

Southern Factor

June 2011

CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER

BIETZ BYLINE

On Friday, May 13, I gave the graduation address at Zaoksky University. While in Russia, Cynthia and I visited St. Petersburg. On Wednesday, we were given a quick tour of



Cynthia Bietz tries on a hat in St. Petersburg.

the city.

We listened to a concert comprised of nine choirs in a mass choir of about 270 people. It was a great concert; just the mass choir would have been enough, but then each choir had to perform and our jet lag caught up with us.

An expert in French art who worked at the Hermitage for 37 years, gave us a glimpse of the museum. It is said that to glance at each item in the museum

would take more than nine years. So, needless to say, we didn't see much of it. The guide told us the stories behind the famous paintings and walked us through more galleries than I can remember.

We then ate borsch and other traditional Russian dishes with our host family. It was all delicious!

We concluded our evening with a concert in the St. Isaac Cathedral. This magnificent cathedral's gold dome is covered with the gold that the United States used to buy Alaska. They used the gold well, but we got the better deal.

We enjoyed our time in St. Petersburg and our time at Zaoksky, but there's nothing like coming home.

—Gordon Bietz

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:

"J. Neville Harcombe, church administrator"

Washington Post, May 31

"President of Lincoln's Union College resigning"

KCAUtv.com, May 20

"President of Union College in Lincoln says he's leaving for pastorate at Tennessee church"

Greenfield Daily Reporter, May 20

Video: "Handing Out Housing To Storm Victims: SAU Steps Up to Provide Housing"

News Channel 9, May 17

"'Do the Most Good' continues for area storm victims"

WRCBtv.com, May 16

Video: "FEMA Funds: Local Storm Victims Get Help"

News Channel 9, May 16

"Rebuilding, Repairs Underway in Apison"

NewsChannel9.com, May 14

"First Event For Local Deaf Community Is May 21"

Chattanooga.com, May 13

"Mattingly Right at Home at RedRover"

The Daily News, May 13

"WELLkids Activity Camp Held This Summer"

Chattanooga.com, May 10

"College student: 'You just see a need and you go'"

Chattanooga Times Free Press, May 8

"FEMA Opens Disaster Recovery Center At Collegedale"

Chattanooga.com, May 7

"FEMA disaster center opens in Apison"

TimesFreePress.com, May 6

"FEMA/SBA Disaster Assistance Centers Open in Hamilton, Bradley"

WDEF.com, May 5

"Adventists are victims, helping others in southern U.S. tornadoes wake"

Adventist News Network, April 29



Power for Mind & Soul

HATS OFF!

The Enrollment Services team would like to thank the schools and departments for always being willing to meet with prospective students and their families. Thank you so much for helping make our visitors feel welcome and demonstrating our famous “Southern” hospitality.

—Vanessa Kepper

Thanks to the many Southern employees who quickly renovated Herin in preparation for the School of Education and Psychology’s move.

—Jeanette Stepanske

PERSONAL NEWS

Gary and **Sue Kaufman** are the proud grandparents of their ninth grandchild, Claire Sophia Hill, born to daughter Karin and son-in-law Brad Hill of Niles, Michigan. The baby girl was the center of attention at Niles Adventist Elementary as at Show and Tell with big sister Kate.

CHANGING FACES

Southern welcomes the following employees:

Blaise Adams to Campus Safety

L. Jan Cathey to Chemistry

Jeff Gates to Nursing

Valerie Lee to Biology

Janice Lyons to Village Market

John McCoy to Education and Psychology

Melissa Tortal to Academic Administration

Joshua Walker to Campus Safety

Kristie Wilder to Social Work

Best wishes to the following employees in their new positions:

Vinita Sauder from Marketing and Enrollment Services to Strategic Initiatives

Stephanie Sheehan from Religion to Business and Mgmt.

Fond farewells to the following employees:

Rebecca Clay-Flores from Student Missions

Lori Fatcher from Marketing and University Relations

Joshua Michalski from Market Research Institute

James Stewart from Campus Safety

Kasey Thomason from Food Services

Jayne Wyche from Enrollment Services

VOICE AND PEN

Linda Potter Crumley attended the Language and Interaction in Social Organizations conference in California.

Tara Hargrove presented a panel discussion, “Constructing Community: Addressing Challenges, Successes, and Positionality in the Intercultural Classroom,” at Western States Communication Association in Monterey, California, in February. She also presented “‘It’s Like a Cake’: A Creative Approach to Teaching Ethos, Logos, Pathos,” a G.I.F.T.S. (Great Ideas for Teaching Students) presentation at the Southern States Communication Association in Little Rock, Arkansas in March.

Evie Nogales Baker, Annette Heck, and Jennifer Nestell provided triage counseling May 2-6 at the Apison Baptist Church for those affected by the April 27 tornadoes.

Myrna Colon made four presentations at Antillean Adventist University in Puerto Rico. She was the guest speaker for the initiation ceremony for teacher candidates, staff developer for faculty on “Making Learning Relevant to Diverse Learners,” guest speaker for community teachers on “Integration of Faith and Learning,” and consultant on the accreditation process for the School of Education.

Carlos Parra attended meetings at Colonges-Su-Saleve in France, and Villa Aurora in Italy. He also presented “Encouragement: Team Essence” at the Adventist Colleges Abroad Cultural Exchange Program in Sicily, May 21.

Norman Gulley’s article “Who does the choosing? Scripture’s take on Predestination” was published in the Adventist Review, April 28.

Sharon Pittman presented “Distance Education in Social Work in Africa: A Case Study” at the Fourth Conference on International Social Work at the USC School of Social Work on March 25-27 in Los Angeles. She also attended the 2011 Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Spring Governance Meetings, March 9-10, in Alexandria, Virginia. Sharon has been asked to co-chair the Global Commission’s special session at the CSWE annual meeting in Atlanta this October.

Lynelle R. Ellis presented “Gospel Message, Visual Medium: Telling Stories for the Kingdom” at the Southern Union Spring Council for Communication Directors, Wednesday, March 23.

VOICE AND PEN, CONT.

Samson Chama's article, "Developing Programs to Support Child-headed Households in Zambia: Critical Lessons," was published in the *Journal of Community and Health Sciences*.

Julie C. Hyde completed her Ph.D. at the University of Memphis. Her dissertation is "Material Weaknesses in Internal Control Over Compliance for Federal Grants to U.S. Counties."

Michael G. Hasel was appointed to the Biblical Research Institute Committee of the General Conference for the next quinquennium and attended the committee's meeting at Loma Linda University, April 18-19. He recently published a book review of *The City Besieged: Siege and Its Manifestations in the Ancient Near East* in the *Bulletin for Biblical Research*.

Adrienne Royo attended the 2011 Summer Leadership Institute for Women in Higher Education Administration, themed "Female Leaders Embracing Diversity in Higher Education" at St. Cloud State University, June 22.

On April 17, the Technology Department performed free vehicle inspections for the community at The Samaritan Center. Four staff members and eight students contributed 42 volunteer hours to help people be "Car Care Aware" as April is National Car Care Month. This is the event's sixth year.

BIRTHDAYS

June 1	Beasley Frazier, <i>Plant Services</i>
June 2	Shawn Engle, <i>Information Services</i> Kimberly Muaya, <i>Accounting Services</i> Danita Payne, <i>Campus Shop</i>
June 8	Isaac James, <i>Mktg. and Univ. Relations</i> Carl Swafford, <i>Graduate Studies</i>
June 10	Bryce Enevoldson, <i>Information Systems</i> Adam Heck, <i>Mathematics</i> Kari Shultz, <i>Student Services</i>
June 11	Linda Brooks, <i>Visual Art and Design</i>
June 12	Jillian Wills, <i>Nursing</i>
June 13	Mitch Menzmer, <i>Chemistry</i>
June 14	Kassy Krause, <i>Thatcher Hall</i>
June 15	Cynthia Bietz, <i>Financial Administration</i> Carrie Harlin, <i>Business and Management</i>
June 16	Greg Rumsey, <i>Journ. and Communication</i>
June 17	Bruce Myers, <i>Plant Services</i>
June 19	Kelly Crawford, <i>University Health Center</i> Edwin Reynolds, <i>Religion</i>
June 21	Brian Laneville, <i>Food Services</i>
June 22	Rob Raney, <i>Advancement</i>
June 23	Valerie Mirande, <i>Village Market</i> Stanley Stevenson, <i>Social Work</i>
June 24	Al Miyagi, <i>Village Market</i>
June 25	Lynelle Ellis, <i>Journ. and Communication</i> Tom Verrill, <i>Financial Administration</i>
June 27	David Houtchens, <i>Campus Safety</i> Darin Bissell, <i>P.E., Health and Wellness</i> Linda Case, <i>Food Services</i> Ed Guthero, <i>Visual Art and Design</i>
June 28	Mary King, <i>University Health Center</i>
July 1	Ben Thornton, <i>Biology</i>

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