

Southern Factor

May 2010

CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER

BIETZ BYLINE

The presidents of AACU Adventist Association of Colleges and Universities met over the weekend of March 12-14 in San Diego, California. It was a combination of relaxation and work on agenda items. I have been asked to serve as the executive director, which basically means I see that the grunt work is done.

There was a discussion about how various schools are handling remuneration at their schools. Some are following North American Division guidelines and others have gone off that wage scale.

A report was received from Rob Weaver (the only employee of AACU), who is leading out in the marketing campaign to reach more Adventist public high school students. Southern has benefited greatly from this project, and given the new recruitment software that we have purchased, we will be able to better manage our interest pool and do an even better job following up on the thousands of leads that the AACU marketing project delivers to us.

The group agreed to continue to work on producing a Sabbath School quarterly on the subject of education. It has taken us longer than might be expected to get 13 presidents to each produce a week of lessons.

Following the General Conference Session in Atlanta, there will be discussion about all of the North American Division colleges and universities having a single booth at the next GC Session in 2015.

—Gordon Bietz

SIFE TEAM WINS AT COMPETITION

The Southern Adventist University SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) team won its league at the Atlanta SIFE USA Regional Competition on April 6, 2010. Securing this championship means the team will participate in the National Competition in Minneapolis, Minnesota, May 11-13.

During this academic year, Southern's SIFE team organized 14 projects. These projects include an entrepreneurial endeavor where students are creating a business plan to build a bakery in Uruguay. Production of the bakery will begin in the late summer. In conjunction with this project, SIFE members are also working on a curriculum to educate local academy students about the health benefits of wheat bread, which the bakery will be offering.

Other projects students participated in included tax assistance, helping a local florist conserve energy, and offering free trips to Wal-Mart on Fridays for Southern students. In total, 52 SIFE students worked for 1,500 hours and impacted at least 4,122 people.

SON REPAYS DAD'S GENEROSITY

Eleven years ago, Jerry Sterner sold his dream car. It wasn't so he could get a car with better gas mileage or a newer model; he sold it so his son, John, could stay at Southern. He invested the money from his candy-apple red Mustang into his son's education and future. Recently, John decided it was time to repay the favor. On Jerry's 65th birthday celebration, John surprised his dad with a new 2010 black Mustang GT convertible. Read the story in its entirety on [Southern's website](#).



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FAITH AND LEARNING WORKSHOP

All members of the administration and teaching faculty are invited to attend a workshop, "Biblical Foundations of Faith and Learning" on May 3 brought to us by Edward Zinke, a former staff member of the Biblical Research Institute of the General Conference. Participants will consider the implications for academic disciplines of accepting the Biblical world view as foundational.

In addition, participants will be given the opportunity to develop a proposal for a scholarly paper on this topic. Later, those whose proposals are accepted (as many as 13) will present their papers at a week-long retreat. The location of the retreat is yet to be determined; however, the sponsor favors a location in the Caribbean. During this event, time is given for academic discussion and relaxation with family and other participants. All transportation, meals, lodging, etc. for the retreat are provided for the participant and an accompanying spouse.

The workshop on May 3 does not have a limit on attendance. More details on the day's schedule (length, location, etc.) will be provided within the week. Please call Tricia Foster at 2805 for more information.

STUDENTS BUILD BRIDGE IN LAURELBOOK

Three students in the Construction Management Program spent nearly 10 hours on April 4 helping to rebuild a walk bridge at Laurelbrook Academy in Dayton, Tennessee. They were able to complete one section and the staff and several alumni of Laurelbrook Academy worked the rest of the week on to have the bridge completed for their alumni reunion.

COMING EVENTS

- Commencement
Sunday, May 2
- First Summer Session Begins
Monday, May 3
- Academic Review Committee
Friday, May 7, 9 a.m.
- Flea Market
Sunday, May 16, from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Georgia-Cumberland Camp Meeting
May 26-29
- Memorial Day (Offices Closed)
Monday, May 31

SOUTHERN IN THE MEDIA

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

Southern Adventist's I Cantori Chamber Choir
East Hamilton Community News Weekly, April 4

Wind Symphony presents Spring 'freedom' concert
Chattanooga Times Free Press, April 9

SonRise Resurrection Pageant
California Chronicle, April 13

CHANGING FACES

Southern welcomes the following employee:
Jeff Blumenberg to the Village Market

Best wishes to the following employee in her new position:

Leslie Ann Schwarzer from Administration Assistant in Advancement to Conference Services Coordinator in Advancement.

VOICE AND PEN

Jillian Wills attended the Transcultural Nursing in Education and Practice Conference at University of Tennessee at Knoxville on March 23 and the NLNAC 2010 Self-Study Forum in Chicago on March 25-26.

Ray Carson had a book review published in the *Journal of Industrial Teacher Education*. The review was of a book called *Leadership and Self Deception* by the Arbinger Institute.

Greg A. King attended the Biblical Research Institute committee meeting in Loma Linda, California, April 12-13. The committee continues to review and critique draft chapters for a forthcoming book about the Sabbath.

Greg Rumsey, Tara Hargrove, and Linda Potter Crumley along with several students attended the Southern States Communication Association's undergraduate honors conference in Memphis, Tennessee, in early April.

VOICE AND PEN, CONT.

Carlos Parra attended the Annual Adventist Colleges Abroad Board Meeting at Loma Linda University, California, March 15-16. He also had a workshop titled “Back on Campus: Assessment of Study Abroad Programs” at the Tennessee Association of International Educators (TAIE) 2010 State Conference at Trevecca Nazarene University in Nashville, Tennessee, on March 25. He was also invited to participate on the Tennessee Bar Association Round Table discussion on Immigration Reform that took place in Nashville, Tennessee, on April 16.

Rob Raney and **Patrice Hieb** attended educational sessions at the AFP (Association of Fundraising Professionals) International Conference on Fundraising, April 11-14 in Baltimore, Maryland, as part of the qualifications for their recertification as CFRES (Certified Fundraising Executives).

Carlos Martin was invited to attend the Spring Council at the General Conference headquarters to make a presentation on what Southern is doing in the area of evangelism.

Sheila Smith attended the Association on Higher Education and Disabilities (TN-AHEAD) Conference at Fall Creek Falls, Tennessee, on April 15 and 16. Sheila Smith along with **Ray Carson** recommended student Brett Mehlenbacher to receive the “Outstanding Student Award” by TN-AHEAD.

Ryan Herman, **Jason Merryman**, and **Herdy Moniyung** attended the 2010 Datatel User’s Group in National Harbor, Maryland. This year, Southern Adventist University was honored as one of the 2010 Datatel Innovators for our collaborative and innovative spirit.

Stephen Bauer coordinated a student scholars symposium for religion majors at Oakwood University on March 24. He also presented a forgiveness seminar in Ceder Ridge, Tennessee, on April 3, and on April 15 and 16 he was the coordinator for the spring symposium at Southwester Adventist University. The theme was creation, evolution, and biblical authority.

Judy Dedeker, **Cindy Johnson**, and **Joelle Wolf** presented women’s health concerns titled “Protecting Your Legacy” at the annual Georgia-Cumberland Conference Women’s Retreat at Cohutta Springs Conference Center. Topics discussed were depression, osteoporosis, diabetes, and breast and heart health. More than 400 women from all over the conference were in attendance at the 20th year anniversary celebration. Focus this year was on “Lasting Legacy.”

Lynelle Ellis gave a presentation at Walla Walla University on February 18.

Carrie Harlin has completed all requirements for her Master of Professional Studies - Strategic Leadership degree from Tennessee Tech University. She plans to receive her diploma as a guest graduate during Southern’s commencement service.

HATS OFF!

Thanks you to Frank Dimemmo for going way above and beyond to help me get my videos for class. The student so much appreciate the visual and dynamic aspect to their learning that these films provide. You alone know the great lengths you go to in order to help us get them.

—Lisa Diller

Thank you to Bob Young for your open door and creative energy in helping us provide quality education for our students. You are clearly working to make it easy for us to feel listened to and to better work as a team at our shared mission.

—Lisa Diller

Thank you to Kari Shultz for all of her hard work in making an amazing school calendar for us, our students, and parents!

—Katie Partlo

BIRTHDAYS

May 1 Gordon Bietz, *President's Office*
Richard Erickson, *Business and Mangement*

May 2 Ray Hefferlin, *Physics*
Pam Ahlfeld, *Nursing*
Pat Coverdale, *Human Resources*
Gary Shockley, *Village Market*
Melissa Tortal, *Academic Administration*
Tami Wery, *Records and Advisement*

May 3 Ray Artigas, *Transportation Services*
Becky Djernes, *Financial Administration*
Jan Havemen, *Advancement*
Kelly Sanchez, *Marketing and Enroll. Services*

May 4 Tricia Foster, *Academic Administration*
Richard Halterman, *Computing*

May 5 Rebeca Clay-Flores, *Chaplain's Office*
Stanley Cottrell, *McKee Library*
Nathalie Mazo, *Enrollment Services*

May 6 Tara Hargrove, *Journalism and Comm.*
Dean Scott, *Visual Art and Design*

May 7 Keith Ingram, *Campus Safety*
Doru Mihaescu, *Information Service*

May 9 Shirley Rumsey, *Health Center*
Eric Baerg, *Advancement*
Kevin Penrod, *Campus Safety*

May 11 Jackie Rose, *Village Market*
Doug Walter, *Campus Safety*

May 12 Ever Perez, *Food Services*
Mikhaile Spence, *Education and Psychology*

May 13 Michael Mehlenbacher, *Plant Services*

May 15 Peter Cooper, *Music*
Kevin Pride, *Talge Hall*

May 16 Jeff Blumenberg, *Village Market*
Ginger Cheney, *Enrollment Services*
Steve Holley, *Plant Services*
Shelly Kalvoda, *Village Market*

May 17 Lisa Kuhlman, *Business and Management*
Carolyn Liers, *Advancement*

May 20 Pam Dietrich, *Student Services*
Glenn Boyko, *Plant Services*

May 21 Lorraine Ball, *Journalism and Comm.*
Jackie Price-Walters, *Food Services*

May 22 Ron Miller, *McKee Library*
Heather Slocum, *Campus Safety*

May 23 Sharon Ekkens, *Research and Planning*

May 25 Tim Lale, *English*
Mary Sundin, *Accounting Services*

May 27 Lisa Woodcock, *Thatcher Hall*

May 28 John Holley, *Village Market*

May 29 Kenneth Willes, *Visual Art and Design*

May 31 Holly Gadd, *Nursing*



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