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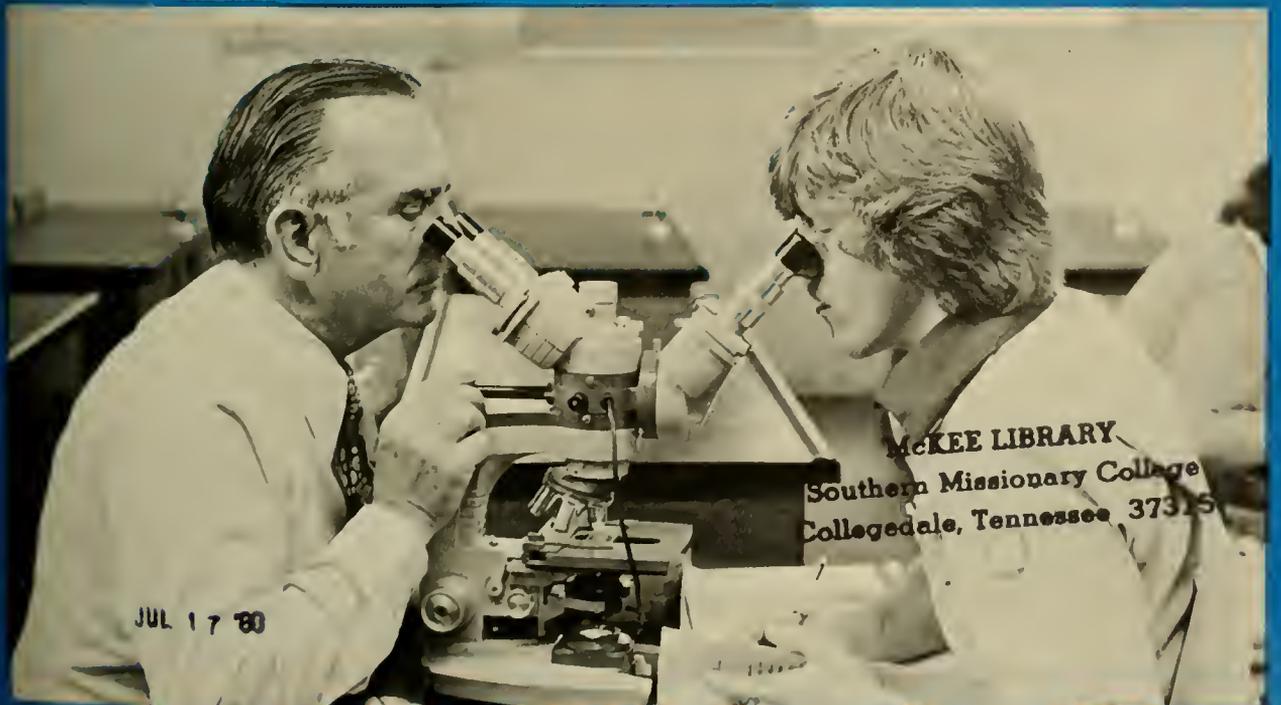
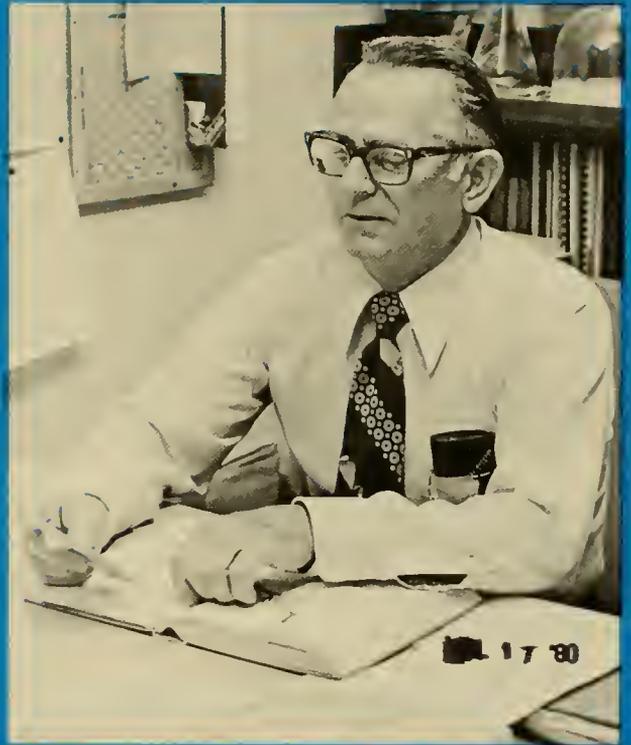
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**Dr. Huldreich H. Kuhlman**

# Message from the President



Someone has said that a friend is a bank of credit on which we can draw supplies of confidence, counsel, sympathy, help and love. If you have a genuine friend, you possess riches greater than silver or gold.

Life's lasting friendships are usually made during the college years. One of the important functions of the Alumni Association is to help you keep in touch with your friends. Those who have attended Southern Missionary College have a bond of Christian friendship which is a valuable support throughout life.

To have a good friend is one of the highest delights of life; to be a good friend is one of the noblest and most difficult undertakings. Are you, and am I, the kind of friend that others can treasure?

If the Alumni Association is to be effective, each member should take the responsibilities of friendship—keep in touch, participate in alumni activities, express your interest in sharing with others by keeping those in the alumni office informed about your whereabouts and activities.

We'd like to hear about ordinary things that are happening to ordinary people, where you have made your home and the ways you have found to witness in your corner of the world. To be a real friend in today's world one must cultivate a capacity to express interest and concern for those in one's sphere of influence.

Write to us!

John Durichek

## ABOUT THE COVER

Dr. Kuhlman has touched the lives of thousands of SMC students. The pictures of him taken by Sandra Lehn, art major who graduated this spring, will recall the many moods of his teaching. Whether lecturing, studying, or helping with the microscopes, we students remember his ever-ready "helping hand." (Editor's suggestion: Why not write to Dr. Kuhlman, if he has ever been your teacher, and tell him what you are doing now? He will be staying here in Collegedale and would like to hear from you.) He has kept a record of every student he has taught, and the record books fill several shelves in his office. He is the perfect embodiment of a "true Christian teacher."

The other pictures were taken by Stephen Ruf, sophomore student assigned to the Media Relations office.



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## “Committee of 100” Adds to PE Center

The Committee of 100 for Southern Missionary College at its recent meeting in Collegedale voted another new project for the campus.

Beginning in the summer, SMC will build a new foyer for the Physical Education Center. Financed by the Committee of 100, the foyer will cost approximately \$80,000. It will enlarge the present lobby, add restrooms and drinking fountains, provide for double doors between the foyer and the auditorium area, and furnish an adequate place for ticket sales.

The new foyer will not only improve the facility for campus use and weekend programs, but it will also help handle the crowds at camp meetings, Alumni Homecomings, and other large gatherings. It is appropriate that this undertaking is done by the Committee since the entire Physical Education Center has been one of its projects since its inception.

This new project by SMC's Committee of 100 is another in a long line of capital improvements over the past 16 years of the Committee's existence.

The Committee has financed or served as a financial vehicle for the following structures: Physical Edu-

cation Building, 1965; Broom Shop, 1970 (since sold); Expansion and Renovation of College Plaza Shopping Center, 1971; Collegedale Distributors, 1974 (since sold); Herin Nursing Building, 1975; Talge Hall completion, 1976; Thatcher Hall completion, 1978; Resurfacing Track of P.E. Center, 1978; New Racquetball Courts for P.E. Center, 1979.

Other projects voted by the Committee, but not yet started are an upper Campus Promenade and a new home for the college's radio station, WSMC-FM. This last project will be a part of the new Fine Arts Center now under construction, the music building being the first structure to go up.

The Committee now has 104 members who serve as an advisory group to SMC's Board of Trustees. The group meets several times a year, hears reports on SMC's progress, and elects its own officers.

Officers are as follows: William A. Iles, president; Charles Fleming, Jr., vice-president and executive director; William Hulsey, vice-president-treasurer; Dr. John (Al) Sines, vice-president-secretary; and Robert Merchant, vice-president-assistant treasurer.

## Personnel Changes in Top Offices

Several administrative changes at Southern Missionary College will become effective this week, according to Dr. Frank Knittel, SMC's president.

Kenneth Spears, who has been serving as director of admissions and records, will become associate business manager.

Miss Mary Elam, who is currently associate director of admissions and records, will become director of records.

Dr. Ron Barrow, who is director of student recruitment, will become director of admissions and student recruitment.

Bruce Stepanske, associate business manager, will be director of student accounts collections.

"These changes in administrative assignments are designed to promote efficiency, and at the same time to decrease the number of administrative personnel," Dr. Knittel said.

Spears has served in several capacities since 1963 at SMC: director of student finance, associate business manager and dean of students, as well as director of admissions and records. He is a graduate of SMC and holds the master's degree from Middle Tennessee State University.

Miss Elam has served as associate director of admissions and records since joining the SMC staff in 1965. She is a graduate of SMC ('51) and holds the master's degree from Stetson University, Deland, Florida.

Dr. Barrow was principal of Collegedale Academy before joining the SMC staff in 1979. He is a graduate of Columbia Union College, Washington, D.C., and holds the master's degree from Loma Linda University.

Stepanske joined the staff in 1978 as associate business manager. He is a graduate of Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan.



EXTERIOR VIEW

# Dr. Kuhlman “Created” the Biology Department

Edgar O. Grundset,  
Associate Professor of Biology

The H. H. Kuhlman arrived at SMC in June, 1946, and took up residence in one of the “brown cracker boxes” that lined one side of the road leading to the dairy and the old “college store” — a far cry from the comfortable, pleasantly landscaped home (complete with the “pride-of-Collegedale” mulched, composted, and pampered fruit and vegetable garden) on Surhie Road where they now reside.

Dr. Kuhlman was invited to SMC by President K. A. Wright to head up the Biology Department. It is of some nostalgic interest to reflect that the very first name to be placed in his record book was Frances Andrews who is,



at present, teaching journalism in the Communication Department at SMC and editor of *SOUTHERN COLUMNS*.

His first classroom and lab which could accommodate about 20 students was located in the southeast corner of Lynn Wood Hall. This is the same room (after extensive remodeling) that was to become the office of Chick Fleming, SMC’s business manager, *par excellence*, for so many years. The Religion Department now occupies this space.

At that time (the late 40’s), Kuhlman was *the* Biology Department; he taught *everything*—Anatomy and Physiology, Zoology, Microbiology, and, at times, one or two upper-division courses. Gradually one or two teachers would assist in some aspects of the teaching and a few more courses were added, but not until 1952 when Hackman Hall was constructed did the Biology Department find a home of its own. Even so, the building (which was actually half the size of the present building) housed not only the biology, but physics, chemistry, and mathematics departments as well.

With Kuhlman’s gentle but firm prodding and after he had been extended time-off to complete his doctorate, the addition to Hackman Hall was ready for occupancy in 1961. Shortly thereafter, physics and mathematics moved into their own quarters in Daniell’s Hall, and this meant that biology now occupied one large lecture hall (seating 110 students), five spacious laboratories, four teachers’ offices, four stockrooms, two preparation rooms, a museum room, a secretaries’ and readers’ room, a seminar room and library, and an adjacent greenhouse (divided and operated by automatic controls so that both temperate and tropical-type plants can be grown effectively). All of this required much planning, organization and direction which Dr. Kuhlman single-handedly and persistently provided.

After Dr. Kuhlman received his Ph.D. degree from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, the staff increased to the extent that there will be five teachers in the Biol-



Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Kuhlman, right, retire from active service at Southern Missionary College. They are honored by SMC's President Frank Knittel.

ogy Department as of the school year 1980-81. It is interesting to note that one of Dr. Kuhlman's most promising and energetic students, Dr. David Steen ('68), has now returned to SMC to serve as chairman of the recently organized Division of Natural Sciences (which includes the biology and chemistry departments).

All those 8-10 thousand students who "sat at his feet" through the years, when they learned of his retirement this June, could reflect on: his depth of scholarship, fairness and honesty, his willingness to "talk," his insistence on excellence, his wry sense of humor and his guidance in setting up schedules and requirements, and, above all, his quiet Christian dignity.

His fellow colleagues, in addition, will recall his prudent suggestions in working out courses but then his "hands-off" policy once the course "got going," his capacity for "sizing-up" ticklish situations, his readiness to order all necessary supplies and equipment (all with a careful eye on the budget, of course), his always "being there" for counsel and advice.

During his "administration" the offerings in biology have increased from the basic four or five to some twenty-seven courses as listed in the current catalog. Also, at the suggestions of his cohorts, the Biology Department has "kept pace" by acquiring such "up-to-date" equipment items as autoclaves, incubators, oscilloscopes, Warburg apparatuses, ovens, a computer terminal, and, most recently, an environmental growth

chamber. The mammal and insect collections in the museum are largely there because of Dr. Kuhlman's interest—many mammals can never be replaced because of their having been now placed on the *endangered species list* or they simply no longer exist in this area. At his suggestion, annual field trips are taken to Florida, the Smokies, and numerous other areas of ecological interest in the Southeastern United States.

Perhaps his *pride and joy* is the fact that every laboratory is equipped with virtually new microscopes (as new models are produced, the older editions are constantly being replaced). It is a source of amazement to knowledgeable visitors to the Biology Department that every student in every lab (simultaneously) has his own microscope to use with no "borrowing" from other laboratories.

As Dr. Kuhlman stated in a recent issue of *The Southern Accent*, "My experiences at SMC have been enjoyable and highly rewarding in that when I pick up an Adventist journal, I'll see the name of a student I taught doing something worthwhile. It's a good feeling."

And so it is that we honor Dr. H. H. (Boots) Kuhlman on his retirement but we do not say "Good-bye" because he will still continue to teach anatomy and other subjects on a limited basis, thus ensuring that the shadow of his influence and direction will long be felt on the Biology Department and on SMC. Hail to thee, Dr. Boots!

**“Cookie” Byrd  
Presents Book  
To Alma Mater**

B. T. (Cookie) Byrd, Jr., president and chairman of the board of Byrd Cookie Co., Inc., was recently elected to the Board of Trustees of his Alma Mater.

Byrd, a 1964 charter member of SMC’s Committee of 100, which contributes to capital projects for the college, has been active over the years in providing advice, support and programs for the institution.

On his most recent visit to SMC, Byrd presented a History of the Chinese-Burma-India Theater of World War II to the McKee Library. Charles Davis, librarian, accepted for the college. Byrd, who was a C-47 pilot in the CBI Theater, is the chaplain of the Hump Pilots Association which meets yearly.

Byrd has been active in civic affairs for many years: past president, Savannah Lions Club; Savannah and Georgia PTA’s; Georgia Historical Society; American Red Cross; Chatham County Water Safety Committee, etc.

A lifelong resident of Savannah, he is married to the former Florence Waite, and they have three daughters: Mrs. Kay Curl, Mrs. Pamela Reifsnyder and Vicki Rahn.



B. T. (Cookie) Byrd, Jr., right, president and chairman of the board of Byrd Cookie Co., presents a history of the Chinese-Burma-India Theater of World War II to his Alma Mater, Southern Missionary College, Chattanooga. Accepting for the college is Librarian Charles Davis. In the background is the McKee Library.



Marvin Hickman, well-known campus figure, enjoyed the Christmas holidays immensely as he played “Santa” to the elementary school on the campus. Marvin fills a need on the campus by cheerfully acting as messenger boy for the church and delivering mail between the buildings.

**1948**

Elder Jack and Miriam (Ditzel) Darnall are conducting classes at the Wilderness Leadership Center, Box 770, North Fork, California 93643. They have literally carved the center out of the forest, and their newsletter is most interesting. You should write for a copy.

**1949**

Ben and Ann Morgan Wheeler visited Collegedale on their way back to Africa from General Conference. Their account of the opening again of Solusi in Zimbabwe was most interesting. Friends and relatives gathered for lunch at Dan and Lois Doherty’s home on Sabbath to welcome the Wheelers. Dr. Roy Morgan and his wife (Lila Farrell), Dr. Charles Michaelis and wife (Naomi Smith), Dr. Ira Wheeler (Ben’s brother), Mrs. Brian Michaelis, and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Mathieu were present. Many of them were here for the graduation services, and a “reunion” was formed.

**1950**

Phaize Salhany writes:

“Can you use a picture like this? We thought you ought to know that SMC has a fine representation in the Trans-Africa Division. We were together for the TAD Executive Committee meetings held in Blantyre, Malawi, before General Conference.”

Left to right: Harold S. Johnson ‘53, Ministerial Secretary, South East Africa Union (Malawi); Fred E. Wilson ‘54, Director, South East Africa Union (Malawi); Phaize J. Salhany ‘50, Youth Director, Trans-Africa Division.



**Don’t Forget  
HOMECOMING**

**October 24, 25, 1980**

**HONOR CLASSES:**

**1930, 1940, 1955, 1970**

1964

Dr. Gilbert M. Burnham, medical director of Malamulo Hospital in Malawi, was recently asked by the British Broadcasting Corporation to speak on leprosy in Malawi. During the talk the unique leprosy work of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Malawi's Shire river valley was stressed. The interview was broadcast on *The Medical Programme* which is transmitted weekly on the BBC's international services. On previous occasions Dr. Burnham has undertaken discussions on various aspects of tropical medicine for the BBC.

Elder Smuts van Rooyen conducted an interesting Week of Prayer for the spring session at SMC. Later he returned to campus to conduct a series of meetings at the Georgia-Cumberland camp-meeting.

1969

Carl H. Koester, assistant administrator of Marshfield Convalescent center since 1976, is the new administrator of Mid American Health Services' Lancaster Nursing Home. He has a bachelor's degree in business administration.

Laurence W. Payne, personnel director at Porter Memorial Hospital, has been named an assistant administrator of the institution. In his new position, he will continue to have charge over the personnel function of the hospital with 1100 employees. His wife, Claudia, nee Mountain, graduated from SMC in the same year with an associate science degree in nursing.

1970

Linda Martone Gallimore has passed the November, 1979, North Carolina Certified Public Accountant examination. She is currently employed by Daniel and Baily, CPA's in Charlotte, where her husband, Jay Gallimore is the minister of the Sharon Seventh-day Adventist Church.

1971

Dr. Penny Nielsen, Associate Professor of Education at Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, Ala., presented a paper "Assessing Reading Attitudes—Why and How" at the SE Regional International Reading Association in Nashville. Dr. Nielsen's paper "Figurative Language—Enchanting But Perplexing" was included at the SW Regional International Reading Association in Albuquerque.

Dr. Nielsen recently attended the Alabama Reading Association in Montgomery and became a charter member of The Post Secondary Reading Council of Alabama. She was appointed a member of the editorial advisory board of *The Alabama Reader*.

Dr. Nielsen had an article entitled "Involve Parents in Reading" published in the *Louisiana Reading Teacher* which also featured her regular column "Penny's Potpourri."

Wayne Hicks has assumed his duties as associate youth director of the Upper Columbia Conference, with headquarters in Spokane, Wash. He came to this new position from Battle Creek, Mich., where he was the pastor and chaplain for Battle Creek Academy.

James Ray Cox has returned to southern Virginia to pastor the Powell Valley church. He is a native of Wytheville, Va., and has pastored churches in the Georgia-Cumberland and Oregon Conferences. His wife Gladys is an LPN and is working on an associate degree in nursing. They have two sons, James Hudson, 14, and Michael Ray, 12.

1976

John A. Shrader writes that he graduated at LLU on February 29 and wife Sandy (Sandra K. Siegel) will graduate June 1. "We are both planning to take internal medicine for our residencies (three years) in Ohio and then go to the mission field (Trans-Africa)." He says that they spent three months at our mission hospital, Castle Memorial, on Oahu during the winter quarter while on their elective.

1978

H. Robert Gadd joined the General Conference Auditing Service last September. He worked previously in public accounting after his business administration degree from SMC.

Steve Darmody participated in an *It Is Written* seminar with Elder George Vandeman in New Orleans this spring. He and his wife Jonie provided the music for the rally.



Bruce A. Bergherm, Jr., joined Porter Memorial Hospital, Denver, Colo., as an accountant in February.

A native of Monterey, Mexico, Bergherm graduated from SMC with a minor in accounting and a bachelor of science in business administration. His professional career began in Atlanta, Ga., where he was employed for nearly two years as a business analyst with Dun & Bradstreet.

He is married to the former Ellen Cunningham, from North Augusta, S.C., who attended SMC during the 1975-76 school year.

1979

Stephen Leslie Wilson is in Korea serving as a teacher in the Seventh-day Adventist Language Institutes in Seoul. His wife, Rhonda Lynn Griffin Wilson will serve as a teacher in the same school along with him.

Reuben C. Castillo has begun a program leading to a J.D. (Juris Doctor) degree at Western State University College of Law, Fullerton, California.

Phil Younts started his internship in the Wytheville-Pulaski district in Virginia. Prior to that he assisted Norman Middag at Camp Blue Ridge conducting summer camp for the Potomac Conference.

## SMC Enrollment Largest to Date

Southern Missionary College has registered the largest second semester enrollment in its history, according to Kenneth Spears, director of admissions and records.

The total of 1843 includes 191 more students than last year's second semester total of 1652, slightly more than a 10 percent increase.

This year, 587 new freshmen have joined the ranks, compared with 490 in 1979. The sophomore class now consists of 397, where there were 370 last year, while the juniors boast 330 from last year's total of 289.

Of all the high schools represented, the total from Forest Lake Academy, Maitland, topped the list, followed by Georgia-Cumberland Academy, Calhoun, Ga., and Collegedale Academy.

The Division of Nursing claims the largest number of majors enrolled with 374 students. Theology comes next with 136. Elementary Education, Business and Biology follow with 132, 117, and 113, respectively.

The 1843 students represent 45 states and 36 foreign countries. Students have come from such exotic places as Egypt and Ethiopia, Bahamas and Belize, and Austria and Antigua.



Pastry chef, Roy Dingle, of the Southern Missionary College cafeteria proudly stands by creation. The 4x5 foot cherry cake was presented to the student body by the cafeteria as a Valentine's Day gift. Ingredients included 12 sheet cakes, 80 pounds of cake batter, 25 quarts of whipping cream, and 12 hours of laying and decorating.

## 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 1978 class had degrees conferred on 406 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.

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