

FACTOR

Connecting with each other

BIETZ BYLINE

A few notes on my archaeology dig experience, which included only four days. We were encouraged—no, required—to drink regularly. The canopy over the dig site made the temperature tolerable. Digging through the topsoil, we found many pieces of broken pottery. These pieces will help in the dating of the various levels of the site. A great deal of camaraderie developed between team members, and there was a lot of joking and friendly conversation while the work went on.

Once back home, I realized it would be a good idea to plan for some time off after returning from a trip. Have you ever felt like you needed a vacation when you return from vacation? Work piles up at home and in the office so when you return you need another vacation at home.

I remember when I was a seminary student at Andrews. We came to spring break and all of my friends piled in a car to go to Florida. I decided to stay at school and study. They had more fun but I was ready for school when spring break was over.

Every year the Southern Union President's Council is held in Florida, and we have the opportunity to bring our families for some rest and relaxation as well. I meet with the presidents of the Southern Union in the morning and in the afternoon I spent time with the grandchildren on the beach or with my son-in-law on the golf course.

On the return home from Florida we stopped for a couple of days at the Chase Farm in Oglethorpe, Georgia. There my grandchildren learned about life on the farm. One thing is sure; it is a lot of hard work.

~ Gordon Bietz

POLITICAL SCIENCE COURSES TAUGHT THIS FALL

Mindi Rahn, a Southern graduate, will be teaching political science courses this fall only. They are:

Civil Liberties and American Politics. This class is highly recommended for future pastors and lay people who are interested in religious liberty. Mindi has been on the front lines in promoting freedom and justice as an intern representing the Adventist denomination at the United Nations.

International Relations. Mindi has a master's degree in international relations and has previously taught this subject at Atlantic Union College. Her United Nations background as well as her own international travel will enrich her teaching of this subject.

WSMC HONORED

The National Organization of Counties in Washington, D.C., has notified the Hamilton County Mayor Claude Ramsey that the county won a national award for original and innovative ways of promoting education in the public school system. The award credits the cooperation between WSMC-FM's "Read With Me" program and the county's "Read 20" initiative. The award was presented to Claude Ramsey and "Read 20" Director Shawn Kurlmeir-Lee in July at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel.

More than 3,500 elementary school children from Hamilton County have visited the station's studios during the past three years and participated in the on-air "Read With Me" radio program. For many of the students and their parents, the visit to WSMC is the first time they have been on Southern's campus.

PROGRESS MADE ON ORIGINS DISPLAYS

After two and a half years of planning, the Biology Department has taken the first steps in adorning its entryway with intricate paintings of human organelles. This is only stage one in a process that will involve much support. Come see the progress being made at the entryway to second floor Hickman Science Center. It recognizes the Intelligent Designer who makes each cell work.

To read more on how this project started visit www.southern.edu and select the article entitled "Artist Shapes Science" on the top left hand column.

REWARDS FOR COST-SAVING IDEAS

Here are the April and May winners of the cost-saving ideas. **Don Hart** won a dinner buffet for two donated by Super Salad. His idea was to replace old lighting fixtures with LED fixtures. **Steve Bauer** won a \$30 gift card donated by PF Chang's. His idea was to consider solar hot water production where possible. **Ingrid Skantz** won a manicure or cut and style donated by Hair Designers. Her idea was to remove Onity dip locks from closets and reuse them in other locations.

Please continue to provide your cost-saving ideas. To post, go to www.southern.edu/pages/suggestions.aspx. If you would like to keep your suggestion confidential, please call 1.888.420.8812 or use the Silent Whistle website at www.southern.silentwhistle.com.

COMING EVENTS

Employee In-Service

Tuesday, August 18, 1:30-5 p.m.

Employee Wellness Assessment

Wednesday, August 19, 6-10 a.m.

Employee Picnic

Thursday, August 20, 5:30 p.m.

Employee Departmental Fellowship

Saturday, August 22, various times and locations

Classes Begin

Thursday, August 27

SOUTHERN IN THE MEDIA

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

Humorist Queen speaks at Southern
Chattanooga Times Free Press, June 20

Southern Adventist University's McKee Library
Ooltewah-Collegedale Weekly Community News, July 15

CHANGING FACES

Southern welcomes the following employees:

Samson Chama to Social Work and Family Studies

Julie Thompson to the Village Market

Faith Laughlin to Education and Psychology

Anne Underwood to Health Services

Denise Myers to the Village Market

Michelle Knowles to the Village Market

Donavan Davis to Visual Art and Design

Adrienne Royo to Modern Languages

Fond farewells to the following employees:

Jonathan Castells from Health Services

VOICE AND PEN

Terrie Long conducted field education training sessions for field instructors June 19 and July 17. **Evie Baker** spoke with the field instructors about the upcoming master's in social work program.

Jaclynn Huse attended Teaching Clinical Judgment Through Simulation: An Intensive Workshop for Nurse Educators offered by the Oregon Health & Science University, June 22-24.

Liane de Souza attended the National Association of Foreign Student Advisers conference in Los Angeles, California, to learn more on helping international students with immigration and acculturation issues.

Pat Coverdale attended the Society for Human Resources Management's Annual Conference held in New Orleans, Louisiana June 28-July 1, as part of her senior professional in human resources certification.

Keith Snyder and **Tony Trimm** spent several weeks digging dinosaur bones in Wyoming. The layer they were working on appeared to be formed by a catastrophic event that killed about 15,000-20,000 duck-billed dinosaurs. These creatures were about 30-40 feet in length.

School of Religion hosted "Recharge," a summer study retreat for Southern Union pastors, July 5-17. Presenting faculty included: **Brian Dunne**, **Rene Drumm**, **Leslie Evenson**, **Robert Gadd**, **Douglas Jacobs**, **Greg King**, **Henry Kuhlman**, **Duane Schoonard**, **Marge Seifert**, **Judy Sloan**, **Stanley Stevenson**, **Doug Tilstra**, and **Dale Walters**. **Star Stevens**, **Mary Anne Poulson**, **Susan Brown**, and **Doug Tilstra** coordinated the event.

VOICE AND PEN, CONT.

Rene Drumm and **Stanley Stevenson** presented a series of marriage seminars in June for pastors, educators, and their families in San Juan, Puerto Rico. In July, Rene and Stanley also presented these seminars for Inter-American Division family life educators in Alaska. Presentation topics included Seven Components of Making Marriage Work, Breaking the Communication Barrier, The Miracle of Two Becoming One, and Facing Crisis in Family Living.

Carlos Parra attended a summer conference held at Utah Rural School Association in Cedar City, Utah July 6-8. He also attended the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese 91st Annual Conference held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, July 9-12.

Ken Caviness was the speaker for the Schaffhausen Adventist Church annual retreat, June 19-21. He presented a series of messages relating to science and religion. The whole weekend was in German and Swiss-German.

Pierre Nzokizwanimana attended the third International Conference of Burundi Diaspora, held in Norway, June 26-28. Apolitical Burundian intellectuals and professionals scattered throughout Western Europe, North America, and Australia came together to reflect on ways they can help their motherland to rebuild and develop in a post-conflict context. June 23-25 he worked with the focus team to finalize organizational details, and on June 29, he worked as one of the three post-conference rapporteurs. On July 6, he visited the *Campus Adventiste du Salève* to discuss its French program. He also had lunch with the Southern summer students studying there.

Pam Gammenthaler attended “Nursing Care of the Hospitalized Child” in Las Vegas, Nevada, in May.

Jaclynn Huse attended a “simulation conference” hosted by Oregon Health Science University in Portland, Oregon, in June.

Christine Moniyung attended the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners conference in Nashville, Tennessee.

Holly Gadd, Bonnie Hunt, Barbara James, Cynthia Johnson, Frances Johnson, and Jillian Wills from the School of Nursing attended the annual Adventist nurse educator conference hosted by Walla Walla University at their Portland, Oregon, campus July 1-2. **Bonnie, Frances, and Jillian** were all presenters.

Christy Showalter attended the Nurse Educators Conference in the Rockies held July 15-17 in Breckenridge, Colorado.

Sylvia Mayer attended the Association of Community Health Nurse Educators in Chicago, Illinois, in June.

Barbara James was a co-author with **Patricia Jones** and **Marilyn Herrmann** for “Adventist Nursing Education: Mission or Market?,” published in *The Journal of Adventist Education* April/May issue.

PERSONAL NEWS

Amy Metott and **Dennis Steele** were married on July 12.

Nikki Dietrich Sutton, daughter of Terry and **Pam Dietrich** blessed the family with a girl on April 15. Cassidy Nichole Sutton was born three months early and spent six weeks in the NICU at TC Thompson Children’s Hospital. She has gone from 2 pounds to now weighing in at more than 10 pounds.

HATS OFF!

Special thanks to everyone involved in getting the new office for the Technology Department running. From painting, countertops, flooring, decorating, moving computers and phones, and getting my printer up and running. With the help of all areas working together, the transition was pretty smooth!

~Emiko Miyagi

BIRTHDAYS

- August 1 Andrew Dormus, *Campus Ministries*
August 3 Nick Evenson, *Audio Visual*
Kristen Taylor, *Thatcher Hall*
Donna Watson, *Food Services*
August 5 Mark Peach, *History*
Marty Miller, *Education and Psych.*
August 6 Dennis Pettibone, *History*
Krystal Bishop, *Education and Psych.*
Evonne Crook, *Advancement*
Jay McCubbins, *Plant Services*
August 7 Jon Peckham, *Plant Services*
Marge Seifert, *Library*
August 8 Daniel Brown, *Plant Services*
Dee Caywood, *Village Market*
August 10 Ileana Freeman-Gutierrez, *Education and Psych.*
Renita Klischies, *Student Success Center*
Christy Showalter, *Nursing*
Don Van Ornam, *Business*
August 11 Donald Lighthall, *Service*
August 12 Alberto dos Santos, *Education and Psych.*
August 14 Brent Hamstra, *Chemistry*
August 17 Freddy Fuentes, *Education and Psych.*
Pamela Gammenthaler, *Nursing*
August 18 Paul Adeogun, *Enrollment*
Mike Boyd, *Health and Wellness*
Jamie Thompson, *English*
Tom Watson, *Village Market*
August 19 Robert Benge, *Health and Wellness*
Rhonda Scott, *Chemistry*
August 20 Ryan Herman, *Enrollment*
August 22 Regina Bailey, *Student Support Services*
August 24 Pegi Flynt, *Online Campus*
August 25 Sherri Schoonard, *Food Services*
August 26 Andy Compton, *Accounting*
Jaclynn Huse, *Nursing*
Rick Seidel, *Biology*
August 27 Andy Langshaw, *Landscape Services*
Emiko Miyagi, *Technology*
Tim Lale, *English*
August 29 Giselle Hasel, *Visual Art and Design*
Sylvia Mayer, *Nursing*
John Sager, *Talge*
August 30 Perry Pratt, *Village Market*

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