

Southern Factor

March 2011

CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER

BIETZ BYLINE

I agreed to help the students raise money for a literacy project by allowing them to dye my hair a color of their choice if they raised \$5,000 for the project. I had two conditions. First I had to be able to wash it out and second it had to be done by professionals. We decided on Hair Designers. The Purple Team won and so my hair was purple for 24 hours. The following afternoon I returned to Hair Designers and they washed the color out of my hair. It took some bleach and some added color to return it to the original white. I was concerned that I would be preaching at church with blue hair, but they did a good job of returning it to normal.



Purple hair on some young person would probably not cause much of a stir but when an older person in a suit and tie has dark purple hair it does stand out. I received many comments and felt like the paparazzi was following me around. Everyone wanted a picture. One of the most interesting reactions I experienced was when I went to a doctor's appointment. I think as I waited in the lobby there were those who thought I should have been in the psychiatrist's office.

The important thing is that the students did raise money for an important project.

—Gordon Bietz

STAFF AND STUDENTS VOLUNTEER WITH *EXTREME MAKEOVER: HOME EDITION*

Plant Services employees Danny Ford, Steven Holley, and Beasley Frazier, along with members of the Communication Club joined members of the community in volunteering for the television show *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*.

The show was in Rossville, Georgia, to provide a home makeover for the Sharrock family whose son has brittle bone disease. While volunteers and crew worked on a new home in just one week, the Sharrock family took a vacation to Disney World.

Students were excited to be able to help the family and get a close look at how a television program works behind the scenes.

While the Plant Services employees honed their painting and electrician skills, students were spread throughout the house, packing up the family's belongings. Including the 25 students from Southern, there was a total of 40 volunteers packing up the home and moving boxes into storage while the home is being worked on.

"It is important to volunteer our time because we go to a Christian university and we follow Jesus' example in His mission to help those in need," says Keith King, a sophomore mass communication major.

For all involved there was a sense of uniting for a great cause, something students and professors who participated will not soon forget.

"In participating," says Andy Nash, "there was a reminder how the power of a group can make a real difference in someone's life."



Power for Mind & Soul

SCHOOLS CELEBRATE ACCREDITATION MILESTONES

The School of Education and Psychology and the School of Social Work are both celebrating recent accomplishments in accreditation.

Southern's teacher education and school counseling programs received full accreditation on both the undergraduate and graduate levels from the Tennessee Department of Education and the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

NCATE approved full accreditation with no areas for improvement, a designation given to about 2.5 percent of the colleges examined every year. Special recognition was given by NCATE to two areas—assessment and governance.

Southern's Master of Social Work program has been granted official candidacy status from the Council on Social Work Education, putting the program on the path to full accreditation. The program began in the fall of 2010 with more than 50 students enrolled.

"Program specific accreditation is an important process to identify academic quality and areas needing improvement," says Bob Young. "We are grateful to God and the faculty and leadership of these academic areas for the outstanding outcome."

COMING EVENTS

- Midterm Grades due
Tuesday, March 1, 5 p.m., Records and Advisement
- Undergraduate Council
Monday, March 7, 3:30 p.m., Conference Room A
- Graduate Council
Thursday, March 10, 3:30 p.m., Conference Room A
- SA Talent Show
Saturday, March 12, 8 p.m., Iles P.E. Center
- Symphony Orchestra Concert
Sunday, March 13, 7:30 p.m., Collegedale Church
- University Senate
Monday, March 14, 3:30 p.m., White Oak Room
- BRIDGE Luncheon
Wednesday, March 16, 11:30 a.m., Lynn Wood Hall
- Asian Night
Saturday, March 19, 9 p.m., Iles P.E. Center
- Undergraduate Council
Monday, March 7, 3:30 p.m., Conference Room A
- Faculty Summer Textbook Adoptions due
Friday, March 25, Campus Shop
- University Assembly
Monday, March 28, 4 p.m., Lynn Wood Hall Chapel
- Awards Luncheon
Thursday, March 31, 12 p.m., Church Fellowship Hall

SOUTHERN IN THE MEDIA

Here is a sampling of recent media coverage that mentions a Southern event or person. Click on the story title to be redirected:

"ADRA appoints new executives for finance, programs"

Adventist News Network, February 14

"Witness to 1963 Alabama church bombing still troubled by environment in country"

Chattanooga Times Free Press, February 13

"3 local artists to debut shows in Buchanan"

Niles Daily Star, February 11

"Cowboy music at Southern Adventist University"

Timesfreepress.com, February 3

"Southern Adventist University Enrollment Up"

Chattanooga.com, February 2

"Southern Adventist University Egyptologist on Middle East Violence"

WDEF News 12, February 2

"Rock/Creek races varied"

Timesfreepress.com, January 27

"SAU students volunteer at the zoo"

Chattanooga Times Free Press, January 26

CHANGING FACES

Southern welcomes the following employee:

Sukie Myers to Campus Shop

Fond farewell to the following employee:

Faith Anderson from Food Services

HATS OFF!

Our son, John II, who is a pastor in North Carolina, has just completed six weeks of radiation treatments and is recovering well. Thank you for your prayers and support, and thanks to the Religion faculty for making it easy for me to travel during the month of January as I helped cover his pulpit.

–John Nixon

Thanks to the thoughtfulness of many friends, the Physics Department has a good stock of recycled paper. If anyone would like to experience the fun of using nice recycled paper, we can supply a starter kit!

–Ray Hefferlin

PERSONAL NEWS

Justin Brooks and his wife, Becky, had a baby, Sophie Marie Brooks, on January 27, 2011. She weighed 9 pounds 6 ounces and was 21 ¾ inches long. Sophie is welcomed by her grandparents, David and Linda Brooks and Willard and Faye Baerg, and her uncles and aunt, Austin Brooks and Eric and Angela Baerg.

Sunday, January 30, 2011, Arabella Laine McNair entered the world, making Abby and **David Houthens** great grandparents. She weighed 6 pounds and 15 ounces, and was 20 inches long.

VOICE AND PEN

Sharon Robberson-Luke attended a convention for the Religious Conference Management Association, held in Tampa, Florida, in January. She was also reelected director of Adventist Event Planners Association for another two-year term.

Stanley Stevenson presented an educational workshop, “Internet Addictions: Gaming and Pornography,” for the men of Talge Hall, January 31.

Phil Garver attended the International Congress of Physical Education in São Paulo, Brazil, January 20-23, where he made four presentations: the opening key note, “The Journey of a Reject;” two church services, “Love is a Choice;” and a panel on “Where Physical Education is Headed.”

Faith Ann Laughlin, Elaine Plemons, and Pegi Flynt attended a presentation by TLC’s *Little People, Big World* Amy Roloff, “Standing Out Among the Trees: Diversity and Living with a Disability—Being a Little Person,” January 27 at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

Michael Cafferky’s peer-reviewed article, “Exploring the fundamental paradox of being an organizational leader,” was published in the January issue of *Journal of Biblical Integration in Business*.

Patrice Hieb attended “Building a Culture of Student Philanthropy” in San Diego, February 1-3.

René Drumm was elected to the Board of Directors for the North American Association of Christians in Social Work.

Carlos Parra, Pierre Nzokizwanimana, Adrienne Royo, and Claryce Caviness attended the 18th Georgia Conference on College and University Teaching on February 11, 2011, at the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, Kennesaw State University.

BIRTHDAYS

March 1	DeeDee Boyce, <i>Landscape Services</i>
March 2	Ileana Rivero, <i>Village Market</i> Dennis Schreiner, <i>Service Department</i>
March 3	Brian Wilson, <i>Village Market</i>
March 4	Richard Long, <i>Service Department</i>
March 5	Kasey Thomason, <i>Food Services</i>
March 6	Nathan Erickson, <i>Plant Services</i>
March 7	Tim Meliti, <i>Landscape Services</i> Kathy Pires, <i>Enrollment Services</i>
March 8	Jason Mitchell, <i>Accounting Services</i>
March 11	Randi Buhl, <i>Information Systems</i> Joy McKee, <i>Advancement</i>
March 13	Joe Mocnik, <i>Library</i>
March 14	Bruce Schilling, <i>Chemistry</i> Dennis Smith, <i>Village Market</i>
March 15	René Drumm, <i>Social Work</i> Denise Myers, <i>Village Market</i>
March 16	Dave Allemand, <i>Plant Services</i>
March 17	Nancy Howard, <i>Village Market</i>
March 18	Lori Futcher, <i>Mktg. and Univ. Relations</i> Cathy Olson, <i>Education and Psychology</i> Richard Schwarz, <i>P.E., Health, and Wellness</i> Sheila Smith, <i>Student Success</i>
March 19	Herdy Moniyung, <i>Information Systems</i>
March 20	Star Stevens, <i>Religion</i>
March 22	Andy Nash, <i>Journalism and Communication</i>
March 23	Trenton Schwarzer, <i>Campus Safety</i> Dorothy Turner, <i>Purchasing Services</i>
March 25	Merritt MacLafferty, <i>Information Systems</i>
March 26	Melodie Lopez, <i>Graduate Studies</i>
March 29	Christine Moniyung, <i>Nursing</i>
March 30	Frank Di Memmo, <i>Library</i> Patti Anderson, <i>Mathematics</i> Marty Hirschhorn, <i>Plant Services</i> Jane Mote, <i>Information Systems</i> Mark Turk, <i>Campus Safety</i>
March 31	Ingrid Skantz, <i>Mktg. and Univ. Relations</i>