

Southern Factor

June 2010

CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER

BIETZ BYLINE

In May I went on an Israel Tour. There were 47 of us and we are kept quite busy in Jerusalem, Galilee, and other places. Greg King did a fine job keeping us informed as we traveled to the various sites that Jesus visited. We sailed on the Sea of Galilee but caught no fish.

We spend the Sabbath going to the Garden Tomb. Most archeologists and Bible scholars don't believe that this is the actual place of Jesus' tomb and crucifixion but the general appearance of the place looks much more like the way it would have looked at the time of Jesus than what one finds in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. We had communion together and a season of prayer as we worshiped and reflected on the sacrifice of Jesus. In the afternoon we traveled to the various locations of significance on the Mount of Olives. The traditional place of the ascension, where Jesus wept, the garden of Gethsemane and then we concluded in a quiet place on the Mount of Olives away from all of the tourists where we had evening worship.

In other news, the office manager and administrative-assistant retreat took place with 44 office leaders from campus spending a couple of days at the Whitestone Country Inn for rest and relaxation. The Inn is located on the Watts Bar Lake and provides many beautiful vistas. Sunday night following a number of ice-breaker games I spoke about the importance of creating the kind of Christian community at Southern that uplifts the value of love for one another.

—Gordon Bietz



Power for Mind & Soul

WORKSHOP ON FAITH IN LEARNING

On May 3, Ed Zinke, prominent business owner and a member of the Adventist Church's Faith and Science Council, held a faculty workshop that focused on this topic and gave professors a chance to learn more about how they can best integrate the two.

The workshop was titled "Biblical Foundations of Faith and Learning." Twenty-nine faculty members attended to hear Zinke explain how the Bible forms the foundation for how we can approach thinking about any academic discipline. He discussed how professors can build their classes around the Bible and make theology a frame for learning.

Zinke challenged professors to ask, "How is the Bible the foundation of my academic discipline?" He invited the professors to write a proposal for an academic paper that would address that question. Thirteen of the proposals will be selected and be turned into full papers that will be presented at a conference.

LONG TERM CARE NOW ACCREDITED

The Long Term Care Administration program in the School of Business and Management is accredited by the National Association of Long Term Care Administrator Boards (NAB). On March 29-31 the NAB accreditation visitation team was on campus to evaluate the program. The team members met with SBM faculty, current LTCA students, reviewed program documents, and attended the annual Long Term Care Banquet. The School of Business and Management received the written report in April which recommends that the Long Term Care Program receive re-accreditation. It is anticipated that at the NAB national meeting in June, the recommendation for the quinquennial re-accreditation will be approved and granted.

UNIVERSITY CREDIT CARD REBATE

This week the Cabinet was presented with a check for \$59,831.42 from TICUA (Tennessee Independent Colleges and Universities Association). This check is the annual rebate received from TICUA based on our collective use of the university credit cards from JP Morgan Chase. Each of the four years Southern has participated in this program, the rebate has been invested in the students by allocating the money received to the Worthy Student Fund. The collective use of the credit card system helped save the writing of 10,000 checks.

A few facts about the rebate:

- The nearly \$60,000 rebate represents a 54 percent increase over the rebate from 2008. The larger rebate relates both to a larger usage volume, both at Southern and within the consortium, and a larger rebate percentage.

- Southern has 248 active card holders
- 22,086 transactions were processed during 2009.
- There are 59 colleges and universities in 15 states participating in this consortium program.

- In addition to the financial benefit and the convenience to the card holders, participating in this program has reduced the number of check vouchers processed by our Accounting Department by 40 percent, or nearly 10,000 vouchers.

“FOLLOW THE BIBLE” WILL VISIT CAMPUS

A preacher on horseback and carrying the Bible will make a stop on the steps of Wright Hall at 7 p.m. on June 7. There will be a short program including the reading of selected Bible passages in a different world languages. This Bible has been making its rounds around the world since 2008 and will make its final appearance at the General Conference Session.

STUDENTS RECEIVE VALUABLE RESOURCE

All chemistry students graduating with a B.S. this past May received The Merck Index on April 15. This book has information on more than 18,000 compounds that are used in research. The reference books were donated by the Chattanooga chapter of the American Chemistry Society, which provided all chemistry graduates from local universities the important reference book.

COMING EVENTS

- Second Summer Session Begins
Tuesday, June 1
- PreviewSouthern
June 10-11
- Khirbet Qeiyafa Archaeology Excavation in Israel
June 16-July 27
- Campus Visits for GC Session Guests
June 24-July 2

SOUTHERN IN THE MEDIA

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

Community Inspired by “Be In Health” Health Expo
WDEF News 12, April 30

Southern University holds graduation this morning
Cleveland Daily Banner, May 2

SAU Fountain a welcome addition
East Hamilton Community News Weekly, May 12

Lynn H. Wood Archaeological Museum; McKee Library
Chattanooga Times Free Press, May 14

CHANGING FACES

Southern welcomes the following employee:
Emily Kurlinski to WSMC

Best wishes to the following employee in her new position:

Tricia Foster to MSW Research Coordinator in the School of Social Work

Fond farewells to the following employees:

Elisa Adeogun from Online Campus
Paul Adeogun from Enrollment Services
Jessica Morris from WSMC
Risper Awuor from Education and Psychology
Brian Dunne from Visual Art and Design
Laure Chamberlain from Journalism and Comm.
Alberto dos Santos from Education and Psychology
Joan dos Santos from English
David Ekkens from Biology
Arthur Richert from Mathematics

VOICE AND PEN

Katie McGrath, **Marge Seifert**, and **Stan Cottrell** attended the Computers in Libraries 2010 conference in Arlington, Virginia on April 12-14.

John Wesley Taylor presented the seminars “Shifts in education,” “Visual Learning,” and “Jesus Christ, Master Teacher” at the Romanian Union Teachers’ Convention in Brasov, Romania.

Ray Carson had his article, “Practical Skills for 21st Century Students” published in the April-May issue of *Journal of Adventist Education*.

Melodie Lopez and **Laurie Gauthier** attended the NAGAP (National Association for Graduate Admissions Professionals) Conference in San Francisco, California in April.

Adrienne Royo attended the George Washington University Summer Institute workshop: “Unpacking the Standards with Backward Design: Making the Essentials Come Alive” in Washington, DC, on May 24-25.

PERSONAL NEWS

Lisa Kuhlman graduated with her MBA with an emphasis in Marketing.

Debbie Higgins has taken a two-year leave to accept the position of managing The Kilns, former home of C.S. Lewis, and now a center for scholars studying his life and works.

Laraine Murray welcomed her grandchild Charlotte Ruby Torsney born on May 12.

Jane Mote welcomed her seventh grandchild Thomas Ezekiel Hancock born on April 6.

HATS OFF!

Thank you to Mark Antone and Troy DeWind along with the landscape services for a great job on the roundabout!

—Owen Maupin

BIRTHDAYS

June 1	Beasley Frazier, <i>Plant Services</i>
June 2	Shawn Engle, <i>Information Systems</i> Kimberly Muaya, <i>Accounting Services</i> Danita Payne, <i>Campus Shop</i>
June 8	Isaac James, <i>Marketing and University Relations</i> Carleton Swafford, <i>Graduate Studies</i>
June 10	Bryce Enevoldson, <i>Information Systems</i> Kari Shultz, <i>Student Services</i>
June 11	Linda Brooks, <i>Visual Art and Design</i>
June 12	Jillian Wills, <i>Nursing</i>
June 13	Mitch Menzmer, <i>Chemistry</i>
June 14	Kassy Krause, <i>Thatcher Hall</i>
June 15	Cynthia Bietz, <i>Financial Administration</i> Carrie Harlin, <i>Business and Management</i>
June 16	Greg Rumsey, <i>Journalism and Communication</i>
June 17	Bruce Myers, <i>Plant Services</i>
June 18	Debbie Higgins, <i>English</i>
June 19	Kelly Crawford, <i>Health Center</i> Edwin Reynolds, <i>Religion</i>
June 21	Brian Laneville, <i>Food Services</i>
June 22	Rob Raney, <i>Advancement</i>
June 23	Valerie Mirande, <i>Village Market</i> Stanley Stevenson, <i>Social Work</i>
June 24	Kevin Crawford, <i>Biology</i> Al Miyagi, <i>Village Market</i>
June 25	Lynelle Ellis, <i>Journalism and Communication</i> Tom Verrill, <i>Financial Administration</i>
June 26	John Wesley Taylor, <i>Education and Psychology</i>
June 27	David Houtchens, <i>Campus Safety</i> Darin Bissell, <i>P.E., Health, and Wellness</i> Linda Case, <i>Food Services</i> Ed Guthero, <i>Visual Art and Design</i>
June 28	Mary King, <i>Health Center</i>

Marketing and University Relations

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