

FACTOR

Connecting with each other

BIETZ BYLINE

A Southern Adventist University Board of Trustees meeting was held in the new Hulsey Wellness Center on Feb. 15. The board members were very appreciative of the beautiful center but disappointed in the fact that it was more than \$1 million over budget. Marty Hamilton gave a good explanation as to some of the causes of that overage. Most of the expenses were in the complexities of connecting the new building to the existing building.

In light of the square foot cost of the wellness center the budget for Florida Hospital Hall was raised to \$8 million. Tom Verrill gave a detailed explanation as to how the university plans to provide funding for the two construction projects that included a combination of loans, fund raising and capital budget allocations.

Despite these costs, the January 2009 statement was reviewed and the university is doing very well to date. If we continue the rest of the year without any abnormal expenses we will finish this fiscal year in good financial condition.

The board reviewed the total compensation of administration, deans and chairs and the board expressed appreciation for the faculty and administration for accepting sacrificial wages to accomplish the mission of Southern.

Board members voted to authorize Southern to develop and implement a master's program in social work to begin in the fall of 2010. Another faculty member is budgeted for the social work department for this master's degree.

In addition, Ruth Liu, the chair of the "Keys to Excellence" Steinway piano campaign gave an update on fund raising. Nearly half of the funds have been raised and various events are being planned in Chattanooga to raise the rest of the funds in time for Alumni Weekend this fall.

~ Gordon Bietz

RECORD ENROLLMENT CONTINUES

Southern continues to see growth in its student body. Currently, more students are attending than have ever before been enrolled during the winter semester.

With a headcount of 2,685 students, Southern has 111 more students than were enrolled last year at this time.

"Our continued increase in enrollment," says Gordon Bietz, "indicates that our students understand the importance of getting a good education so as to be a well-prepared applicant in the job market."

LIBRARY DISPLAYS LOCAL ARTIST

The McKee Library hosted artist Melissa Hefferlin as she introduced her artwork to Southern Adventist University and the community on January 21.

A collection of nearly 40 paintings are currently on display around the library. Many of the paintings originate from private collections that have never been publicly displayed.

"She is extending tremendous kindness to our library," says Joe Mocnik. "This exhibit is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate her art and open our institution to the community."

Hefferlin, daughter of physics professor Ray Hefferlin, studied art at The Academy of Fine Arts in St. Petersburg, Russia. She also attended school at the University of Tennessee in Chattanooga and the Otis Art Institute in Los Angeles. Her artwork has been showcased in Zurich, London, New York, Los Angeles, Denver and in various locations around Tennessee. Currently, Hefferlin exhibits her art at galleries in Ohio, Arizona, and Chattanooga.

Her paintings will be displayed throughout the McKee Library until May 2009.

ORCHESTRA RECORDS AT 3ABN

The Southern Adventist University Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Laurie Redmer-Minner, recently recorded its first ever performance for 3ABN.

“I’ve always wanted to perform at 3ABN,” says Minner. “The recording gives churches we’ve not performed for the chance to hear the orchestra play.”

The orchestra recorded several pieces including, *Sinfonia* and *Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Zion* from “Messiah” by Georg Frideric Handel, *Meditation on Brother James’s Air* by Harold Darke, and *Nimrod*, by Edward Elgar.

Copies of the performance will soon be available for sale, with proceeds going to help fund the orchestra.

COMING EVENTS

Faculty Portfolio Workshop

Tuesday, February 3, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Wednesday, February 18, 1-2 p.m.

Tuesday, February 24, 1-2 p.m.

Dean’s/Chairs Advisory

Thursday, February 5, 3:30 p.m.

Dean’s Luncheon

Tuesday, February 10, 12-1 p.m.

Parents Weekend

Friday, February 13–Sunday, February 15

Employee Brown Bag

Wednesday, February 25, 12-1 p.m.

Spring Break

Friday, February 27–Sunday, March 8

SOUTHERN IN THE MEDIA

Here is a sampling of recent media coverage that mentions a Southern event or person:

Creating a Community of Readers

Chattanooga Magazine, November/December Issue

Students Choose Day On Instead of Day Off for MLK

WTVC News Channel 9, Jan. 19

Southern Adventist Students Serve On MLK Day

WDEF News 12, Jan. 19

Chattanooga: Volunteers honor King, Obama

Chattanooga Times Free Press, Jan. 19

Private Colleges Fear Slowdown

Chattanooga Times Free Press, Jan. 23

Success Through Datatel’s Active Campus Portal

Datatel Online Client Success Profile

CHANGING FACES

Southern welcomes the following employees:

Judy Crabtree to Food Services

Faith Anderson to Food Services

Ruth MacLafferty to the Village Market

Paul Adeogun to Enrollment Services

Fond Farewells to the following employees:

Denise Childs from the School of Journalism and

Communication to leave after this semester

Adrienne Lanier from Accounting Services

VOICE AND PEN

John Wesley Taylor V gave five presentations at the First National Conference on the Integration of Faith and Learning held in Santiago, Chile, January 4-9.

David Houtchens attended the Center for Campus Fire Safety & Underwriters Laboratories University’s Firewise Campus Safety Program in Atlanta, December 1 and 2. The program targeted campus officials responsible for fire safety on college and university campuses. The conference and lodging costs were covered by a Homeland Security grant.

Judy Dedeker passed the Certified Nurse Educator exam in December.

René Drumm made a presentation in October at the fourth Annual International Peace and Safety in the Christian Home Conference in Washington, D.C. She presented “Looking for Help in Some of the Wrong Places: Help-Seeking Among SDA Women Domestic Violence Survivors.” René was also a reviewer for a special issue of the journal “Critical Social Work.”

Stephen Bauer was elected president-elect of the Adventist Theological Society for 2009-2010. He will become president for 2011-2012. The society blends scholarly meetings with ministry to the church around the world in various seminars, lectures, and symposia.

PERSONAL NEWS

Loren Barnhurst and his wife, Becca, praise God for the safe arrival of Clarissa Jade, born January 13.

HATS OFF!

I would like to thank everyone for the cards of encouragement and prayers uplifted in behalf of our family during this difficult time. It is very hard to lose someone you love so dearly but comforting to know that Dad now

rests peacefully. Dad was one-of-a-kind, and he will be missed immensely! I am looking forward to the day when we will once again meet, never to part again. —Carolyn Liers

I cannot express my gratitude for the outpouring of phone calls and emails that are flooding us. We truly have a family at Southern. This truly is the mission of Southern, to show Christ to everyone, and we feel that. We never got this much love or support when we worked outside the church. We again thank everyone who have responded and will still respond. We love our Southern Family. —Kim Muaya

BIRTHDAYS

- Feb. 1 Casey Henson, *Campus Shop*
Richard Johnson, *Food Services*
- Feb. 2 Bonnie Hunt, *Nursing*
- Feb. 3 Clayton Greenleaf, *Plant Services*
Leon Weeks, *Business and Management*
- Feb. 4 Leslie Ann Schwarzer, *Advancement*
Derek Sherbondy, *Information Systems*
Larry Turner, *Plant Services*
- Feb. 6 Henry Hicks, *Information Systems*
- Feb. 7 Lori Urban, *University Health Center*
- Feb. 8 Stephen Ruf, *Journalism and Communication*
Faye Steen, *Village Market*
- Feb. 10 Robert Coombs, *Education and Psychology*
Patrice Hieb, *Advancement*
- Feb. 11 Janita Herod, *Journalism and Communication*
- Feb. 12 Ben McArthur, *History*
Adolfo Granada, *Plant Services*
Kent Robertson, *Enrollment Services*
- Feb. 16 Delores Franks, *Village Market*
Helen Pyke, *English*
- Feb. 17 Aaron Adams, *Visual Art and Design*
John Klinger, *Plant Services*
- Feb. 18 Lisa Diller, *History*
Chamra Otto, *Thatcher Hall*
Ruth Saunders, *Nursing*
- Feb. 19 Genevieve Cottrell, *Library*
- Feb. 20 Chad Raney, *Plant Services*
- Feb. 21 Cindy McBryar, *Marketing and Enrollment Services*
Jeri Pewsey, *Food Services*
Keith Snyder, *Biology*
Jayne Wyche, *Enrollment Services*
- Feb. 24 Donn Leatherman, *Religion*
- Feb. 26 Sean Johnson, *Enrollment Services*
- Feb. 27 Mike McClung, *Information Systems*
- Feb. 28 Pierre Nzokizwanimana, *Modern Languages*
- Feb. 29 Michael Cafferky, *Business and Management*
Virginia Hagan, *Food Services*

MARKETING & UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

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