

Southern Factor

December 2010

CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER

BIETZ BYLINE

Harvard University was founded in 1636 as a school to train Christian ministers.

Princeton, Brown, Rutgers, and Dartmouth began as consequences of the Great Awakening, the series of religious revivals that swept the English colonies in America in the 18th century.

Today, these schools are known as secular powerhouses, a far cry from the vision of their founders. They did not set out to abandon their identity, they just went down the slippery slope slowly conforming to societal expectations, and the result was eventual separation from their founding organizations.

Their identity changed as society changed. They are fine educational institutions but bear no resemblance to their founding mission.

Southern must avoid a similar scenario. Academia is slowly being infiltrated with ideas of evolution and questions about the divinity of Christ. Many Adventists have lost sight of the very mission that sets us apart—preaching the return of Christ. This is why Southern has emphasized creation research and the study of Ellen White with two new entities this year, the DNA lab in the Biology Department and the Institute for the Study of Ellen G. White and Adventist Heritage. These are only two of the many examples of how Southern employees defend the beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church every day. Thank you, and keep up the good work.

—Gordon Bietz



Power for Mind & Soul

SOUTHERN TO DROP MONTHLY INSURANCE PREMIUMS FOR FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES

Beginning December 1, 2010, full-time employees will no longer have bi-weekly health insurance premiums deducted from their paychecks. The bi-weekly charge was \$24.09 for the employee in addition to charges for spouses, children, and other dependents. Now the \$24.09 will no longer be taken out, saving full-time employees \$626 per year.

“We recognize the financial challenges many of our employees are facing during this time of economic difficulty, especially since we have gone two years without a pay increase,” says Tom Verrill. “This adjustment to the healthcare contribution is our way of providing some economic relief to our employees and acknowledge their hard work while staying in line with the church’s wage scale.”

Spouses of full-time employees who are full-time employees themselves will both receive the deduction regardless of whether they registered independently or dependently.

NEW EDUCATION PROGRAM BEGINS

In response to a growing need for educators who know how to work with young children, Southern Adventist University will begin offering an associate’s degree in early childhood education in the fall of 2011. This degree will be offered through the School of Education and Psychology.

“There is a critical need for early childhood educators in the church and outside,” says Krystal Bishop.

Students in the program will be immersed in hands-on experiences in local early childhood programs every semester. A few of the classes included in this degree include Early Childhood Spiritual and Social Development, Creative Arts, Language Arts and Literacy, and Partners in Nurturing Young Children.

COMING EVENTS

•Deans/Chairs Advisory

Thursday, December 2, Conference Room A, 3:30 p.m.

•Kirsten Wolcott Memorial 5K Run

Friday, December 3, Duck Pond, 3 p.m.

•Wind Symphony Christmas Concert

Sabbath, December 4, Iles P.E. Center, 8 p.m.

•Employee Christmas Brunch

Sunday, December 5, Dining Hall, 9:30 a.m.

•Undergraduate Council

Monday, December 6, Conference Room A, 3:30 a.m.

•Christmas Stories with Gordon Bietz

Thursday, December 9, Thatcher Hall, 7:30 p.m.

•School of Music Christmas Concert

Sabbath, December 11, Collegedale Church, 4 p.m.

•Winter Commencement

Wednesday, December 15, Iles P.E. Center, 7 p.m.

•Christmas Eve Service

Friday, December 24, Collegedale Church, 6 p.m.

SOUTHERN IN THE MEDIA

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

“Renovation in the bag at Village Market”

Chattanooga Times Free Press, October 27

“What It Takes: For former government official, impact on workplace issues was more important than earning potential”

The Washington Post, November 1

“Faith-Heritage town approves liquor sales”

WRCBtv.com, November 3

“WSMC Classical 90.5 Switching to Music-Only Programming”

Chattanooga.com, November 17

Hans von Walter interview

WRCB's 3 Plus You, November 11

CHANGING FACES

Southern welcomes the following employees:

Greg Cook to Food Services

Russell Hallman to Technology

HATS OFF!

I would like to express my appreciation to the people from Information Systems for the dedication and timely responses to my numerous crises in my architectural drafting lab. I especially appreciate the patience of Eli Courey for keeping my lab running.

~Ray Carson

Congratulations to Evonne Crook and to all employees for your hard work to make this Alumni Homecoming Weekend the best ever! The positive comments I heard from alumni regarding the beauty of our campus, the spirit of hospitality, and the well-planned events warmed my heart. Thank you!

~Christopher Carey

After 3 1/2 years at Southern, my wife and I will be moving to Weimar College in January, where I will be the chair of the religion department. We want to express our gratitude to the wonderful people here at Southern and especially in the School of Religion whose friendship and support have meant so much.

~Alan Parker

I feel honored to belong to the outstanding faculty of the School of Religion. Devoted and humble, they are a joy to work with. Greg King sets the tone. What a Christian gentleman!

~John Nixon

Development wants to thank all of the faculty and staff that made this year's Stakeholder's Brunch successful.

~Geovanny Ragsdale

PERSONAL NEWS

Jennifer Nestell married Ellis Wynne in Santa Barbara, California, on November 13.

Joshua Michalski married Brianne Johnson on November 26.

Bev Rawson's daughter, Heather (a Southern graduate) married Rob Strahl in an outdoor wedding at Tennessee Riverplace Sunday, October 24. Heather works as a physician assistant and Rob is a marketing professional.

VOICE AND PEN

Carlos Parra, with students Shawna Avila and Sara Bernal presented “Displacement and Invalidation: Shaping an ‘Illegal’ Identity for Latinos at ‘Home’ in the U.S.” at the Strangers in New Homelands 2010 Conference at the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg-Canada, November 12.

Josh Fraker, Kevin Penrod, and David Houtchens presented on personal safety and home safety at the Chattanooga Area Mothers of Multiples monthly meeting. This was the second presentation to the group this year.

Michael Cafferky presented a peer-reviewed paper, “Biblical Kingship: Lessons for Contemporary Top-Echelon Leaders,” at the Christian Business Faculty Association (CBFA) annual conference on October 22. He also participated as a presenter on a panel discussion on spirituality in the workplace. The CBFA leaders awarded him “Best Reviewer” for his participation as a peer reviewer of papers that were submitted to the conference.

Michael Hasel presented a professional paper “Area D: Excavations South of the Western Gate” on Southern Adventist University’s Khirbet Qeiyafa excavations at the annual meetings of the American Schools of Oriental Research in Atlanta, November 19.

René Drumm and Cornel Rusu presented “Effective Hybrid Social Work Curriculum Development: Distance Education Meets In-Class Skill Building” at the Annual Council on Social Work Education Conference in Portland, Oregon, October 17.

David Houtchens observed the Chattanooga Police SWAT training at University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. He also participated in an emergency planning session for UTC’s Lupton Library.

Greg King presented the morning devotional messages at the annual meeting of the Southern Union Administrative and Departmental Council in Daytona Beach, Florida, November 14-18. His topic was “Creation: What the Bible Teaches and Why It Matters.”

John Nixon presented a lesson on stewardship to Southern’s Faith and Finance study group, preached the “Power Pac” weekend revival series at Andrews University, and had an article published in the July-August issue of *Ministry, International Journal for Pastors*. He also wrote a chapter in *Celebration of Love*, released in October by the General Conference Family Ministries Department.

Lisa Diller presented “Catholic Pamphleteers and the Creation of Public Space for Debate, 1685-1700” at the Southern Conference on British Studies in Charlotte, North Carolina, November 5.

Samson Chama was appointed to serve as peer reviewer of *AIDSCare*, a journal that is part of the Taylor & Francis Group in England.

Adrienne Royo attended the Annual American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages Convention in Boston, November 18-21, 2010, and conducted research in the Cambridge University library.

Ruth WilliamsMorris presented a poster at the 40th annual meeting of the Society for Neuroscience November 14-17, 2010 in San Diego. The study, “Effects of College Students’ Sleep Habits on Self-reported Sleep Quality and Short-term Memory,” was co-authored with **Harold Mayer** and graduate alums Kahlilia Morris and Cassie Jewell. In addition, this Southern study was selected from among hundreds of other sleep studies for oral presentation at the “Neuroscience of Sleep and Circadian Biology Data Blitz” on November 15.

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BIRTHDAYS

- December 3 Verlyne Starr, *Business and Management*
- December 4 Donovan Davis, *Visual Art and Design*
- December 6 Judy DeLay, *Information Systems*
- December 7 Barbara Beckett, *Records and Advisement*
Hollis James, *Inst Rsrch and Planning*
Beverly Rawson, *Thatcher*
Bill Wohlers, *Student Services*
- December 8 Christopher Carey, *Advancement*
Ken Caviness, *Biology*
Beth Snyder, *Nursing*
- December 9 Lisa Goolsby, *Business and Management*
Bernelle Taitague, *Chaplain's Office*
Becki Wilson, *Service Department*
- December 10 Dan Boyd, *Food Services*
- December 11 Laurie Stankavich, *English*
Januwoina Nixon, *Student Success Center*
- December 12 Tim Korson, *Computing*
Elizabeth Hankins, *Thatcher*
Carol Harrison, *McKee Library*
Julie Thompson, *Village Market*
Fred Turner, *Architectural Services*
- December 13 Tyson Hall, *Computing*
- December 14 Cliff Olson, *Business and Management*
Ken Parsons, *Music*
- December 15 Hendel Butoy, *Visual Art and Design*
Julie Hyde, *Business and Management*
- December 16 Loren Banhurst, *Chemistry*
Josh Fraker, *Campus Safety*
Greg King, *Religion*
Timothy Mitchell, *Plant Services*
Beverly Orrison, *Modern Languages*
Katie Partlo, *Mktg. and Univ. Relations*
- December 17 Jennifer Enevoldson, *Human Resources*
Jan Haluska, *English*
- December 19 Lee Spencer, *Biology*
- December 20 Kevin Kibble, *Chaplain's Office*
- December 24 Jodi Ruf, *English*
- December 26 Lilly Loza, *Enrollment Services*
- December 27 Judy Glass, *Music*
Harold Mayer, *P.E., Health, and Wellness*
John Youngberg, *Technology*
- December 29 Jon Crabtree, *Transportation Services*
Danielle Filipov, *Architectural Services*
Don Mathis, *P.E., Health, and Wellness*
- December 30 Barry Becker, *Transportation Services*