

# Southern Factor

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CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER

## BIETZ BYLINE

On March 21, I met with the Adventist Association of Colleges and Universities (AACU) presidents at Washington Adventist University. I learned that WAU is in the process of taking over the academic programs at Atlantic Union College.

Also, we received a report from a marketing initiative to reach Adventist high school seniors. It has been quite successful, and so we agreed to expand the program to contact students in their sophomore and junior years. Though AACU can't be considered an educational "system" yet, there is still an interest in collaborating more between the institutions. Toward that end, they agreed to revise the executive director's job description. It now includes being a spokesperson for higher education at the North American Division, as well as working on collaboration initiatives.

On March 22, I met with the AACU constituency, which includes the presidents and financial and academic executives of all the member institutions. This group discussed some of the same things that the presidents had discussed, and took recommendations from the other affiliated groups that had met on Monday as well.

Some might ask why all the meetings. I ask myself that sometimes. For our church to continue to operate as a large organization instead of a group of local congregations and institutions, we need to build mutual understanding through interaction and communication.

—Gordon Bietz



Power for Mind & Soul

## HISTORY SCHOLAR USES MCKEE LIBRARY

Last month, a history scholar from Springfield, Illinois, visited McKee Library to scan an original check signed by Abraham Lincoln.

Daniel Stowell's project, Papers of Abraham Lincoln, seeks to create an exhaustive file of original Lincoln documents, available free for public view at [papersofabrahamlincoln.org](http://papersofabrahamlincoln.org). The university is now on the project's list of repositories.

## SOUTHERN IN THE MEDIA

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

**"SAU Student Creating Futures in Afghanistan"**

*Community.timesfreepress.com, March 30*

**"Geocachers set treasure hunt in Enterprise South park"**

*Chattanooga Times Free Press, March 21*

**"Southern Adventist University Students Organize Fund-Raising Effort for Japan"**

*WDEF.com, March 17*

**"SAU Starts Fundraising Campaign for Japanese School"**

*Newschannel9.com, March 17*

**"Relatives seek news of loved ones in Japan"**

*Timesfreepress.com, March 16*

**"Japanese ties tug at local residents as crisis deepens"**

*Chattanooga Times Free Press, March 14*

**"Local residents await word from loved ones in Japan"**

*Timesfreepress.com, March 11*

**"Southaven Rotary honors DCHS Student and Teacher of the Month"**

*The Commercial Appeal, March 2*

**"Satellite-Assisted Hide and Seek"**

*Chatter, March 11*

**"Sillery, Humphries win Scenic City Half"**

*Chattanooga Times Free Press, February 27*

## CHANGING FACES

Fond farewells to the following employees:

**Keith Ingram** to Campus Safety

**John Klinger** to Plant Services

## HATS OFF!

On behalf of my family's loss of a dear father/grandfather, I want to thank all the employees for the flowers, food, and prayers sent my way.

—Donna Watson

## PERSONAL NEWS

**Barbara James** welcomed a granddaughter, Aubrey Elizabeth, born to daughter Valerie and David Smith in Vancouver, Washington. Aubrey was 5 pounds and was born at 36 weeks, so she is spending her first week or so in the NICU.

## VOICE AND PEN

**Danita Payne** and **Casey Henson** attended the National Association of College Stores convention in Houston, February 23–March 2.

**Andy Nash** had an article published in the March/April 2011 issue of *Writer's Chronicle*. The article was called "Navigating Family Sensitivities: Serving the Product or the People That Look Like You."

**Cathy Olson** attended the Florida Educational Technology Conference in early March, and took the K-6 Social Methods class members to the Tennessee Council for the Social Studies Conference on March 11.

**Evonne Crook** attended the CASE District III/IV Conference in New Orleans, February 20-23. The conference focused on practices and visionary models for successful alumni relations and advancement programs. The FUSION theme highlighted ways campus departments could combine resources and efforts through creative synergy to achieve multiple goals at a time when staff are expected to do more with less.

**Adrienne Royo** presented "Icons and Symbols—Cultural Spaces" at the Tennessee Association of International

Educators Conference in Nashville, on March 24.

During spring break, **John Nixon** taught two evening classes for Oakwood University as a guest professor.

He also spoke at an alumni banquet for the J.L. Moran Chapter of Oakwood's alumni.

**Michael G. Hasel** was one of four presenters for a symposium, "David and Solomon," at the American Jewish University of Los Angeles on February 27. On March 5 he presented a paper for the Biblical Foundations for Faith and Learning Conference in Playa del Maya, Mexico. On March 11-12 he recorded the "Discoveries of a Lifetime" series of five presentations at Andrews University for the NET 2011 meetings.

**Norman Gulley's** article, "Debate Over Justification by Faith: Evangelicals and Catholics," was published in the *Journal of The Adventist Theological Society*.

**Carlos Parra** attended the annual Adventist Colleges Abroad board meeting, March 20-22, at the General Conference in Silver Spring, Maryland. He also presented a seminar/workshop titled "Enhanced Learning Abroad: International Internships for Global Competence" at the Tennessee Association of International Educators Conference on March 24 in Nashville.

**Tara D. Hargrove** presented "Constructing Community: Addressing Challenges, Successes, and Positionality in the Intercultural Classroom," a panel presentation at the Western States Communication Association Conference in Monterey, California, February 2011.

**Dean Scott** received one gold and three silver ADDY awards on February 26 in the category Elements of Advertising—Animation or Special Effects from the Chattanooga chapter of the American Advertising Federation's annual call for entries. The gold award was for 3D animations done for Anchorpoint Film's "The Ark and the Covenant" DVD. The three silver awards were for Hope Channel's "Global Faith and Freedom" open and graphics package; "Journey to the Orion Nebula," done for Earth Science Associates' "The Center of the Universe" DVD; and "Asphalt Storage Silo," done for Astec, Inc.

## VOICE AND PEN, CONT.

Dennis Negron presented a paper, "The First-Person Narratives of Jack, Manty, and Jeremiah: Robert Penn Warren's Use of Memoir," at the Louisville Conference on Literature and Culture Since 1900 on February 25.

René Drumm, Doug Tilstra, Laurie Cooper, Stephanie Sheehan, and Tricia Foster conducted a three-hour pilot seminar on March 9 to train pastors to respond effectively to domestic violence issues in the church setting. The seminar was attended by ten full-time pastors, three theology students, and four individuals who work closely with pastors. The pilot seminar was an important first step in the process of developing training materials for pastors across the North American Division. The seminar will be repeated on March 18 for another group, made up of mostly Southern theology students.

This spring break Gordon Bietz, Cynthia Bietz, Michael Cafferky, Ray Carson, Mabel Carson, Ken Caviness, Claryce Caviness, Myrna Colon, Peter Cooper, Laurie Cooper, Michael Dant, Michael Hasel, Giselle Hasel, Greg King, Mary King, Rob Montague, Rick Norskov, Alan Parker, Eve Parker, Keith Snyder, Beth Snyder, Lee Spencer, and Bob Young attended the Biblical Foundations for the Integration of Faith and Learning Conference in Cancun, Mexico, where several Southern faculty and staff presented on integrating biblical teaching in their specific disciplines.

## BIRTHDAYS

April 1	Karen Caldwell, <i>Talge Hall</i> Jana Dietsche, <i>Enrollment Services</i> Sandra Twombly, <i>Thatcher Hall</i>
April 3	Jonathan Durichek, <i>Plant Services</i>
April 4	Lorella Howard, <i>Nursing</i> Crystal Stitzer, <i>Risk Management</i>
April 6	Mark Larson, <i>Village Market</i>
April 8	Randy Craven, <i>Visual Art and Design</i> Elizabeth Pontvik, <i>Visual Art and Design</i>
April 9	Gennevieve Brown-Kibble, <i>Music</i> Nancy Soapes, <i>Food Services</i> Amy Steele, <i>Human Resources</i>
April 9	Erin Cook, <i>Talge Hall</i> Lisa Hess, <i>Online Campus</i>
April 14	Michael Liedke, <i>Nursing</i> JP Mathis, <i>Thatcher Hall</i>
April 15	Terri Fillman, <i>Transportation Services</i>
April 18	Lucinda Hill, <i>Biology</i>
April 20	Willard Munger, <i>Computing</i> Scott Spicer, <i>P.E., Health, and Wellness</i> Jim Stewart, <i>Campus Safety</i>
April 22	Ruth WilliamsMorris, <i>Education and Psych.</i> Debbie Strack, <i>Biology</i>
April 23	Ann Larsen, <i>Food Services</i> Dale Walters, <i>Technology</i>
April 25	Shirley Menhennett, <i>Food Services</i> Jeanette Stepanske, <i>Education and Psych.</i>
April 26	Diane Proffitt, <i>Nursing</i>
April 27	Vanessa Kepper, <i>Enrollment Services</i> Dana Krause, <i>Nursing</i>
April 28	Osmin Yanes, <i>Village Market</i>
April 30	Marc Grundy, <i>Mktg. and Enrollment Svcs.</i> Faith Laughlin, <i>Education and Psych.</i>

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