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Collegedale Progresses During Decade

As the city of Collegedale entered a new decade, the year 1980 was marked with several progressive activities.

Like many other cities across the nation, Collegedale was faced with declining tax revenues and increasing demand for programs and services.

In an effort to increase its tax base and provide locations for plant sites and economic development, the city began construction on a \$1.4 million sewer interception system and pumping station which will transport Collegedale's liquid waste to Chattanooga's Moccasin Bend treatment plant.

This plant, funded 75 percent by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and 25 percent by local funds, has long been needed to assist Collegedale in alleviating its sewage disposal problems.

Tied closely with the sewer interceptor system is the construction of a sewer collection system which will provide service to the Four Corners area of Apison Pike and Ooltewah-Ringgold Road. This system is essential for commercial and industrial growth in eastern Hamilton County.

Funding was provided by a grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission and a loan from the Farmers' Home Administration.

In private construction, Southern Missionary College broke ground for a \$4.1 million Fine Arts Complex. The

center will house the college's Fine Arts Division and serve as headquarters for WSMC-FM and the communication area of instruction.

Commercial growth was also evident in the completion of a Pioneer Bank branch and a new 70,000-square foot warehouse facility for McKee Baking Co. The city also issued 83 residential building permits during the year.

Preliminary figures issued by the U.S. Department of Commerce placed the Collegedale 1980 census at 4,553 persons, a population increase of 75 percent since 1970, the largest increase in Hamilton County.

Collegedale's commitment to public safety was continued with the completion of an additional 3,500 feet of sidewalk along Camp Road, one of the busiest streets in the community.

The city was fortunate that during 1980 no fatal accidents were recorded and traffic accidents were down 13 percent over 1979.

Also, all officers of the Police Department are certified by the state of Tennessee and completed an additional 40 hours of in-service training during the year.

Collegedale and much of eastern Hamilton County receive fire protection from Tri-Community Fire De-

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The work on the Music Building, first building of the new Fine Arts Center, is progressing well with the exterior almost done. Excavation for the Humanities-Communication building to the right is done.



Message from the President



The question of our responsibility to be loyal is a recurring theme. Thoughts about loyalty to our country were prompted recently when we celebrated the birthdays of two of our greatest statesmen. Also, during February we often reflect on loyalty in relationships as Valentine's Day is observed.

The voices of conflict within the church bring questions about just what it means to be loyal and to what we should be loyal. We need to be aware of the times in which we live and not be lulled into apathy. How can we choose the lasting principles to which we should be loyal from man's contrivances?

The founders of our college were people dedicated to service. As present faculty and alumni of SMC we have a responsibility to be loyal to the heritage forged by our forefathers who gave so much of themselves for future generations. We find ourselves with the privilege of loyalty to that heritage and witness to the ever-expanding service of this college to the church and to the world.

Christians are responsible to be perceptibly critical and totally loyal—to God and to the earthly institutions whose purpose it is to represent Him to the world. Man's wisdom is not sufficient to meet this objective. Only as we maintain communion with our Divine Counselor can we reach this goal. May we be reminded daily of the Scripture which assures us, "If any of you falls short in wisdom, he should ask God for it and it will be given him, for God is a generous giver who neither refuses nor reproaches anyone." James 1:5 NEB

SMC: A SCHOOL OF HIS PLANNING

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 book, priced at \$10 is hardbound in gold leatherette in an attractive 7"×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.

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Back to Russia . . . A Daughter's Viewpoint

by Lorelei Hefferlin Powers

January 13, 1981, was a very busy and exciting day for my parents, Dr. and Mrs. Ray Hefferlin, Professor of Physics at Southern Missionary College. Two days before, they were telegraphed that an apartment was ready for them to move into in Leningrad, Russia, and arrangements were made for their flight to leave January 13 around 4 p.m.

The morning of their departure, Mom (Inelda Phillips Hefferlin, '58) was up around 4 a.m., partly because she couldn't sleep, but mostly because there was a lot of packing, last minute shopping, and housecleaning. She hoped she could find enough room to pack all the items on her list. There were good-byes to all her friends and she wanted to spend a few last moments with her grandson, Joshua Powers. Since my two younger sisters were going along, Mom was really busy getting them to pack their suitcases and clean their rooms.

My father, known to many as "Doc," was at his office making final arrangements for the trip and getting together all his notes and files for his research project, "Diatomic Molecules." He will be spending most of his time working on this while in Russia. He was also making final arrangements for the house care and his cars. Dad was extremely happy to be able to be going again to Russia for many reasons—some different than my mom's. As many who know him understand, physics and research are what my dad really enjoys more than anything else. To further his research project, he needed the equipment that Russia has available. Dad also likes challenges. Learning, reading, and speaking the Russian language is a real challenge, and a dream come true for him.

Mother, on the other hand, enjoys the social life, going to teas with Russian women and learning new dishes to prepare for family and friends here at home. Mother also enjoys gift shopping in Russia because of the exquisite items

there are to buy. She also enjoyed very much shopping over here for items for friends they made last time in Leningrad. She got blue jeans, hosiery, and other things which are impossible, or very hard to find in Russia.

While in Russia before, my parents enjoyed going to concerts, operas, ballets, and doing plenty of sightseeing. They also enjoyed visiting with friends they made among the people of the Soviet Union.

Mom has said, as I know Dad feels, also, that by going to Russia, they hope in a small way to be helping retain friendly relations between both nations, the United States and the U.S.S.R. Also, they wish they might help in a small way to prevent a war from happening in the near future.

Sigsworth Dies; Worked for McKee

Dale Eugene Sigsworth, 30, of East Brainerd, Tenn., died from injuries received in a house fire early in January.

He was a graduate of Southern Missionary College and had received his master's degree in grain science from Kansas State University.

Dale was a native of Wakeman, Ohio, but had lived in the Chattanooga area for the past eight years. He was a member of the Ringgold Seventh-day Adventist Church and was an employee of McKee Baking Co. where he served as superintendent of research and development. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War, serving in the U.S. Army.

Survivors include his wife, Diana, son, Daniel Todd, and daughter, Deleighe Rachele Sigsworth. Other family members are his mother, one sister and five brothers among whom are Dean Sigsworth, SMC '78, and Earl Sigsworth who is currently attending SMC.

Art of Cheese-Making Kept Alive

by Sharon Webster McGrady, '77

Like her mother before her, Rose Marie Stampfli makes cheese.

She lives in the recess of Cumberland Plateau in the home to which her father, Ernest, came from Switzerland in 1913. The farmhouse is part of the original Swiss colony settled as "Grutli" in 1869.

Ten years ago a celebration in Gruetli (now spelled with an "e") marking the centennial of the founding of the original colony gave birth to the Grundy County Swiss Historical Society.

The annual gatherings of the Society spawned Rose's cheese-making. "So many people told me they wanted some cheese, I decided to revive the art," she says.

Rose explains that her homemade product is not identical to Swiss cheese most people buy at the market, but there is more demand for her homemade cheese than she can meet.

The entire process takes about four weeks and at its end, Rose Marie has five rounds weighing about two pounds each.

She makes cheese weekly in the summer and whenever she finds time between her other pursuits.

Rose Marie attended SMC 1955-57 and began teaching early in Adventist schools. She finished college in the summers while teaching in winters. "It took 15 summers before I graduated in 1970 with an Elementary Education major." Stampfli is currently teaching at the Seventh-day Adventist church school at Monteagle, where she has been for the past six years.



Rose Marie Stampfli

Joseph A. Tucker Dies At 94

Joseph Arlington Tucker, a dominant figure in Seventh-day Adventist education in the South for more than half a century, died February 11, 1981. He was born in 1887 near Palestine, Texas, and finished his high school education at Keene Industrial Academy. He married Mary Josephine Wilson in 1914. Their two children, Margaret and Joseph, preceded him in death.

Joseph Tucker served as superintendent of education for the old Southeastern Union Conference for a number of years. During 1917-1919, while his wife served as dean of women in the newly constructed Maude Jones Hall, Southern Junior College became his home base.

In 1922, Joseph Tucker was ordained to the ministry and the same year became "war chaplain" to SDA men in service.

For 10 years, beginning in 1928, Elder Tucker served as president of Oakwood College—the last white president of that institution. He was principal of Oak Park Academy in Iowa between 1937 and 1945.

He joined the faculty of SMC in 1945, serving for five years as teacher of mathematics, education, and agriculture. He obtained his master's degree in 1946. He served as manager of agriculture at Madison College from 1950 to 1952.



In 1952 Elder and Mrs. Tucker retired to Grundy County, Tennessee. Here he became director of the county adult education program for some 20 years. For his leadership he received a commendatory plaque, and was known as "Mr. Adult Education" throughout the county.

Joseph Tucker's life exemplified his faith and trust in God. He was a courageous, persevering, and patient man and was devoted to the cause of education during his long life. He was a strong believer in the principles of Christian education as set forth in Ellen White's writings.

He is survived by his wife, his brother, A. J. Tucker of Watertown, Wisconsin, three grandchildren and a number of nephews and nieces.

— Jesse Cowdrick

John Henson, '54 Printer, Plant Hobbyist

The *Chattanooga News-Free Press* carried a full-page story on Sunday, January 11, 1981, with large pictures in color of John W. Henson, '54, and his plants. The story appeared on the Gardens page giving the history of Mr. Henson's interest in the Dieffenbachia, "king of the houseplants." Henson has made a hobby of raising the "dumb cane" for about 18 years. A broken plant abandoned by friends sparked the interest of John and Audrey who loved its beauty. They took the damaged plant home, propped up the stem which had not been broken all the way through, began watering, and it grew.

In the years following this incident, the Hensons have beautified their own home and those of many others with this easy to grow plant. They have experimented successfully with propagation of the Dieffenbachia.

John has written and copyrighted an illustrated booklet on the do's and don'ts of Dieffenbachias. "They're easy to grow, tolerant houseplants," he says, "if you provide bright diffused light, moist soil and warm temperatures." According to the booklet, the "Dieffenbachia grows native on the jungle floor of Central America where it receives only filtered light. Bright direct sun will bleach the color out of the leaves and cause them to curl."

If you need help with a Dieffenbachia, or have knowledge of the plant you would like to share, you may write to John at Route 2, Box 266 McDonald, TN 37353.



John Henson

HOMECOMING SET FOR 1981

The weekend of October 23, 24, and 25, is designated as "Alumni Homecoming." The Honor Classes will be those of 1931, 1941, 1956, and 1971.

For the Honor Classes this will be a special weekend. Those members with up-to-date addresses on the Alumni computer will receive notification of events by mail.

The Division of Music is planning a week of activities with the ribbon cutting and dedication of the new building at the Homecoming. During this time, there will be recitals and outstanding activities resulting from a year's planning and many years of anticipation. Tours will be conducted so that visitors may see the building.

The United States Marine Band will perform in the P.E. Center on Saturday evening, October 24.

Knittel Calls For Church Unity

Editor's Note: The following article is excerpted from a talk given by Dr. Frank Knittel, SMC's president, to faculty and staff of the college.

My thesis this morning is that each one of us must develop a personal attitude toward church debates of such a dimension that we can safely approach our students and convince them that differences of belief need not destroy us, and that unity of the faith is really unity within the boundaries of faith. As Paul so cogently counsels in Ephesians 4:3, "Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace." In the thirteenth verse, he re-emphasizes his point by saying, 'Till we all come in the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God.'" His fitting capstone is found in Colossians 3:14: "And above all these things, put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness."

My talk is threefold in content. First, I would like to emphasize that differences of belief, even very serious differences, including theological ones, do not constitute anarchy or disorder *per se*. Second, we will discuss ways in which we may innocently and even in sincerity foster attitudes which lead to anger, cynicism, and disruption. And third, I would like to submit ways in which we can help put students' minds at ease who are exercised about some of these disquieting matters.

We sometimes overlook the fact that within the first few months of the Christian church, some 2,000 years ago, a crisis arose over ethnic questions. And this was no small dispute. Its resolution resulted in an entire reorganization of the church.

That early confrontation with the Grecian widows, of course, did not focus on basic principles of belief, but I can assure you that the next upheaval did. The matter was how the Gentiles would relate to the new gospel. Those early Jews had an entire New Testament filled with the prohibitions relating to Gentiles, and that, my friends, was the Bible. To start tampering with the Scriptures back then was almost as bad as raising a question about the historical validity of some passages in Ellen White's writings today.

But the church did survive, and do you want to know something? It was an entire church which changed its posture. Those early Christians did not allow historical positions or traditions to cloud *their eagerness* to get on with the *message of the free gift of salvation*.

Ever since the Seventh-day Adventist Church has been in existence, there have been agitators and agitations centered around specific people who have challenged church authority and organization. Our initial response is to deduce that critics within the church lead to problems and, therefore, should be detected as early as possible, then moved out from the church very quickly since their presence will inevitably cause even deeper troubles. I would reason that in some instances such could very easily be the case and should be. But I further submit that at no time in its history has the church been in the corporate frame of mind to deal with internal disputes that it should have been.

Since some individuals have obviously caused serious confusion among our church members with their posi-

tions, their criticisms, and their unwillingness to be guided by the counsel of church leaders, it seemed proper to remove them when their disruptive style became too abusive. Perhaps we should have left the matter there, rather than have gotten into theology. I earnestly believe that variations of theological positions are both tolerable and desirable as long as we understand that we are fallible, and that our individual beliefs are only that, and not necessarily eternal and complete truth.

My hunch is that if we were to ask thirty of our church theologians to develop a 50-page document specifying what each considered to be the definitive explanation of the sanctuary, we would get a least twenty variations, perhaps thirty. I have yet to hear two identical approaches to righteousness by faith, except for the sermon I once heard in the not too distant past, which was a duplicate of a sermon Morris Venden had once preached. One of the finest things we could do for our students is to persuade them that differences of opinion may be acceptable, perhaps even stimulating, certainly not always debilitating.

This brings me to my second position. We lead ourselves and others into real problems when we are too ready to take intransigent positions, solemnly claiming that our position is backed up by the Scriptures and the modern Spirit of Prophecy. Sad to say, we can back up almost anything we wish by extracting sentences, phrases, or even entire paragraphs from the writings of Ellen White.

I was quite amazed, though not too much amused, some three years ago when at our annual Fall Council we addressed ourselves to the proposal that women in our church should be ordained to the gospel ministry. I tell you with absolute honesty, that speakers read formal arguments against such ordination and clinched their points with passages from the Spirit of Prophecy, only to be followed by speakers arguing in favor of female ordination, who used the very same paragraphs to prove that Ellen White was in favor of the proposal.

I wish we would not preach that any single doctrine of the SDA church is a pillar of the faith. This implies a single track belief to which we must unilaterally subscribe unless we are spiritually offbeat. Arguments about the sanctuary in our church, for example, are as old as the church itself, and within these arguments are valid differences of opinion. A great deal of latitude can and should be allowed. One day I hear the declaration that the pillar of our church is the sanctuary; the next week I hear it is righteousness by faith; and the next month I am told it is the holistic approach to perfection. Small wonder that with so many definitive and authoritarian voices our members are confused, small wonder that our youth come to have a jaded attitude about the whole package, an attitude which primes them for all sorts of cynical observations. The Gospel is full and complete enough for our salvation without the fine points of exegesis on every topic. Let's not allow higher criticism to blind us to the fact that if we love God, believe Him, trust Him and turn our lives over to Him for

direction, then through some mysterious process which we do not understand, He transforms us and gives us righteousness. We should stop trying to figure out *why* and *how* He does it. Don't we believe the text which talks to us about the mystery of godliness? We have an eternity to learn about this. Let's stop pretending we have, or need to have, the answer now.

This leads me to my third and final point. When our students come to us with questions about theological divisions within our church, let us not dismiss their inquiries as merely sophomoric or simply cynical or deliberately goading. Many times they are all of these, but even under those circumstances circumspect replies are not only a courtesy, but even more, a necessity.

My first submission is that we openly acknowledge that our general church position, both individually and corporately, can and does and should change. For example, our church leaders and scholars do not now hold to the same posture they once did relative to Uriah Smith's *Daniel and Revelation*. And why should they? The human perception of truth is not static—it is progressive. Let me cite an example from the life of Ellen White. It is no secret that in the early days of her ministry, Ellen White and her husband, and most of the other founders of our church, were influenced by the philosophy of most of the 1844 survivors, who held that when the Lord would come, only those people who were converted prior to the Great Disappointment of 1844 would be saved. They thus felt that their ministry should be restricted to people who were already converted but who had an incomplete knowledge of the sanctuary. Ellen White is quite explicit about this topic in some of her early manuscripts. One has only to read her later mass of material relative to mission work among the heathen and others who do not know God to understand how her position changed as truth was clarified for her by God.

My second suggestion is that we candidly admit that some answers are not forthcoming in this life. One of the most controversial issues to face our church right now is that of the nature of inspiration—God's revelation to mankind. This brings us squarely to the problem of the modern Spirit of Prophecy. Please, please, for the sake of our spiritual integrity, admit there are some imponderables relating to the writings of Ellen White. My friends, to declare there are no problems is to declare willful ignorance. There are problems with man's puny knowledge of how God speaks through man. There are some matters in the Scriptures that defy the interpretation of inspiration as many people would comfortably settle the issue. Taken by itself, there is no way that we can reconcile Psalm 35 with the statement of Jesus that we should love our enemies and bless those who curse us. For Psalm 35 is one great cry of David to the Lord to be avenged of his enemies, and is rather well summarized by verse 26: "Let them be ashamed and brought to confusion together that rejoice at mine hurt: let them be clothed with shame and dishonor that magnify themselves against me." This can hardly be called a blessing. But when we take the body of the Psalms, take this 35th Psalm in particular, and look at the whole, we can see that the great exclamation in the totality of the Psalms, is one of confidence in the Providence of God. And *that* is inspiration.

In this way we must understand the Spirit of Prophecy, and in this way we should identify its inspiration to our students, rather than join that crowd of people who blindly declare there is no issue, and the only problem is in the minds of unbelievers in inspiration.

A warning—Beware! A second-hand gospel is at once second best. Why do we need floods of mortal opinions when we have the Scriptures? As for those opinions which are sold, just remember that salvation is free, and its truest and purest source is this great book.

May I say that many years ago I deliberately and thoughtfully committed my future to those ideals and those truths which constitute our body of a church. That commitment also meant a commitment to Jesus as revealed to me through His Word. I am very deeply committed now to our church and love it very much. I am always pained when divisions break upon the scene and do my very best not to join these divisional elements even when facts sustain some allegations. I know all of you join me in this. It is part of our duty to sustain before youth and age the concept that our church is of God. We already have sufficient revealed truth to carry us to the kingdom. The message of salvation which we enjoy is our responsibility to share; that is, the pillar of our faith. "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever."

Progress

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partment, with headquarters in Collegedale and stations in Ooltewah and Standifer Gap.

The department has over 40 volunteers and 10 trucks of various sizes, from brush fire vehicles to a 3,000-gallon super tanker, the largest tanker in service specifically built for fire service in Hamilton County.

At present, Collegedale has a class 9, I.S.O. rating, and is working to reach a class 7 rating in the near future.

The city owns the Collegedale Municipal Airport, which is leased and operated by a private operator. The airport has a 3,300-foot by 75-foot paved runway with 700-foot overrun which is lighted from dusk until dawn.

Major approach improvements have been made with brush cleaning and tree cutting. Tie down and hangars are available along with mechanical services and three full-time flight instructors. Rental aircraft is also available.

During 1980, the Collegedale City Commission granted a franchise to Chattanooga Cable TV Company to install cable television to the corporate limits. Service is scheduled to begin in late 1981.

Endeavoring to make the community a more pleasant place to live, the City Commission has formed a Citizens Beautification Committee and the Festival Committee continues to plan memorable and outstanding July 4 activities.

The Chattanooga /Hamilton County Bicentennial Library began serving the city with bookmobile service this past summer.



1. Dr. Don W. Wilson, '59, is now president of Southampton Center, N.Y., a part of Long Island University. Don was president of the student association at SMC in his senior year.



2. Dr. Frank Knittel, president of Southern Missionary College, right, presents at the annual faculty board banquet a plaque to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Starkey, recognizing them as generous benefactors to the college. Mr. and Mrs. Starkey, through the Starkey Printing Company, have printed two editions of SMC's history. Both of them have served in the past on the staff of SMC, and are members of SMC's Committee of 100.



3. Academic Dean Lawrence Hanson presents a plaque honoring Mr. Drew Turlington '51 for 22 years of outstanding service and teaching in the industrial education department at Southern Missionary College. Looking on are Mrs. Turlington and Mrs. Hanson.



4. Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Keele were honored recently at Southern Missionary College. Mr. Keele has done 24 years of service as a construction foreman for the college. Richard Reiner, business manager, presents Mr. Keele with a plaque commemorating his service.



5. Student Association President Les Musselwhite, left, presents outstanding teacher awards to the following Southern Missionary College teachers: Dr. David Steen '68, biology; Mrs. Jolene Zackrisson, office administration; and Dr. Wayne VanDeVere, business administration. The awards for excellence in teaching were based upon choices by the students and the administration of the college.

Round-Robin Letter of Baccalaureate Nursing Class '76 Too Good To Keep

Renita Zimmerman:

Another year has passed and it has brought experiences that I never dreamed of. I just returned from spending three months in Thailand working at Khao I Dang Refugee Camp. We lived in Aranyaprathet, which is right near the Thai-Cambodian border. There were SDA nurses from the U.S., Japan, and Australia. We worked anywhere from 10-16 hrs. a day, 7 days a week.

The wards were of bamboo and the roofs were thatched. There was a variety of crawling insects and the ever-present rats that would play tag overhead and around the floor of the nurse's station, especially on night duty.

The one interesting fact, that all of you would notice immediately, is that there is more than one person in each bed. The whole family tends to move in with the patient. They provide most of the personal care. The major jobs that we as a nursing staff did, were to instruct our Khmer translators in all basic nursing skills, and most of them, by the time I left, were able to pass medications and do dressings without supervision.

A few of the translators were taught to draw all of our lab work

and to start IV's. When one realizes that most of them have not been to school in five years, and never spoke English before they arrived in camp, and that the majority are only 18 and 19, it is amazing that they are able to do what they are doing. Most of them stay all day, whether they are being paid, or not. I wonder if, while all of us were in college, we realized the privilege that we had.

The nursing staff also ran a daily morning worship for the kids on the ward and then had worship for the staff. Nursing classes were also taught, as well as Bible studies in the afternoon. Teaching diabetics was an experience in itself, especially if the patient was Vietnamese, and didn't speak English. Our translators were usually fluent in a couple of languages, but that was not one of them, and you'd have to go through someone who knew Khmer, and Vietnamese. Then the translator converted everything into Khmer, the other person into Vietnamese, and any questions back the other way. There were no Vietnamese working on the wards, and that became a problem.

It was a rewarding experience, and I know I'll never forget some of those people for as long as I live!

Frank Baker:

I am a Captain in the U.S. Army, and working at Fitzsimmons Army Medical Center in Aurora, Colorado (a suburb of Denver.) I have one more year left in the army. I get out in September of '81, at which time I plan on going into the Commissioned Corps and working on an Indian reservation while pursuing my master's in hospital administration. Hopefully, it will be in North Carolina, where they have a good program.

Don Bowman:

Robyn and I have just finished three years at Porter Memorial Hospital in Denver. We live about 30 miles out in the mountains at about 8500 ft. elevation. We have a 2-acre place which overlooks the continental divide.

Robyn is 3-11 charge nurse in ICU, and I'm 3-11 charge nurse in the ER. We average about 63 patients per 24 hours, but of course 3-11 shift sees at least 50% or better of that amount. Porter Memorial ER handles the cardiac, pediatric, and psychiatric emergencies for south Denver, plus whatever else might wander in.

So it's skiing, hiking, splitting wood for the fireplace, and just enjoying the Colorado Rockies! No kids!

Ida Lopes Hinck:

After three years of marriage, we were blessed with a tiny baby boy. Was he ever so beautiful to his parents. Timothy Daniel, we named him. I'm caring for him, not patients, these days and do I love homemaking. Daniel is loving fatherhood and nursing in ICU here in Jellico where we are living in Appalachia. We believe God led us here and that He is coming very soon. We pray for you all that we may some day meet again in heaven, if not here. Please pray for us, too.

Kay Arnold Jorgensen:

I'm still working full time on the OB-GYN floor at Fletcher Hospital. In the last year, I've had the opportunity to deliver three babies, before the doctor arrived—exciting!



Students and faculty enjoy the new Herin Nursing Building, built by SMC's Committee of 100, assisted by other individuals and the Kresge Foundation.

Karen Dalton Stagg:

We may be moving soon from Tampa as Art's first year of pastoral internship is nearly up. (dated November). We've heard rumors but nothing definite yet. It's all right with me, though. I've enough gypsy in me that I don't mind moving often, and it's certainly fun to meet new people and make more friends. I'm at work now. Am still working part-time in Newborn. Am in the middle of taking a class in neonatal ICU.

Kristin will be 18 months on Christmas day. She has lots of personality even at her age. People are always saying to me, "She is really a character!" They're just being nice—they mean that she is absolutely a crazy baby!

Later—We're moving to Miami the end of November. As soon as they can send the truck we're off! Art is to be taken on by the Florida Conference as a full-fledged intern to be associate at Miami's main church.

Juanita Miles:

I'm living in Arden, NC, and working at Mission Hospital in Asheville in the Intensive Care Nursery. I really enjoy my job. I'm a member of the transport team that goes to pick up babies in outlying hospitals. We serve 16 counties in western North Carolina. It is a challenge to go out and have the responsibility, with the help of a respiratory therapist, of stabilizing and bringing back these precious babies. And the "routine care" in nursery is challenging in its own way.

Outside the hospital, I am most involved with the Arden SDA Church—as assistant cradle roll S. S. leader, and as a counselor for the Pathfinder Club. My life is full and I think of each of you often. Good luck and may you find God's leading in all you do. To all of you — love.

Gary Weber:

Liz and I still live in the Chattanooga area, where I work at Erlanger Medical Center as the Administrative Director of Surgery. The hospital has changed significantly in the last couple of years, and is in the middle of a 77-million dollar expansion project. Last summer we became the proud par-

ents of an 8 lb. 5 oz. boy, Jason Michael. He is beginning to be a lot of fun!

Wayne and Benita Whitted:

Benita and I have had an eventful year. I completed my M.S. in Health Administration, and was subsequently accepted into medical school at Loma Linda. Before starting med school, I was the assistant nursing administrator at Loma Linda Community Hospital. I'm really glad to be in med school at long last.

Benita has finished her didactic work in parent-child nursing, and is now working away on her thesis. She has also switched this past year from hospital to Public Health nursing. She is able to use her peds background quite well in this field. Aside from work, we really enjoy traveling. Last summer we spent a wonderful three weeks in the Northwest and British Columbia. We recommend it!

Eddress Blaylock Yates:

To update my information file: I work at M. L. King, Jr. General Hospital in L. A. in neonatal ICU and special care nursery. I am now married to James Yates of Sacramento. He is a computer programmer analyst for Western Coast Corporation. We plan to stay here in Los Angeles for three years. We would like to eventually move to Atlanta, Georgia, in the near future.

Linda Hay:

Michael has yet to finish his residency program in anesthesiology at Vanderbilt in Nashville, Tennessee. It is undecided as yet as to where we will go when he has finished. We have never ruled out the Nashville area where there are a couple good job offers, and of course, a lot of good friends who are trying to tie us down. Our minds are open, but we want to check out all possibilities. Brandt, typical growing weed, is a real blessing to us.

NOTE TO 1976 NURSING CLASS:

Your friends want to hear from you. Please keep the Alumni Office informed of your whereabouts. Benita Whitted would like to include you in the next class letter. Her address is 25806 Chula Vista, Redlands, CA 92373.

1920's

Ellen Byrd Carron, SJC '23, lives in El Cajon, California, says, "I am an old time student of SMC. I had many pleasant times there. God bless you all and may many dollars flow in to help carry forward the work." Mrs. Carron is a registered nurse retired.

1940's

Joe Crews, '46, is an evangelist in the Chesapeake Conference. His crusade is called "Amazing Facts," and the Review and Herald has published his *Amazing Facts Library of Sermons*. These thirteen booklets present major Seventh-day Adventist doctrines in a factual, yet gripping manner. This pocket-size series can be helpful to churches, pastors, evangelists and laymen for mass distribution at a very low cost.

1950's

Wallace T. Anderson, '55, is Director of Inspections for Cobb County Inspection Department in Marietta, Georgia.

Floyd Greenleaf, '55, now heads the Division of Arts and Letters at SMC. This Division includes the areas of English, History, Communication, Art, and Modern Languages. Currently, Dr. Greenleaf is working on a book dealing with the origins and growth of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the South American and Inter-American Divisions. His research sources are personal interviews, General Conference archives, periodicals and other materials, especially those published by each Division. Mrs. Greenleaf, formerly **Betty June Wallace, '49-'51**, is a teller at the Collegedale Credit Union.

1960's

Frederick Petty, Ph.D., M.D., '65. Dr. Petty joined the faculty of the University of Iowa at Iowa City January 1, 1981, as an assistant professor. He earned his Ph.D., from Georgia Tech in 1971. He took the medical course at the University of Tennessee while involved in research and publishing numerous scientific papers. He has been a psychiatrist in research since his graduation from medical school.

Barbara Botts, '65, is a registered nurse at Madison Hospital with advanced training in Intensive and Coronary Care.

Carolyn Luce, '60, completed a second master's degree in reading on the secondary level, in May 1980, at University of Maryland. She is now in a doctoral program with emphases on reading, composition, and remedial education. Carolyn is the Director of Special Services and Chairwoman of the Learning Assistance Department at Columbia Union College.

Wilfred Reyna, '60, has joined the chaplain's staff of Paradise Valley Hospital in National City, California. Former teacher and pastor in Bolivia, he holds a master's degree in educational administration from California State University at Long Beach. He spent three months at Loma Linda University taking a course in clinical-pastoral education. He and his wife, Gloria, have three children. They are Wilfred, 17; Alicia, 16; and Christina, 15. Mrs. Reyna will complete training in physical therapy this spring at LLU.

Esther M. Carr, '69, writes, "Wish I could contribute more, but this will list me as a contributor for 1980. Thanks for all that SMC has meant to me and our family and friends."

1970's

Four SMC graduates were among those who received the doctoral degree from the Medical School of Loma Linda University with the 1980-B class. They are: **Dr. Sarah M. Roddy**, '77; **Dr. Dale J. Townsend**, '76; **Dr. Riley F. Trimm, III**, '76; **Dr. Michael N. Wood**, '77.

Debbie Kijak, '79, and **Chuck Hess**, '80 were married on June 29, 1980, in Hightstown, New Jersey. They are now residing in Alexandria, Virginia.

Richard E. Stanley, M.D. and **Coleen Seitz Stanley**, '77, are presently in a small, remodeled farm house on their 50-acre farm with 20 cows, two dogs and one cat. Richard is in medical practice with an Adventist group of doctors in Greeneville, Tennessee. Son, Christopher, is 3½ years old.

Janet Davies Blondo, '77 and **Rick Blondo**, '79 are living in Silver Spring, Maryland. Rick is the Bible teacher at Spencerville Junior Academy and also teaches World History and 7th and 8th grade shop.

Janet is in graduate school at the University of Maryland at Baltimore. She expects to receive her master's degree in Social Work in May, 1982.

William Christopher Cannon, '77, was ordained to the gospel ministry in the sanctuary of Northside Baptist Church of Chattanooga in November, 1980. Chris was a history major at SMC and recently received a Master of Divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N. C. He has accepted the pastorate of Antioch Baptist Church in Chapel Hill, N. C.

Audrey Norman McLarty, '79, writes that since finishing SMC she married Olney McLarty on June 1, 1980. They are at Andrews University where he is pursuing a Masters in Religion. "My B.S. in Nursing from SMC serves me well as a staff nurse in Berrien General Hospital Critical Care Unit."

Elton R. Kerr, M.D., '71, has recently completed specialty training in obstetrics and gynecology. In August 1980, he joined the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology of East Tennessee State University as assistant professor in charge of medical student education. He and his wife, **Marga Martin Kerr** '71, have three children, Randall, 5, Ruth, 3, and Robyn, age 1.

Judith L. May, '73 was married in Jackson, Tennessee, to Bruce V. Trigg. Her father, Elder Luther A. May of Murray, Kentucky, performed the wedding. The Triggs are living in Jackson.

Larry Bartel, '71, is chief technologist for Lab and X-ray in Pecos, Texas, Sunbelt Hospital. **Johnnie Sue Owens Bartel**, '79, is an administrative secretary. The Bartels have two children, Scott, 7 yrs., and Jeannie, 4.

Wanda Herb, '74, RN, of Gaithersburg, VA, has been named Director of Volunteers at Washington Adventist Hospital, Takoma Park, Maryland. As director, Herb will oversee the daily activities of approximately 260 senior volunteers and 50 junior volunteers, who last year donated 38,633 hours to the hospital. She will also begin working on a program of volunteer re-

cruitment. Most recently, she was education coordinator for Shady Grove Adventist Hospital in Rockville, MD.

Geoffrey Owens, '77, is Food Manager of the East Ridge Ramada Inn. Geoff and Charie Cooper Owens, '77, are living in Chattanooga.

Marcia Iznaga, '79, writes, "Just last summer, the Florida Conference sent me to SMC to start work on my master's degree through the Loma Linda program. I am very pleased with my work and I never regret choosing SMC to obtain my degree. God bless the great work you are doing." Marcia is teaching first grade at Greater Miami Academy.

Dr. Dennis Taylor, '72, and **Dr. Joan Murphy Taylor**, '72, both graduates of Loma Linda University Medical School, serve the residents in the 25th rural health center in North Carolina as designated by Governor Jim Hunt. The new Lake Gaston Medical Clinic in Littleton, N. C., is staffed by the two physicians, a physician's assistant, two nurses, and a secretary-receptionist. The Taylors have one child, Jill Kathryn, born March 27, 1980.

Connie Rae Nelson, '78, "SMC holds a special place in my heart. Three of the best years of my life were spent there. After leaving SMC, I moved to College Place, Washington. I'm working in the Accounting Department of a large mortgage banking company called Sherwood and Roberts."

Aage Rendalen, '75, is co-editor of the *Norwegian Signs* in Oslo, Norway. He earned his master's degree at Andrews University in 1980.

1980's

Pamela Lynn Hall, '80 and **Desmond Stuart Suarez**, '80, were united in marriage January 1, 1981. They are living in Orlando, Fla., where Pam is employed at the Florida Hospital and Desi is employed at Florida Desk Company. He is awaiting a call to an academy as boys' dean and/or to teach religion, art, history. Desi is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tem Suarez (Judy Jones, '70).



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A Spectacular Offer For SMC Alumni

By William H. Taylor
Director, Alumni Relations

The BECA (Business Executives Challenge Alumni) Fund, SMC Alumni Loyalty Fund at SMC, is almost to the \$25,000 mark toward a goal of \$57,000. There are now 210 donors toward a goal of 644 with a \$135 average gift, which is above the \$88 average needed. The deadline for the current year's campaign is June 30, 1981.

If SMC reaches the goal of \$57,000 with at least 644 donors, then BECA will give SMC \$63,000. The Alumni Executive Counsel will recommend to the administration of the college how the funds should be spent. Alumni interests will be considered first.

In order to count toward the matching funds, the gift must be unrestricted (that is, not designated for a particular project), must be at least a \$5 gift for any one donor, and not over \$2500 for any one donor. Husband and wife are considered two alumni, and anyone who has been in attendance at SMC at least one semester is included in the campaign.

As we can see from the above figures, SMC Alumni can achieve the first-year goal by *many* members giving *nominal* amounts, at least \$5. The main purpose that the business executives, the General Conference, and the Union Conferences had in mind in setting up the \$2 million fund was to attract a wider base of support for SDA colleges.

The SMC COLUMNS will carry an update on how the challenge is being met, and, once the first year's campaign is over, how the funds are allocated.

I wish that I could speak to each of you personally about how your Alumni Loyalty Fund will help students through college, improve campus life, and add to the economic stability of the college.

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