CRC Pioneers’ TeWayne Smith Nationally Recognized

TeWayne Smith was named National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) men’s basketball Division I National Player of the Week for Nov. 29 through Dec. 5, 2010.

Smith, a senior forward for CRC, averaged 27.5 points and 11 rebounds per game in two games during the first week of December. Against NCAA Division II Southern Arkansas, Smith had 15 points and 13 rebounds (his third double-double for the year) and against Boyce College (Ky.) he had 40 points and nine rebounds. He shot 75 percent from the field in the two games.

Smith was also selected as Second Team All Region at the recent NCCAA Central Region Tournament in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma held March 9-12, 2011. Congratulations to TeWayne on all of his accomplishments this year!

Michael Nix Promoted

Michael Nix was recently promoted to Assistant Director of Admissions. Nix has been an Admissions Representative since January, 2009. He is originally from Bay, Arkansas and is a 2006 Graduate of CRC.

“Michael has been a real asset to CRC. He works hard and represents CRC very well as he recruits new students. CRC’s student numbers are increasing in large part because of his efforts. We are proud to promote him to Assistant Director of Admissions and know that he will help us continue to grow our student body as we mature as a four-year degree granting institution,” said President Hoppe.
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For the Future:
Progress with Facilities – our Plans

Progress with enrollment:

Included:

- The CRC team will join in the excitement, as I describe happening at CRC. It is an exciting time in the history of CRC and I hope that you will join in the excitement, as I describe the progress and recent successes of the CRC team.

Progress with Enrollment: As we began the academic year, a 17% increase in enrollment over the previous year was noted. Student enrollment for the Spring Semester of 2011 set an all time high enrollment for spring semesters in headcount and FTE. (Full Time Equivalency) Enrollment for the 2011/2012 academic year will most likely be another record enrollment.

Progress with Facilities: Last year’s improvements to the college facilities included:

- A new and completely furnished Student Center
- New and completely furnished dressing rooms in the Carter Activities Center
- Renovated Wilson Hall Lobby with new furnishings
- Concreted roads and parking areas
- New landscaping at Wilson Hall and Pioneer Lake
- New storage facility and playing surface improvements at Pioneer Field

Progress with Facilities – Our plans for the future: Because of increased enrollments over the last several years, CRC is experiencing an “over capacity” condition in our existing residential facilities - Wilson Hall and Winters Hall. Our master plan for the campus includes constructing a new 80 bed dormitory. The estimated construction cost is 2.5 million dollars. A project of this size will take a substantial seed gift to begin construction. We are currently visiting with prospective donors regarding such major gifts. We realize this project will materialize in the future, but not before we overflow with students in the next year or two. Our needs are more immediate and the following plan will be a big step in meeting these needs.

The CRC Trustees have given permission to expand CRC’s residential facilities by building a series of Honor Housing Units on the CRC Campus. These units will be built in the style of a triplex apartment structure and will house upperclassmen and married students. Each 3,328 square foot unit will accommodate 10 students. Construction cost estimates range from $215,000 to $230,000 per unit.

In December of 2010, CRC was blessed with a special $100,000 gift, given by Joe A. and Wanda Johnson of Pocahontas, Arkansas for the purpose of providing the seed gift to start this much needed housing project. The Johnsons also made a substantial gift to set up the Joe A. and Wanda Johnson Endowed Academic Scholarship Fund. We asked the Johnsons for permission to use their names as we informed the CRC Family of their generous gifts and they granted that permission. The Johnsons are not seeking recognition for their generosity, but are hopeful, as we are, that the announcement of their gift will encourage other donors. A capital campaign is being launched to raise the additional funds and you will hear more about this soon. The architectural plans have been completed and we are looking forward to the construction of these new facilities.

Progress with Educational Programs: In 2008, CRC received the proper regulatory authority to begin offering degrees at the baccalaureate level in addition to the associate level degrees already being offered. CRC now offers a variety of degree options, which include:

- Associate in Biblical Studies
- Associate of Arts in General Studies
- Associate of Arts in Teaching
- Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a Minor in Business Management
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a Concentration in Business Management
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with Minor in Accounting
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a Concentration in Accounting
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a Minor in Sports Management
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a Concentration in Sports Management

Note: A minor requires 18-21 hours in a specialty and a concentration requires 27-30 hours in a specialty.

As we progress with our educational program over the next several years, our plan includes the addition of several additional degrees in a variety of disciplines.

Progress with CRC’s Institutional Advancement Program: As the years progress, generous CRC Donors continue to support CRC. By their gifts and kind words, supporters let us know that they believe in the mission of Crowley’s Ridge College, as hearts are turned toward God and students experience academic and spiritual growth. Throughout this publication you will see information about CRC Day, Promotional Dinners, Honor Housing Capital Campaign, and Planned Giving Opportunities.

I invite you to be a part of the CRC Progress, as we celebrate the extraordinary dedication of CRC students, faculty, staff, trustees and supporters.

Ken Hoppe
President

Crowley’s Ridge College
26 Promotional Dinners. . .6:30 pm at a Location Near You!

Would you like to know more about how CRC is helping change lives in our “Lives Changed … Forever” Campaign? We hope you will join us for at least one of the 26 Dinners listed below and bring some guests with you. Let me ask you to do me a favor and go ahead and mark your calendar now for the dinner closest to you. CRC is happy to provide the meal at no charge and we want a good number of friends to join us for each dinner.

WHO IS INVITED TO THE PROMOTIONAL DINNERS?

CRC supporters, Alumni and those considering supporting CRC, parents considering CRC for their children, church leaders and members from supporting and non supporting congregations and anyone interested in learning more about the college.

THE PURPOSE OF THE 2011 CRC PROMOTIONAL DINNERS IS TO:

1. Enjoy a fun evening and good food with friends and new acquaintances.
2. Update you about the many positive things taking place at CRC, including viewing pictures of our new Student Center and sharing our plans to build two new Honor Housing Complexes in 2011!
3. Update you about our progress as a 4-year college and our plans to keep moving forward.
4. Share stories of students and formers students regarding how CRC made a huge difference in their lives.
5. Provide opportunities to support CRC with special emphasis on the Honor Housing Capital Campaign and explaining ways to include CRC in your will and estate plan.
6. Discuss how to have a successful CRC DAY at your congregation.
7. View new presentation and materials to help you promote CRC to your friends and acquaintances, congregation and community.

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Will you help us get the word out about the Promotional Dinner in your area? Ask your congregation to announce the date of the dinner in your area, send emails and call your friends and if you use Facebook, don’t forget to post about the dinners.

Please let us know if you plan on coming. Also, encourage others to come and let us know how many guests you will be bringing.

Contact:
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Spirit of America XIX is scheduled for April 22, 2011 on the CRC Campus. Jim “The Rookie” Morris will be our featured speaker. This event is CRC’s premier community event and scholarship fundraiser.

Jim’s Cinderella story is testimony to the power of dreams and their ability to inspire and transform human life. His incredible life story became the Disney blockbuster film, “The Rookie,” starring Dennis Quaid.

Originally a top prospect, Jim’s career in baseball was derailed by injuries and immaturity at the age of 24. He got married, raised a family and eventually became a high school physics teacher and baseball coach in southwest Texas. At the age of 35, Jim made a bet with his struggling high school baseball team: If they won the district championship, then he would go try out for a major league team. Miraculously, his team won the district championship and Jim went to a tryout, where he threw twelve consecutive pitches at 98 mph.

Three months later, Jim realized his long-lost dream of becoming a major league player when he struck out All Star Royce Clayton in his first major league appearance in front of family and friends back in Texas.

Jim is a polished public speaker and uses his story to inspire and motivate. He also has a great sense of humor that will make you laugh and be inspired at the same time. We hope you will join us. For tickets or more information, contact us at (870) 236-6901 or (800) 264-1096.

Sponsorship Opportunities
$2,500 - Event Underwriter
$500 - Corporate Sponsor
$100 - Front Row Center Stage Ticket
$50 - Individual Ticket

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Dinner - 6:00 PM • Program - 7:00 PM

John, The Different Gospel
11th Annual Bible Lectureship:
April 17-20, 2011

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Sunday, April 17, 2011
7:00 p.m. - Opening Keynote Session
Songs - Chase Akins
Speaker - Spencer Furby
“My Lord & My God” - The Story of Thomas (20:24-31)

Monday, April 18, 2011
9 a.m. - Combined Session
Speaker - Art Smith
“Introduction to John”

Tuesday, April 19, 2011
9 a.m. - Combined Session
Speaker - Josh Parnell
“The Second Miracle” (4:46-54)
10:00 a.m. - Class No. 1 (Men)
Speaker - Arvil Hill
“The Good Shepherd” (10:1-42)
11:00 a.m. - Chapel
Speaker - Michael Meredith
“Neither Do I Condemn You” - The Woman Caught in Adultery (8:1-11)

Wednesday, April 20, 2011
9 a.m. - Combined Session
Speaker - Mark Spencer
“Nathanael, a True Israelite” (1:43-51)
10:00 a.m. - Class No. 2 (Men)
Speaker - Michael Warnick
“Jesus at the Feast of the Tabernacle” (7:1-52)

(All classes held in the Carter Activities Center)
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Gatlin Honored as 2011 Distinguished Alumnus

Scott Gatlin, a 1979 graduate of Crowley’s Ridge College was honored with the 2011 Distinguished Alumnus Award at the CRC Homecoming Festivities on Saturday, February 19, 2011. While a student at CRC, he sang in Choralaires and Ambassadors and met his wife, Jamie (Richey) Gatlin. He formerly served on the CRC Board of Trustees, was the President of Crowley’s Ridge Academy, and is currently the High School Principal at Jackson Christian School in Jackson, Tennessee.

He and Jamie attend the Skyline Church of Christ in Jackson, and Scott serves as an Elder there. They have two sons and daughters-in-law, Jesse and Stefanie; and Brooks and Mallory; and one grandson, Jack. Scott is the son of Jerry & Betty Gatlin of Paragould.

Gatlin was presented with a plaque which read, “Crowley's Ridge College Distinguished Alumnus Award presented to Scott Gatlin, in Recognition of Outstanding Service to the Church, the Community, and Christian Education.”

“I am so pleased with the place in His Kingdom that God has led me to. Serving families in Public and Christian Education is a calling with unique rewards, and I’m humbled that God is using Jamie and me in this way. I encourage everyone to seize opportunities to work with or support ministries like Crowley’s Ridge College that are making an eternal difference in the lives of the families they serve,” said Gatlin.

“CRC is very proud of her alumni and so pleased to honor Scott Gatlin for his years of Christian service,” said Ken Hoppe, CRC President.

Final Score: CRC Pioneers 85; Shepherd Tech Eagles 83

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**CRC DAY 2011**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 12 - GOAL IS $75,000**

**OUR SECOND GOAL IS TO HAVE 100 CONGREGATIONS PARTICIPATING ON SUNDAY, JUNE 12 OR ANY CONVENIENT SUNDAY.**

For the last two years, generous individual donors and congregations have given more than $68,000 toward CRC Day. What a wonderful blessing CRC Day has been to Crowley’s Ridge College. **100% of the funds given for CRC Day will be used by our Bible department and for Bible major scholarships and for other areas associated with providing a Christian education and environment for our students.** Please ask the leaders of your congregation to be one of the 100 congregations to join us for CRC Day.

Here are some ways that congregations generally help with CRC Day:

- Take up a special collection for CRC Day
- Write a check from the church treasury (Some congregations are able to send $100, $250, $500 or more and some are able to send $1,000 or several thousand)
- Give all or part of their fifth Sunday contribution for CRC Day
- Encourage everyone to put a contribution in a CRC Day box

Several of us are available to speak at your congregation. CRC has a new presentation that gives a more personal view of this important ministry to future church and community leaders. This type of presentation often helps a congregation have a more successful CRC Day.

If you have questions about CRC Day or would like one of us to speak at your congregation, please contact Richard Johnson at 870-236-6901 or toll-free at 800-264-1096 or email at rjohnson@crc.edu.

Please remember CRC in your will and estate planning

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **APRIL 17-20** - CRC Lectureship
- **APRIL 22** - Spirit of America featuring Jim “The Rookie” Morris
- **MAY 7** - Commencement - 11:00 am, Hillcrest Church of Christ

**CRC CHORALAIRES SPRING SCHEDULE:**

- Sunday, March 27 - Gainesville C of C, Gainesville, MO - 1:00 pm
- Sunday, March 27 - Delaplaine C of C, Delaplaine, AR - 6:00 pm
- Wednesday, March 30 - (with CRA Chorus) Southwest C of C, Jonesboro, AR - 7:00 pm
- Wednesday, April 6 - Slicer St C of C, Kennett, MO - 7:00 pm
- Sunday, April 10 - Gulf Shores C of C, Gulf Shores, AL
- Tuesday, April 12 - Westminster Village, Spanish Fort, AL
- Friday, April 15 - (Ambassadors) - Manila C of C, Manila, AR
- Wednesday, April 27 - (with CRA Chorus), Hillcrest C of C, Paragould, AR - 5:30 pm

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- Online Class Schedules
- Prospective Student Information
- Schedules for Volleyball, Men’s & Women’s Basketball, Baseball, Softball, and Soccer - COME SUPPORT THE PIONEERS!

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Keep up with all the great things our alumni are doing AND let us know of exciting news you would like to share!