

# Southern Factor

March 2010

CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER

## BIETZ BYLINE

I spent February 4-6 in Sacramento, California, where I presented two sermons at the Carmichael Church. This was to kick off the church's "Jesus Series", a month-long focus on various aspects of the life of Christ. Coming to California gave me an opportunity to stay with my cousin and visit with friends who were members of the Stockton Church when I was the pastor there.

I realized once again that the Seventh-day Adventist community is a tight-knit one. I was reunited with many friends in Sacramento, friends from academy days, as well as recent graduates from Southern. A very energetic gospel choir from Pacific Union College sang for our church service, and once again I couldn't pass up the dessert table at the potluck.

Southern's Board of Trustees met and worked on the strategic plan and approved the 2010-2011 budget. The troubled economy causes some uncertainty in what enrollment we might anticipate next year. I wish I had a good crystal ball; but not having one, we move forward with a lot of faith combined with realism.

The following weekend, Cynthia and I took care of the grandkids in Nashville while their folks ran a half marathon in Miami. We had lots of snow and it made for lots of activity with the grandkids!

—Gordon Bietz

## JOHN C. WILLIAMS ART GALLERY

The evening of January 18 found the School of Visual Art and Design experiencing both sadness and joy as the art gallery was dedicated to the school's beloved late dean John C. Williams.

Williams' history in Southern's School of Visual Art and Design began in 2002 when he joined the faculty as a professor, three years later becoming its' dean.

As dean, Williams brought "peace, trust, respect, and higher level of professionalism," says Assistant Professor Giselle Hasel. "Professors under his leadership were to focus on the quality of teaching as well as take responsibility for the content of the art produced by students under their care."

The faculty and students flourished under Williams' leadership. And he became not only their dean but also their friend, mentor, and, above all, a man greatly loved and respected.

"He was a really great friend," remembers Zach McDonald, '08. "After I graduated, I would come back, and we would sit and talk for hours. I respected him so much as an artist; and on top of that, he was a real Christian who lived with integrity.

Williams passed away on October 8, 2009 from liver cancer, yet his legacy continues to inspire art students.



Power for Mind & Soul

**This is the last issue that the Factor will be in print form. A link to future issues of Factor will be emailed to your Southern email and can also be found online at [www.southern.edu/factor](http://www.southern.edu/factor).**

## LONG-TERM CARE ACCREDITATION

Three representatives from the accrediting body of the National Association of Boards of Examiners of Long-Term Care Administration program will be visiting campus on March 29. They will review Southern's Long-Term Care Administration program to recommend accreditation for another five years.

## HISTORY HOSTS CONFERENCE

The History Department hosted the 6th Annual Southeast Tennessee Student History Conference on February 16. Students and faculty from Lee University, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, University of Tennessee at Knoxville, and Covenant College were on campus to present their research along with our own students. "I'm proud," says Lisa Diller, "of all the students who worked so hard to put on the great conference."

## COMING EVENTS

- Spring Break  
*February 26-March 7*
- Daylight Savings Time  
*Sunday, March 14*
- Symphony Orchestra Concert  
*Sunday, March 21*
- Faculty Summer Textbook Adoptions Due  
*Friday, March 26*

## SOUTHERN IN THE MEDIA

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

SAU hosts Southern 6 Trail race Feb. 21  
*East Hamilton Community News Weekly*, February 3

E. A. Anderson Lecture Series Addresses Business Issues  
*Chattanooga.com*, February 4

Caribbean Sound to Perform at Southern  
*Chattanooga Times Free Press*, February 5

Southern Adventist University hosts Benefit Concert for Haiti, "Hands Across the Sea."  
*East Hamilton Community News Weekly*, February 10

## CHANGING FACES

Southern welcomes the following employee:  
**Angelica Batista** to the Village Market

Fond farewells to the following employee:  
**John Arroyo** from Education and Psychology

## VOICE AND PEN

**John Wesley Taylor V** presented "Journey to Quality: Purpose, Plan, Practice, and Product" and "Indicators of Educational Quality" at the Continuous Improvement in Education Conference in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. He also presented the keynote address "Post-modernism and Education: Contemporary Ideological Challenges" at the Ibero-American Conference on Higher Education in Argentina.

**John Beckett** became a member of the technology advisory council at Hospice of Chattanooga.

**Barbara Beckett, Barb Brooks, Tami Wery, Sandy Tucker, Sharon Rogers, Joni Zier, Don Crumley, and Melody Lopez** attended the Southern Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers conference in Chattanooga, February 1-3.

**Lisa Clark Diller** presented a paper called "Immigrant Huguenots and the formation of British Identity" and then presided over a panel on international networks in early modern Europe at the American Society for Church History in San Diego, California, January 8-10.

**Debbie Higgins** wrote a book review at the request of author Peter Schakel for his *The Way Into Narnia: A Reader's Guide*, for Barnes and Noble Online Books. She also submitted a proposal for a chapter in the new *Modern Language Association's Approaches to Teaching Beowulf Volume 2*.

**Stephen Bauer** preached a series on transformation through righteousness by faith in Piedmont, Alabama.

**Carlos Parra** did a presentation entitled, "Back on Campus: Assessment of Study Abroad Programs."

## VOICE AND PEN, cont.

**Adrienne Royo** attended and chaired a section for The Louisville Conference on Literature and Culture from 1900 at the University of Louisville in Louisville, Kentucky. On February 20 she provided a workshop (English 101—Biblically Speaking) and sundown worship service for the Louisville Spanish Church.

**Pierre Nzokizwanimana, Adrienne Royo, Carlos Parra, Magdalena Jesiak, and Clayce Caviness** attended the 17<sup>th</sup> Georgia Conference on College and University Teaching held at Kennesaw State University in Georgia on Friday, February 12.

**Andy Nash** wrote his new book *Paper God* as a project for his doctoral program. This spiritual memoir deals with faith and failure. It covers the pursuit of a professional dream, and how the dream became much too important to him.

## PERSONAL NEWS

**Sue Kaufman** announces the birth of her grandchild, Theodore Ray Hill, born on January 28.

## HATS OFF!

Thanks to all who got a tie or gave a tie to our “Silk Ties for SMs” project over the holidays. You helped us raise more than \$100 for student missions. It has been great to see you enjoying your new tie wardrobe—especially Michael Hasel!

—Patrice Hieb

We want to express our appreciation to Elsie Davis, Rozella Moore, and Shirley Mulkern for answering our phones and working in our office.

—Joni Zier

I would like to thank Don Hart for always keeping us updated on weather and road closings, and all the other “behind the scenes” work he does in such a faithful manner. You are much appreciated!

—Debbie Higgins

## BIRTHDAYS

March 1	Viola Boyce, <i>Landscape Services</i>
March 2	Ileana Rivero, <i>Village Market</i> Dennis Schreiner, <i>Service Department</i>
March 3	Brian Wilson, <i>Village Market</i>
March 4	Richard Long, <i>Service Department</i>
March 6	Nathan Erickson, <i>Plant Services</i>
March 7	Tim Meliti, <i>Landscape Service</i> Kathy Pires, <i>Enrollment Services</i>
March 8	Timothy Mitchell, <i>Plant Services</i>
March 11	Randi Buhl, <i>Information Systems</i> Joy McKee <i>Advancement</i>
March 13	Josip Mocnik, <i>Library</i>
March 14	Bruce Schilling, <i>Chemistry</i> Dennis Smith, <i>Village Market</i>
March 15	Rene Drumm, <i>Social Work</i> Denise Myers, <i>Village Market</i>
March 16	Dave Allemand, <i>Energy Management</i>
March 17	Nancy Howard, <i>Village Market</i>
March 18	Lori Futcher, <i>Marketing and University Relations</i> Cathy Olson, <i>Education and Psychology</i> Richard Schwarz, <i>Health and Wellness</i> Sheila Smith, <i>Student Success Services</i>
March 19	Herdy Moniyung, <i>Information Systems</i>
March 20	Star Stevens, <i>Religion</i>
March 22	Andy Nash, <i>Journalism and Communication</i>
March 23	Trenton Schwarzer, <i>Campus Safety</i> Dorothy Turner, <i>Purchasing</i>
March 25	Merritt MacLafferty, <i>Information Systems</i>
March 26	Elisa Adeogun, <i>Online Campus</i> Melodie Lopez, <i>Graduate Studies</i>
March 29	Christine Moniyung, <i>Nursing</i>
March 30	Frank DiMemmo, <i>McKee Library</i> Patti Anderson, <i>Math</i> Marty Hirschhorn, <i>Plant Services</i> Jane Mote, <i>Information Services</i> Mark Turk, <i>Campus Safety</i>
March 31	Ingrid Skantz, <i>Marketing and University Relations</i>