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From the President

Jake L. Atkins, '49

Alumni Association President

Several years ago, I read an article in a business journal and since that time, I have retained this one thought that was found therein: great aims are no good if you do not pull the trigger.

For the past several years, Southern Missionary College Alumni Association has been taking aim with some great ideas concerning promotion of the academic and social side of our college. We are continuing the Master Plan of providing more buildings, such as the Fine Arts Center, and additions to the dormitories to house more students. Now it is time to end the discussion and begin to pull the trigger if these very positive plans are to be implemented.

All of us know that alumni are the real backbone and strength of any institution of higher learning. One of the greatest needs at Southern Missionary College is to solidify and strengthen the "backbone" of the college. The alumni board of directors and William Taylor, director of alumni affairs, have dedicated this year to alumni growth. Through this growth, we know that we can see Southern Missionary College expand, not only in student population, but also in the quality of the educational and overall development of the student.

If development of the college and its students is our goal and if it takes a strong alumni body to accomplish this, then how can we trigger this into a plan of action? One obvious way is to form alumni chapters in towns and cities where SMC alumni are numerous. These local clubs could be valuable aids in the recruitment of students; they could serve as important sensors through which SMC officials could determine alumni sentiment in college matters; and, finally, such chapters could become a sort of spiritual and social extension of the college itself.

Southern Missionary College has much to offer and its alumni have much to be proud of: let's garner all of that pride into a plan for promoting our college. Now is the time for triggering such a plan. If one of you takes the initiative in each of the state centers where there are several graduates, we promise to give you all the information we can and arrange for some college official to meet with you and "bring you up to date on what is happening in Collegedale." Let's hear from you!

ABOUT THE COVERS

Gary Moore, '77 graduate in Communication, was asked to take some "spring scenes" around the campus. From the many good ones, the Editing and Production class chose two to appear on the covers of SOUTHERN COLUMNS. Gary also took all the informal pictures for this issue. The portraits came from the files in the Public Relations Office. This magazine was printed at The College Press, Collegedale, TN.



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Get Sense of Perspective, 357 SMC Graduates Told

"You must develop the scenario for your own life," Dr. G. Elaine Giddings told the 357 graduates at Southern Missionary College.

Dr. Giddings, professor of communication at Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Mich., said that "gloom and despair face the one and one-half million graduates in the U.S., double those of 10 years ago.

"As a result, there are two and one-half graduates for each job available. But God has a work for each of you to do, regardless of the despair in the world."

Dr. Giddings served on the staff of SMC from 1945 to 1950. She named the college newspaper, *The Southern Accent*, when she served as its first adviser. She was also the scenario writer for the international TV program, "Faith for Today."

She said, "You graduates will have to develop a sense of perspective, based upon faith in God, with a sense of humility and humor."

In other weekend activities, the graduates heard Elder H. J. Carruba, president of the Florida Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, who gave the Consecration address on Friday night.

Dr. Don MacAdams, president of Southwestern Adventist College, Keene, Tex., gave the baccalaureate talk on Saturday morning.

On Saturday night, graduates in nursing were pinned by the nursing faculty. SMC's Professor Christene Perkins addressed the group.

SMC graduated 129 in nursing, 32 in religion and theology, 58 in elementary or childhood education, 27 in business administration, and 19 in biology. Other disciplines accounted for the remainder.

SMC Board Votes to Keep Present Name

In a vote of 16-9 the Board of Trustees decided last week to keep the name "Southern Missionary College" for the present time.

Although the Administrative Council favored the name change, it recommended to the Board that they maintain the college name since the student body and alumni had expressed support of the present designation.

Another consideration of the Board was the possible difficulties in raising money for the proposed Fine Arts Center. Some believed that a new college name would confuse the patron donors in the Chattanooga area.

In a poll administered during a chapel period, 308 students (72%) voted to keep the name "Southern Missionary College." One hundred and twenty (28%) opposed. A poll printed in the March 31 *Southern Accent* revealed almost identical results: 32 students (71%) voted against the name change, and 13 (29%) preferred another college name.

Honored Alumni Lists Fleming At Andrews U.

Charles Fleming, former general manager at SMC for many years, was named as one of the Alumni of Distinction at Andrews University Homecoming ceremonies in April 1977.

Fleming began his service to SMC in 1944 in the business offices and then enlarged the responsibilities of the industrial managers under one leadership. The present Master Plan for SMC was drawn up under Fleming's direction.

CK Wins 1977 Silver Award

The Campus Kitchen is a recipient of the Silver Award in the 1977 National Restaurant Association's Menu Idea Exchange, according to NRA President Patrick L. O'Malley.

The winning menu, entered in the College and University category, was one of over 800 entries submitted to this year's contest from restaurants throughout the United States and from 37 foreign countries.

The official 14th Annual Menu Idea Exchange judging of the finalists took place in Chicago on April 5. Menus were selected on the basis of general overall appearance, merchandising or selling power, ease of reading, originality and imagination.

The Gold and Silver award-winning menus will be incorporated into a travelling display scheduled to make its initial 1977 appearance at the 58th Annual Restaurant Hotel/Motel Show, May 22-25, at Chicago's McCormick Place. For the next twelve months, the display will circulate to colleges and universities with food service curricula and to regional food service trade shows.

In announcing the winning menus, O'Malley, who is also Chairman of the Board of Canteen Corporation, noted, "These outstanding menus are examples of the excellence we are striving for in the food service industry."



Ron Grange

Ron Grange, Food Service Director, who submitted the winning menu, has accepted a similar position at Pacific Union College beginning July 1.



Librarian Charles Davis and Assistant Peggy Bennett show treasures in Lincoln collection at Southern Missionary College's library. The library is open by appointment for the use of scholars working on research about the Lincoln years, including Civil War history.

SMC LIBRARY REPOSITORY FOR RESEARCH COLLECTIONS

By Peggy Bennett, Assistant Librarian

Standing there in that room, one could almost see the figure of the man — gaunt, stooped, alone — his the decision which would determine a nation's future endurance or premature demise.

The room evoking such an image is The Thomas Memorial Lincoln-Civil War room of SMC's McKee Library, which houses two prestigious libraries in the field of Lincolniana and Civil War history. Couched in the heart of the Southland, arena for much of the drama of those shattering days, McKee Library furnishes an appropriate setting for these two outstanding and intimately-linked collections — one graphically describing that hour when the future of our nation

hung poised on the decision of one man — the other minutely exploring that man thrust into the center of the turmoil.

Dr. Vernon L. Thomas of Keene, Texas, long-time friend of SMC's president, Dr. Frank Knittel, is responsible for placing the valuable sets in the SMC library. A serious bibliophile, Dr. Thomas has been collecting books and media since 1951, accumulating a personal library of over 30,000 volumes, of which these two collections formed an important part. In addition to the Lincoln and Civil War material, Dr. Thomas has also generously donated the major portion of his personal library to the McKee Library's general collection.

Originally held by Dr. Russell C. Slater of LaSalle, Illinois, the Civil War collection consists of 1,900 books and periodicals, besides numerous artifacts, letters, manuscripts, pamphlets, and newspapers. The collection includes much primary source material. Original letters between Civil War soldiers and their families vividly portray the loneliness of their separation and yearning for reunion, the desolation at home left by plundering soldiers, and attitudes toward Lincoln, his policies, and the war.

The grimy pages of a soldier's diary tell their own story of army life, battle conditions, and wearying marches — some entries so brief one can imagine a bone-weary

boy penning those lines just prior to dropping into an exhausted sleep. A quartermaster's brittle record book itemizes in spidery script commodities ordered each day to supply the needs of the soldiers.

Newspapers report the daily progress of the war. One especially interesting one published at the close of the siege of Vicksburg was printed on wallpaper, mute evidence that Southern resources had finally run out.

A lawyer, John W. Fling, Jr., of Wyoming, Illinois, gathered the material comprising the Lincoln Collection, considered by some experts to be one of the finest selective libraries on the life of Lincoln in the United States. Consisting of over 1,200 books, periodicals, and pamphlets, plus artifacts, letters, newspapers, pictures and oil paintings, the Lincoln library contains much valuable material and several items found only in this collection.

Included are two original copies of the only biography ever read and approved by Lincoln. Extremely rare, the 32-page pamphlet was written by John Locke Scripps and used in the campaign of 1860.

An item found only in this collection is a check for \$10.00 signed by A. Lincoln, dated Sept. 28, 1857, made out to Bailhackle and Baker, publishers of the 1858 *Proceedings of the Illinois State Convention*.

Lincoln's Springfield law office is represented in the collection by a section of oak from its flooring and a book from that office inscribed *Lincoln and Herndon* by Lincoln's law partner, William E. Herndon. Henry E. Rankin, an errand boy in that office, later became author of several books on Lincoln now in the collection, some of which are autographed.

During his presidency, Lincoln had three secretaries: John Nicolay and John Hay, who co-authored a multi-volume work on Lincoln's life, and William O. Stoddard. Included in the collection are original letters from Stoddard and Hay. Hay's letter is written to H. E. Barker, a dealer in Lincolniana, re-

garding some Lincoln letters, and Stoddard's to J. R. B. Van Cleave, a collector, concerning personal attributes of Lincoln.

A section of the marble sarcophagus which had contained Lincoln's casket for 36 years was picked up by Mr. Fling during a visit to Springfield while the present tomb was under construction. Several other men who accompanied Mr. Fling also picked up pieces of the sarcophagus. Their actions provoked a huge commotion, and they eventually had to return the marble to the State of Illinois — all except Mr. Fling. This section of marble along with a photograph of the original sarcophagus is a part of the collection.

Mr. Fling, a friend of Senator Albert J. Beveridge who authored the authoritative biography *Abraham Lincoln*, and considered an authority on the Gettysburg Address, was able to supply certain material on that subject for the senator's book. There are several sets of Beveridge's work in the library — two which still have their pages uncut, and one a two-volume set which cannot be duplicated. This set is made special by the original documents added to the pages of the two volumes. About to be destroyed along with other old documents in the basement of the Capitol in Springfield, these documents were rescued and pasted into the Beveridge work. Accompanying the volumes is a letter from Senator Beveridge to Mr. Fling concerning the biography.

There are two oil paintings of Lincoln by the well-known artist William Patterson. One was painted from Brady's best photograph of Lincoln. The other is a copy of the well-known Hessler photograph taken shortly after Lincoln was nominated for president. The Hessler oil has never been retouched.

In the collection is the last photograph taken of Lincoln one week before his death, and a genuine platinum photograph of Lincoln from an edition limited to 100, framed in oak taken from the original flooring of Lincoln's first law office.

The gigantic task of processing the collections began in the fall of 1975. Chosen as target date for completion and dedication of the library was July 4, 1976, to coincide with the bicentennial celebration. Confronted with hundreds of boxes of materials to be sorted, inventoried, verified bibliographically, cataloged and processed for the shelves, in addition to the normal work load, the staff worked long hours in order to complete the project on schedule. Each article required close examination and special handling (every book, for example, is wrapped in plastic), each autograph was noted and indexed, each unique feature described, each letter and manuscript classified. Student assistants, who comprise the bulk of the library staff, are to be highly praised for their willing efforts in assisting this project to its scheduled completion.

There in that room, one is surrounded by a history that must surely testify to a special destiny for that small nation which almost — but not quite — met destruction just 87 years after its birth. These collections serve as reminders that its survival has provided an atmosphere in which the Three Angels' Messages could develop and flourish. The alumni have every reason to be proud of SMC's growing potential as a research facility, not only because of its enhanced standing in the educational community, but because it provides yet another avenue for witness. It is hoped that these valuable research collections will attract interested parties to this campus where they will become curious about SMC and its goals, and gain not only a knowledge of Civil War history, but a knowledge of Him who "removeth kings and setteth up kings." Thus the Lincoln-Civil War Library may fulfill its role in contributing to SMC's ultimate purpose — education for eternity.

Alumni having items to donate to further enhance the value of these collections are invited to contact Dr. Frank Knittel or Charles Davis, Librarian.



Miss Lindberg

“Retires” From Classroom

By Debra Gainer
Sophomore English Major

On any given Monday, Wednesday, or Friday morning—rain, snow, sleet, or hail—you can see her making her slow determined way from the English department to Advanced Grammar class in Hackman Hall. Looking beyond her glasses, you see her sky-blue eyes, twinkling, more like a girl who is seventeen than one who is almost seventy.

Ask her name, and she'll reply “Miss Lindy,” the fond nickname her students know her by. Her real name is Evelyn M. M. Lindberg. The sparkle in her eyes deepens to a private smile as she informs you that the first “M” stands for Maria, but that the second one was her mother's idea and she won't tell you what it stands for.

Miss Lindberg is now in her nineteenth year of teaching at Collegedale. She remembers that first day of school here—when the first girl to enter her classroom was the daughter of a boy she had taught at Auburn Academy years earlier. She has stayed here and trained a generation of writers, watched them grow from students into prominent published authors. She has seen one-time students Clark, Gerhart, Hamm, and Ruf graduate from college and come to SMC as her colleagues in the English department.

She admits to being best-known for her legendary Creative Writing class. Bruce Gerhart still remembers the tremendous sense of expectancy and camaraderie the class gave to him in its early days. He remembers how Miss Lindberg never let a question her class asked go unanswered. He, and her other students, remember the hours she spent with them in personal writing conferences, and the times she stayed up all night working on their papers.

Miss Lindy also has memories of Creative Writing class. She remembers the first batch of stories the first class sent in to the *Youth's Instructor*. Mr. Houghton, whose son Robin now attends SMC, was a student in that class, and his story won first place in the writing contest. “My, we were so proud.” She has kept all the stories in big scrapbooks that were ever published by her students.

Her mind drifts further back, to her first year of teaching. She was 26, a new Seventh-day Adventist, and a graduate music major. She had been called to an Adventist academy to teach music, and to be the dean and librarian in her spare time. During that first year, the English teacher became sick and had to leave. It was “one of the Lord's little jokes in my life.” The administration asked her to begin teaching three English classes, and let her take some correspondence courses to get her minor in English at the same time.

Later, she went on to get her master's degree in English. God does things like that, and “as you look back, you don't mind.” She reminisces on the years spent as dean in academies and colleges across the United States. She laughs as she thinks of all the varied experiences she has had—like the time two Florida girls at a Massachusetts college woke her up in the middle of the night to let them outside because it had begun to snow. “Maybe I'll write a book . . .”

Miss Lindberg discovered that she had to know a lot—about a lot of things. “You learn as you go along” about everything from plumbing to psychology. “You'll do anything better in life if you know a great deal about a lot of different things.” She feels strongly that there's no class offered at SMC that anyone could call useless—even Algebra. She remembers ruefully the beginning of her many years as annual sponsor, when she learned the mathematical aspects of yearbook editing the hard way—because she hadn't learned her Algebra in school. She'll have to put that in her book . . .

Her eyes grow reflective as she thinks about how long it's been since she has done much writing. She has enjoyed her students' works. There were some delightfully talented students—some that she never would have expected. “Dear me, I've learned never to underestimate a young mind.”

She wonders how she could love both Creative Writing and Advanced Grammar being so opposite to each other—Creative Writing as the art of it all, and Grammar the science. “I guess I love anything that has to do with words.” Except for news writing. Her friends used to ask her to write up their weddings for the local newspapers, but she never could do it. She could write about the creamy white satin of the bride's dress, the look of love in the groom's eyes, the glow of the church candles and the majesty of the wedding march, but she just couldn't make it into news.

There haven't been many things she couldn't do. She could be a mother to hundreds of young people at a time. She could make a confirmed grammar-hater finally see the light. She could walk a mile and a half through the snow to be at a 9:00 class. But, she couldn't stop herself from getting old. She couldn't keep her knee from cruelly crippling her with arthritis. She couldn't go on forever.

Miss Lindy is retiring now, at the end of this semester. She doesn't mind. “I'll have plenty to do.” She still hasn't written her book. And her eyes still sparkle blue.

Keene, Texas, Will Claim Dr. Payne



Dr. LaVeta Payne, professor of education at Southern Missionary College since 1966, has announced her retirement. She has been teaching in the Seventh-day Adventist educational system for 37 years.

An author and poet of merit, she has been recognized by many professional and honor societies. Locally she is a member of the Authors' and Artists' Club of Chattanooga, the Poetry Society of Tennessee, and the Chief John Ross Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Dr. Payne is the third vice-president for Tennessee in the National Women's Press and Authors' Association, and a counselor in the Poetry Society of Tennessee, a division of the National Poetry Society.

She has written several books, among them, *Your Career in Secondary Education*, and her own textbook for her methods of teaching course, *Better Teaching in Secondary Schools*.

Dr. Payne has published a book of poetry entitled *Awake, To Wonder*, and is working on the manuscript for another to be called *Blossoms on the Same Tree*.

Among the publications which include her biographical sketch are, *Contemporary Authors*, 1973, *The World Who's Who of Women*, 2000 *Women of Achievement*, 1973, *Personalities of the South*, 1973.

Other listings include *500 First Families of America*, *The Hereditary Register of the United States*, *International Who's Who in Community Service*, *National Register of Prominent and International Notables*, *Who's Who Among Authors and Journalists*.

International Scholars Directory, *Who's Who in the United States*, 1975, and *American Men and Women of Science* have also listed her in recognition of her achievements. Dr. Payne is listed in a total of 29 such publications.

In addition to her teaching and writing, she is the editor of the *Teacher Education Bulletin*, a publication that circulates to the teachers of the Seventh-day

Adventist educational system in the southeastern United States.

Although this remarkable lady is only 61 years old, she is able to retire at this time because she began her career at the age of seventeen, teaching in a public elementary school.

Dr. Payne took four years off to attend Union College, which she paid her own way through, before resuming her teaching at a church school in Lincoln, Nebraska, near the college.

During the years since then she has obtained three more degrees, earned while teaching full time—a master's degree in educational psychology from the University of Nebraska in 1943, a doctorate in secondary education from the same university in 1952, and a second bachelor's degree in elementary education from Atlantic Union College in 1966.

Dr. Payne has taught at Smith County Elementary School, Lebanon, Kansas, where she was born, Lincoln Church School, Lincoln, Nebraska, Shenandoah Valley Academy, New Market, Virginia, and Platte Valley Academy, Shelton, Nebraska.

She has also taught at Columbia Union College, Takoma Park, Maryland, Newbold Missionary College, Bracknell, England, Atlantic Union College, South Lancaster, Massachusetts, and Southern Missionary College.

Following retirement, Dr. Payne plans to move to Keene, Texas, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Verne Payne, who have been living with her since 1959. She wants to be closer to her brothers, one who is an evangelist in southern California, and another who is a former Senator, and lobbyist in the Nebraska state legislature.

She looks forward to just staying home, keeping house, perhaps writing some, playing the piano "for my own entertainment only," and pursuing her hobby of china painting.

Collegedale Church Changes Pastors

ELDER PATTERSON GOES TO MONTANA

Elder Gary B. Patterson, pastor of the Collegedale church since 1971, has accepted a call to the Montana Conference as Conference Secretary. He left Collegedale just after graduation this month.



The fourth pastor of the church, Elder Patterson is noted for his innovative sermons which include audience participation. He feels that one should not sit placidly during the forty-minute sermon but should take an active part.

In fact, he has just completed doctoral studies at

Vanderbilt University in Nashville, and his dissertation will be on "Creative Preaching Practices." He told the audience during his farewell sermon that he "had a confession to make." He admitted that he had used them as "guinea pigs" for his classwork, but he commented that his teachers thought his dissertation had merit and would be published later.

In a sense, Elder Patterson is returning "home." He had former pastorates and departmental positions in the Upper Columbia Conference, having served as Missionary Volunteer Secretary, and as pastor-evangelist in Idaho.

Collegedale wishes God's blessings on Elder Patterson, his wife Rachel, and children, Cynthia and Geoffrey, in Montana's "Big Sky" country.

ELDER JERE WEBB BECOMES 5TH PASTOR IN COLLEGEDALE

Elder Jere Webb, present pastor in Dallas, Texas, will become the fifth pastor of the Collegedale church



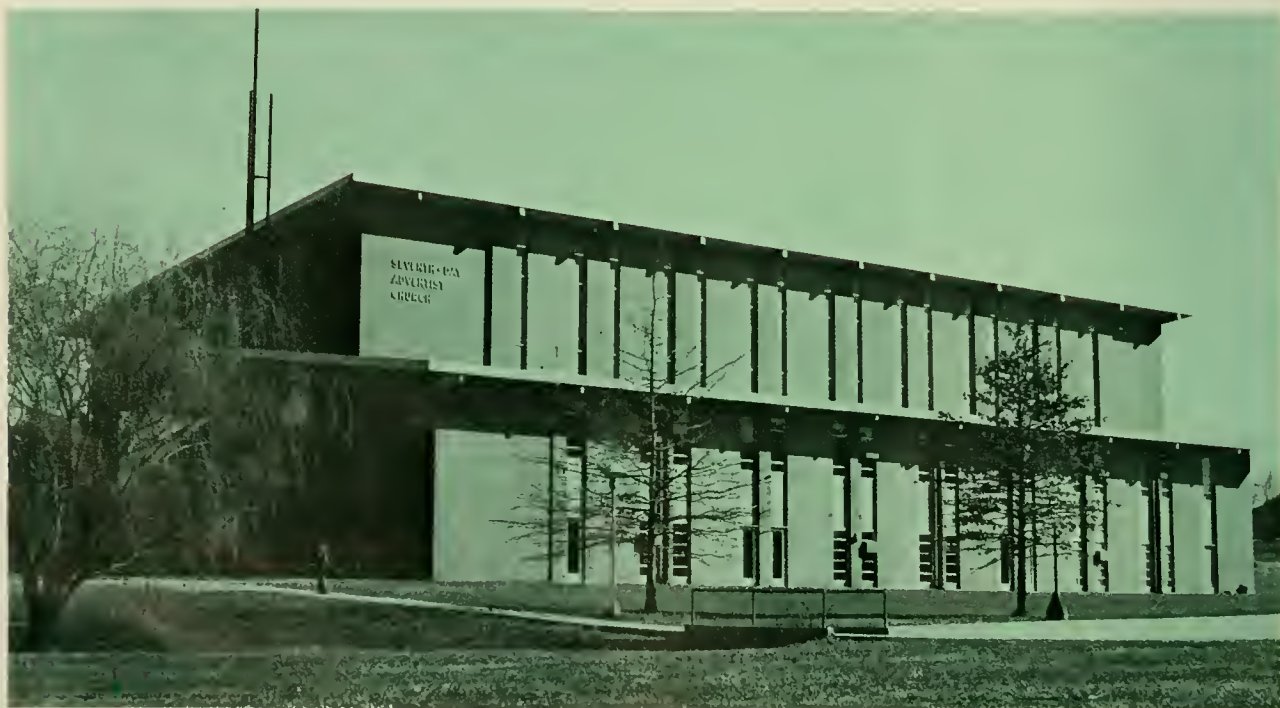
effective July 1. Because of previous commitments in an evangelistic effort in Garland, Texas, he will not move until August 1.

Elder Webb is no stranger to the congregation here, since he conducted a large-scale effort in Chattanooga's Tivoli theatre last year. Several area churches participated in this effort and many baptisms were claimed.

A graduate of Union College in 1967, with majors in both theology and business administration, Elder Webb has been able to use both skills in the many efforts he has held since he finished the Adventist Seminary at Andrews University in 1969.

Elder Webb has been pastor of several churches in Texas, and has held large efforts in Glendale, California, and in Walla Walla, Washington.

He is married to the former Garlyn Walter, who has a B.S. in elementary education from Andrews University, and they have a daughter, Jerilyn.



Collegedale – Almost a Quarter of a Century Later

By Dale and Betty Collins, '53



For us, 1953 in SMC was classes in Lynn Wood Hall, work in the new A. G. Daniells Memorial Library and College Press and basketball, lyceums and church in the old tabernacle. Jones Hall was the girls' dorm on one end of campus with a matching Talge Hall on the other with the old normal building close by. Miller Music Hall was under construction that year. We had a big College farm and our little Southern Mercantile Store plus Barney's Garage. About the only industries were the broom, furniture, and cabinet shops. The outstanding landmark was the old yellow house on the corner next to the railroad track and, of course, White Oak and Grindstone mountains and the rock quarry. All of this, along with close friends, formed our quiet peaceful valley.

Graduated, we were soon bound for Antillian College, Santa Clara, Cuba, and, of course, unaware that our arrival would coincide with another's, Don Fidel Castro. The first five of our eight years there we were able to co-exist with only scant news bulletin mention of his activities, but the last three proved to be more "interesting" in some ways.

Through it all we saw fruitful, productive, and pleasant years at the College. But since private, religious-oriented educational institutions were not exactly popular with the regime, our leaders wisely decided to move Antillian College to Mayaguez, Puerto Rico. We did our share in the work involved in the process (actually no equipment could be taken to Puerto Rico, only personnel moved) and in all spent six months there until our Division President asked us to go to our College in Montemorelos, Mexico.

Betty and I both grew up in Texas six miles from the Mexican border and found it pleasant serving in mission service only 130 miles from familiar places. There Betty taught, helped re-organize the library and in her spare time translated all the Sabbath School programs put out by the General Conference for the

children's division, songs and all, for the Mexican Union. Besides running the press, I got involved in the flying program and for five years flew emergency-relief work for our hospital as well as attending the remote church groups with the plane. However, the most pleasant event to occur was the birth of our daughter, Becky, there. We went to Mexico TWO and eight years later left THREE.

We next accepted an invitation to return to Puerto Rico and found ourselves back at Antillian College among old friends from Cuban days, perfect weather, beautiful mountains, beaches, and lots of hard work. In no time at all seven years zipped past. Becky was a teenager and we thought it best to bring her "home," and in our minds Collegedale was home.

With only one previous visit early in our 23 years' absence, we discovered that SMC was not the old SMC we left. No yellow house nor normal building. Jones and Lynn Wood Halls along with the old Tabernacle looked sadly out of place among the modern structures. But we liked what we saw and were glad to find that there were still some old friends and acquaintances around. We especially enjoy the new church and academy

where Becky is a senior this year. Betty catalogs in the new library. The Press appeared the same from the outside, being the same building where I had worked as a student, but what a transformation on the inside, with updated equipment from computer-controlled typesetting to a four-color press! It has been a real pleasure joining the staff here.

Yes, after our almost quarter century absence all that was readily recognizable was White Oak, Grindstone, railroad track and general topography. Our small college community had grown into an incorporated city complete with Mayor and Police Department and many, many cars. Our observation is **that** in itself seems to be what constitutes the difference in Collegedale between life then and now. We had fewer cars and being less mobile all our activities, recreations, entertainment, **ALL**, centered in this valley; consequently, we came to feel a real closeness to the place and people.

We feel it is truly a joy to live and work here and can only hope that our contemporary students will feel this same unity and develop the same loyalty to Collegedale that those of us who studied here in earlier years feel.

Betty is presently working in McKee Library as Cataloger and Dale is employed at The College Press.

Wallack Retires



Dwight Wallack

Ron Scott, principal of Cedarvale School, Kansas City, Missouri, has been named director of public relations at Southern Missionary College, according to Dr. Frank Knittel, college president. Scott will assume his new position July 1.

Dwight Wallack, director of development, has announced his retirement, and William Taylor, present director of college relations, has been appointed to take his place.

Scott will be responsible for promotion, student recruitment trips, brochures, advertising, the college United Fund campaign, the annual "College Days" high school senior visitation program, the col-

Taylor Moves To Development



William Taylor

lege's "Ingathering" — the Seventh-day Adventist local fund-raising campaign, and all official news and information releases.

Wallack's retirement was advised by his physician who counseled him to lighten his work load after one of his heart valves was replaced in open-heart surgery last November.

Wallack's success in his position is evidenced by the recently completed nursing building, Mazie Herin Hall, as well as renovation of the women's dormitory on the Orlando, Florida, campus.

Scott, whose education was at Union College and Texas Christian University, has worked for the State of Nebraska in college rehabilitation counseling, and as guidance counselor, teacher, and administrator at various educational institutions.

Taylor came to SMC as dean of students in 1958, and he became

Scott Heads PR



Ron Scott

director of college relations in 1962, handling public relations, alumni, student recruitment and development. The development phase of his work was transferred to a separate office, headed by Wallack. It was this experience, plus his knowledge of the background of the school and the constituency that led to his appointment. He will also administer the alumni program.

Taylor's immediate concerns will be fund raising, mainly capital campaigns. He will be responsible for raising the money for the proposed six-million-dollar fine arts complex.

WSMC-FM Passes Tenth Birthday

By Gary Eldridge, '77
Communication Broadcasting Major

For a long time it was just a dream, a miracle of the future, but now it's been big news for over 10 years. WSMC-FM has come a long way since its pioneers have made it a reality. It's big business now, but years ago it was just a hobby.

Several students had put together some kind of a studio to play music and the Sabbath services and it was wired to the dormitories and some of the faculty homes. Its programs were not regular as they only broadcast when they had time and wanted to.

With a little cooperation by the faculty and the students, the radio station in 1960 graduated from a network of wires strung around campus to a 10-watt FM facility. The station acquired the call sign WSMC and broadcast on 88.1 mhz., which is among the frequencies set aside by the Federal Communication Commission for use by non-commercial educational broadcasters.

With a 10-watt signal, WSMC could be heard around Collegedale and even into Chattanooga and beyond in some circumstances. This was enough to get listeners interested in the Collegedale area.

Letters would come in saying that a weak signal could be heard; they enjoyed the programs very much and asked if the power could in some way be increased. For nearly six years this small operation struggled to continue to reach and serve its listeners.

With a season of prayer and study into the matter, the Board of Trustees and the administration of the college stepped out on faith and authorized the expansion of the 10-watt radio station.

It was all made possible through the gifts and help from alumni of SMC, college appropriations, members of the Collegedale church, interested listeners, and from the Georgia-Cumberland Conference.

March 21, 1967, was the day that many of those responsible for WSMC stepped back to look at their accomplishment as WSMC-FM took to the air on 90.7 mhz. with an 80,000 watt stereo signal. The signal could be received in most of Tennessee, parts of North and South Carolina, Georgia, and Alabama.

"What a day to be at Southern Missionary College," announced then Congressman Bill Brock. Also speaking at the inauguration ceremonies were the chairman of the Board of Trustees of Southern Missionary College and then Secretary of the Radio and Television Department of the General Conference, Elder W. R. L. Scragg.

In November of 1973, the WSMC Month Club was started, which now helps to defray the expenses of the station and its operations. Members simply contribute five dollars per month to the station. To date the Month Club membership is near 200. More listeners are welcome to join!

One year later, many prayers were answered as the Bingham foundation approved the station's proposal for a \$59,000 grant. It was proof that the Lord was leading and had His hands in the affairs of WSMC-FM.

From this grant much needed equipment was carefully purchased to improve the quality and capabilities of the studios. Also to improve the signal, yet again, a new transmitter and antenna was purchased and installed. The station now broadcasts with a booming 100,000 watt stereo signal which is the maximum legal power as authorized by the Federal Communication Commission.

In May, 1974, Don Self, '71, became General Manager of WSMC-FM, replacing Director of Broadcasting, James Hannum, '65, who then moved into full-time teaching and is now producer for the *Faith for Today* program in Thousand Oaks, California.

This year, WSMC-FM, one of the most powerful stereo FM educational stations in the nation, and the strongest Adventist voice in the world, is celebrating its 10th birthday. For 10 years it has broadcast programs for and by the various minorities based on any race, religion, cultural heritage, age, intellectual curiosity, sociological role, geographical region, or other special interests.

WSMC-FM is honest in reporting the news, and maintains a policy of openness. It deals dispassionately and impartially with controversial subjects. And it refrains, as required by the public broadcasting law, from editorial opinion and guards against carelessness, bias or distortion in any of its programs.

WSMC-FM is striving for perfection but, like all human endeavors, it is continuing to improve its image. In the past it has survived on faith and prayers and will continue to do so as long as your thought, prayers, and support continues.



Steve Darmody broadcasts on the morning shift.

CITATION TO ESAIAS GIORGIS

At Commencement Service
Southern Missionary College

May 8, 1977

Read by Dr. Frank Knittel

One of the primary functions of society is to educate its young. There are many participants in this endeavor — the family, the church, the community, and the state. The amount and quality of education one obtains depends to a great extent upon the support provided by these institutions. If the support of one or more is lacking, it must be replaced by greater trust in God, greater self-reliance, and much more just plain hard work.

Esaías Giorgis is an individual who has attained the degree he is receiving today by just such means. He is an Ethiopian citizen. His non-Adventist parents enrolled him in a Seventh-day Adventist elementary school because it was the best school available. His native tongue is Galanya.

His early studies were in Amharic, the official language of Ethiopia. As he continued his education, he also had to learn English. His attendance at our schools led to his acceptance of the Seventh-day Adventist faith.

Upon completing secondary school, he was awarded a full government scholarship to the national university. Because of Sabbath problems he chose instead to work his way through the local Adventist junior college. Both parents died when he was young. He and two younger sisters were left alone in the world.

The Ethiopian Mission raised the money to pay his transportation to Middle East College. He left Ethiopia shortly before the Haile Selassie government was overthrown. The new regime did not allow students to go abroad to study. By many hours of work for the maintenance department he paid his way through a year at Middle East College.

His goal in life is to become a physician and help his own people. He felt America provided his best chance of attaining that goal. He spent the summer of 1975 selling denominational books in Sweden (in Swedish) and obtained the last student visa granted a non-Swedish resident by the American Embassy in Sweden.

By hard work, frugal living, and diligent study, he paid his fare to America, his tuition and living expenses for two years at SMC, and graduates today cum laude.

Esaías, we wish you God's blessing as you continue toward your goal of becoming a physician. God has led you to this point in your life and we are confident He will lead you in the future.

Ed. Note: Esaías received a spontaneous standing ovation from his classmates and the audience as he was handed his diploma.

HYDER'S RESEARCH INCLUDED IN *ERIC*

Dr. Robert Guy Hyder, '49, has been notified that his doctoral research, "A Study of Some Speech-Language Functions of Children Affected by Early Schooling," will be included in the June issue of *Resources in Education*, a publication of the ERIC Clearinghouse. A microfiche copy of the material will be made available to more than 500 libraries and information centers which subscribe to the ERIC collection.

Dr. Hyder writes that his doctoral dissertation was written in conjunction with help and advice from Dr. Raymond S. Moore, Hewitt Research Center, Andrews University, and is in harmony with Ellen G. White's views of education.

Dr. Hyder is a speech and language specialist for Area B of the Los Angeles School system. He was awarded an \$85,000 grant by the California State Department as a result of his doctoral research at Walden. He is also the author of the first comprehensive speech home based program in a major city (now in operation in the Los Angeles United School District).

In addition, Dr. Hyder's biographical sketch has been published in the first edition by Who's Who in America of the "Who's Who Biographical Record — Child Development Professionals," in November 1976. He has also been active in the Bicentennial Celebration of America as a member of the Sons of the Revolution in California.

Attend HOMECOMING

October 14, 15, 1977

HONOR CLASSES

1927, 1952, 1977

1929

Mrs. Leslie Wildes (Ethel Sheldt) is serving a two-year Volunteer Corp., Sustentation Overseas Service, Special Service as teacher in Bangkok, Thailand.

1938

Elenora McAlpine Robinson states, "Although I don't see a great many names of those I knew at that time, it is always with interest that I read the news about all the changes at the college, as well as items about those more recent students I do not know."

1951

Jamile and Lois Jacobs have been transferred to a church in Brunswick, Maine. Their new address is Rt. 1, Bunganuc Road, Brunswick, Me. 04011. "Folk say Maine is beautiful. Come see us there."

1957

Jack Bohannon conducted an effort in Delta, Colorado, which he has called Prophecy 21. At least 27 decisions for church membership had been made by the close of the series and more people were receiving follow-up studies. Mrs. Donna Bohannon and Elder and Mrs. Ron Wham provided much of the musical inspiration. Bohannon used a multi-media slide projection system to reinforce the subject material presented in his lectures. Nine carrousel projectors are programmed automatically to show effective combinations of illustrative pictures on three large screens. He has used the system in several evangelistic efforts in Colorado during the past year.

Incidentally, the above report was written for the Union paper by Greg Rumsey, Communication intern from SMC, who worked at WSMC-FM during 1976.

1962

A note from Alice Fowler Willsey gives a Toddville, Iowa, address. "My husband is now pastor of the Cedar Rapids, Iowa, church and we have purchased a small acreage just outside of town and near the school. We'll miss camp meeting at SMC!"

John Bridges is Lay Activities, Sabbath School, Health-Temperance Director in the Montana Conference. His wife, Astrid (Lazaration) Bridges, '71, is an R.N., and they have three children: Lenny, age 10; Julie, 7; and Monte, 20 months. He writes that he was glad to receive SOUTHERN COLUMNS and to read about dear friends and former classmates.

1963

The new treasurer of the Mountain View (W. Va.) Conference is Dwight L. Hilderbrant, recently transferred from the Takoma Park, Md., church pastoral staff. The Conference President, Thomas Mostert, Jr. is also a member of this class and was a close friend of Dwight's when they were here in school.

Robert and Jeanne Dickinson write that they have moved to the Northwest. Bob is respiratory therapy department head at a 65-bed hospital, Mason County General, in Shelton, Washington. Jeanne is employed at the switchboard and in Admitting. They have a small SDA church and school; "We have a rich mission field here. . . . The Lord has blessed our family, and we love serving Him." Our new address is 2323 N. Adams, Shelton, WA 98584. "Our friends, please write."

1966

William L. Wood has accepted the position of MV-Education Secretary for the South Dakota Conference. "We are moving May 1. He has been principal of the 9-grade school in Des Moines for four years. I have been the director of our day-care center at the church for a year. I am looking forward to some time off from working when we are in South Dakota, at least until our boys are in school." These are the words of Janet McKee Wood, '64, who also adds that Jeffrey is 6 years old and Scott is 4.

Copied from *Southwestern Record*, February 1977: Elder Jim Thurman, Texas youth department director, had a call to Borneo to be president of the Sabah Mission; but that country has

been issuing virtually no visas to Americans, so after much trying (on General Conference level) all gave up and Jim decided to stay in Texas. Recently, however, miraculously and unexplicably the visas came through, so Jim and Judy and their children Laura and Steven are leaving at once for Andrews to take the Mission Orientation course and from there to Borneo. God bless and keep you and prosper you, friends.

1967

Margaret Ruth Littell is now working on her master's degree in Speech and Hearing problems in children at James Madison University Harrisonburg, Va. She wants to be able to help children in Adventist schools who could do better work if their hearing deficiencies were known.

Paula Thum, an SMC nursing graduate, is still in the United States Air Force but is now stationed in Bitbourg, West Germany. She was recently promoted to Captain and has been selected to attend the AF OB-GYN practitioner school at Sheppard, AFB, Texas, in July 1978. Paula hopes that many of her classmates will send in news about themselves.

1968

Jim Walters says that he has been advanced to candidacy for the Ph.D. degree in theological ethics at Claremont Graduate School. He received the M.Div. in 1970 from Andrews University. Before assuming his present pastorate of North Hills Church in Claremont, he had churches in North Carolina and Georgia.

1969

This word is from Barbara Chalker: "I really enjoy the SOUTHERN COLUMNS especially 'the Halls' page. I quickly scan for news of my friends and usually find nothing. Would love to hear from them. My husband, Byron, '69, is a Bible teacher and guidance counselor at Grand Ledge Academy for the fifth year. He finished his master's in education and counseling in '75. I'm busy at home with Kirstin LeAnn (5), Kelli Ann (2), and Kurt Byron (9 months)."

Jerry and Louise Willis write that they are still enjoying their work as Conference Evangelists in Kentucky-Tennessee. He sent several address changes for people on our "Missing Alumni" list, and we appreciate this help. Jerry says they hope to get a small trailer soon to live in while they are conducting their campaigns and thus cut down on the packing and unpacking.

1971

Elton and Marga (Martin) Kerr are currently living in Jacksonville, Florida, where Elton is a resident in obstetrics and gynecology. They have one child, Randall, age 2.

Don Steinweg writes that he is currently working as the business manager of a nursing home in Loma Linda, Calif.

Milford G. Crist, better known to WSMC-FM as "Mo", has accepted a position at Florida Hospital as Assistant Director of Hospital Relations. His work there will be to develop a multi-media program and to organize and begin a closed-circuit TV system for the hospital. Mo worked at the radio station as Program Director and Operations Director from 1973-1977. A Communication major, he was head announcer and news director of WSMC-FM from 1969-1971. Mo will be working directly under Robert Wade, Director of Hospital Relations, who is also a graduate of the class of 1971.

1972

Congratulations, Russell Friberg, of the Lane Funeral Home in Chattanooga, for being named Ambassador of the Month for April in the Ft. Oglethorpe Chamber of Commerce. Since becoming Ambassador a month ago, Russell has sponsored six new Chamber members.

Danny Stevens is pastoring two churches in North Carolina. Wife Richa Rowland, '72, writes that she is enjoying visiting with him and helping with pastoral duties. "We have a little son named Joel Kepling Gray, born May 17, 1976. I'm retired from nursing until he's older. We've noticed that as we get older we enjoy the alumni paper more and more."

1973

Douglas Jacobs completed his master's work at Andrews University and has been assigned to the church in Tampa, Florida, as assistant pastor.

Deborah Winters Marlin is in the Loma Linda School of Medicine Class 78-B. She married Clyde Winters on December 21, 1975. She notes, "I see SMC alumni all the time here. Some of my best friends are people I hardly knew while at SMC, but whom I have become acquainted with while attending LLU."

Carol and Gary Swinyar write that they are finishing their fourth year at Laurelwood Academy. Gary has taught band and instrumental lessons. One of his latest projects was the planning of a music festival for band students. Over 150 academy age students participated. Carol says she would be interested in finding out an approximate number of SMC alumni living in the Northwest and organize a reunion out there. "We are definitely in the minority but still proud of our school!" Their address is Rt. 2, Laurelwood Academy, Gaston, Oregon 97119. We expect to hear by the next issue of SOUTHERN COLUMNS that a chapter is formed. All you Northwesterners, write to her!

1974

Aage and Barbara (Doherty) Rendalen write interesting letters to Barbara's parents in Collegedale, which they have shared with us. Aage is still working hard in the church in Trondheim, Norway, and the Rendalens have become acquainted with Dr. Leif Tobiassen, who was an excellent history and religion teacher at SMC during the '40's. Barbara has been selected to sing the alto solos with the **Kammerkor** of the Music Conservatory there. She is in three choirs, the one above has 22 members and is the traveling choir. On May 1 she sang in the Mendelssohn Concert in the Dome Church, with a choir of 80 members and orchestra, where she sang the alto solos. She writes that she will appreciate your prayers "that I can sing for God's glory and be a witness for Him here in Norway." She says all the others

in the solo quartet are professional singers. The main dress rehearsal was on Sabbath and she told them she could not be there. "They still wanted me, so I am thankful and know that God has a reason for that even though I feel unworthy."

1975

"I thought when I graduated from SMC I would not care if I heard about it any more; however, now any word of anyone I know is precious." These are the words of Gail Rogers Harlan who has been working at Florida Conference as Youth Department secretary for about a year. She says, "My boss, Wally Welch, is a '52 graduate."

Bruce Allen Bacheller and his wife Cathy (Dutton) are in the School of Medicine at Loma Linda University. Cathy says that Hans-Peter Boksberger is in her Class 79-A. Sandy Shrader, '76 and her husband John are in the School of Medicine, Classes 80-A and 79-B.

1977

Bruce and Judy Yingling will be teaching at Broadview Academy in LaFox, Illinois. Bruce will be teaching English and journalism classes, and Judy probably will be teaching secretarial classes part time.

John Cress, president of the Student Association this year, will be married in August to Pam Keele, and they will be continuing their studies at Andrews University in theology and pre-law.

Lawrence Walton is employed by the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference as ministerial intern. He began his duties at camp meeting in June by taking care of the "Big Tent."

Also employed by Kentucky-Tennessee is Lawrence Clark, who will be assigned his duties at camp meeting.

Letters

Dear Mr. Taylor:

It may be of interest to note that there will be two third-generation graduates in your commencement class this year. They are my daughters Cheryl and Marcie (Marcella.) Cheryl is graduating with a B.A. in Early Childhood Education and Marcie with an Associate Degree in Nursing.

I graduated with the Class of '51, and my father, C. A. Woolsey, with the Class of '23. I thought my mother, Cora Fox, graduated with him, but I don't find her name in the book *A School of His Planning*. Perhaps she didn't finish and got married instead!

Raymond H. Woolsey
7904 Glenside Drive
Takoma Park, Md. 20012

(Ed. Note—Glad to hear from you, Ray. It's hard to realize that SMC is well along into the third generation of students who have attended school on the present Collegedale campus! Readers are aware that Ray is now Book Editor of the Review and Herald Publishing House and the author of several books.)

Dear Mr. Wallack:

In response to your recent request, we are pleased to inform you that a shipment of the following items will soon be en route to you for the college's work with the Miskito Indians in Nicaragua. (An itemized list follows.)

The total wholesale value of the above contribution is \$2,554.17.

Our best wishes are extended to you and we trust these items will be helpful in meeting the needs of those you will be serving.

Howard D. Kalleward
Project Donation Program
The Upjohn Company
Kalamazoo, Michigan

Dear Friends,

Galena, Illinois, is a small town of approximately 4,000 population. I am serving as administrator of the Jo Daviess County Health Department here.

What Galena lacks in quantity, it does not lack in quality. Nine generals of the Union Army came from Galena. One of the generals was Ulysses S. Grant. At the time of the Civil War, Galena was the lead-mining center of the nation, and so supplied most of the lead used by the Union Army.

Galena hasn't changed much since the time when Lincoln and Douglas debated here, and there has been almost no change at all in the physical appearance of the town since General Grant left to take over the presidency and said, "Don't do anything until I come back."

Each year several troops from the South come to Galena to help in the annual Civil War Cantonment. They keep coming back even though they lose every battle enactment. The only progress I can see that the South is making in Galena is a "Kentucky Fried Chicken" restaurant on the edge of town about half a mile from General Grant's home on the hill.

Come see us,
Ronald F. Neu, M.P.H., '67
Darrelyn Neu, '72

(Ed. Note—Interesting letter. How about hearing from some others who are working in "unusual" places?)

MISSING ALUMNI

Because of your response to our appeal for addresses of missing alumni members, we are again asking for help in bringing our files up to date. Your response was fantastic! We found nearly everyone on the list, thanks to your interest. We are transferring all members' addresses to the computer. Do we have YOURS correctly listed?

Kenneth Baize '51
Mrs. Horace S. Beckner (Sue Lasseter) '56
Mrs. Farris L. Beugnot (Eva V. Teed) '29
James Joseph Booth '69
Brenda Sue Brooks '71
Douglas Wilford Brown '69
Phyllis Jean Chu '66
Mrs. Robert Wayne Coble '67
Laurene Flanagan '29
Janvieve Jenadayle James '72
Mrs. Julian Leach '35
Mrs. John Cecil Leach '66
Glenn McGrady, III '76
Betty Louise Marquardt '70
Charles Neal Martin, Jr. '64
Gwendolyn Vertelle Martin '71
Mrs. Ronald Duane Miller '67
Violet Patricia Morgan '67
Raymond L. Morphew, M.D. '38
Mrs. Elizabeth Summerour Ralls '44
Karen Maureen Schaefer '73
Mrs. Karl (Katie Jo) Schwinn '74
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Seal (Jane Miller) '76
Anne Louise Senseman '62
Virginia Belle Smith '72
Donald Warren Strawn '64
Marlene Rojas Walsson '69
Jon E. Williams '63
Mrs. Michael J. Williams '68
Linda Ann Youngs '69

ADDRESS CHANGE FORM

Our old address was:

Name _____ Yr. Grad. _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Our new address is:

Name _____ Yr. Grad. _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please mail this information to:

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