

Southern Factor

August 2010

CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER

BIETZ BYLINE

Highlights from the GC session: On Tuesday, business continued with the process of plodding through Church Manual changes. When a few thousand people have the opportunity to make adjustments to a document, it provides some challenges for the chair. One person expressed concern about certain sections of the document (such as dress) that were no longer culturally relevant and basically not practiced much anymore. She indicated that continuing to hold to policies that were not practiced sent the wrong message to the young people. Those sections of the document were not open to change at this GC session.

I spent some time in the booth. We got a lot of people visiting the booth and we also a large number that took the bus to visit the campus.

On Wednesday, there was a good crowd that gathered as the issue of creation and evolution was to be discussed. They even dismissed the nominating committee so all could participate. The new GC president appealed to the assembly to vote a reaffirmation of a document on creation that was voted by the 2004 Annual Council.

On Friday, the Adventist Association of College and University Presidents hosted presidents from all over the world for lunch. It is an amazing testimony to the importance of education to our church to see so many presidents from institutions from around the world gather at GC.

—Gordon Bietz



Power for Mind & Soul

SOUTHERN AT THE GC SESSION

Southern's exhibit was the first one that visitors saw as they entered the expo located in the Georgia World Congress Center. A few of Southern's theologians and scientists made presentations during the session and students had the opportunity to host information kiosks.

The exhibit showcased a few items from the Lynn H. Wood Archaeological Museum and a few from the Origins Exhibit in the Hickman Science Center. Visitors to the exhibit could take with them an inspirational book written by Southern students, brochures addressing some of the complex questions about origins, and information sheets for every school and department on campus. Visitors could also partake in an interactive display wall, which depicted how reaching to Jesus provides the light to break any thorns that surround us.

Visitors interested in taking a look at the campus signed up for a free bus trip to Collegedale and a tour around the Southern's campus.

Also, during the General Conference Session, theologians and scientists presented on various creation-related themes. Among these were Lee Spencer and Greg King.

Spencer gave two presentations relating to his study of dinosaurs. King's lecture, "Is Biblical Creation Passé?," focused on 10 reasons why King believes that creation really does matter, even today.

In addition, about 20 Southern students participated in rotating shifts throughout the day at the information kiosks. Students assisted the guests and answered questions about different aspects of the session—such as the local area, the convention center, and locations of meetings and exhibits.

[View photos and booth set up videos.](#)

ALUMNI CHAPTER MEETINGS

Alumni Relations has hosted 15 alumni chapter meetings around the country this spring and summer with more than 700 attendees so far. One more meeting is scheduled for August during the ASI Convention. Alumni Relations hosted large groups of alumni in Avon Park, Carolina and Michigan camp meetings, Loma Linda, and Atlanta during the General Conference Session.

DAVE CRESS MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

This year's Dave Cress Memorial Golf Tournament is scheduled for September 10. The tournament format is a two-person scramble. To register, visit the tournament website at southern.golfreg.com or call extension 2781 or 2830.

COMING EVENTS

- Employee Picnic, Lake Winnepesaukah
Sunday, August 15
- Employee In-Service Training
August 17, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., 1-3 p.m.
- Employee Wellness Assessment
August 18, 6-10 a.m.
- President's Message and Campus Master Planning
August 19
- New Employee Picnic Supper
August 20
- Faculty In-Service
August 24, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.
- We-Haul
August 25
- Classes Begin/Student Dedication
August 26

SOUTHERN IN THE MEDIA

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

Snack cake ladies sweeten lives
Sequoyah County Times, June 23

SAU grads going around the world in 365 days
East Hamilton Community News Weekly, July 14

Southern Starts Social Work Program
Chattanooga Times Free Press, July 18

CHANGING FACES

Southern welcomes the following employees:

Melissa Swanson to Records and Advisement

John Youngberg to Technology

Kathy Goddard to English

Best wishes to the following employees in their new positions:

Dave Allemand from technician in Energy Management to director of Energy Management

Jay McCubbins from Plant Services to Energy Management

Fond farewells to the following employees:

Shirley Holstein from Village Market

Tim Lale from English

VOICE AND PEN

The entire McKee Library team attended all or portions of the ASDAL (Association of Seventh-day Adventist Librarians) conference in Huntsville, Alabama, June 16-21. At the conference, **Katie McGrath** presented "Using the Library to Lighten your Load"; **Marge Seifert** presented "Delivering 'Knock-Your-Socks-Off' Service"; and **Joe Mocnik** presented "Reframing Librarianship".

John Wesley Taylor V presented the seminars "Shifts in Education", "Visual Learning", and "Jesus Christ, Master Teacher" at the Romanian Union Teachers' Convention held in Brasov, Romania.

Carlos Parra attended the 35th Annual National Wellness Conference, July 17-22 at the University of Wisconsin—Stevens Point on behalf of the Employee Wellness Committee.

Adrienne Royo preached in Vilcabamba, Ecuador on July 17 and 24.

Patrice Hieb represented Southern on a panel of annual giving professionals for the South East Tennessee Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) in Chattanooga.

VOICE AND PEN, CONT.

Samson Chama presented “Program Approach for Supporting Child-Headed Households in Zambia” at the 22nd annual National Conference on Social Work and HIV/AIDS in Denver, Colorado, in May. He also presented “Critical Elements in Designing Program Approaches for Child headed Households” at the 2010 Joint World Conference on Social Work and Social Development in Hong Kong, June 10-15.

Cathy Olson and **Myrna Colon** attended the One Clip at a Time seminar in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Doug Tilstra taught a two week intensive graduate course, “Effective Church Leadership” at Sahmyook University in Seoul, Korea.

PERSONAL NEWS

Randi Buhl’s daughter Tiffany Raitz was married to Josh Wolfe on July 3.

HATS OFF!

Thank you to Kevin Penrod and his Campus Safety team for assisting in finding the missing person in our community. The countless hours you all put in during this time is much appreciated.

—Tom Verrill

Thank you everyone for your prayers and encouragement while Boyd was in the hospital in Texas and while he recuperates at home.

—Randi Buhl

Thank you Barry Becker and your team of bus drivers for your patient and safe travel assistance to our GC guests on our many road trips between Collegedale and Atlanta.

—Patrice Hieb

Thank you Plant Services for the new retaining wall by the McKee Library loading dock. The McKee Library would like to affirm the Southern community for your active use of knowledge resources. All of the library usage statistics for this year have increased.

—Katie McGrath

BIRTHDAYS

August 3	Nick Evenson, <i>Audio Visual</i> Kristen Taylor, <i>Thatcher Hall</i> Donna Watson, <i>Food Services</i>
August 5	Mark Peach, <i>History</i> Marty Miller, <i>Education and Psychology</i>
August 6	Dennis Pettibone, <i>History</i> Krystal Bishop, <i>Education and Psychology</i> Evonne Crook, <i>Advancement</i> Jay McCubbins, <i>Plant Services</i>
August 7	Jon Peckham, <i>Technology</i> Marge Seifert, <i>Library</i>
August 8	Daniel Brown, <i>Plant Services</i> Dee Henry, <i>Village Market</i>
August 10	Ileana Freeman-Gutierrez, <i>Education and Psychology</i> Renita Klischies, <i>Student Success Center</i> Geovanny Ragsdale, <i>Advancement</i> Christy Showalkter, <i>Nursing</i> Don Van Ornam, <i>Business and Management</i>
August 11	Donald Lighthall, <i>Service</i>
August 14	Brent Hamstra, <i>Chemistry</i>
August 17	Freddy Fuentes, <i>Education and Psychology</i> Pamela Gammenthaler, <i>Nursing</i>
August 18	Mike Boyd, <i>P.E., Health, and Wellness</i> Ruben Covarrubias, <i>Enrollment</i> Jamie Thompson, <i>English</i> Tom Watson, <i>Village Market</i>
August 19	Robert Benge, <i>P.E., Health, and Wellness</i> Rhonda Scott, <i>Chemistry</i>
August 20	Ryan Herman, <i>Enrollment</i>
August 22	Regina Bailey, <i>Student Success Center</i>
August 24	Pegi Flynt, <i>Online Campus</i>
August 25	Sherri Schoonard, <i>Food Services</i>
August 26	Andy Compton, <i>Accounting</i> Jaclynn Huse, <i>Nursing</i>
August 27	Andy Langshaw, <i>Landscape Services</i> Emiko Miyagi, <i>Technology</i> Jesse Rademacher, <i>Visual Art and Design</i>
August 29	Giselle Hasel, <i>Visual Art and Design</i> Sylvia Mayer, <i>Nursing</i> Jon Sager, <i>Talge Hall</i>
August 30	Perry Pratt, <i>Village Market</i>