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The Editor’s Turn

We hope you are planning to spend the Homecoming weekend with us on October 14 and 15. Walter B. Clark, ’27, who was president of his graduating class, will be the speaker for the Sabbath services. Can you imagine how interesting an account of his 50 years’ reminiscences will be? This year Clark was chosen as an Honored Alumnus at PUC. He has visited all our campuses many times as a representative for Loma Linda, and in the words of one alumnus, “He knows everybody!”

Other speakers for the weekend are scheduled to be Wilford H. Patsel, ’52, and Andres B. Riffel, ’52.

Thank you for your good comments and suggestions for improvement of future SOUTHERN COLUMNS. We shall do our best to incorporate all the news notes you send us, and incidentally, the mail has “picked up” so someone must be reading it.

Now, as Alumni, it is our privilege and responsibility to help our Alma Mater in its expansion program so that “every youth should have the chance to attend a Christian school.” We hold fond memories of our stay in Collegedale; therefore we can help make it possible for others to be here.

Do you realize that if each of our 4,000 graduates contributed only $5.00, we would have $20,000 right there. And many have doubled that and tripled that when they send in their check. We realize that some cannot give a large amount, but we would encourage everyone to send something along with your news note. And we send a special thanks to our “large donors” and Committee of 100 members! We could not function properly without you!

See you all at Homecoming!

Frances Andrews
Editor

ABOUT THE COVER

Former students of SMC may remember scenes like this at Lake Chickamauga, while boating, skiing, picnicking, or visiting the Dam at night. Sorry, folks, it really is a beautiful spot in Florida, captured on film by James Closser, Communication ’79, for his Photography class.
Collegedale Medical Complex — and More

William H. Wilson, Vice President
Southern Adventist Health and Hospital System, Inc.

For many years there has been talk in Collegedale of a medical center. This idea has been voiced not only in the community but also by the college and the church. Reference is made by Ellen G. White in her counsel that our schools and medical institutions should be located together to impress upon the youth the importance of health work and the “right arm” of the message.

President K. A. Wright had a burden for a medical unit at Collegedale, but the time was not ripe. In 1952 a small office building on the hill across from the church was constructed. During later years, more space was added, and a mobile-home-type building was moved in to take care of the expansion.

In 1975, a number of laymen met and discussed the possibility of getting a real program under way. It was felt that this should be off-campus, and the need for land was one of the first projects. Mr. and Mrs. O. D. McKee were approached regarding the property they owned at Robinson’s Corners. O. D. and Ruth McKee were touched by this idea, and the Lord impressed them to contribute to the Southern Union Conference 90 acres of land, beautifully and strategically located at the cross-roads on Apison Pike and Ooltewah-Ringgold Road.

In the dream generated by this group of laymen and the McKees, a plot of the land was laid out which eventually would house a large convalescent nursing center, possibility of three office buildings, a hospital with space to go to 400 beds, a retirement village, apartment complex, a church, a seven-acre lake and a park, still leaving acreage for other possibilities.

A mechanism for bringing this into reality was found in the Southern Adventist Health and Hospital System, an organization formed within the Southern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. This organization is presently operating the 14 hospitals in the Southern Union and agreed to take over the development of the medical office building. This building is now completed for the most part and is occupied by three physicians, three dentists, an optometrist, and a full-fledged pharmacy.

Space is available for three more physicians.

After this medical office building was started, the next task was to develop a nursing home. It was felt that, in the best interest of all concerned, the land should be sold to an Adventist nursing home developer which would own and operate the nursing home center. Such a person was found in Forrest Preston, President of Development Enterprises; and the nursing home is in the process of being built. It should be open in November. It will start with 124 beds.

Presently the board that is responsible for the general operation of this project is studying the best means of providing retirement facilities.

Many ask the question—“When will the hospital be opened?” I am sure many of the readers of this article realize that hospitals now must be approved by the State and have a certificate of need before work is begun. Presently there is a surplus of beds in the Chattanooga area, and when a hospital might be started in the new complex—no one knows.

We feel that the Lord has guided and directed in the beginning of this dream and that He will continue to guide and direct. If in His will He sees the need for a hospital, that, too, will be forthcoming. Probably it will be several years before plans could be made in any definite way.
Harvest House in the Central City Mall in San Bernardino was the center for a reunion of Southern California SMC alumni July 17. David Henriksen, M.D., '51, served as host for the occasion and arrangements in San Bernardino had been made by Joan Murphy Taylor, '72.

Frank Knittel, president of SMC, told about building progress on the campus detailing the information with an artist's conception of the entire campus as it will look in 1985. He also showed a perspective of the proposed Fine Arts Complex, telling the alumni that a campaign to finance it would begin after the necessary preliminary planning, a feasibility study, and the possible employment of a fund-raising consultant.

A special dessert of fresh strawberry and peach pies, prepared by the famous Marie Callendar's restaurant was furnished by Southern Missionary College.

The people present signed cards giving their current addresses and also a note as to their occupation. The following notes were taken from these cards:

**Alumni Present at Buffet in San Bernardino:**

Duane C. Anderson '76 and June D. Anderson '76, School of Medicine '80A.

Bruce Bacheller '75 and Catherine D. Bacheller '75, Bruce says he is a "Plaster Tradesman" and wife Cathy is student in School of Medicine '79A.

Christine and Jerry Bartram, '66. She is homemaker and mother. He is a CPA, self-employed with office in Grand Terrace, California. They live in Yucaipa.

Dave '69 and Geneva Anderson Beardsey '72 live at 2054 Socrates Avenue, Simi Valley, CA 93065.

Lucile White Clark and Walter B. Clark, '27. Retired. Living in Loma Linda. Walter will be the Homecoming speaker at SMC October 15.

Rheba Goggans Dake '55 with her husband, Myrl. Rheba, who majored in Home Ec at SMC, is housewife, mother, and real estate agent in Riverside, CA.

Jeanne Fleming. Currently in private practice as a marriage and family counselor and finishing a Ph.D. in clinical psychology "almost finished classwork and doing dissertation."

Alane Hinkle, nursing '76. Summer student at La Sierra and Fall Loma Linda Hospital. Alane's husband Karl works full time at Loma Linda Market.

Shirley (Hunger) Elsner graduated in the summer of '62. "I am now living in Lake Arrowhead, California, where I sell real estate for Pine Cone Realty. I would be delighted to hear from classmates." P.O. Box 135, Cedar Glen, CA 92321.


Miss Loretta Heacock, SMC 1926 to 1948. Lives in Glendale, California.

Herb Henderson, '76 and Mar- lou. Herb is working at St. Jude's as an R.N. in I.C.U. "I just finished Dental Lab and am working in my own shop.

C. David Henriksen 1951. Physician in private OB GYN practice, Corona, CA.

Kathryn Ippisch Irizarry, nursing '72, and husband, Carlos. "I'm presently a sophomore medical student. Husband is a health educator." Loma Linda.

Carl Jansen, M.D., class of '58. Director of Radiology, San Bernardino Medical Center, San Bernardino, California.

Gary Keeney '76 (Biology) and wife, Debbie Bucholz Keeney A.S. '75 (nursing). Gary is in the School of Medicine and Debbie is employed by the Loma Linda University Medical Center.

Theda Iles Kuester, Assistant Director Public Relations Dept. with "It Is Written" at the Radio, Television & Film Center, Newbury Park.

W. E. Kuester (Elder William E.) class of '29, Director, Visual Resource for Audio-Visual Division at Radio-TV-Film Center, Newbury Park. Daughter, Sheila, entering nursing this Fall.

Mr. and Mrs. James C. Leeper. James majored in business at SMC and graduated in 1960. He is now vice president and treasurer of Versitron Industries in Riverside.

Elder Arthur Lesko '68 who is Pastor and Bible Instructor at San Gabriel Academy. Mrs. Lennette Lesko '67 whose interest was accounting at SMC is a housewife and mother of two little children, a boy 2½ and a girl 7½ years of age.

Alfred V. McClure '28 and wife Edith Bird McClure of Kansas City, Mo.

Howard E. McClure '27, a Trust Officer at Southeastern California Conference Association. His wife is in nursing administration at LLUMC.

Warner E. McClure '24 and wife Evelyn Huxtable McClure of Loma Linda.

Darleen and Paul J. McMillen ('51) of Colton. Paul is a physician.

Caroline Gibson Morris, A.S. '51. Glendale, CA.

Blair Murphy, Intern, Flexible 1st year. White Memorial Medical Center, L.A.

Grace Rogers (Anderson). Day care center for children in Loma Linda.

Beverly Runnals, '72 nursing. Working in ICU at LLUMC. Starting Masters' nursing program in September at LLU.

Sandy K. Shrader '76, School of Medicine 2nd Quarter. John A. Shrader '76 School of Medicine 4th Quarter.

Neldena (Hutton) Sluss, medical assistant in Glendale.

H. Raymond Shelden, class of '31. Riverside.


Beverly Eldridge Stevens now employed as Health Educator, Family Practice Center, Riverside General Hospital in Riverside, CA. Completed M.P.H., in Health Education July 1976. SMC nursing class 1972.

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Sage Completes Degree; Wife Writes Song Book

Dr. Robert Sage and his wife, Janet, are a unique family in Collegedale. Both have similar interests, indicated by their studies in college: he majored in French and music, and she majored in French and minored in music.

This summer both have achieved noted accomplishments. Dr. Sage received his D.M.A. (Doctor of Music Art) degree from the University of Southern California, in piano performance.

Mrs. Sage has written and had published a song book for cradle roll age children, (0-4 yrs.) entitled "Little Sabbath Songs." The Sabbath School Productions Company, in Glendale, Calif., published the book, which is available from most Adventist Book Centers.

Dr. Sage is an assistant professor of music at SMC, and conducts the chancel choir of the Collegedale Church in addition to his classes.

At one of the required recital performances for his degree, his wife was approved by his committee as the soloist. It is considered unusual for two members of the same family to perform together for a doctoral recital.

The Sages have two children, Laura, age 6, and David, 3. When Laura was four years old, she performed her first solo at La Sierra College of Loma Linda University. She has sung several times since then in Collegedale.

Haney Gift Provides Equipment For SA

President Frank Knittel and last year's Student Association President John Cress examine a plaque to the L. T. Haney room made possible by an individual's contribution to SMC which was matched by his place of employment.

The large sum received provided much needed furniture and equipment for the Student Center. The plaque reads: "The furnishings for this room and much of the Student Center were made possible by the generous gifts of L. T. Haney, a long-time friend and benefactor of Southern Missionary College."

Alumni are encouraged to inquire about Matching Funds from their employers. A contribution from an individual can be matched by a similar sum by firms which participate in this program. This is a good way to help your Alma Mater as well as provide the public with a knowledge of the Seventh-day Adventist school system.

Students Admitted To Med School

Eight students were admitted from Southern Missionary College to the March 1978 class of the School of Medicine at Loma Linda University, according to a recent announcement by Rene Evard, associate dean for Admissions. They are:

Daniel Berry, James Butler, Deith Clifton, Robert Colgrove, Adrian Curnow, Ted Hittle, Wendell Moses, and Roger Woodruff.

Debbie Fillman was readmitted and will start this September.

The Southern Accent

Dear Parents,

The Southern Accent, our campus newspaper, is again giving parents and alumni the chance to find out "the latest" from Southern Missionary College. News about campus activities, student involvement, faculty decisions, etc., are contained in our eight-page weekly.

And this year we are implementing a faster and more efficient mailing system. Subscribers will receive their issue promptly.

Since we can't afford to send every parent The Southern Accent, we must ask for $5 to cover the costs of postage and printing. Divide 26 issues into $5 and that's only 19 cents an issue!

Don't miss this offer! Cut out the coupon below and mail it off now—the first issue comes out September 2.

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COLUMNS PAGE FIVE
SMC: A SCHOOL OF HIS PLANNING
1892-1975

Elva B. Gardner and J. Mabel Wood have written an account of Southern Missionary College from its modest beginnings in Graysville to its move to this campus. The first four-year graduating class in 1946 had six members. The 1977 class had degrees conferred on 366 young people. Among students attending SMC at the present time we see such names as Ashlock and Woolsey. These are third generation SMC-ites who have attended classes on the Collegedale campus.

The book, priced at $10, is hardbound in gold leatherette in an attractive 7” x 10” format and is generously illustrated with photographs and drawings.

This history book has been published by Southern Missionary College and is available exclusively through the Alumni Association Office or the Public Relations Office.

Please make checks payable to Southern Missionary College.

Please send Me:

☐ History of SMC postpaid at $10.

Name ____________________________________________
Address __________________________________________
City ___________________________ State ______ Zip ______

Years of Attendance ____________________________

All former students and faculty who were at SMC during the term of presidents Leo Thiel, Lynn Wood and H. H. Hamilton—1917 to 1927—are invited to a Sunday morning brunch in the banquet room of the Cafeteria at 9:30 a.m., October 16.
Chapter News
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Richard Adams Stevens, ’71 history, In Doctor of
Health Science program, School of Health, third year.
Loma Linda.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Thomas. Former SMC faculty.
Nelson is now on the Riverside campus of LLU. He heads
the P.F. Department.

Dale Joseph Townsend, and Janet Kramer Townsend,
both English majors in class of ’76. Dale starts medical
school in September, 1977. Janet is working in the
School of Dentistry for Dr. Jarvis and Dr. Reeves.

Franklin Trimm ’76 and Donna Cowden Trimm ’75.
Franklin is in School of Medicine 2nd quarter and Donna
is working at Med-Surg. Intensive Care Unit LLU Medical
Center.

Phyllis Underwood ’72. Working at School of Nursing
teaching and completing research for Master’s degree.

Beverly Smith Walden (Mrs. Relious L.) secretary at
Voice of Prophecy. Elder Relious L. Walden, ’53, Treasurer
of Southern California Conference.

Vivian Lester Wallar ’68. Teaching at Orangewood
Academy, Garden Grove, CA. Has two adopted children,
Donnie age 6 and Kyle age 4½ months.

Wally Weeks. SMC ’76. School of Medicine 2nd quarter.

Ken West ’75. In School of Medicine. Will graduate in
May, 1979.

Delby Crook West, ’75. In Dental Hygiene. Will
graduate in June 1978.

Terry Zollinger ’71 and Johnnie Zollinger ’70. Red-
lands, California.

Joan Murphy Taylor ’72 is in her senior year at the
School of Medicine, LLU. Dennis A. Taylor, M.D. (SMC
’72) is in a Family Practice residency at the Kaiser Memori-
al Hospital, Fontana, California.

Letters

Dear Miss Andrews and Other Alumni Friends,

I have just recently finished devouring the Spring
issue of SOUTHERN COLUMNS. I was particularly interested
in the Collins’ remembrances of the early ’50’s as those
were the days when I was growing up in Collegedale.
Altogether I spent 13 years of the 14 between 1950 and
1964 there. (I was in your English classes, remember?)

I have been in the New York area for nine years. My
husband, Joe, works for the Nassau County Parks as a
gardener. We have two sons, John, 6, and Timothy, 2.
My work is at home with them.

This summer I am cataloging the library of our Whis-
pering Pines School. Ginger Kenyon, wife of Don Ken-
yon ’52, is the school principal. Robert Zima ’74, is one of
the teachers.

Recently at camp meeting I sang a solo part with the
mass choir. Elaine English Myers was the conductor.

Other former SMC-ites that I see from time to time are
Phaize and Dorothy Jean Salhany, ’50, and the Kenneth
Hardings ’53. I am interested in knowing whether we have
other Alumni in the Greater New York area who
would be interested in forming a local chapter. Could
you give me some information and help in locating
them? How many would we need to form a chapter?

Looking forward to hearing from you soon. My par-
ents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Hoar, former teachers at SMC,
are now “retired” and live in Orono, Ontario. My father
works part-time at the Kingsway College Press.

Sincerely,

Barbara Hoar Arena, ’64
1185 Thomas Street
Hewlett, New York 11557

(Ed. Note — It would be wonderful to have a chapter in
New York, Barbara. We have never voted on “how
many” we need to form a chapter. I would suggest that
all New Yorkers write to you for suggestions. Usually,
just a few families are needed for an ole-time Southern
“get-together” and you take it from there. A Sabbath or
Sunday potluck seem to be the most popular ideas that
have been tried so far. You only need to meet once or
twice a year. Choose a president and a secretary and let
us know who they are and we will give you all the help
we can.

Incidentally, friends, we have had inquiries from Ore-
gon and from Berrien Springs, Mich., for information on
how to start an Alumni chapter. Will someone in the
Washington, D.C., area offer to re-activate the chapter
we had there several years ago? And how about some-
one from Orlando and Atlanta being willing to contact
the graduates? We suggest putting notices in the local
church bulletins announcing a central meeting place for
a potluck dinner.

So far, our California chapter is our most active and
meets most often. Let’s hear from others!)
Southern Missionary College

Artist Adventure Series
1977-78

Calendar of Events

September
11 Emmanuele Verona, Pianist
25 Taylor Family Recital

October
2 Judith Glass, Organist
8 SMC Music Department Pops Concert
15 Ferrante and Teicher — Alumni Homecoming
23 Donald Runyan, Tenor
27 Ballet Folklorico Mexican

November
5 Dick and Anne Albin, Folksingers
6 Leslie Riskowitz, Pianist
19 SMC Orchestra with Guest Artist
20 Bruce Ashton and Robert Sage, Duo-Pianists

December
3 SMC Band with Guest Artist
4 Joe Page, Violinist
9 Christmas Choral Vespers

January
14 Ted Bumiller — "The Many Faces of France"
17 Hale and Wilder
26 Kodak Show — "Hawaii"
29 Orlo Gilbert, Violinist

February
4 Kettering Medical Center Chorale
Directed by Roger McNeily
5 Lucktenberg Trio
11 Oakwood College Choir
12 Bruce Ashton, Pianist
14 Michael Radulescu, Organist
18 Tucson Boys' Chorus
26 Jack McClarty and William Cemer, Duo-Trumpeters

March
11 Ralph Franklin — "Winnipeg West"
12 Janet Sage, Soprano
18 Igor Kipnis, Harpsichordist
25 SMC Band with Guest Artist

April
2 Robert Sage, Pianist
8 Die Meistersinger Male Chorus
9 Musical Variety Program — College Days
14 Collegiate Chorale Home Concert
16 Senior Art Show — McKee Library

TICKET PRICES

Ballet Folklorico, Mexico,
Ferrante & Teicher

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Dick and Anne Albin, France,
Hale and Wilder, Tucson Boys' Chorus,
Winnipeg West, Igor Kipnis

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"Hawaii," Music Faculty Recitals,
Lucktenberg Trio, Michael Radulescu,
Taylor String Quartet, Leslie Riskowitz,
Joe Page, College Orchestra, College Band

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