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Shout for joy and sing!

**By David J. Spittal, president
Southern Wesleyan University**

The Psalms are filled with words of exuberant worship and joyful praise to God.

Joyful praise includes shouts of joy combined with the blasts of trumpets, crashing of cymbals and a symphony of sounds all combined with the voices of choirs and angels. Luke records that when Jesus was asked to “quiet down” the loud singing of his disciples, he warned the critics that if they stopped singing, the rocks would then cry out in praise to God. All of creation seeks to praise God, the creator of all things in heaven and earth.

The familiar hymn, “For the Beauty of the Earth,” describes the earth, skies and all of creation that “over and around us lies.” The words of this song remind us of the magnificence of the day, the beauty of the night, of trees in a breeze, of blooming flowers and the light of a thousand stars.

Sometimes in our hurried lives God seeks to get our attention



and draw us closer to him. He wants us to be still and know and in that stillness discover him. The words of a familiar hymn or in a lilting melody will often call us to worship and into the sanctuary of praise.

Music and the arts are God’s gifts and his instruments of praise. He invites us to use them generously to sing his praises and express our love. Music draws us to him and the sights and sounds of creativity can

awaken our souls and lift us higher to the heavenly places.

Scripture states that heaven will be a noisy place that will reverberate with the sounds of men and a multitude of angels singing glorious praises to God. The Psalmist writes that this heavenly choir is already assembling. He has invited us all to join that choir. Let us all shout praises to our Lord and King. Let the music begin!



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On the cover

Southern Wesleyan University broke ground April 10 for a new chapel and fine arts center. The new building will be a place for fine arts events, worship and community gatherings. See related story, page 8.

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Students brush up on health

Southern Wesleyan University showcased businesses and organizations that promote healthy living at an outdoor health fair March 27. Below, university nurse Lori Herron, second from left,

registers students for the event. Students picked up information, product samples and picnic food for an al fresco dinner. About 20 community groups and businesses participated. The event was part of Southern Wesleyan's Wellness Week, which features health lectures, health-oriented chapel topics and an opportunity for students to donate blood.



Council for Christian Colleges & Universities

SWU names new vice president



*James Wiggins,
SWU vice president for development*

Southern Wesleyan University announces the appointment of James Wiggins as vice president for development.

Wiggins currently serves as a member of the university's board of trustees and is the current chair of the development committee of the board.

University President David Spittal said, "I am pleased that he has accepted this leadership responsibility and look forward to working with him in this capacity. Jim Wiggins is a respected and recognized leader in the community and is widely known throughout the church and the Southeastern area of the country."

Wiggins will assume his new responsibilities on July 1. He will serve as a member of the president's cabinet and report to the university president, Spittal said.

Wiggins is a 1958 graduate of Southern Wesleyan University and earned his master of education degree from Clemson University in 1962. He has served as an ordained pastor in several assignments, including 18 years as pastor of Trinity Wesleyan Church in Central, S.C.

Wiggins and his wife, Lois, live in Central. They have four grown children and eight grandchildren.

Department puts caring into action

Southern Wesleyan University's development department works to share opportunities for supporting the institution and to serve the university's alumni and friends. Its employees let people know about giving opportunities at Southern Wesleyan, then find ways to use resources to help those who attend the university. Employees of the development department include:

Melissa Childs joined the development office at Southern Wesleyan University in August of 2001. Her work consists of gift entry and data management of donor and alumni records.

She is a life-long resident of Pickens, S.C., and attended Tri-County Technical College's Office Systems Technology program in 1996. She and her husband, Danny, will be celebrating 18 years of marriage in August of this year.

In addition to supporting her son Matthew, age 15, in football, baseball and basketball, the family enjoys traditional archery, golf and fishing.

Mary Costello came to Southern Wesleyan University in 1991. She is the executive director for development.

An alumna of SWU, she earned her bachelor's degree in business administration in 1999 and a master's degree in management in 2003.

Costello and her husband of 22 years, Don, enjoy spoiling their nieces and nephews as well as their four dogs and three cats.

Erin Fellers joined the development office at Southern Wesleyan University as the secretary for annual giving in 2005.

Originally from Summerville, S.C., she graduated in 2005 from North Greenville College with a bachelor's degree in mass communications, with an emphasis in journalism.



Development Department members, from left, are Erin Fellers, Tracy Lippard, Melissa Childs, Mary Costello and Carla Whitlock.

A month after joining the Southern Wesleyan University family, she married Jason Fellers, a 2006 SWU graduate.

In her spare time, she enjoys reading, photography, hiking and spending time with her friends and family.

Tracy Lippard joined the development office in 2003 as administrative assistant to the vice president for development and switchboard operator/supervisor. She attended Forrest Business College in Anderson, S.C.

She and her husband of 35 years, Ron, have one daughter and three grandchildren.

Lippard's hobbies are scrapbooking and experimenting with new recipes.

Carla Whitlock has served as director of community development and government relations since September of 2006.

A 1998 graduate of SWU, Whitlock is also a graduate of South Carolina Economic Developers School. She serves on the board of the South Carolina Economic Developers Association and the Upstate Chapter of Junior Achievement.

She is also an aerobics and kickboxing instructor at the YMCA of Pickens County.

To contact a member of the development department, call 1-800-282-8798.

Golfers to tee off, raise funds

Southern Wesleyan University is gearing up for its annual P.B. Wood Golf Tournament, scheduled for Oct. 22, 2007, at Pickens Country Club.

The tournament supports the Promise Fund, which provides scholarships and financial assistance for student and academic programs. The Promise Fund also keeps tuition low in an effort to make Southern Wesleyan more affordable. The tournament is held in honor of Dr. Paul Baker Wood, SWU professor emeritus and avid golfer.

Top-of-the-line Taylor Made golf prizes are awarded to the members of the first, second and third place teams. Prizes will also be awarded for the longest drive and the closest to the pin. There will also be hole-in-one prizes, as well as a variety of door prizes.

The tournament is captain's choice and each team has four golfers. The entry fee is \$100 per player or \$400 per team. This fee includes greens fees and cart, lunch and



WYFF weatherman Dale Gilbert greets golfers at last year's tournament.

various giveaways. Several levels of sponsorships are available. Tee sponsorships are \$100 and hole sponsorships are \$250. Corporate sponsorships are \$1,000 and include one golfer registration. Co-sponsorships are \$2,500 and include one team registration. Registration is limited to 36 teams.

To play, sponsor or support the Promise Fund, please contact Erin Fellers at efellers@swu.edu or (864) 644-5006, or 1-800-282-8798, ext. 5006.

Phonathon rings in with pledges

Southern Wesleyan University's 2006-2007 Phonathon is drawing to a close. The Phonathon raises support for the Promise Fund, which allows SWU to keep tuition low while providing student scholarships as well as financial assistance to student and academic programs. SWU friends and alumni have pledged \$41,272 to date. The goal for this year's phonathon is \$55,000.

If you have pledged to the Promise Fund through this year's Phonathon, but still have not sent in your gift, please consider sending it prior to June 30, in order for it to be credited to this year's Phonathon. If you have not received a phone call this year, but you would like to donate to the Promise Fund, please send your gift in the postage-paid envelope included in this issue of Focus. Contact Erin Fellers at (864) 644-5006 or efellers@swu.edu for details.



Promise Fund Figures climb

The Promise Fund, a fund that supports scholarships and provides funding for academic and student programs, is still tracking ahead of where it was this time last year but help is needed to reach the goal of \$350,000 by June 30. So far, donors have given more than \$269,618.

With continued support from all of our alumni and friends, the Promise Fund can not only reach the goal, but surpass it.

To donate to the Promise Fund, please use the envelope included in this issue of Focus, or contact Erin Fellers at (864) 644-5006 or efellers@swu.edu.

Faculty and Staff \$24,782
Corporations and Businesses \$45,365
Alumni \$71,444
Friends \$44,430
Churches and Organizations \$25,229
Trustees \$50,060
Matching Gifts \$5,566
Wills and Estates \$2,741

Total
\$269,618

Business major's dream becomes reality

By Mitch McKay
SWU student

I am the oldest of four children in my family. When I was growing up, my parents always supported my goal of going to college, but they were also honest about the fact that money would be an issue.

During my junior year of high school, my dad went through a job change and money got tight. My parents told me they would not be able to help me out financially if I chose to go to college. They told me if college was something I really wanted to do, then I would need scholarships and a lot of loans.

I began praying every night for two years that God would provide the money for me to attend college. My senior year came around and when I visited Southern Wesleyan's campus I knew this was a place I would love to be. I prayed and asked God to open the door if this was where he wanted me.

In response, God blessed me with several scholarships -- some that I did not even know I qualified for. One of my favorite verses is, "Everything is possible for him who believes" Mark 9:23. To this day, I have not had to take out a single student loan and I am very thankful to God and the people he used to allow me to get a Christian education.



Business major Mitch McKay

Promise Fund Gifts Make Dreams Come True

McKay is a business administration and accounting major from Owosso, Mich. If you are interested in turning dreams into realities for students like him, please consider giving a contribution to the Promise Fund in the postage-paid envelope enclosed in this issue of Focus, or contact Erin Fellers at (864) 644-5006 or efellers@swu.edu.

To give online, go to www.swu.edu and click on "Making a Gift" under the giving tab on the main page.



Assembly speaker reminds students to foster unity

High school is a launching pad for entering the world in a positive way, according to Liberty High School's assembly speaker Samantha Wilson.

The associate vice president for Student Life at Southern Wesleyan University was the guest speaker for the assembly. The gathering recognized Black History Month.

Wilson told the students that people who are discounted or rejected often come together to make a difference in the world.

"Rejection has historically had a way of unifying people," she said. Wilson cited civil rights icon Rosa Parks, who refused to give up her bus seat to a white man.

"She truly rocked this nation during her life," Wilson said. "She was unassuming – a quiet riot, I would call her."

Parks' impact on the world was profound and, perhaps unanticipated, Wilson said.

"My guess is that Rosa didn't know when and where she would enter history," she said. "When and where will you enter history?" Wilson asked the student body.

Wilson received her bachelor's degree in psychology from Tougaloo College in Mississippi and a master's degree in educational and counseling psychology from the University of Missouri-Columbia. She is currently pursuing a Ph. D. from the University of Georgia-Athens in student affairs administration. She is a licensed professional counselor in the state of Georgia and a national certified counselor.

Wilson has held numerous organizational and professional positions including: career and personal counselor; professional counselor, project director for several alcohol abuse prevention grants, and director of student life. She has presented at a number of professional conferences around the country on topics related to



Liberty High School Student Body President Erik Grayson of Easley, a senior, greets guest speaker Samantha Wilson of Southern Wesleyan University.

alcohol, diversity, spirituality, multiculturalism, counseling and student conduct.

Wilson is an active member of Valley Brook Outreach Baptist Church, in Pelzer.

S.C. Bankers Day

Yvonne Duckett, pictured far right, Southern Wesleyan University's assistant director of student services for adult and graduate studies, took a group of students to Columbia Feb. 7 to attend the

Annual S.C. Bankers Day. The program was sponsored by the S.C. Bankers Association. The purpose of the program was to help students with banking, finance and accounting interests to learn more about the world of banking. The students attended classes at various learning centers.

Information sessions included retail banking, banking on the internet, marketing, international banking, operations, private banking, investments, trust, mortgage lending, resume writing, benefits, compensation and interviewing.



University breaks ground for

Plans for a new chapel and fine arts center are being fine-tuned at Southern Wesleyan University in Central.

The campus and community gathered at Folger Fine Arts Auditorium on April 10 and ended the ceremony on the site of the new facility on Wesleyan Drive. The new building will be called the Faith Newton Hobson Chapel, in honor of a Southern Wesleyan University graduate. Hobson grew up near the university and has numerous personal and family ties to the institution.

“This new building will be a significant asset to the university and to our community. In addition to providing quality resources for our music programs, the facility will also provide a new resource for community events,” said Dr. David Spittal, president of Southern Wesleyan University.

The new chapel and fine arts center will provide seating for 1,200 in its main auditorium and will be used for student chapel programs, university and community concerts and other larger gatherings, such as community and conference events.

The three-story facility will also house offices for the university chaplain, fine arts faculty and support staff, in addition to music studios, practice rooms and rehearsal halls for the university’s growing fine arts department.

Construction on the new building is scheduled to be completed in August of 2008.

The new 47,000-square-foot building is part of the university’s master plan for expansion and has been designed to accommodate growth in university enrollment and to provide expanded



new chapel and fine arts center

space for community programs on the campus, Spittal said.

The funding for the \$5 million facility has been provided through contributions by alumni and friends of the university's Building Foundations for a New Generation capital campaign project.

"I am deeply grateful to those who have given so generously to this project," Spittal said. "The encouragement and financial support of our trustees, faculty, staff, alumni and friends have made this day possible."

In addition to the chapel and fine arts project, the university master plan and capital campaign include the construction of a new university physical education and wellness center designed to host 2,500 spectators for athletic and community events. The wellness center will include an indoor running track, training facilities, coaching offices, locker rooms and teaching classrooms.

The wellness facility will serve the community, providing a community resource for larger public events. The schedule for the funding and completion of the wellness facility will be announced by the university when plans are finalized.

For opportunities to sponsor equipment, rooms or musical instruments for the new facility, contact Mary Costello at 1-800-282-8798, ext. 5004, or e-mail mcostello@swu.edu.



Lady Warriors capture national championship

For the first time in the institution's history, Southern Wesleyan University can boast about being national champions.

On March 9, the SWU Lady Warrior basketball team defeated Central Christian College in a 77-73 victory to win the National Christian College Athletic Association women's championship in Oakland, Ind.

Entering the tournament as the top seeded team, the Lady Warriors were granted a bye the first round of play and went on to defeat Bethany Lutheran College 79-63 in the second round. The Lady Warriors managed to maintain a lead for the majority of the championship game before defeating Central Christian in the final seconds.

During the championship game, sophomore Keunna Thomas led the team in scoring with 16 points. Two SWU freshmen also scored in double digits. Amanda Chrisley

scored 15 points and Chinessia Lee added 11. Junior Sara Vollmer and Senior Savannah Parnell scored 10 points each.

"I think the national championship gives the program a sense of stability and accomplishment," said

head coach Chris Williams. "It also gives the team and the entire school a sense of pride."

Williams was also honored during the tournament by being named NCCAA National Coach of the Year.



SWU announces new athletic director, new coach

Chris Williams, SWU associate athletic director and varsity women's basketball coach, has been named as the university's athletic director, according to Dr. David Spittal, president of Southern Wesleyan University.

Williams succeeds Dr. Keith Connor, who has served in the position of athletic director since 1969. Williams was hired by the university in 2004 and most recently coached its women's basketball team to a NCCAA National Championship. He earned his bachelor's degree in social work and a master's degree in management from Roberts Wesleyan College in Rochester, N.Y.

"Chris has demonstrated excellent coaching skills and effective leadership in his current assignment. We anticipate a great future for SWU athletics and are looking forward to working with him

in this new assignment," Spittal said. Dr. Keith Connor will continue to serve as professor of physical education and program coordinator in physical education. In this capacity, he will provide leadership

to advance and expand the physical education program of the university and its accreditation.

"We are deeply appreciative of Dr. Connor's 36 years of leadership as a faculty member and athletic director. He has provided a foundation for the continued growth of the university's athletic program and will continue to serve as a valued and outstanding member of the university faculty," Dr. Spittal said.



Chris Williams, new athletic director

The university is pleased to announce the appointment of LaCheryl Smith as varsity women's basketball coach for the 2007-2008 year, replacing Williams. Smith is a 1996 graduate of Southern Wesleyan University in elementary education and, as a student, was a member of the university's women's basketball team.

August					
25	Sat	Toccoa Falls		Away	7 PM [^]
28	Tue	Milligan	Home	7 PM	
September					
1	Sat	Faulkner University	Away	4 PM+ [^]	
5	Wed	Shorter	Away	7 PM + [^]	
8	Sat	Brewton Parker	Home	7 PM + [^]	
12	Wed	Erskine	Home	7 PM	
17	Mon	Emmanuel	Home	7 PM + [^]	
22	Sat	Berry	Away	1 PM + [^]	
25	Tue	Southern Poly	Away	4 PM +	
29	Sat	Indiana Wesleyan University	Home	5 PM @ [^]	
October					
3	Wed	North Greenville	Away	4 PM	
6	Sat	AUM	Away	2 PM + [^]	
10	Wed	La Sierra	Away	7 PM	
13	Sat	Cal State San Marcos	Away	3 PM	
17	Wed	Lee	Home	7 PM #+	
20	Sat	Reinhardt	Home	4 PM * [^]	
23, 26-27		SSAC Playoffs	TBA	TBA	
November					
1, 4, 8		NAIA Regionals	TBA	TBA	TBA
9-10	Fri-Sat	NCCAA Regionals	TBA	TBA	

[^]Double-headers with Lady Warriors
 +Conference Match
 @Homecoming Match

#Parent Appreciation Match
 *Senior Recognition Match

MEN'S SOCCER



August					
23	Thurs	AUM	Montgomery, AL	Away	TBA
25	Sat	Toccoa Falls	Toccoa Falls, GA	Away	5 PM
30	Thurs	Atlanta Christian	Atlanta, GA	Away	5 PM
September					
1	Sat	Faulkner University	Montgomery, AL	Away	TBA
5	Wed	Shorter College	Rome, GA	Away	4 PM
8	Sat	Brewton-Parker	Central, SC	Home	5 PM
13	Thurs	Brevard College	Central, SC	Home	7 PM
17	Mon	Emmanuel College	Central, SC	Home	5 PM
19	Wed	Columbia College	Columbia, SC	Away	4 PM
22	Sat	Berry College	Rome, GA	Away	3 PM
25	Tues	Warren Wilson	Central, SC	Home	7 PM
29	Sat	Brenau University	Central, SC	Home	3 PM
October					
3	Wed	Lees-McRae	Banner Elk, NC	Away	7 PM
11	Thurs	North Greenville	Tigerville, SC	Away	3 PM
13	Sat	Lee University	Central, SC	Home	2 PM
17	Wed	Converse College	Spartanburg, SC	Away	TBA
20	Sat	Reinhardt College	Central, SC	Home	2 PM

WOMEN'S SOCCER

For more SWU news and sports information, visit www.swu.edu

August					
24	Fri	at Anderson University Tournament	Anderson, SC		TBD
25	Sat	at Anderson University Tournament	Anderson, SC		TBD
28	Tue	Montreat	Tysinger Gym		7 PM
31	Fri	at Embry-Riddle Tournament	Daytona Beach, FL		TBD
September					
1	Sat	at Embry-Riddle Tournament	Daytona Beach, FL		TBD
4	Tue	at Toccoa Falls	Toccoa Falls, GA		6:30 PM
8	Sat	Reinhardt*	Tysinger Gym		1 PM
12	Wed	at Berry*	Mt. Berry, GA		7 PM
13	Thu	at Shorter*	Rome, GA		6 PM
15	Sat	at Brevard w/ West Virginia Tech	Brevard, NC		1 AM
18	Tue	at North Greenville	Tigerville, SC		7 PM
21	Fri	Lee*	Tysinger Gym		7 PM
26	Wed	at Newberry	Newberry, SC		7 PM
28	Fri	Lander	Tysinger Gym		7 PM
29	Sat	North Greenville (Homecoming)	Tysinger Gym		1 PM
October					
2	Tue	Columbia*	Tysinger Gym		7 PM
4	Thur	at Lee*	Cleveland, TN		7 PM
12	Fri	at Faulkner Invitational#	Montgomery, AL		TBD
13	Sat	at Faulkner Invitational#	Montgomery, AL		TBD
16	Tue	Berry*	Tysinger Gym		7 PM
20	Sat	at Faulkner* w/Mobile	Montgomery, AL		2 PM
24	Wed	at Brenau*	Gainesville, GA		7 PM
26	Fri	Brewton Parker*	Tysinger Gym		7 PM
27	Sat	Shorter*	Tysinger Gym		1 PM
30	Tue	at Columbia*	Columbia, SC		7 PM
November					
2	Fri	NCCAA South Regional Tournament@	Chattanooga, TN		TBD
3	Sat	NCCAA South Regional Tournament@	Chattanooga, TN		TBD
8	Thu	at SSAC Tournament#	Mt. Vernon, GA		TBD
9	Fri	at SSAC Tournament#	Mt. Vernon, GA		TBD
10	Sat	at SSAC Tournament#	Mt. Vernon, GA		TBD

@ Tennessee Temple University
 # Brewton Parker College

* SSAC Match

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL



SWU students create *Pocket-Sized Computer*

The ultimate convenience in today's information age is the ability to carry personal data from place to place in a single, compact data source.

In an attempt to make this a reality, two Southern Wesleyan University students, under the guidance of a computer science professor, spent a year researching options. Lance Ingle of Piedmont and Sam Stack of Kernersville, N.C., worked with Dr. Paul Jordan, professor of computer science. Both students are majoring in applied computer science.

The students compiled a computer operating system for a thumb drive, complete with user data and usable applications. In March, the group presented findings from their research project. Their goal was to easily transport an operating system, data files and applications from one computer to another.

The group received a research grant from South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities. Their project is called the Simplified Linux Automated Desktop project, or SLAD.

As one moves from business computer systems, to labs, to home; files and settings are different and can create complications for users," Jordan said. A solution to the challenge is to compact the information, settings, an operating system and programs all onto a single, portable thumb drive that runs independently of the installed desktop operating system, he said.

"The project uses a flavor of the Linux operating system along with a Windows front end to bring the users' personal data and applications to a single thumb drive," said Dr. Paul Jordan, professor of computer science. "After a year of research, the goals

were accomplished and the final product has more to offer than originally intended."

Through the SLAD Project, the group took convenience to a different level.

"Personal data and applications were compacted into a single, affordable device," Jordan said. "The complexity of the Linux operating system and the simplicity of the SLAD front-end allow the automated desktop to bring a convenient experience to each of its users.

"This was good for Southern Wesleyan University and for the computer science department. Sam and Lance represented SWU and most of all, Jesus Christ, well," Jordan said.

Gospel Extravaganza

Choirs lifted their voices in praise at Southern Wesleyan University's 14th annual Gospel Extravaganza April 1 in Central. Above, members of Southern Wesleyan University's Sing With Unity Gospel Choir perform. Local praise teams and choirs participated, encouraging the audience to join in. The event's theme was "Wings of Glory, Praises to the Lord with Joyful Song." Emcee for the Gospel Extravaganza was Lori Edwards, music director at Travelers Rest Missionary Baptist Church in Spartanburg and a 1999 SWU graduate. Invited choirs from across the region included: Travelers Rest Mass Choir of Spartanburg, Oconee Mass Choir of Seneca, the choirs of Ebenezer Baptist Church of Seneca, Adoration & Praise, Clemson University and Gethsemane Faith Deliverance Temple.



From left, are Jessica Allen of Seneca, a biology major; Brittanie Pelham of Easley, a history and English major; and Kayla Singleton, an elementary education major.



St. Simons Getaway - Sept. 11-14

Reunite with old friends at Epworth By The Sea, a conference and retreat center. Special guest speakers will entertain and enlighten in the mornings. Choose to nap in the afternoons or enjoy the beauty of ocean beaches, planned tours, offshore fishing tours, golf, fishing piers, tennis courts, bicycles or an afternoon stroll.

SPECIAL SPEAKER - Dr. Bob Black
MUSICIANS - Morris and Vinelle Davis

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Pricing Guide

Quad: \$299
 \$100 deposit due by July 31
 \$199 balance due by Aug. 15

Triple: \$324
 \$100 deposit due by July 31
 \$224 balance due by Aug. 15

Double: \$349
 \$100 deposit due by July 31
 \$249 balance due by Aug. 15

Single: \$444
 \$100 deposit due by July 31
 \$344 balance due by Aug. 15



NEWS FLASH

'66 & '68

Market Place Ministries has named **Carroll Hutcheson** as chaplain of the year. Hutcheson served 20 years as a U.S. Army chaplain. He is pictured with his wife, Faith, with the bronze sculpture entitled "Servanthood."



'89

Jan Escoe Childs has joined 1st Mortgage Financial Group Inc., according to Cindy Swafford, president. Childs is a Pickens County native and graduate of SWU. She is married with two sons.

'92

Lincoln National Corporation recently named six new members of its Lincoln Employer Markets Group Insurance team in its Omaha and Atlanta offices.

Timothy Sexton has been named Assistant Vice President, Human Resources, responsible for leading the human resource function for the Lincoln Employer Markets, Group Insurance segment in Omaha, Atlanta and more than 25 field offices. Prior to this role, Sexton was leading the human resource function for Lincoln Life and Annuity. His previous positions also include human resource manager at Fluor Corporation and North American human resource manager for UMBRO International. Sexton has a bachelor's of science degree in human resource management from Southern

Wesleyan University. Sexton will be working in the Omaha, Neb., Group Insurance offices.

'01

Cynthia Hammond is the new director of accounting and operations at the Tubman African American Museum in Macon, Ga. Hammond has more than 15 years of accounting experience, including a stint with the Florida Department of Revenue. Hammond received a master's in management from Southern Wesleyan University.

'03

Spartanburg Community College has appointed **Ron Jackson** as its new vice president of student affairs. Jackson has a master's in science in management from Southern Wesleyan University.

'04

Dennis Cline of Lexington has been promoted to S.C. Department of Transportation payroll manager, responsible for processing the agency's \$160 million payroll. Cline joined SCDOT in 1990 and was senior accountant prior to his recent promotion. He is a native of Columbia.

'04 & '06

Valerie Shannon has just become the new Vice President of Business Finance at Clinton Junior College in Rock Hill.

'05

Gloria Moore was named recently as the executive director of finance in a special called meeting of the Oconee County school board. Moore has lived in Oconee County for 32 years and is the wife of Seneca dentist Dr. Ronnie Moore.

'06

Nat Wilkinson is traveling to India with Athletes in Action (AIA). They will play in games, do clinics and share their testimonies.

'79

Chaplain Larry Fowler has been selected for Clinical Pastoral

Education for academic year 2007-2008. This is a competitive process and Fowler's selection for this program is a reflection of his commitment and dedication to excellence.

SWU graduates earn National Board certification

Two Southern Wesleyan University alumni have become National Board Certified teachers:

'99

Terry Buckallew, special education teacher at Walhalla High School (Oconee County).

'00

Susan Gurley, first grade teacher at Wren Elementary (Anderson 1).

BIRTHS

'94

Harrison Grant Kooyer was born on Aug. 4, 2006, weighing 6 lbs, 9 oz. He was 18 ½ inches long. Parents are Jason and **Joy Lovinggood Kooyer**.

'01

Anderson Cade Hurlburt was born Nov. 22. He is the son of **Andrew and Kara Hurlburt**, assistant pastors at Randleman, N.C., First Wesleyan Church.

'06

Ian Lester is the new son of **Timothy and Rebecca Lester**.



ENGAGEMENT

STUDENTS

David Ray Heilmar and Stacey Win Figueroa, wedding date is July 7, 2007.

WEDDINGS

Marye Bethani Ford and Bradley Heath Smith were married Feb. 10, 2007.

DEATHS

1900s

Ruby Covington, of Concord, N.C., Jan. 31, 2007.

Dr. George E. Failing, former general editor of "The Advocate," died Feb. 26, 2007, at the age of 94. He attended Southern Wesleyan in the 1900s. Phyllis Failing, his wife of 67 years, also passed away just 30 hours before him on February 25.

'44

Exum Clement Kranick, of Miami, Fla., March 4, 2007.

'44

Lillian Creed, Salem, Va., March 28, 2007.

'50

The wife of **Arnold Whisnant**, of Gastonia, N.C., Doris Smith Whisnant, Nov. 29, 2006.

'55

Paul Guisler, of Gurley, Ala., Feb. 3, 2007.

'61

Bobby Ray Dyar, of Chesnee, March 5, 2007.

'79

William Roy "Billy" Nix, Jr., of Easley, Feb. 11, 2007

'84

Beverly Everett, of Stokesdale, N.C., March 5, 2007.

Want a little piece of history?

Some old-timers will remember the old flagpole, which stood directly in front of Grimes Hall, the former all-purpose building on campus.

When the road around the teardrop was finally paved, the pole was cut down and the base buried. At the time of the construction of the Rickman Library on this site, Paul Wood asked the bulldozer operator to do some digging where the flagpole base should be. He dug it out in the first scoop.

An examination of the pole base contents produced several interesting items. Among them were a room key, a corncob pipe bowl and several one-cent coins, which were tossed in by the

students present when the pole was installed. One penny had a pair of initials scratched on it. Wood found the couple who placed that one (who later married) and returned it to them. They responded with a nice contribution to the scholarship fund Wood supports.

Wood recently discovered that he still has a few of the "flagpole cents." They are dated from 1910 to 1930. If anyone would like one, they may be had for a \$25 contribution to the SWU Wood Fund. This matches the "nice contribution" mentioned above. Quantities are quite limited (14), so get your order in by contacting Wood at SWU: 1-800-282-8798, ext. 5632.

Warrior News

Soccer field house nears completion

Southern Wesleyan University's soccer field house is undergoing its next phase of completion. This

phase includes ceilings, electrical work, plumbing, flooring and lockers. Anyone interested in donating to the soccer field house project should contact Chris Williams at 1-800-282-8798, ext. 5304 or e-mail cwilliams@swu.edu.

NCATE to visit Southern Wesleyan University

The School of Education at Southern Wesleyan University is scheduled for a Fall, 2007, accreditation review by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). Federal regulations require that accrediting agencies allow for public comment on the qualifications of institutions or programs under consideration for first accreditation or continuing accreditation.

Both NCATE and Southern Wesleyan University recognize that graduates, parents, schools and community organizations have valuable perspectives on the quality of the programs that prepare teachers and other school personnel. We invite interested parties to submit written testimony on the School of Education to:
Board of Examiners
NCATE

2010 Massachusetts Avenue NW,
Suite 500
Washington, DC 20036-1023
or by e-mail to
callforcomments@ncate.org

Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of professional education programs offered at Southern Wesleyan University, and should specify the respondent's relationship, if any, to the institution (i.e., graduate, present or former faculty member, employer of graduates). Copies of all correspondence received will be sent to Southern Wesleyan University for comment prior to the review. No anonymous testimony will be considered.

Letters of comment should be received no later than Friday, Sept. 1, 2007.

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"Showdown in Central"

Homecoming – Sept. 28-29, 2007

Howdy partner! Don't miss this Western-theme roundup. SWU is planning a weekend filled with barbecue, outdoor music, a Tennessee Walker horse show, children's games, and an afternoon showdown between the soccer teams of Southern Wesleyan University and Indiana Wesleyan University. Make travel arrangements today to ensure you are in Central, S.C., for this fun-filled roundup weekend.

For details, call the Alumni Center at
1-800-282-8798, ext. 5384, or e-mail jcrain@swu.edu.