

Southern Factor

January 2011

CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER

BIETZ BYLINE

I returned from Argentina just in time to attend the annual Southern Union departmental meetings in Daytona, Florida, where all of the local conference department heads meet to lay plans and share ideas for the coming year.

The theme this year was “God is Creator of All,” and Greg King led out in the devotional messages. His presentations defended the belief in God creating the world in six literal days.

The conference officers also met and covered a number of policy issues. There was strong support for Southern to continue to offer the graduate degree we offer to the ministers in the Southern Union.

Questions were asked about how conference leadership felt about various subjects, and we learned that there is strong support for ordaining women.

The title income to the local conferences continues to lag resulting in some challenges for the treasurers when it comes to preparing their budgets for 2011.

The General Conference is asking each union to focus resources on one large city in a desire to strengthen membership in the cities. Memphis was chosen as the city that would receive the focus of the Southern Union during the next five years.

And what I consider the most important item was that the Southern Union operating appropriation to Southern for 2011 will be \$5,075,052. In difficult economic times the conferences continue to show strong support for Southern Adventist University.

—Gordon Bietz



Power for Mind & Soul

STUDENTS AND STAFF SHARE THANKSGIVING

The Thanksgiving holiday arrived quickly with students gearing up for their long journeys home. However, many students were not able to make that journey. For students who were on campus, Southern Adventist University hosted its second annual Thanksgiving Dinner.

“One student shared with me that this was his first Thanksgiving meal without his family, and he was appreciative that we provided a place for him to come and eat home-cooked food,” says Kari Shultz.

Shultz’s goal was to have a setting where the students could be relaxed in a homey environment. Faculty, staff, and students all gathered together in Southern’s Presidential Banquet Room, and enjoyed the home-cooked meal as a family.

Not only was there a homemade meal, but there were several after-meal activities for students to enjoy. Students could watch football, play games, create Christmas ornaments, decorate the Student Center Christmas tree, or make squares for a blanket to be donated to a homeless shelter.

WSMC TO INCORPORATE MORE MUSIC

WSMC Classical 90.5 will soon increase the amount of weekday classical music beginning in January.

Listeners will say goodbye to the station’s 2½ hour news block, which will be replaced with more interactive programming beginning in January. The new programs will focus primarily on classical music but will also feature brief news updates.

Scott Kornblum says the reason for the switch is so that the station can respond to listener requests to focus on what it does best—playing classical music.

“Our community has relied on WSMC for great classical music for nearly 50 years,” says Kornblum. “Our specialty is delighting the classical music lover.”

COMING EVENTS

- Deans/Chairs Advisory
Thursday, January 6, 3:30 p.m., Conference Room A
- Florida Hospital Hall Grand Opening
Saturday, January 8, 7 p.m., Florida Hospital Hall
- University Senate
Monday, January 10, 3:30 p.m.
- Graduate Council
Thursday, January 13, 3:30 p.m.
- Community Service Day
Monday, January 17, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Iles P.E. Center
- Undergraduate Council
Monday, January 17, 3:30 p.m.
- College Bowl
Monday, January 24, 5:15 and 5:45 p.m., Presidential Banquet Room
- College Bowl
Wednesday, January 26, 5:15 and 5:45 p.m., Presidential Banquet Room
- Symphony Concerto Concert
Sunday, January 30, 4 p.m., Collegedale Church
- College Bowl
Monday, January 31, 5:15 and 5:45 p.m., Presidential Banquet Room

SOUTHERN IN THE MEDIA

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

“Partnership Between East Chattanooga Weed and Seed and Southern Adventist Nursing Program Halted Because of Gun Incident”

WDEF, December 2

“Helen Ellis Memorial Replacing CEO”

Sun Coast Pinellas, December 3

CHANGING FACES

Southern welcomes the following employees:

Deyse Bravo to McKee Library

Jason Bryner to Marketing and University Relations

Martin Klingbeil to Religion

Bill Lyons to Plant Services

Cynthia Rima to Nursing

Barry Tryon to Religion

Fond farewells to the following employees:

Desi Batson from Nursing

Patricia Beaman from McKee Library

Alan Parker from Religion

Kristen Taylor from Thatcher Hall

Julie Thompson from Village Market

HATS OFF!

Social Work team, we have not only survived the first semester, but have just implemented the best graduate program anywhere! Your hard work and dedication has paid off. Thanks, too, to all of you in our university family who have provided us so much support and encouragement. The Lord has truly blessed our teamwork!

—Sharon Pittman

I'd like to express gratitude to Energy Management! It's so nice to come in on a cold morning and find a warm office (knowing that the heat was minimal during the night)!

—Ray Hefferlin

I'd like to share an appreciation for Russ Orrison's servant leadership. Due to sickness and others being on leave, Russ delivered mail with a smile for two consecutive days, one of the days in pouring rain. Thanks for your influence, Russ!

—Cheryl Martin

Patrice Hieb, we are very proud of you completing your B.S. this December.

—Geovanny Ragsdale

VOICE AND PEN

Elaine Plemons attended Educause in Anaheim, California, October 13-15. Educause is an annual conference for technology use in higher education. While there, she organized a luncheon for other Seventh-day Adventist educators attending, and 14 colleagues representing seven sister schools attended the luncheon.

Ken Caviness attended Montemorelos University's November 12-14 Alumni Weekend and celebration of 100 years of Seventh-day Adventist education in Mexico. As great-grandson of George W. Caviness, long-time missionary to Mexico, Ken Caviness and his relatives participated in the opening ceremonies of the university's museum.

In November, **Sharon Pittman** served on an interdisciplinary grant review and selection team for the Border Philanthropy Partnership (BPP). BPP is a bi-national membership organization that strengthens and grows community philanthropy in the United States-Mexico border region.

VOICE AND PEN, CONT.

On December 1, **David Houtchens** demonstrated the meaning and importance of uniforms to the Standifer Gap Pathfinder club.

Elaine Plemons was the seminar convener for Adopting and Implementing an Open-Source Course Management System: Piecing Together the Puzzle for Optimal Success, held October 12 in Anaheim, California. She also attended Crossroads of Peril and Promise: A National Summit on Adventist Education in LaSierra, California, held October 20-23.

Jaclynn Huse's article entitled, "Personalizing Parkinson's Disease Through the Journey of Michael J. Fox" was published in the December issue of the *Journal of Nursing Education*.

Sharon Pittman was one of the planners and weekend speakers during a Prime Time Living Ministries program for senior adults hosted by the Mt. Pisgah Adventist Academy Church, November 5-7 in Candler, North Carolina.

On November 12, **René Drumm** presented "Promising Directions for Advocacy Training: Results of an Impact Pilot Study" at the North American Association of Christians in Social Work Annual Convention 2010 in Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina.

Tara Hargrove presented "Power and Communication in Intercultural Communication" for the Scholar to Scholar poster session at the National Communication Association in San Francisco, November 15. **Lynelle Ellis, Lorraine Ball,** and **Linda Crumley** also attended the conference.

Sharon Pittman is partnering with the University of Illinois to lead a consultancy team of social work educators to train and mentor six emerging schools of social work to expand their capacity to provide social services in Tanzania.

Edwin Reynolds recently had book reviews published in *Ministry* and in *Andrews University Seminary Studies*. He also had an article published in the *Journal of the Adventist Theological Society* entitled "Let No One Judge You": Colossians 2:16-17 in Exegetical Perspective."

BIRTHDAYS

January 1	Victoria Eaton, <i>Education and Psychology</i> Daniel Maxwell, <i>McKee Library</i> John Muaya, <i>Service Department</i>
January 2	Mike Fisher, <i>Plant Services</i> Carlos Martin, <i>Religion</i> James Orrison, <i>Business and Management</i>
January 3	Jennifer Huck, <i>McKee Library</i>
January 5	Leon Bowers, <i>Food Services</i> Rick Norskov, <i>Biology</i>
January 7	Susan Brown, <i>Religion</i>
January 8	Laurie Gauthier, <i>Graduate Studies</i> Judy Robertson, <i>Information Systems</i>
January 10	Robert Gadd, <i>Business and Management</i> Dusty Miller, <i>Talge</i>
January 12	Conni Cash, <i>Nursing</i> Brooks Kirschmann, <i>Campus Safety</i> Fred McClanahan, <i>Enrollment Services</i>
January 14	Dennis Negron, <i>English</i>
January 15	Angi Howell, <i>Enrollment Services</i>
January 16	Volker Henning, <i>Academic Administration</i> Sue Kaufman, <i>Advancement</i> Julie Penner, <i>Music</i>
January 17	Justo Morales, <i>Religion</i> Bernetta Shockley, <i>Food Services</i>
January 19	Dan Burks, <i>Education and Psychology</i> Ann Foster, <i>Biology</i>
January 20	Katie McGrath, <i>McKee Library</i> Stephanie Sheehan, <i>Religion</i> John Thompson, <i>Transportation Services</i> Becky Whetmore, <i>Academic Administration</i>
January 22	Charles Trescott, <i>Audio Visual</i>
January 23	Don Crumley, <i>Records and Advisement</i>
January 25	Anne Underwood, <i>University Health Center</i> Candace Wing, <i>University Health Center</i>
January 26	Yolande Burrus, <i>Music</i>
January 27	Hollie Eirich, <i>Marketing and Enrollment Services</i> Doug Tilstra, <i>Religion</i>
January 31	Eli Courey, <i>Information Systems</i>

Marketing and University Relations

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