

FACTOR*Connecting with each other***BIETZ BYLINE**

I received an invitation to speak at the Columbia Union Conference Executive committee leadership retreat. They asked me to speak on leadership and diversity. I presented one workshop on diversity where I shared my pilgrimage in being exposed to increasing diversity in my life and how it has affected my thinking.

I presented two workshops on servant leadership building on Nehemiah's leadership experience as he led out in the building of the walls around Jerusalem. Whenever I make presentations on leadership I probably learn more than those who listen. I also am reminded of my failure to live up to my own ideals. It is easy to lecture, more difficult to live up to the theory.

Every time I give a workshop I come away with the conviction that it is not adequate to just lecture. I seek to engage the audience in small groups and various forms of interaction. Engaged students, even when the engagement is not highly intellectual, is better than unengaged listening to a very well structured lecture.

~Gordon Bietz

Outdoor Emergency Services Major Introduced

Southern's outdoor education and nursing programs are working together to create a dual degree for those wanting to serve as nurses, first responders, or outdoor professionals.

This outdoor emergency services degree provides outdoor emergency certification along with an associate degree in nursing and is designed to prepare students or

professionals to work in wilderness emergency settings.

Junior nursing major Shama Eller plans to be one of the first students to declare this new major, believing it will prepare her a career in medical mission work.

"If I am out in the middle of nowhere, I will not have the conveniences of the hospital," says Shama, "so I feel that for me it is important to learn all I can about wilderness survival and rescue."

Students like Shama will be able to take 34 hours of outdoor leadership classes after finishing their associate degree in nursing in order to earn their bachelor's in outdoor emergency services. "We offer hard skills and certifications that have teeth," says Mike Hills, assistant professor in outdoor leadership. "These are real-world certifications, not just a bunch of classes."

According to Hills, Southern's campus and the greater Chattanooga area is the perfect "classroom" for outdoor learning.

"People know Chattanooga is the hub for places where you can offer exceptional outdoor education," he says. "This degree is an amazing opportunity for someone who wants to lead and serve."

Two New Religion Majors Introduced

For years, Southern students have been returning from mission and evangelistic trips eager to prepare themselves for a full-time career in mission service at home or abroad. Now there are two new majors that will help them do just that.

Coordinated through Southern's Evangelistic Resource

Center, the new missions major has been created to prepare students to serve as cross-cultural or hometown missionaries. The new biblical studies major will prepare students for positions of lay leadership in the church and community.

Those who will benefit from these programs include students taking a missions or biblical studies major in conjunction with another service major; students in pre-professional programs, such as pre-med and pre-law, who want to go on to use their advanced degrees for mission service; and students interested in going on to graduate school.

“The goal is to prepare someone to be an active lay leader,” says Donn Leathermann, religion professor. “We want students to be equipped and knowledgeable about the Bible so they can present it to others.”

Changes Made To Non-Profit Major

The nonprofit management major that resided in the School of Journalism and Communication for the past 11 years has moved to the School of Business and Management.

“The major now has a different focus,” says Carrie Harlin, campus director of Students in Free Enterprise and business relations. “More business classes are offered that will equip students with the knowledge needed to start a nonprofit.”

Along with the move, the major has undergone a few more changes within the curriculum. This nonprofit management major now offers three different concentrations: nonprofit leadership, communications, and international and community relations. Although it will keep a couple of the core classes from the School of Journalism and Communication, it will also incorporate business classes such as accounting, business law, and management.

“This major offers specific training in the kinds of things that can move a nonprofit organization forward,” says Robert Montague, professor in the School of Business and Management. “It is for people that have a heart for service.”

Southern News Now on Twitter

Twitter, free social networking and micro-blogging service that enables its users to send and read other users'

updates known as *tweets*. Since its creation in 2006, Twitter has gained popularity worldwide.

In a continuous effort to keep Southern employees informed, updated news that is posted on Southern's website automatically uploads to Twitter's blog. Options to follow the blog are available as well as setting up your phone to receive texts with a link to the latest article. Those that are signed up on Twitter can access the latest campus news at twitter.com/southernnews.

COMING EVENTS

Graduation

Sunday, May 3, 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Flea Market

Sunday, May 17, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Memorial Day, Offices Closed

Monday, May 25

Georgia-Cumberland Camp Meeting

Tuesday, May 26-Saturday, May 30

SOUTHERN IN THE MEDIA

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

Crime down on Tennessee college campuses, report says
Chattanooga Times Free Press, March 25

'The Good News' Mayfield students observe life of early settlers at museum 'Appalachian Days'
Cleveland Daily Banner, March 29

Global clergy seminar for ministers of all faiths
Adventist News Network, March 31

14th Annual SonRise Pageant Draws Thousands to Southern Adventist University
WDEF News 12, April 11

76 Places to Attend Easter Service
Chattanooga Times Free Press, April 11

Japanese Percussion Group
Chattanooga Times Free Press, April 17

Southern Adventist University Presents Handel's "Messiah"
Chattanooga, April 17

VOICE AND PEN

Colleen Mitchell, who started working at Southern this

academic year, completed requirements to obtain a Tennessee state license in psychology.

Lisa Goolsby appeared on a segment of LifeTalk on April 9 regarding consumer behavior and credit card debt. She also

VOICE AND PEN cont.

Nancy Daily, Carol Harrison, and Tricia Foster

Linda Marlowe was voted “Adviser of the Year” and given a plaque at the awards convocation. This is the second year in a row that a nursing adviser was voted “Adviser of the Year” by the advisees and the advisement committee.

Ken Caviness took part in a recent 3ABN live broadcast on creation week. The program aired February 19 and featured a discussion with Terry McComb and Tom Ish and telephone interviews with scientists of various specialties. Ken presented the segment on the fourth day and how the discoveries of science can be related to the biblical account.

Elaine Plemons participated in the annual sharing conference of the Southern Regional Faculty and Instructional Development Consortium in Louisville, Kentucky, March 22 to 24. This consortium is an organization of faculty from instructional development programs in two- and four-year degree granting institutions in the South. Also in April and March, she served as a Blackboard Exemplary Course Program Reviewer, identifying exemplary online courses using Blackboard’s Learning Management Platform.

Rene Drumm, a founding member of International Association of Adventist Social Workers (IAASW), helped sponsor an IAASW conference at Oakwood University from March 26 to 28.

Justo Morales attended the Tennessee Association of Museums’ (TAM) 49th annual conference, which was held in Chattanooga this year, from March 18 to 20. The Lynn H. Wood Archaeological Museum received an Award of Excellence for the special exhibition “Faces of Power: Ancient Coins of the Biblical World.” The last time the museum received a TAM award was in 2005 for its exhibit “Vessels in Time: A Journey into the Biblical World.”

Earl Aagaard made a presentation to President’s Circle members about Biology Department activities, including Dave Ekkens’ turtle research, Lee Spencer and Joyce

Azevedo’s DNA research on plants frozen in the Canadian permafrost, and the origins and design displays the Biology Department is planning for Hickman Science Center.

PERSONAL NEWS

Frank and Debbie Strack are expecting a third grandson this month. Their son, Jason, and his wife, Jolene, plan to name the baby Marcus.

Randi Buhl is now a “Grandi.” Her granddaughter, Sandra Morgan Raitz, was born to Robert and Kaci on March 21.

HATS OFF!

The architectural drafting program received new computers and monitors for the CAD lab and are so appreciative of the support from Information Systems. Special thanks to Eli Courey, Michael McClung, Henry Hicks, and the whole department for their willing, cheerful, and capable support.

~Ray Carson

The Social Work and Family Studies Department wants to thank Sharon Ekkens and Hollis James for assisting us with the assessment section of the accreditation document. With their help, the document was sent to the Council on Social Work Education for reaffirmation.

~Octavio Ramirez

John Arroyo, John Beckett, Ray Carson, Rick Halterman, Rick Norskov, and Rhonda Scott spent their entire Sunday as judges for the 2009 Adventist Robotics League Southern Challenge on March 15. Thanks!

~Monya Khan

BIRTHDAYS

May 1	Gordon Bietz, <i>President</i> Richard Erickson, <i>Business and Management</i>
May 2	Ray Hefferlin, <i>Physics</i> Pam Ahlfeld, <i>Nursing</i> Pat Coverdale, <i>Human Resources</i> Gary Shockley, <i>Village Market</i>
May 3	Ray Artigas, <i>Transportation Services</i> Becky Djernes, <i>Financial Administration</i> Jan Haveman, <i>Advancement</i> Kelly Sanchez, <i>Marketing and University Relations</i>
May 4	Tricia Foster, <i>Academic Administration</i>
May 4	Richard Halterman, <i>Computing</i>
May 5	Stanley Cottrell, <i>McKee Library</i> Nathalie Mazo, <i>Enrollment Services</i>
May 6	Dean Scott, <i>Visual Art and Design</i>
May 7	Doru Mihaescu, <i>Information Systems</i>
May 9	Shirley Rumsey, <i>Health Center</i> Eric Baerg, <i>Advancement</i>
May 9	Kevin Penrod, <i>Campus Safety</i>
May 11	Jackie Rose, <i>Village Market</i> Doug Walter, <i>Campus Safety</i>
May 12	Mikhaile Spence, <i>Education and Psychology</i>
May 15	Peter Cooper, <i>Music</i> Kevin Pride, <i>Talge</i>
May 16	Ginger Cheney, <i>Records</i> Steven Holley, <i>Plant Services</i> Shelly Parks, <i>Village Market</i>
May 17	Lisa Kuhlman, <i>Business and Management</i> Carolyn Liers, <i>Advancement</i>
May 20	Pam Dietrich, <i>Student Services</i> Glenn Boyko, <i>Plant Services</i> Jan Nash, <i>Food Services</i>
May 21	Lorraine Ball, <i>Journalism and Communication</i> Jackie Price-Walters, <i>Food Services</i>
May 22	Ron Miller, <i>McKee Library</i> Heather Slocum, <i>Campus Safety</i>
May 23	Sharon Ekkens, <i>Institutional Research</i>
May 25	Edna Kitchen, <i>Food Services</i> Tim Lale, <i>English</i> Mary Sundin, <i>Accounting</i>
May 27	Lisa Woodcock, <i>Thatcher</i>
May 28	John Holley, <i>Village Market</i>
May 29	Kenneth Willes, <i>Visual Art and Design</i>
May 31	Holly Gadd, <i>Nursing</i>
June 2	Shawn Engle, <i>Information Systems</i> Kimberly Muaya, <i>Accounting</i> Danita Payne, <i>Campus Shop</i>

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