

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

I received a note from a pastor the other day asking where Southern Adventist University stood on the issues related to the Adventist fundamental belief of creation. Sometimes when you are so close to a campus, you assume that everyone knows what you know. That is too much to assume and so let me share what I do know. Southern Adventist University faculty who work with our students through the School of Religion and in the Biology Department fully support and teach, "In six days the Lord made the heaven and the earth and all living things upon the earth, and rested on the seventh day of that first week." This belief and teaching is fundamental to the Three Angels Messages (Revelation 14:6-14) and to the message and mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and Southern Adventist University.

On another issue, I shared my convictions about rules and regulations with the students in a joint worship last week. I received an interesting email after the worship that read in part: "I attended Southern last year as a freshman under the requirement of my parents. I complained every day about why I had to go to worships, convocations, or even church. I came home at the end of spring semester telling my parents I wanted to move out and be free of any requirements. My boyfriend was at your joint worship last night. He sent me a copy of your worship. I read it three times, and now I have a brand new perspective on Southern. I thank you for that. I actually feel that I would like to attend Southern next semester. I want to thank Southern for its rules and regulations."

If you would like to read my worship talk, look on the following webpage where my speeches are located:  
[www.southern.edu/president/Pages/speeches.aspx](http://www.southern.edu/president/Pages/speeches.aspx)

~Gordon Bietz

**Record Enrollment for 10<sup>th</sup> Consecutive Year**

Enrollment at Southern Adventist University is at a record high for the 10<sup>th</sup> year in a row. The university welcomed 2,891 students at the beginning of the fall 2009 semester. An incoming class of 603 freshmen makes the second highest freshmen class ever. This year also marks the university's 14<sup>th</sup> successive year of continuous growth. Total enrollment for this semester is up by 114 students from last year at this time, showing a 4 percent increase. The graduate program grew by 41 students. Southern's student body includes students from all 50 states and more than 50 foreign countries. More than 200 international students are enrolled this fall.

**Students Give Time and Money to African School**

This summer, Adventist students and staff from all over North America traveled to Africa. There they did everything from construction, painting, working in the medical facilities, and held an evangelistic meeting using the ShareHim model. The three sites they worked on were Lakeview, Malamulo, and Mzuzu. Southern students and staff raised \$22,542.72 for the Malamulo project and an estimated \$80,000 was raised by all of the Adventist schools in North America to assist the Malamulo school so it doesn't have to close. Kari Shultz went on the trip. She cooked, did the laundry and the cleaning at the Lakeview site. There were 27 other students and staff from Loma Linda University, Walla Walla University, Atlantic Union College, Andrews University, Union College, La Sierra University, and Universidad de Montemorelos who participated in this project.

## Human Resources Needs Binders Back

Human Resources handbooks are now being accessed online. If you are accessing the handbook on the Human Resource website or requested it as a PDF file please return your three-ring binder from last year to Human Resources. If you have not already done so, please print out the handbook receipt and return it to Human Resources as well.

## COMING EVENTS

### *Employee Apple Festival*

Sunday, October 18

### *Midterm Break*

October 22-25

### *Alumni Homecoming*

October 29-November 1

## SOUTHERN IN THE MEDIA

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

Breast Cancer support group starts at SAU  
*Ooltewah-Collegedale Weekly*, August 27

An Evening With C.W. Lewis  
*Chattanooga*, September 2

## CHANGING FACES

Fond farewell to the following employee:  
**Ted Palmer** from Purchasing

## VOICE AND PEN

**Doug Tilstra** spoke at the Korean Camp Meeting in Cohutta Springs, May 15-16 on "Finding God in Unexpected Places." He spoke at Southern's Recharge retreat, July 5-18 and at the Eagle Lake Camp Meeting in Nevada, July 18-19 on "Incomparable Jesus." He also spoke at the Medical Dental Convention in Camp Mivoden, Idaho, August 2-7 on "Reconsidering the Great Controversy in the Life of Jesus."

**Ken Caviness** participated in the 2008 New Kind of Science Summer School in Pisa, Italy, a program sponsored by Wolfram Research, makers of Mathematica. At the end of the three-week workshop he presented a paper titled "Causal Networks of Sequential Substitution Systems" and contributed a poster to a poster session at the Institute of Information Science and Technologies of the Italian National Research Council.

**Sheila Smith** attended the Association on Higher Education and Disability international conference in July. Of special interest at this year's conference were the changes brought about by the Americans with Disabilities Amendment Act (ADAAA), approved by Congress in fall of 2008 and effective January 2009. Southern's visibility at the conference was enhanced by items donated for the Silent Auction by the Campus Shop, Collegedale City Hall, and Marketing and Enrollment Services.

**Rick Norskov** took a course in vascular plants of the Southern Appalachians from July 27 through August 7 at Highlands Biological Station in Highlands, North Carolina.

**Elaine Plemons** presented a breakout session titled "Blended Learning-Using the Best of Both Worlds" at the International BlackBoard World Conference in Washington, D.C. July 15. Before that she served as an "invited Focus Group participant" for Mobile-Learning Trends with BlackBoard Learning Management Developers.

**Januwoina Nixon** and **John Nixon** conducted camp-meeting for the Nairobi Central Adventist Church in Kenya, Africa, August 8-15. Januwoina presented family seminars to about 50 young couples married 15 years or less. The topics included: the sacredness of marriage, communication in marriage, conflict resolution, and forgiveness.

**Carlos Martin** conducted an 1 1/2-hour seminar at Cohutta Springs for the Elders' Certification program of the Georgia Cumberland Conference on the weekend of September 11-13. He just published a new book: *An Adventist Theology of Mission and Evangelism*.

**Nick Evenson** and **Gary Horinouchi** attended the annual InfoComm Conference and Exhibit Show in June. More than 29,000 AV professionals from more than 80 countries attend.

**Nick Evenson** attended a training program this summer in Atlanta with Extron Electronics. Extron Electronics is leading AV control companies and the company has designed its software for the end user. This software change will be more cost effective.

**Lisa Goolsby** presented a branding seminar to the United Way Losned Executives on August 19.

## **VOICE AND PEN Cont.,**

**Gary Horinouchi** went to Andrews University and met with audiovisual, IT, and online technology managers. They were very interested in what Southern has been doing with the distance learning classrooms and online learning installations.

**Jud Lake's** article on Ellen White and joy, "Through the Lens of Joy," was published in the September issue of *Adventist World*. During the summer, he spoke at the Western Colorado Campmeeting for the Colorado Conference on the prophetic ministry of Ellen G. White, and also spoke at the Washington Conference camp meeting, addressing theological aspects of Ellen White's prophetic gift and answering Ellen White criticisms.

**John Wesley Taylor V** gave several presentations at the First International Symposium on the Integration of Faith and Learning in Porto, Portugal, from July 20 through 24.

## **PERSONAL NEWS**

**Dorothy Turner's** daughter Elizabeth Marie Turner and **Midge Phibbs' son** Luke Benjamin Dunzweiler were married on September 7 near Kingston, Tennessee.

**Mike Hills** and his wife, Tara, welcomed Renn Clementine into their family on August 27.

**Harold and Sylvia Mayer** are delighted to announce that they have acquired another daughter-in-law. Their third of four sons, Brock Mayer, married Annie Cross on Sunday, September 6, in Temecula, California.

**Scot Anderson** recently received his private pilot's license.

## **HATS OFF!**

Kudos to Campus Safety and those who keep the map at [campussafety.southern.edu/Docs/Campusmap.pdf](http://campussafety.southern.edu/Docs/Campusmap.pdf) up to date. It already shows the roundabout in the middle of campus.

~ Ken Caviness

Isaac James and Merritt MacLafferty have my utmost appreciation for their incredibly quick responses to questions, suggestions, and needs regarding the Southern website. Also, Eli Courey is the best friend a digital immigrant could ever have. Thanks for all your support, guys.

~ Sheila Smith

A huge thank you to the plant services crews who have redecorated our Mac lab in Brock 102 this summer, and to Becky Djernes for overseeing this project.

~ School of Journalism and Communication

Thank you to whoever got the promenade clock up and running in time for fall classes to start.

~ Star Stevens

Thank you to Barry Becker and his team for providing complimentary transportation to the Rock City employee event. And special thanks to Sherri Schoonard and Jerilyn Pewsey and their staff for the great supper.

~ Linda Marlow

A special thank you to Donnie Lighthall and Richard Long for changing my flat tire and even putting air in the nearly flat emergency spare so that I could get a permanent fix.

~ Cindi Young

## BIRTHDAYS

- October 1 Carlos Parra, *Modern Languages*  
Troy DeWind, *Landscape*  
Linda Lechler, *Nursing*  
Mary Anne Poulson, *Religion*
- October 2 Linda Wilhelm, *Business and Management*
- October 3 Betty Garver, *University Health Center*  
Vivian Grabiner, *Village Market*  
Andrea Keele, *Campus Ministries*
- October 4 David Huisman, *Accounting*  
David Brooks, *WSMC*
- October 6 Cindy Johnson, *Nursing*
- October 7 Joylynn Michals, *President's Office*  
Dennis Steele, *Business and Management*
- October 8 Luke Miller, *Information Services*  
Clint Ratliff, *Visual Art and Design*
- October 9 Faith Anderson, *Food Services*
- October 10 Bill Rawson, *University Health Center*  
Scott Anderson, *Computing*  
Linda Marlow, *Nursing*  
Vinita Sauder, *Marketing and Enrollment*
- October 11 Laure Chamberlain, *Journalism and Communication*
- October 13 Judy Sloan, *Physical Education*
- October 14 Chris Hansen, *Physics*
- October 15 Mindi Rahn, *History*
- October 17 Dwight Magers, *Talge*
- October 18 Braam Oberholster, *Business and Management*  
David Olson, *Human Resources*  
Elaine Plemons, *Academic Technology*  
Keely Tary, *English*  
Phil Garver, *P.E., Health, and Wellness*  
Tina Nelson, *Enrollment*  
Cindi Young, *Financial Administration*
- October 19 Stephen Bauer, *Religion*
- October 21 Linda Crumley, *Journalism and Communication*  
Josh Korson, *Food Services*
- October 23 Owen Maupin, *Plant Services*  
Bonnie Myers, *Campus Shop*  
Carol Plank, *Thatcher*
- October 24 Jason Merryman, *Enrollment*
- October 25 Clarice Esquilla, *Risk Management*
- October 26 Sheri Munger, *Chemistry*
- October 27 Kevin Brown, *Math*
- October 29 Art Richert, *Math*  
Ron Johnson, *Math*  
Terrie Long, *Social Work*
- October 31 Teri Klinger, *Village Market*

## MARKETING AND UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

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