*, one of the writers of *Extreme Days* (one of my favorite movies), the guy who is credited by many to have come up with the solution that ended the recent writer’s strike, and others.
Wednesdays were for showing our Motion Picture Production (MPP) class projects, and Thursdays were our actual MPP class with the pitch sessions.

WHAT WERE THE SHORT FILMS YOU MADE LIKE?
>> I chose the MPP concentration where I made two movies of my own. We were pretty free to make whatever we wanted, and we used Sony HDV cameras and edited on Final Cut Pro, so our stuff looked pretty good. We would start with a pitch session with our classmates where we could present our ideas, and everyone would give their opinion. Then we had a week to write and cast our films. The next week was for shooting, and the following week was for editing. Then we would show our movie to the class and be critiqued. The third movie was a part of a bigger project where we had an $1,800 budget. Five directors were picked out of the class based on their demo reels, and five scripts were chosen (everyone had to write an 8-page script and turn it in on the first day of class). I wanted to be a director but was not chosen (that was a big lesson in itself), so I ended up with my second choice as a Director of Photography (or DP). The class is supposed to give the students a feel of what a real Hollywood production is like, so our producers had to get permits for all of our locations, and we paid some of our actors, etc. We also got to premier our movies at the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, as in the Academy Awards people. It was a big deal where we all dressed up and invited tons of people; that was a pretty cool night.

WHAT DID YOU LEARN THROUGH THIS EXPERIENCE THAT SURPRISED YOU?
>> Hmmm ... I matured a lot. I think the most important things I learned in LA are to dream big and that relationships show Jesus more than movies. I feel like God is teaching me that I can be a director if I want and if God wants and that amazing things can really happen.

DID THE EXPERIENCE CHANGE YOUR MIND ABOUT THE FILM INDUSTRY IN ANY WAY?
>> Honestly, I don't really enjoy working in the industry so much, because it has terrible hours and you almost can't have a life. I've noticed that not many people in film are married,
probably because they can work 16 hours on a set and then sleep for six hours and do it again the next day. I really love making movies, and I’m going to try and keep doing that for a living. I’m not sure how that’s going to work, and it may seem like kind of a contradiction since I just said I don’t like working in the industry, but I know I want to make movies for a living. I’m hoping one day I can be in control of the production enough to make my crew only work eight hours like the rest of the world and then go home to their wives and kids. That’s really a long shot, but dream big, right?

YOU DROVE OUT TO LA AND BACK. WHAT WAS THAT EXPERIENCE LIKE? 
>> Pretty awesome. I drove out there with my mom in my sweet Kia Rio Cinco, a 3,000-mile journey. We saw the Grand Canyon with snow all over it, stopped in Vegas, saw the Hoover Dam, which has an awesome lake near it that is actually prettier than the Hoover Dam, and even did a little sightseeing in LA. For the return trip, my girlfriend flew out, and we drove back. We saw everything my mom and I saw on the way in, but spent a little more time in Vegas: the Belaggio fountain show is really cool, and free! So, besides not having enough CDs to listen to, and listening to my mom’s terrible ’80s music, it was great.

– DAVID HALBERSTAM

Jessica Richey had planned, what she thought, would be a perfect birthday celebration for her then-fiancé Bob Richey: Dinner reservations at one of Charleston’s best restaurants with a great view overlooking historic downtown. No surprises, no fanfare, just a quiet, relaxing evening.

“We’re at an end table next to the window and I see him doing this,” said Jessica, looking below the table and motioning with her hand. “I’m asking him, ‘Bob, what are you doing?’”

Richey, an assistant men’s basketball coach at CSU, with his eyes glued on his cell phone caller ID says, “It’s a recruit, and I think we have a problem here.”

“The restaurant even had signs: No cell phones!” remembers Jessica.

“This goes on through the whole dinner,” Jessica remembers. “He hardly ate his meal. I can’t have a conversation with him.”

It’s just the way coaches are wired. The default setting is always on, and when it comes to recruiting, accessibility is Priority One. That means being available 24-7-365.

Just like that, with a single phone call, dinner and the birthday celebration, wiped out. Relax? Enjoy? Forget it. Jessica sighs, folds her arms across her midsection and rolls her eyes, still frustrated by the memory.

Let the record show that the recruit who made the call was CSU guard Jamarco Warren. He was playing a prank on Richey. By the end of the evening the jig was up. According to Jessica, it was too late for an apology and, in basketball terms, this was a flagrant foul.

“To this day I tell him (Warren) he owes us a dinner,” she said.
By this time, Hope Radebaugh, wife of men’s basketball head coach Barclay Radebaugh, is sitting an arm’s length away laughing hysterically – not at Jessica, but at the story. She can relate to the experience; she too is a coach’s wife. It’s what the late Pulitzer Prize winning journalist David Halberstam referred to as “coach’s wife syndrome.”

THE X’s & O’s OF HOME LIFE

“I don’t know if I will ever fully understand the drive in him [Barclay],” admitted Hope. “The passion is so deep. Barclay still plays basketball. He plays on our court at home. He sometimes plays with our players. He loves basketball shorts. He wears basketball shoes. He loves the smell of the gym. He loves the game.”

Somewhere in between the personal and professional passion is where the bane of the lifestyle exists. A lifestyle driven by intangible motives, unyielding commitment and demanding schedules.

Radebaugh took the head coaching reins at CSU in the summer of 2005. Already behind in the recruiting process, he hit the ground running. The work consumed Radebaugh. Soon, the X’s and O’s were coming in the front door of the Radebaugh home.

“He would walk through the door after work, and he would still be on his phone and that would often carry into dinner hour,” she said. “Over time it began to bother me. I approached him about it and said, ‘when you come home it means a lot that you leave your work and commit to this family time.’ Barclay has always been receptive to my suggestions, and he began to see he needed to do that.”

For Radebaugh and his coaching staff it’s six months of preparation (recruiting and training) followed by a six-month schedule of games. The name of the game is staying one step ahead of your competition. “You want to say the season ends with the Final Four, but then our husbands go out recruiting,” explained Hope. “In our profession we really don’t have a weekend. Our husbands are working on Friday, Saturday and sometimes on Sunday, because of that I think it sometimes takes it toll because you really don’t find a place to rest.”

“You have to understand it’s not 9-5, Monday through Friday,” added Jessica, who wed in April 2007 and is just now learning to navigate these unchartered waters. “It’s a learning process. It doesn’t come easy. You can’t have expectations when you’re a coach’s wife.”

The only certainty for a coach’s wife is uncertainty. Schedules, planning ahead, that’s for normal people, for a coach’s wife holidays and birthday celebrations come in small slices, sometimes a day or a week later than the actual calendar date. It’s life on-the-fly.

“Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentine’s Day, all of the holidays that normally bring a family together, gathering around a table of food with the people

“My wife has asked me a question every year for 10 years, and she always worded it the same way: ‘explain to me why you must continue to do this, because the times when you are happy are so few.’ She has no concept.”

- Bill Parcells

Jessica & Bob Richey

continued on next page
you love, our profession robs you of that a little bit,” said Hope. “We usually play the day after Thanksgiving, two days after Christmas – which doesn’t allow us to go home and spend time with our families – and there’s been many Valentine’s Days that we’ve been on the court. For a woman who craves that time with family, that’s a sacrifice.”

How did you deal with those holidays in your first year of marriage? “Difficult,” Jessica explains with a laugh. “Since Bob has played basketball we have never been together on Valentine’s Day, but you can either be bitter or celebrate the next weekend.”

This year the Radebaughs will celebrate 20 years of marriage (and coaching) that has included nine moves and seven teams, at least according to Hope’s arithmetic. “Barclay will say that isn’t accurate because we moved twice in the same city,” she said. “But I remind him if we’re packing dishes that counts as a move.”

No matter how you add it up, Hope and Barclay Radebaugh know the emotional stress that the coaching profession heaps on a marriage and a family.

“I struggle with bitterness and with anger. It waxes and wanes,” said Hope. “Early on we had three children, and I was overwhelmed a lot of the time. I struggled, but I recognized that. God has given me a sense and wisdom by His grace to know when that’s welling up in my heart – and I can tell when it’s coming – and I have to deal with it, with Him, or it grows. It’s like a festering sore; it gets bigger and bigger and bigger unless I deal with it.”

On a recent recruiting trip to Ohio, Jessica and Bob Richey experienced a taste of the life. “He was in the gym from eight in the morning to midnight,” said Jessica. “I can’t always call and talk to him. He’ll send me a text (message), and I understand that. You understand what he’s doing is what’s best for the program.”

Hope has faith, and faith has guided Hope. Last fall she parlayed her life experience and God-given gifts and published Gym Rats, a 65-day devotional guide targeting coaches’ wives.

Fresh off a road trip to Rock Hill, and a speaking engagement to promote Gym Rats, Radebaugh spoke and listened to other coaches’ wives. Her life has become her work, and her work has inspired and encouraged others married to the profession.

“[Women] develop a lifestyle independent of their husband, gravitating toward those things that bring them joy, that bring them happiness and it’s usually apart from him (husband),” she said. “What you see is two people who are clinging to different things for fulfillment, and their lives grow apart. They may be married, but they’re going in two different directions.”

As Radebaugh answers questions, Jessica begins nodding and soaking up every word, taking mental notes. It’s a free lesson, a one-on-one rookie camp for a coach’s wife.

“I’ve learned a lot from Hope since I got here two years ago,” said Jessica. “I
know it’s not going to be easy, because you never know … you never know the situation you are going to be in. It’s a profession of winning and losing and some of the best coaches lose.”

“Jessica can expect to move because he (Bob) will be sought after,” says Hope. “You can expect to have to start over a lot. We have moved nine times to many different communities, not knowing whether to turn right or left to get to the grocery store. If God blesses you with children, you can expect to be miles away from grandparents. But in that lifestyle, I believe, the positives outweigh the negatives because that lifestyle puts you in a position to seek the One who never leaves you or forsakes you.”

The thought is daunting to Jessica, a newly-wed. The Richeys are still doing more learning than living. Hired in 2006 as an assistant coach at CSU, Bob and Jessica moved to Charleston, started new careers and planned a wedding, in less than two years. No pressure, no stress, it’s like drinking water from a fire hose.

But, despite all the trials and challenges that come along with being a coach’s wife, Hope and Jessica quickly confess they wouldn’t trade it for anything. In hindsight, these wives are just as committed to making their marriages work as their husbands are to the CSU basketball program.

“I can never imagine my husband doing anything else,” said Hope. “We’ve talked about that, and this profession has its highs and lows and there are times you become introspective and you ask yourself, ‘What are we doing?’ But on the other side of the conversation we always go back to Barclay is being called to be a coach. God put that calling in him when he was a small boy.”

“People ask, ‘Is Bob going to stay in coaching?’” added Jessica. “To me, that’s not even a question. I can’t imagine him doing anything else. He is so passionate about coaching.

“He’s a recruiter and one of the neat things was being able to go to a game to watch a recruit with him. Once you see that, you understand what it’s all about. Once you see that, it comes to life for you.”

The Radebaughs seemingly work in stereo and practice the team concept in their home life. One is connected to the other. In fact, the last two seasons the Radebaughs hosted the entire CSU roster for Thanksgiving dinner. After the game, the team gets on the bus and travels to the host city together. Now that’s “We Are Fam-i-lee ...” in action.

For the record, I asked, “What size turkey do you get to feed a college basketball team (and your family)?” Hope replied: “Two, 20-pound turkeys. They can flat put it away.”
ATHLETICS DIRECTOR HANK SMALL ANNOUNCED the hiring of former Buccaneer baseball player, Stuart Lake, as the new head baseball coach.

A 1994 graduate, Lake returns to his alma mater after having spent time at South Carolina, Mississippi, College of Charleston, and his most recent stop, The Citadel.

“I am very excited to have this opportunity to be the head coach at the school I got my degree from,” said Lake. “Having graduated from here, I am familiar with CSU and what it stands for. I am so thankful to Dr. Hunter and Hank for allowing me to help grow this program. I also really want to say ‘thank you’ to The Citadel athletics department and especially Coach Jordan for what they have allowed me to do over the past two years.”

Lake becomes the ninth head baseball coach in school history, and the third CSU/Baptist College graduate to coach the Buccaneers, including Ralph Ciabattari ’77 and Jamie Futrell ’87.

“I am pleased to have an alumnus as our new head coach,” said Small. “He is so familiar with CSU, but also has a great amount of experience. He has worked with some of the best coaches, not only in the area but the country in Ray Tanner (South Carolina), John Pawlowski (C of C), Mike Bianco (Ole Miss) and Fred Jordan (The Citadel).”

In Lake’s 13-year coaching career, he has coached more than 75 players who have gone on to play professional baseball with 31 of those being drafted in the first 10 rounds. Seven of those 13 were drafted in the first round. Three of his players have been named SEC Player of the Year and one named Southern Conference Player of the Year. Two of his players have been named to the Golden Spikes Award Watch List with one winning that coveted award. Lake has had 10 former athletes reach the Major League, and Lake is one of the few who can claim to coach a player that eventually appeared in the Major League All-Star Game, World Series and the Super Bowl.

Lake spent the past two years across town as an assistant for The Citadel Baseball program, where he was responsible for coaching the hitters and outfielders and was very involved in recruiting prospective student-athletes.

“I’m so happy to be in the part of the state that feels like home,” said Lake. “What I really want for this program is to get involved with the community and alumni. I think we have a great opportunity to impact the community.”

Prior to The Citadel, Lake spent three seasons as an assistant for the Ole Miss Rebels, where he was responsible for the hitters and outfielders. Ole Miss enjoyed three of the school’s most successful seasons in history with 39 wins in 2004, 47 in 2005 and 44 in 2006. The Rebels hosted an NCAA Regional in all three of Lake’s years, as well as two NCAA Super Regionals. The 2005 edition of the Ole Miss ball club won the Southeastern Conference Western Division, and the 2006 team won the SEC Tournament Championship.

In Lake’s first year at Ole Miss, the Rebels offense belted 14 more home runs than in the previous year, and the team’s .444 slugging percentage was 33 points higher than the year before. In addition, the Rebels topped the 600-hit mark with 614 base hits.

In the 2005 season, the Rebels continued to improve offensively, producing more than 750 hits, scoring more than 500 runs and driving in 462 runs on the way to claiming the SEC
Western Division title, the program’s first in 23 seasons. The Rebels also had six hitters hit over the .300 mark that year.

The 2006 season witnessed Ole Miss lead the extremely tough SEC in hitting as the Rebels batted at the .309 clip for the year, and four Rebels finished in the top eight in the SEC in total hits for the season. The Ole Miss offense produced more than 700 hits for the second straight season as the Rebels won the SEC Tournament on their way to a second straight NCAA Super Regional.

Prior to his stint at Ole Miss, Lake spent one season at the College of Charleston. In his only year with the Cougars, Lake served as third base coach, hitting instructor and outfield coach.

Lake began his collegiate coaching career at South Carolina in 1999, where he coached the outfields, coached first base and assisted with the hitters. During his time at USC, the Gamecocks won three SEC East Division titles, two SEC Championships, played in three NCAA Super Regionals and reached the College World Series Championship Game in 2002.

Lake helped two SEC Player of the Year winners during his stint as a Gamecock. One of those players, Kip Bouknight, was also the 2002 Golden Spikes Award Winner. Prior to his collegiate coaching career, Lake coached at Mid Carolina High School (his alma mater) and at Brookland Cayce High School in Columbia. Brookland Cayce won the AAA State Championship in Lake’s second year in 1998. Lake also served as the head coach of the Edenton Steamers of the Coastal Plain League in 2000.

Lake is married to the former Tracie Smith of Clover, S.C. The couple has one son, Hayden (3).
OUR CHEERLEADERS GAINED THE official title of national champions while competing in their first competition.

The Cheer Ltd. National Cheerleading Competition in Myrtle Beach, S.C., was supposed to act as a way of providing the cheerleaders with a goal. Instead, this team of 16 set standards they did not expect to fulfill. Coach Summer Reyes ’03 said, “Our goal was to place in the top three.” Jenny Owens said, “This win made me realize that you can do whatever you want to if you work hard and believe.” Reyes said, “As a squad we hope that this will show other sports on campus that our size is never an excuse.”

Jackie Maxey said despite everything the squad has endured, “We’ve had a pretty tough year and started pretty late preparing for the competition. I think winning made it all worthwhile. We were hoping to just place, not even thinking of becoming national champions!”

Laura Crews said, “I’m just excited to see where everything at CSU is headed. I think the next couple years are going to be somewhat of a ride, and I can’t wait!”

FIRST TIME’S A CHARM by Saeeda Ravenell ’09

National champs in the small coed collegiate division.
DeBERRY BRINGS MESSAGE OF CHALLENGE & ENCOURAGEMENT

by Blake Freeland

THE THEME OF THE NIGHT WAS Encouragement, and there are few better than coaches at bringing that message. At a recent Buccaneer Club board of directors meeting, former Air Force football coach, and South Carolina Hall of Famer, Fisher DeBerry brought a powerful message full of humor and stories.

“These are exciting times for you all,” said DeBerry. “I can see and feel the excitement. It is very obvious that these coaches have great vision for this athletic department. The key for tonight is to continue the excitement and get others as excited as you are.”

DeBerry told of his 27 years at the Air Force Academy and the number of lives changed, telling how that showed him more success than any wins or losses.

During his presentation, DeBerry outlined three things necessary to be successful in coaching: good players and quality athletes with character, outstanding facilities, and resources, including good support from booster clubs such as the Buc Club.

DeBerry said, “We don’t do anything in life by ourselves. Make a commitment to give back. We all know the joy we get from giving to others. We see the needs, and they aren’t cheap, and I think the commitment of the support is being challenged. It is important to get the ‘Buc Nation’ behind you because you, here tonight, are going to make the difference.”

BUC CLUB HAS EXCITING YEAR

by Cathryn Brodherhausen

We have three exciting Buc Club trips planned for the 2008 football season. In August, we travel to Miami to open our season against the Hurricanes; in October, we’ll take a one-day trip to Savannah to take on Savannah State; and on Oct. 17 we’ll take a chartered flight to Long Island to enjoy an afternoon in Manhattan and play Stony Brook University Oct. 18. Please check the Buc Club Web site at www.csubuccclub.com for more updated information and to register for any of these fun-filled trips!

2008 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Opponent</th>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Time</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>AUG. 28</td>
<td>@ University of Miami (Florida), Miami, Fla.</td>
<td>7:30PM</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SEPT. 6</td>
<td>Wofford</td>
<td></td>
<td>1:30PM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SEPT. 13</td>
<td>@ Miami University (Ohio), Oxford, Ohio</td>
<td>1:30PM</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SEPT. 27</td>
<td>North Greenville</td>
<td>3:00PM</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OCT. 4</td>
<td>Gardner-Webb *</td>
<td>1:30PM</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OCT. 11</td>
<td>@ Savannah State, Savannah, Ga.</td>
<td>1:30PM</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OCT. 18</td>
<td>@ Stony Brook, Stony Brook, N.Y. *</td>
<td>2:00PM</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OCT. 25</td>
<td>@ Liberty, Lynchburg, Va. *</td>
<td>3:00PM</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NOV. 1</td>
<td>V.M.I. (Homecoming/Hall of Fame) *</td>
<td>3:30PM</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NOV. 8</td>
<td>Presbyterian</td>
<td>1:30PM</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NOV. 15</td>
<td>Edward Waters</td>
<td>1:30PM</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NOV. 22</td>
<td>@ Coastal Carolina, Conway, S.C. *</td>
<td>6:30PM</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Home events are in bold.
All times are eastern.
* Big South Conference event
COMPUTER TECHNICIAN TOM Zimmerman was just in the dorms to help set up wireless Internet. In addition, he found a hockey player to join his team at the Carolina Ice Palace. He assured the mother that it was a no-hit league, but she was not concerned about that.

Zimmerman wondered what type of hockey player freshman Sondra Vetter must be if her mother was not worried about her getting hit. It turns out she is one of the top players not only now at the Ice Palace, but also from her home of Saskatchewan, Canada.

“She comes out and starts ripping shots harder than guys on the team that have been playing 10-15 years. I had to tell her to bring it in a little or she’d get kicked out of the league,” Zimmerman said.

The league is the recreational league, or C league where Vetter is one of the few girls. She plays against 250-300 pound men and is not afraid to take them to the boards or fight them for the puck. She is so competitive against the big guys that an opposing team consisting of policemen referred to her as a “maniac.” In January, she was moved up to the B league for advanced players.

At 18 years of age, Vetter has been playing hockey for 14 years. “I came from a really small town and everyone had to play in order to have enough players to make a team,” Vetter said.

The schools did not have hockey teams, but Vetter played on a club team until coming to Charleston Southern. Her team was the provincial champions, which is equivalent to a team winning state. They then went on to earn the bronze medal at Western Canadians.

Her experience has certainly not gone unnoticed by her teammates at the Ice Palace. “She has great hockey skills, awesome speed, incredible hands, and great hockey senses – she knows when and where to be. She’s fantastic,” Zimmerman said.

Hockey is not all Vetter excels at. Vetter came to CSU on a softball scholarship and excelled in her position as a pitcher. In her first collegiate start against Towson, Vetter pitched a complete-game and earned her first collegiate victory.
WOMEN’S GOLF CLAIMS
BIG SOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP

by Blake Freeland

GRABBING THE LEAD AFTER THE FIRST ROUND, THE women’s golf team led from start to finish at the Big South Conference Women’s Golf Championship, claiming a four-stroke victory and an automatic berth into the NCAA Championship.

The Lady Buccaneers were led by sophomore Olivia Jordan-Higgins who tied for first with a score of 229, but fell short of earning medalist honors after losing a playoff. Junior Rhiannon Loebs and sophomore Madison Jeter each finished with a share of fourth place to earn All-Conference recognition.

CSU finished with a total score of 931 for the three-round tournament after shooting a 310 on Wednesday. Coastal Carolina placed second, posting the lowest team score of the day with a 308 in the third round, but it wasn’t enough to overtake the Lady Bucs.

Jordan–Higgins, named to the regular-season All-Conference team, shot an 80 in the final round, her highest score of the tournament after posting scores of 73 and 76 in the first two rounds. She finished as the tournament’s most consistent golfer, recording 39 pars over 54 holes, three more than her nearest competitor.

Loebs and Jeter made up two-thirds of a three-way tie for fourth place, earning postseason All-Conference honors. The top five finishers outside of the five regular season All-Conference selections earn postseason All-Conference recognition. After Jordan–Higgins and sophomore Katrin Rumpf were selected as regular season members, Loebs and Jeter gave the Lady Bucs four All-Conference selections, the most in the league.

The Lady Bucs advanced to the NCAA Division I Women’s Golf Championship East Regional, hosted by the University of Georgia at its campus golf course.

Posting a team score of 326, the squad ended its season with a 19th-place finish at the NCAA East Regional. Sophomore Olivia Jordan-Higgins was the top Lady Buccaneer finisher, with a final score of 235, 19-over par.

BUILDING
BUCCANEER
BASEBALL
CAMPAIGN
KICKS OFF

by Jason Murray

WHEN FOUR ALUMNI BASEBALL PLAYERS got together this past fall, their vision and dreams were to start a fundraising campaign for the baseball program. “Building Buccaneer Baseball” became the title of the three-phase campaign.

Matt Brownlee ’92, Kevin Futrell ’89, Hardy Ferguson ’89, and Stan Kowalski’s ’95, vision was to start with phase one, a covered hitting facility which will allow the team to work out in rainy weather and during the dark hours of the evening. The second phase of the campaign is a locker room with an alumni center at the field, and the third phase includes lights for the stadium.

Former pitcher Kowalski had an idea for a golf tournament.

When you have alumni with passion for their university and their sport, anything is possible. And with Stan’s passion for CSU Baseball his vision for this golf tournament quickly became a focus for our program to host one of the best golf tournaments possible on Feb. 8 at Oak Point Island golf course.

On the par 3 hole #9, CSU’s Athletic Director Hank Small put the ball within 5’3” of the cup to win closest to the pin. Enterprise Car Rental sponsored the par 5 hole #12 for longest drive. After James Fender smoked one down the fairway early in the day, no one could come close to his drive which landed him a free weekend rental from Enterprise.

Closest to the pin on hole #15 went to Adam McNab.

Third place went to 1987 graduate Jamie Futrell’s team with Mike Mosley, Jim Futrell, & Bob Ott. Second place went to Team Ellis with Tracy Hunt, Aryn Linenger, and Jason Murray. First place and sponsored by Charleston Bat Company went to D’s Jewelers played by Darel Trout, Tadd Brown, Tadd O’Rourke and Sammy Law.
SUCCESS GARNERS POSTMEET HONORS by Blake Freeland

WITH THEIR BEST FINISH SINCE 1996, the Lady Bucs garnered three post-meet awards, following the 2008 New Balance Big South Track and Field Championships.

Head Coach Tosha Ansley ’99 was named the coach of the year, while Dionne Gibson won most outstanding female track athlete honors, and Misha Morris was named the freshman of the year.

The women weren't alone in their recognition, though, as Alonzo Spurley was named the most outstanding male track athlete after winning the 100m and 200m dashes.

During the three-day meet, CSU had 36 athletes earn all-conference honors by finishing in the top three of their respective events. Included in that are 24 gold medals that were handed out to conference champions. Out of the other 12, four came in second to other CSU athletes. In addition, the Bucs swept the top three spots in the 200-meter dash and the 400m dash.

Finishing as the runners-up, Ansley led her team to the highest finish since Ansley's freshman year at CSU. Her squad scored 186 points, and trailed champion Coastal by less than 50 points. Ansley got 54 points from the throwers alone, led by Jocelyn Davis. Davis scored 28 points by herself, and became the first thrower in CSU history to qualify for the NCAA East Regional meet. Also in the throws, Marie Doan placed second in the shot put and third in the hammer to gain additional points, and mark the first time CSU has ever had two all-conference throwers. Freshman Tia Habbersham placed in the top-five in two events, breaking the school's freshman hammer throw record, previously held by Davis.

Gibson earned her second-consecutive award, after claiming Big South championships in the 200-meter dash and 400-meter dash events. She ran her second-fastest time of the season in the preliminaries of the 200, claiming all-conference honors in the second-and third times this season that CSU has run 11.89 second times. Tying her season best, it was the second-and third times this season that she has run 11.89. Morris finished third in the 200 to claim all-conference honors in her second event. She, too, was a member of the record-setting relay teams for CSU.

Morris earned freshman honors after sweeping the preliminaries and finals of the 100-meter dash with identical 11.89-second times. Tying her season best, it was the second-and third times this season that she has run 11.89. Morris finished third in the 200 to claim all-conference honors in her second event. She, too, was a member of the record-setting relay teams for CSU.

Spurley swept the 100 and 200-meter events on the men's side, setting a facility record in the preliminaries of the 200 with a time of 21.21. His 10.35-second finish in the preliminaries of the 100 set a school record, and Spurley swept the 100 and 200-meter events on the men's side, setting a facility record in the preliminaries of the 200 with a time of 21.21. His 10.35-second finish in the preliminaries of the 100 set a school record, and Spurley came in under the NCAA Regional qualifying mark in both events.

WOMEN’S ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS (Requires a top-three finish)
Misha Morris – 100m Dash / Conference Champion • Jessica Thomas – 100m Dash / Second place • Dionne Gibson – 200m Dash / Conference Champion • Misha Morris – 200m Dash / Third place • Dionne Gibson – 400m Dash / Conference Champion • Kim Allen – 100m Hurdles / Third place • Chidi Walsh – 400m / Second place • Dionne Gibson, Conchettar Delamar, Misha Morris, Jessica Thomas – 4X100m Relay / Conference Champion • Ebony Muller, Chidi Walsh, Misha Morris, Dionne Gibson – 4X400m Relay / Conference Champion • Jocelyn Davis – Shot Put / Conference Champion • Marie Doan – Shot Put / Second place • Jocelyn Davis – Discus / Second place • Jocelyn Davis – Hammer / Conference Champion • Marie Doan – Hammer / Third place
Channell Futrell – Heptathlon / Third place

MEN’S ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS (Requires a top-three finish)
Alonzo Spurley – 100m Dash / Conference Champion • Alonzo Spurley – 200m Dash / Conference Champion • Cornelius Tyler – 200m Dash / Second place • Levi Brooks – 200m Dash / Third place • Michael Rhue – 400m Dash / Conference Champion • Levi Brooks – 400m Dash / Second Place • Cornelius Tyler – 400m Dash / Third place • Levi Brooks, Michael Rhue, Alonzo Spurley, Cornelius Tyler – 4X100m Relay Team / Conference Champion • Cornelius Tyler, Alonzo Spurley, Brandon Harris, Levi Brooks – 4X400m Relay Team / Second place
MATTHEW PRITCHARD, CENTER, AN ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE WITH Google in Atlanta, was guest speaker at the recent Board of Visitors Networking Breakfast. His talk centered on the culture of the workplace at Google. Eighty percent of employees’ time is spent on their core function, and the other 20 percent of time is expected to be spent exploring bold, new ideas. “There is very little turnover,” he said. “In our work environment we work hard and play hard.”
I’ve been at First Federal for 31 years. I wouldn’t be where I am today without this school. It’s done wonderful things over the years.

JERRY GAZES
senior vice president of First Financial Holdings Inc.

These young people may not realize it yet, but in a few years they may realize it’s more blessed to give than to receive. God has blessed me.

JAMES GOODMAN
Goodman Chevrolet, Inc.

I was a member of the first class here. It was a clay field and two buildings. Nice to be here and see all this enthusiasm and nice to be a part of it.

O.L. THOMPSON '71
CEO of OL Thompson Construction Co., Inc.

Without your contributions, I wouldn’t be here. This is an amazing school with amazing people.

CLAYTON COOK
prenursing major from Hanahan

I don’t think good things come cheap. This school has changed my life; my character has developed.

ANDY AINSWORTH
religion major, Bethlehem, N.H.

The donors set an example.

BRANTLEY MEIER
business major from Charleston

I’m not a donor- I’m an investor in the future of our country.

BOB ASHBY
CEO of Sherwood Enterprises, Inc.

O.L. Thompson ’71 meets with a recipient of scholarship dollars. Photo by Sherry Atkinson
THE JUSTIN E. COPE MEMORIAL Music Education Endowed Scholarship has been established. 

In 2004 Cope graduated cum laude with a degree in music education. He began his teaching career at Oakbrook Elementary and very quickly became one of the school’s most popular teachers.

During his first year at Oakbrook Elementary School, Cope’s giftedness was affirmed when he was selected the 2005 Rookie Teacher of the Year by his peers.

In July 2006, Cope married Kimberly Blevins ’05, a classmate at Charleston Southern. Then shortly before their one-year anniversary, Justin passed away in his sleep June 12, 2007.

Oakbrook Elementary principal Donna Clark remembers, “He made a difference in all of our lives and shared himself in a thousand different ways. He made them (the children) believe in themselves.”

Cope’s love of music started early on. While attending Northwestern High School in Rock Hill, he studied with music teacher Victor Varner ’79. “In 26 years of teaching music, I’ve never worked with a finer young man,” said Varner. “He was always there, working and smiling.”

After high school, he enrolled at Charleston Southern and immersed himself in musical opportunities. In fall 2003 he performed in Oklahoma as Will Parker, and in 2005 he was double cast as Professor Harold Hill in The Music Man. He was also a member of the Concert Singers, Chamber Singers, New Vision and the Singing Buccaneers. “Justin’s presence and characterization on stage were so convincing, and it is only because he was genuine to the core of his being and let that show in everything he did,” said Dr. Jennifer Luiken, music professor.

In 2003, the Concert Singers made a trip to Bulgaria. During the experience, the group was reminded that music is a universal language. “I remember seeing him respond to the gypsy village children in Varna, Bulgaria, and how they were drawn to his spirit and his smile,” said Dr. Valerie Bullock, chair of the Horton School of Music.

Cope also shared his musical abilities in the Charleston community serving in several area churches, including East Haven Baptist Church and Rutledge Memorial Baptist Church.

Despite his busy schedule, Justin always made time for friends and fun. His easygoing personality made everyone he met feel special. Former CSU roommate Michael Weiss recalls, “Justin was truly an inspiration to me in the purest sense of the word. I learned so much from him musically and spiritually.”

The Cope scholarship will provide the opportunity for other Charleston Southern students to follow their calling to music education.

Contributions to the Justin E. Cope Memorial Music Education Endowed Scholarship can be sent to:
Charleston Southern University,
Justin E. Cope Scholarship Fund,
Development Office,
P.O. Box 118087, Charleston, SC 29423.
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL BOARD OF VISITORS

MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS ARE AN INFLUENTIAL GROUP WHO benefit Charleston Southern in many ways. They refer prospective students, assist students in locating internships and permanent employment, develop financial resources, identify prospective donors and donate at the level of $5,000 per year for three years.

Executive Council members also dine with a dean of one of the University's colleges or schools and other administrators twice a year, interact with faculty members, speak to student groups and serve on discussion panels.

Some of the Executive Council members are highlighted here. Additional members will be featured in future magazines.

Van Hipp • Chairman • American Defense International, Inc.
B.S., Wofford College
J.D., University of South Carolina School of Law

• How does your company serve the community?
American Defense International, Inc. (ADI) has been successful in implementing many technologies needed by the U.S. military in the current defense and homeland security environment. These programs and technologies have included everything from weapon systems to biological defense countermeasures, etc. We are also very active in a number of charitable organizations, including the Salvation Army.

• Why do you support student scholarships at Charleston Southern University?
I once was on the receiving end of a student scholarship which allowed me to pursue my undergraduate education, so I have experienced firsthand the difference a student scholarship can make.

Emory Ware • Area Executive • South Carolina Central and Coastal Georgia Regions Bank
B.S.B.A, Western Carolina University

• How does your company serve the community?
In addition to providing financial services, Regions associates give time, energy and support to many worthy organizations for the betterment of the community we share.

• Why do you support student scholarships at Charleston Southern University?
I believe in the principles outlined in CSU’s mission statement. When students want to attend, cost does not become a factor or an issue when being compared to public universities.
THURSDAY, OCT. 30
• 5K Fun Run & Walk, 7:15 p.m.
  starts at Lightsey Chapel portico
• Refreshments follow the run

FRIDAY, OCT. 31
• 21st annual President’s Cup Golf Tournament
  shotgun start at noon
• Awards cookout at the end of the tournament
• Call the alumni office at 843-863-7516 or
  alumni@csuniv.edu to register a team or
  for info about sponsorships

SATURDAY, NOV. 1
• Alumni Association annual meeting, 9 a.m.
  nursing building. Alumni Board of Directors election
• Homecoming Parade, 10 a.m., front campus

SUNDAY, NOV. 2
• Summit Church Campus Worship, 11 a.m.
  Lightsey Chapel

School Ties

Log onto www.csuniv.edu/alumni for updated event schedules
Speaking to a crowd of graduates that included his son, Jonathan, Dr. Rick Brewer ’77, ’96, encouraged graduates to adopt the and then some factor.

Based on the story of Rebekah in Genesis 24, the and then some factor models the idea of going the second mile. Brewer said, “According to Jesus, the difference between the Christian and the non-Christian is that the Christian walks the second mile.”

Brewer told the grads, “The secret of job fulfillment is to find something you like to do so much that you’ll gladly do it for nothing; then learn to do it so well that people are happy to pay you for it.”

Several lessons from Rebekah’s story apply to success in the workplace and in life. Brewer said, “Rebekah teaches us:

- Don’t despise the little jobs
- Don’t wait for the big moments
- Help people, and you’ll always be a blessing
- Do your best, and then some
- When God opens a door, go through it
- Don’t settle for mediocrity.”

Brewer is vice president for planning and student affairs at CSU and holds a bachelor’s and master’s degree from CSU and a Ph.D. from the University of South Carolina. He and his wife, Cathy ’89, have two sons: Jason ’04, and Jonathan ’08.
DURING THE ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON, TWO SCHOLARSHIPS were provided as a result of your unselfish contributions to our CSU Alumni Endowed Scholarship Fund, and the recipients were acknowledged. I listened to the voices of students who would not have been afforded a higher education if it were not for the generosity of people giving back to our University. People were touched by the gratitude the students expressed. Your investments made a definite impact in the lives of some who thought it impossible to conceive they would be currently enrolled in any form of higher learning institution. Many students shared they were the first in their family to ever reach this important milestone – to attend a university. Our generous contributions, no matter the size, are able to make so great an impact for those in need of financial support to make their dreams a reality.

We each entered CSU, learned vital information, received our degrees and left to share our knowledge in current jobs or to begin careers. As members of the Alumni Association, we are reminded of our ongoing challenge to continue to support the University and especially current students, our future alumni. Please continue learning more ways to be active within our Alumni Association.

A schedule of current events is always posted on the CSU Web site: charlestonsouthern.edu, and all are encouraged to attend and support the planned activities. Homecoming is an annual reunion of both old friends and colleagues and also new friendships waiting to be cultivated. As children practice what they see, current students notice alumni presence. What a wonderful time to meet those who will be joining us in the very near future.

Interested in assisting with alumni activities during our upcoming Homecoming? Contact David Weiss in our alumni office @ 843-863-7516 or alumni@csuniv.edu.

Please share your thoughts, ideas, comments, and concerns with me at alumnipresident@csuniv.edu.
FAMILY AFFAIR

Jermaine Whirl ’08 M.B.A. grad is congratulated by his father, Johnny Whirl, a 1988 graduate. The Whirl family was attending the reception for 2008 graduates.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE SPEAKER

David Cheatle, ’07 criminal justice master’s graduate, spoke to a group of criminal justice students and campus safety employees on campus recently about safety. Cheatle is deputy chief of the North Charleston Police Department.
1971
Luther E. Hunter has finished his 40th year as a teacher and principal in public education. His wife, Julie, reports that he seems to have no intention of retiring. Also, he has performed as Santa Claus at Walt Disney World for the past 17 years. The Hunters live in Gastonia, N.C.

1973
Archie Franchini has been named the assistant superintendent for learning services for the Berkeley County (S.C.) School District.

1979
Penny Weeks Brown was named Upper School Teacher of the Year by the S.C. Independent School Association. She teaches 9th, 10th, and 11th grade Honors English and 12th grade Advanced Placement English at Holly Hill Academy. She and her husband have three children and live in Vance.

1983
C. Lynn Brown and John M. Conklin II were married May 17 in Charleston. Lynn is a hospital staff chaplain at the Medical University of South Carolina. They live in Charleston.

Hank McKeithan is currently stationed at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Fla., where he works for the U.S. Special Operations command. His wife, Susan, works as a church secretary for First Baptist Church of Brandon, and his son, Matthew, is a senior at Durant High School. They live in Valrico, Florida. Hank writes, “I can be reached at hmkeithan@verizon.net. Feel free to contact me if in the MacDill or Tampa area.”

1984
Donna McKinney Southgate and Michael Keith Woods were married May 10 in Gaffney. He is a corporate technical director for Inman Mills, and they will live in Gaffney.

1988
Kathryn “Kathy” Keeney McCullohs graduated in May 2008 with an M.Ed. with an emphasis in reading and curriculum from Grand Canyon University. She teaches English at West Potomac High School, Fairfax County Public Schools, Va. Kathy and her husband, Lt. Col. Mark C. McCullohs, USAF, are the proud parents of four children: Julia, 17, Curtis, 16, Elizabeth, 13, and Henry, 10. They live on Fort Belvoir, Va.

1989
Lisa Adams has received a promotion with Community First Bank to assistant vice president and branch manager of the James Island branch. She has been with Community First Bank since 1999.

1990
Daniel Charles Farmer has been named assistant principal at William Reeves Jr. Elementary School in Summerville. He and his wife, Kathryn, have two children: Anna, 6, and Ben, 3.

1995
Caroline Dame Brown and Patrick M. Brown ’96, proudly announce the birth of their second son, Jonathan Franklin, born Nov. 8, 2007. He was welcomed home by his 3-year-old brother, Michael. Caroline is employed by Allstate The East Cooper Agency as an account manager, and Patrick is employed by Ryland Homes as a new homes sales specialist. They live on Johns Island.

1996
Stacey M. Pierce has accepted a position as director of home services at the Oaks in Orangeburg. She lives in Summerville.

1998
Deloris Pugh is the payroll administrator for LS3P Associates Ltd. in Charleston.

2000
Andrea Banco Jeffcoat and her husband announce the birth of a son. Theron Jackson was born Dec. 11, 2007. He weighed 7 lbs., 8 oz. Andrea writes: “God has truly blessed us with a healthy, beautiful baby.” Andrea is a recreation therapist for Palmetto Senior Care in Columbia, and her husband is a jeweler for Howle and Howle Goldsmiths and Moseley’s Diamonds. They live in Lexington.

1999
Lisa Adams has received a promotion with Community First Bank to assistant vice president and branch manager of the James Island branch. She has been with Community First Bank since 1999.

2001
Christi Pinson Solivan and her husband proudly announce the birth of their second son, Aiden Luke, born April 9. They live in Moncks Corner.

Melissa Ann Pluta and William Michael Parker were married March 29 on Edisto Island. He is a financial services professional with New York Life Securities. They live in Charleston.
2002

Bette Century Thomas had her photo made with The Honorable Henry E. Brown Jr., U.S. Congressman, at the Berkeley County Chamber of Commerce’s 31st annual meeting May 9. The guest speaker at the event was Darla Moore, chairman of the Palmetto Institute Board. Bette is community resources coordinator for Webster University’s Charleston Metropolitan Campus. She received her master’s degree from Webster in 2003.

Laura Mushrush Ezzell received a master’s in curriculum and technology from the University of Phoenix in 2005 and is working toward a doctorate in educational technology. She will teach at the new South Carolina Connections Academy in Columbia beginning with the 2008-2009 school year. She married John Ezzell Dec. 20, 2007. John is a deputy sheriff with the Dorchester County Sheriff’s department. They live in Dorchester.

2003

Chandra Elaine Bartels and Michael Neil Wellman were married at Cumberland Gap National Historical Park in Middlesboro, Ky., May 17. Chandra teaches private music lessons in piano, voice and violin and is a licensed Kindermusik educator. Michael will complete his degree at Clear Creek Baptist Bible College next year. They live in Pineville, Ky., where they are active in a new church plant in Bell County.

LaKitra Sherrell Weston and Ashley Martin were married April 26 in Columbia. She is a global support coordinator for Verizon Wireless, and they live in Columbia.

2004

Amy Marie Miller and Chad Lucas Bourguignon were married March 1 in Irmo. She works for the Spartanburg County Department of Social Services as a human services specialist in the foster care division. They live in Spartanburg.

Jennifer Irene Lambright Roberson and Joseph Monroe Roberson and their son have moved to Louisville, Ky., where Joseph will attend Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Malachi Samuel was born in North Charleston Nov. 27, 2007.

2007

Justin Baker is a fine arts educator at Charleston School of the Arts, teaching musical theatre, arts management, piano and music technology and is starting his fifth year of teaching, previously teaching at North Charleston High School. He is assistant to the director of music at the Church of the Holy Cross, Sullivan’s Island and also teaches voice and piano privately.

Carrie Elizabeth Evans and Mark Steven Watford Jr. ’04, were married March 1 in Moncks Corner. He is the owner of Crescent Moon Landscaping in Charleston, where they live.

Claire Lorynn Sweeney and Rodriques Mario Wilson were married Feb. 23 in Charleston. He is a member of the Chicago Bears team.

Keep In Touch

We would love to hear about your career and family. In order for your news to be printed in the fall issue of the magazine, we need to receive your information by September 10, 2008. Photos are welcome and should be 300dpi and saved as JPEG format.

If you have an alumnus friend who isn’t receiving the magazine, send his/her address to mperson@csuniv.edu.
MEMORIALS

Henry Anderson, age 85, died March 2 in Charleston. He was a former member of the CSU Board of Trustees and was retired from Wm. M. Bird and Company. He was involved with numerous community organizations and was a World War II veteran.

Helen Genelle Bryant Barry, Ph.D., age 90, died Feb. 20 in Charleston. She was the retired department chair and professor of psychology for Charleston Southern. She was also the author of three books, The Master’s Hands, Rosyton and Imagine Yourself.

Archie Garrett Berry Sr. ’69, age 60, died March 5 in Hartsville. He was married to his college sweetheart, whom he met at Baptist College, Debbie Bland Berry, for 39 years. While in college he served as president of PBA. He was the owner of Archie Berry Auto Sales in Florence.

Mattie Alleine Nelson Garves ’72, age 96, died March 15 in Rock Hill. She was 62 years old when she became a college graduate. She was a kindergarten and first grade teacher and taught music.

Ernest Spencer “Ernie” Harrell ’70, age 61, died Feb. 15 in Marion. He was an English teacher at Francis Marion University and was organist/choirmaster at Marion Presbyterian Church, Latta Presbyterian Church, All Saints Episcopal Church and Lake View Baptist Church.

Harriet McBryde Johnson ’78, age 50, died June 4 in Charleston. She was a disability and civil rights attorney and the author of Too Late to Die Young and gained national attention as a champion for those with disabilities and benefits and civil rights claims.

Ruth Jones, age 91, died March 24 in North Charleston. She and her late husband, Clif, were founders and long-time supporters of the University, and Jones Hall on campus is named for them. The Jones funded The Clif and Ruth Jones Endowed Scholarship. She was active in community endeavors and at Summerville Baptist Church.

Emerson Harold Keown Sr., age 87, died May 18 in Richmond, Va. A former broadcaster, he was the first treasurer of the Charleston Southern Board of Trustees and later was vice president for development at the University.

Willie Moye ’88, age 42, died April 27 in Columbia. He was a medical technologist for Palmetto Richland Hospital, a lead tech for the American Red Cross Confirmatory Laboratory and was involved in medical research.

Michaele Lynn Patrick ’95, age 52, died March 17 in Summerville. She was an assistant manager with Wal-Mart.

John Stroud ’75, age 67, died February 12 in Walterboro. He was retired from the Charleston Naval Shipyard and was a special assistant to former Gov. Jim Edwards.

FOUNDING CLASSES TO BE RECOGNIZED

In 2009, CSU 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. CSU, then known as the new Baptist College at Charleston, opened its doors in the fall of 1965. Starting with 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 University. This foundation has helped CSU grow from those original 400 students to 3,300 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.

Homecoming 2009 presents you, the members of the founding class, with a very unique opportunity. The University is planning to honor the founding class throughout Homecoming Weekend 2009. To make this event successful, we will need your help. Please visit the alumni Web site, www.charlestonsouthern.edu/alumni, to view the roster for the founding class. Names marked with an asterisk (*) are alumni for whom we do not have current contact information. You can help us by providing contact information for these alumni in one of the following ways:

• Contact them personally, and ask them to update their address and phone number with us.

• Ask your classmate to log onto www.charlestonsouthern.edu/alumni and follow the instructions to update his/her information.

• Ask them to call 843-863-7516 and update their information with the alumni director.

Please contact David Weiss in the alumni office at 843-863-7516 or e-mail alumni@csuniv.edu if you see any errors on this list, or if you have any questions regarding this event. Also, please contact us if you would like to be a part of planning this historic event which will honor the legacy of the first 4-year graduating class. Thanks in advance for helping us make your 40-year reunion a success.
JOIN US!

In 2009, we will celebrate the 40th Reunion of The Class of 1969, along with 1968 and 1967. These classes make up the founding classes of Charleston Southern.