Homecoming Honors for Shock and Stephens

At our annual Homecoming on Feb.17, Sue (Gordon) Shock was named the 2007 Distinguished Alumnus, and CRC sophomore, Megan Stephens, daughter of Steve and Kathy Stephens of Lebanon, Missouri was crowned the 2007 queen.

President Ken Hoppe presented Sue Shock with the award during homecoming activities. He said, “the alumni committee could not have made a better choice than Sue for alumnus of the year. Her dedication to family, friends, community, church and CRC speaks volumes about the type of person she is. Any college or university would be proud to have Sue Shock listed among its alumni, and CRC is certainly no exception.”

Sue is a 1980 graduate of Crowley’s Ridge College. She received her bachelor’s degree from Harding University. Sue is a member of CRC’s Board of Trustees, of which her father, Stanley Gordon, Sr. was also. She owns Sue Shock Insurance, an insurance and investment firm. Sue and her husband, Steve, live in Vilonia and are members of the Mars Hill Church of Christ. Their daughter, Sara Beth Shock just completed her freshman year at CRC.

Sara Beth gives her mother a congratulatory kiss.

Members of the Homecoming Court

**Freshmen:** Savanah Horn, escort Stephen Foust, Breah Evans, escort Bo Blackman, Ashley Clouse and escort John Mark Warnick

**Sophomores:** Chastity Giles, escort Chad Price, Jessica Fears, escort Gerry Cable, Queen-Megan Stephens and escort Mason Brock.

Fall Enrollment

Admissions Director Nancy Joneshill reports that the recruiting efforts by CRC Registrar, Paul McFadden and Admissions staff, Alayna Chartrau and Matt Drake have made this one of the best recruiting years since enrollment went over 200 in 2004. “We expect to be near that record enrollment this fall,” says Joneshill.

**Important Dates for Fall Semester**

- Aug 5-7 Freshman Orientation
- Aug 19 Dorms Open
- Aug 20-21 Registration Begins
- Aug 22 Classes Begin
- Sep 19 Pioneer Day
- Oct 4-6 Fall Retreat
- Oct 19-21 Backpacking Trip
- Oct 25-28 World Mission Workshop
- Nov 10-11 Fall Choralaire Tour

4 Year Degrees in Bible and Business in 2008 and new Associates Degree for Teachers this fall - - Update on back.

**Spiral of America - Gene Stallings and Joe Wessell**

Nationally known football coach, Gene Stallings, spoke at the 15th annual Spirit of America dinner on April 20. The special event at the Gay Carter Activities Center on Crowley’s Ridge College’s campus raised approximately $25,000 for scholarships.

Joe Wessell, a deacon at the Village Creek Church of Christ and president of BanCorp South (Paragould branch) was honored as recipient of the Spirit of America award for his outstanding service and volunteerism for numerous community activities. Paragould Mayor Mike Gaskill said, “Joe is really one of the good guys…If you’re Joe’s friend, you’re Joe’s friend for life. Paragould is a better place because he graced this community with his presence.”

“I am honored,” Wessell said, “to be among people like Emmett Smith and Evangeline Cothren who are associated with service to our community.”

Paragould Mayor, Mike Gaskill, Gene Stallings, CRC President, Ken Hoppe and Joe Wessell
Men win 2nd in National ACCA Tournament

March 2007 was an exciting time for the men’s Pioneer basketball team, as they won second place in the national ACCA tournament (Association of Christian Colleges Athletics). This is quite a milestone for the Pioneers and coach Chris Perkins, who just completed his 2nd year at CRC.

(Top L-R): Justin Ward, Jeff Burgess, TeWayne Smith, Freddie Williams, Zac Wilson, Jonathan Winn, Steven White. (Bottom L-R): Justin Harrill, Corey Fleming, Coach Chris Perkins, Seth Southard, Jamar Horton

Remembering Coach James Scott

Coach James Scott served as head baseball coach at Crowley’s Ridge College from 2002 until cancer forced him to retire after the 2006 season. He passed away on February 20 of this year. James was 41 years old and is survived by his wife, Mary Angela and three children, Breanna 12, James 11 and Amber 7. James leaves behind a host of friends at CRC and throughout the Church and community. CRC Athletic Director, Paul McFadden credits the success of the baseball program to James and said “there is no doubt that he brought the program to new heights.” “He had a motto that he lived by,” McFadden said. “He didn’t ask anything of his players he wasn’t willing to do himself.” James’ leadership and example to the students can not be replaced; we will miss him greatly.

CRC also mourns the passing of these former students: Jim Chism (1966), Zula Jones Holt (1965), Dr. Mike Kieffner (1972) and Dolores McGhee Pendarvis (1967).

Donations Needed:

- $5,000 to remodel each dorm bathroom. We have 20 bathrooms to remodel.
- $325,000 to resurface campus streets and parking areas.
- Multi-million dollar projects to pay for facility additions and new facilities.

Note: The above items are our most urgent needs. We have other needs and a variety of dollar amounts and would be happy to visit with you about any of them.

Still Time for CRC Day

As of July, about $55,000 has been sent in for CRC Day from donors and churches, representing 68 congregations.

Did you send in your CRC Day gift yet? Did your church participate in CRC Day this year? There is still time; you can send a gift earmarked CRC Day anytime you wish and your church can host a CRC Day on any Sunday they choose.

For more information, contact us at:
(local) 870-236-6901, (toll free) 800-264-1096

Update on Four Year Degrees

June 22, President Ken Hoppe spoke with the Arkansas Department Higher Education’s Coordinator for Institutional Certification concerning our March 15 request for a Program Level Change (Associates to Bachelors). Our request has been under review by several staff officials of the ADHE. Later that same day, President Hoppe received a favorable email from the ADHE Coordinator for Institutional Certification with additional requested items, which said they were needed “to complete the review process and move forward with our recommendation to the Director to approve CRC’s request to offer baccalaureate degrees.”

The completion of the three requested items cannot be submitted until after CRC’s board meeting on July 12, 2007 because one of the items requires board action. We hope to report to you in the near future that Crowley’s Ridge College has been approved to offer a bachelor of science in business administration and a bachelor of arts in Biblical Studies. These will be the first four-year degrees conferred with plans to offer classes toward them beginning the fall of 2008.

Associates Degree in Teaching Beginning Fall 2007

CRC is offering an Associate of Arts in Teaching this fall. This will allow our students pursuing courses of study leading to teaching in designated subjects or in geographical critical shortage areas in the State of Arkansas to access the State Teacher Assistance Resource (STAR) Program. If you are studying to become a Teacher in Arkansas you may be interested in applying for the Arkansas STAR Program to receive money for college. For more information, visit their website: star.adhe.edu

Student Awards

Mr and Miss CRC:
Steven McFadden, son of Paul and Christi McFadden, Walcott, AR.
Chastity Giles, daughter of Joe and Debra Giles, Fairview Heights, IL and Carrie Colburn, Walnut Ridge, AR.

Christian Life Award:
Jake Brownfield, son of Marty and Susan Brownfield, Southaven, MS.
Jessica Fears, daughter of Ronnie and Linda Fears, Paragould, AR.
Michael Chaffin, son of Rodger and Denise Chaffin, Raytown, MO.

Heritage King and Queen:
Bo Blackman, son of Rick and Jenny Blackman, Neelyville, MO.
Breah Evans, daughter of Kevin and Wendy Evans, Blytheville, AR.

Best All-Around:
Steven McFadden, son of Paul and Christi McFadden, Walcott, AR.
Jonathan Winn, son of Cary and Sherylette Winn, Paragould, AR.
Chastity Giles, daughter of Joe and Debra Giles, Fairview Heights, IL and Carrie Colburn, Walnut Ridge, AR.

Most Spirited:
John Mark Warnick, son of Mark and Teresa Warnick, Jonesboro, AR.
Stephanie Hale, daughter of Rick and Charlene Hale, Paragould, AR.
Jessica Fears, daughter of Ronny and Linda Fears, Paragould, AR.