



New SGA officers elected for 2006-07 academic year

Cal NeSmith of Oneonta is the new president of the Student Government Association at Birmingham-Southern for the 2006-07 academic year.

NeSmith, a sophomore business administration major, was elected in the spring by student vote.

Also elected to executive office for 2006-07 were Jared Beam, a junior chemistry major from Arab, first vice president; Molly Cowley, a sophomore nursing major from Mountain Brook, second vice president; Raj Patel, a junior pre-med major from Vestavia Hills, treasurer; and Peter Starr, a freshman international studies major from Atlanta, secretary.

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A queen is crowned—Kate Chandler (second from left) was crowned Birmingham-Southern's 2006 Homecoming Queen Feb. 27 during halftime ceremonies of the annual Homecoming men's basketball game vs. Winthrop. The senior business major from Daphne was crowned by BSC President Dr. David Pollick (far right) and 2005 BSC Homecoming Queen Susan Petty (far left). Chandler was escorted by 2004 BSC graduate Eric Harper (second from right). Crown bearer was Kennedy Waters, daughter of Cheryl Waters of the college's Office of Residence Life.



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BSC student selected 2006 Udall Scholar

Birmingham-Southern junior Cori Anderson was chosen this year among 80 national scholars to receive a Morris K. Udall Scholarship. Anderson, a native of Madison, Miss., was the only scholar selected from a school in the state of Alabama.

The scholars were selected by the Morris K. Udall Foundation from among 445 candidates nominated by 224 colleges and universities across the country. Each scholarship provides up to \$5,000 for one year.

The Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation was authorized by Congress in 1992 to honor Congressman Udall's legacy of public service. Udall served in the House of Representatives for three decades. His love for the environment resulted in numerous pieces of legislation, one being the Alaska Lands Act of 1980, which doubled the size of the national park system and tripled national wilderness.

The Udall Foundation seeks future leaders across a wide spectrum of environmental fields including policy, engineering, science, education, urban planning and renewal, business, health, justice, and economics.

Anderson is a biology major and environmental studies minor at BSC.

The 2006 Udall scholars gathered in Tucson, Ariz., Aug. 2-6 to receive their awards and meet policy makers and community leaders in their field.



A welcome alternative—Birmingham-Southern students Susan Fant of Gadsden (right) and Miriam Smith of Mountain Brook measure a square of sheetrock as part of an alternative spring break project in Moss Point, Miss. Four of the college's staff members accompanied a group of 11 BSC students to Moss Point March 25-31 to work with Safe Harbor United Methodist Church doing demolition and rebuilding on homes destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. Fant is a freshman accounting major; Smith is a sophomore English major. The college's Office of Service Learning sponsors a weeklong Alternative Spring Break each year.

Birmingham-Southern student awarded competitive internship at Carter Center

Maria Presley of Tupelo, Miss., a junior international business major at Birmingham-Southern, was chosen as one of 40 interns this summer at the Carter Center in Atlanta. Presley competed against 150 graduate students to obtain the position.

The Carter Center, founded by former U.S. President Jimmy Carter and his wife, Rosalynn, is committed to advancing human rights and the alleviation of unnecessary human suffering. In partnership with Emory University, the center has worked since 1982 to improve the quality of life for people in some 65 countries.

A Grimm classic—

Birmingham-Southern dance, music, and theatre students brought Engelbert Humperdinck's opera "Hansel and Gretel" to the stage April 21 and 23 in the College Theatre. A BSC student cast of 16 performed the opera, based on Grimms' classic fairytale, accompanied by members of the Alabama Symphony Orchestra and conducted by Joseph Hugh Thomas Professor of Music Dr. Lester Seigel. Jessica Rushing (kneeling left) of Semmes played the role of Hansel; Erin Wakeman (kneeling right) of Mobile portrayed Gretel. Sarah Schiesz of Florence was the Witch.



Meeting a justice—Birmingham-Southern junior Corrie Clarkson (second from left) from Springville takes part in an experience of a lifetime by meeting U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia (second from right) during his May unannounced visit to the University of Fribourg in Fribourg, Switzerland. Clarkson, a German major at BSC, spent the academic year studying abroad at Fribourg through an exchange program with the American College Program. Scalia, in Zurich, Switzerland, for a meeting, paid a special visit to Fribourg to present a short lecture on the U.S. Constitution. Pictured with them are Kylee Blatchford, an exchange student from Nebraska, and Andrej Lushnycky, director of the American College Program at Fribourg.