

Southern Factor

November 2010

CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER

BIETZ BYLINE

I attended the General Conference Annual Council for a few days at the beginning of October. This meeting, which follows the General Conference Session, is particularly important because there are a number of jobs that were not filled at the GC session that are filled by this committee. There is also a new GC president and therefore a new approach to the business of the church.

The General Conference educational priorities for the quinquennium were passed, and they are as follows:

1. Reinforce Adventist identity and mission.
2. Strengthen leadership and administration, and demonstrate accountability and effective governance through robust institutional decision-making processes and structures, supported by journal articles, handbooks, and board training workshops.
3. Expand the capacity of all teachers to achieve the redemptive purposes of Adventist education and to increase the percentage of Seventh-day Adventist teachers who work in the system. (While all of Southern's full time professors are Seventh-day Adventists, this is not the case at all Adventist schools worldwide.)
4. Nurture Seventh-day Adventist students in non-Adventist higher education.

—Gordon Bietz



Power for Mind & Soul

STUDENT COMPETES ON JEOPARDY!

By the age of 7, Hans von Walter, a junior biochemistry major, decided he wanted to be a contestant on *Jeopardy!*, the number one rated quiz show in syndication. On September 23 during Hans' biochemistry lab, he was informed that his dream would now become a reality.

"When my phone lit up during lab, I knew the number was from California," says Hans. "I was 99 percent sure I had been selected as a *Jeopardy!* contestant. I was in complete and utter shock."

Hans is the first student to represent the university on the popular game show. He is also the first student to represent an Adventist institution.

"The fact that I'm representing Southern puts a lot of pressure on me," says Hans, "but it also gives me a sense of pride in knowing that I am well prepared."

In preparation for the competition, Hans watched *Jeopardy!* every evening while running in the Hulsey Wellness Center. He also took online *Jeopardy!* quizzes and replied to random trivia text messages sent by friends.

While he successfully participated in other trivia game challenges throughout his middle school and high school years, Hans' involvement in Southern's annual college bowl competition also played an important role in his journey to the *Jeopardy!* stage. Hans' team won the college bowl competition his freshman year and came in second place his sophomore year.

"I really appreciate that Southern provides the college bowl competitions," says Hans. "The competitions have been the major factor in keeping my interest in trivia alive."

The *Jeopardy!* episode featuring Hans will air on Tuesday, November 9, during the show's College Championship weeks.

EMPLOYEE GIVES PEDICURES TO BIKERS

Becky Djernes, interior design coordinator, strives to serve bikers through the Christian Motorcycle Association (CMA).

When CMA was looking for volunteers who felt called by God to help at the Roadrash Biker Bash, Djernes felt God calling her to volunteer and give pedicures to the bikers.

At the biker bash, CMA was there to provide showers, coffee, and other things that bikers would like to have. The CMA's purpose is to serve others like Christ did, hoping that by serving bikers physically, the bikers would be open spiritually.

"It hit me that the bikers' feet were exactly the type of feet Jesus was washing as he knelt before his disciples," says Djernes. "Christ washed their feet not just to clean their feet but to refresh them."

On Friday evening after setting up the event, only one person came to get a pedicure, but the next morning, a line formed and she gave pedicures to bikers for the next 13 hours straight.

"I asked God to give me his hands and he gave me his strength in my hands," says Djernes. "I asked God to give me his eyes, so that I would see people with his eyes. I felt the Holy Spirit working like I have never felt him working."

COMING EVENTS

- Traditional Clothing Day (Student Missions Week)
Friday, November 5
- Benefit Race for Palawan Mission Plane
Friday, November 5, 3 p.m., Duck Pond
- Missions Expo
Sabbath, November 6, 3-6 p.m., Student Center
- Undergraduate Council
Monday, November 1, 3:30 p.m., Conference Room A
- University Senate
Monday, November 8, 3:30 p.m., White Oak Room
- Graduate Council
Thursday, November 11, 3:30 p.m., Conference Room A
- Symphony Orchestra Concert
Sunday, November 14, 7:30 p.m., Collegedale Church
- Undergraduate Council
Monday, November 15, 3:30 p.m., Conference Room A
- Cowboy Jubilee
Sunday, November 21, 5:30 p.m., Ackerman Audit.
- University Assembly
Monday, November 22, 4 p.m., Lynn Wood Hall
- Faculty and Staff Thanksgiving Service
Monday, November 22, 5 p.m., Lynn Wood Hall

SOUTHERN IN THE MEDIA

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

"Former insider's view: Castro's daughter tells Southern students about Cuba"

Chattanooga Times Free Press, October 8

"Chattanooga Latino Health Fair Takes Place Sunday"

Chattanooga.com, October 8

CHANGING FACES

Southern welcomes the following employees:

Christian Patino to Student Finance

Kasey Thomason to Food Services

Erin Cook to Thatcher Hall and Talge Hall

Fond farewells to the following employees:

Andrea Renee Wills from Food Services

Linda Davis from Food Services

HATS OFF!

I manage the Deli at the Village Market and we have had incredible increases due to having the Deli available on the student meal plan. We could not have done it without an awesome staff. Our full-time employees and student workers have raised the bar and pushed our sales to record highs. My staff includes Al Miyagi, Alesia Overstreet, Angelica Baptista, Denise Myers, Julie Thompson, Lela Duvall, Mark Larson, and Wendy Boyd, along with 25 students.

I am extremely proud of our group and for their hard work and dedication.

-Jeff Blumenberg

PERSONAL NEWS

Gary Horinouchi's son, Jason (a Southern graduate), got married in California on October 24. Jason's new wife, Serena Eddlemon, graduated from Southern. Jason is practicing family medicine in Honolulu, Hawaii.

VOICE AND PEN

In September, **René Drumm** presented "Sidestepping Systems of Care: Abuse in Faith-Based Residential Treatment" at the 5th International Conference on Social Science Research in New Orleans.

VOICE AND PEN, CONT.

Greg A. King attended the Biblical Research Institute Committee meeting at Andrews University, October 18-19.

Ed Guthero was a guest panelist for design at the Society of Adventist Communicators Convention in Rochester, New York, October 14-16.

Michael G. Hasel directed a thematic survey at Khirbet Shuweikah-Tel Socoh, Israel, October 19-24, after Southern Adventist University's Institute of Archaeology received a license from the Israel Antiquities Authority. Students from the Hebrew University were also involved in the project.

In October, **Isaac James** attended the HighEdWeb 2010 conference in Cincinnati, which covered web design and marketing in higher education.

René Drumm, Laurie Cooper, and Tricia Foster presented a post-conference workshop session entitled, "What Women Want: Preferences for Faith-Based Domestic Violence Action," at the 15th International Conference on Violence, Abuse, and Trauma in San Diego in September.

Cornel Rusu, Kristie Wilder, and more than 20 students participated in the Social Justice Retreat sponsored by the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga at the Orchard Park Seventh-day Adventist Church in Chattanooga, October 8.

Samson Chama took the Social Welfare, Issues and Policies class to Washington, D.C., for an experiential service-learning trip. One of the trip's highlights was meeting with state legislators to discuss issues impacting clients within the students' field placements.

Ken Caviness was the speaker for the "EigenSeminar" and "EigenVespers" for math and physics students, faculty, and friends at Andrews University on September 24. The afternoon seminar was "Applying Math and 'PhysicsThink' to Puzzles." The topic for the evening was "God is Light: Equation or Metaphor?"

Geovanny Ragsdale attended a conference on social innovation hosted by the Association of Fundraising Professionals at Sandford University, October 5-6.

Ryan Pierce attended the University and College Designers Association (UCDA) design conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota on October 3-5.

BIRTHDAYS

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| November 1 | Henry Kuhlman, <i>Physics</i>
Laurie Redmer Minner, <i>Music</i> |
| November 4 | Rita Wohlers, <i>Campus Shop</i> |
| November 5 | Liane de Souza, <i>Student Success Center</i>
David George, <i>Visual Art and Design</i> |
| November 6 | Astrid Conibear, <i>Education and Psych.</i>
Sara Mirucki, <i>McKee Library</i> |
| November 7 | Scott Kornblum, <i>WSMC</i> |
| November 8 | Yolanda Abril-Oscai, <i>Food Services</i> |
| November 9 | Adam Brown, <i>Enrollment Services</i> |
| November 10 | Carolyn Smith, <i>Food Services</i>
Alan Parker, <i>Religion</i>
Carl Patterson, <i>Talge</i> |
| November 11 | Colleen Mitchell, <i>Education and Psych.</i>
Jim Parks, <i>Plant Services</i>
Autumn Wurstle, <i>English</i> |
| November 12 | Rebecca Garvin, <i>Village Market</i>
Ruth MacLafferty, <i>Village Market</i> |
| November 13 | Marty Hamilton, <i>Financial Admin.</i>
Joan Seitz, <i>Plant Services</i> |
| November 14 | Desi Batson, <i>Nursing</i> |
| November 15 | Doug Jacobs, <i>Religion</i>
Charlotte Athey, <i>Financial Admin.</i> |
| November 16 | Tim Cwodzinski, <i>Visual Art and Design</i>
Adrienne Royo, <i>Modern Languages</i> |
| November 18 | Jim Wampler, <i>Student Success Center</i> |
| November 20 | Barbara James, <i>Nursing</i>
Bryan Stitzer, <i>Campus Safety</i> |
| November 21 | Sharon Pittman, <i>Social Work</i>
Russ Orrison, <i>Purchasing</i>
Len Raney, <i>Plant Services</i>
Bob Young, <i>Academic Administration</i> |
| November 23 | Bert Ringer, <i>Enrollment Services</i> |
| November 25 | Don Hart, <i>Campus Safety</i>
Philip Samaan, <i>Religion</i> |
| November 27 | Kimberly Miller, <i>Business and Mgmt.</i> |
| November 28 | Joyce Azevedo, <i>Biology</i>
Frances Johnson, <i>Nursing</i>
Robert Montague, <i>Business and Mgmt.</i> |
| November 30 | Cheryl Des Jarlais, <i>Education and Psych.</i> |