

Southern Factor

December 2011

CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER

BIETZ BYLINE

God and Country

Donn Leatherman's presentation to the combined Adventist Society of Religious Studies/Adventist Theological Society meeting would have been enlightening for any who hold God and country in equal esteem, or who fall into super patriotism on occasion.

Donn's outline laid waste to the idea that a "Christian Nation" (which really means "Christian State") would somehow be good for the church. When the kingdom as described in the Gospels is enacted, "it undermines every state which it encounters."

ASRS and ATS are both Seventh-day Adventist organizations that plan meetings in conjunction with other national meetings of religious societies. It so happens that this year the presidents of both organizations (Donn Leatherman and Stephen Bauer) are faculty at Southern. It speaks volumes for the quality of the School of Religion at Southern.

The president of each organization addressed the joint meeting. Before Donn's talk, Stephen Bauer presented a paper titled, "Identity, Exclusivity, and Inclusivity." His paper outlined the problem: "In order to be tolerant, I must first believe something is right or wrong, but to believe something is right or wrong implies some kind of standard that is fixed." Our relativistic society would like us to be tolerant but before we can be tolerant of the other one must "first have clear, defined standards in order to know whom to tolerate!" Living in a tolerant society is not dependent on moral relativism but on people living with conviction "in Christ" and all that is implied by that phrase.

These were two excellent presentations by Southern faculty, and following the meeting more than one person came to me suggesting that I must really be proud of Southern and these two quality presentations. And I will say that I was – in a humble way!



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 directed to the story:

"Houston Symphony Opens New Access Series"

YourHoustonNews.com, November 18

"Motor Trend Names Chatt-made Passat Car of the Year"

Nooga.com, November 16

"November is National Peanut Butter Lover's Month"

TimesFreePress.com, November 4

"North American Adventists Reaffirm Ministers"

Adventist News Network, November 1

"Celebrating 50 Years on Air"

Wdef.com, October 29

"For Apison Couple, Slow but Steady Road to Recovery"

Nooga.com, October 27

HATS OFF!

Thanks, Plant Services, for your fine work in renovating the Physics area that was damaged by water leakage!

- Ray Hefferlin -

We would like to thank the many faculty and staff who assisted and participated in various activities throughout Alumni Homecoming Weekend. This campus-wide event was a success for the university because of your involvement as an active member of the team. We appreciated the generous hospitality and friendly service you provided to our guests throughout the weekend!

- Evonne Crook and Jan Haveman -

Thanks to the Planned Giving Office, I am now the proud owner of a wonderfully drafted estate plan! Carolyn Liers and Sue Kaufman made it easy with their "Lunch and Learn" seminars and consultation appointments. Plus, the reimbursement of \$750 for attorney's fees is a great benefit to Southern employees. This is a huge load off my mind, and now I'm "good to go," literally!

- Star Stevens -

CHANGING FACES

Southern welcomes the following employees:

Shem Fraser to Campus Safety

Eden Koliadko to Enrollment Services

Katherine Holder to Food Service

Matthew Klug to Campus Safety

Fond farewells to the following employees:

Edna Kitchen from Food Services

Menjette Butoy from Food Services

Best wishes to the following employees in their new positions:

Delores Franks from Village Market to Thatcher.

PERSONAL NEWS

Richard Johnson's stepfather, Tim Miller, passed to his rest on Sunday, November 6. Richard says "He no longer suffers and awaits for the coming of our Lord and Savior. We are left with good memories. He was a good stepfather. I loved him, and will miss him greatly."

Jamie Kitterman married Barry Hall on November 25 in Cleveland, TN.

Madison Garver, granddaughter of **Phil Garver**, was born to Steve and Laura Garver on November 5.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Tara Hargrove received the "2011 Top Four Paper" award and the "Ralph Cooley Award for Outstanding Paper" at the National Communication Association conference in New Orleans November 17-19. Her paper was titled "The Voice at the Front of the Room: Identity Dialectics of the Intercultural Communication Instructor."

As an officer of the Rho Iota chapter, **Pam Ahlfeld** attended The Sigma Theta Tau Convention in Grapevine, TX on October 31-Nov 2.

Maria Valenca presented "The Impact of Spiritual Expression on the Emotional Health of Nursing Faculty: A Personal Reflection" at the Global Emotional Health Conference in Loma Linda on October 12-15.

Barbara James co-authored "Patient Safety Culture: The Nursing Unit Leader's Role" with her sister, Christine Sammer. The article was published in *The Online Journal of Issues in Nursing*.

Carlos Parra made a presentation titled, "Acceptable and Expected: Monetary Contributions to Non-profit Organizations by Unauthorized Hispanic/Latino Immigrants in the U.S." at the Conference on Strangers in New Homelands at The University of Manitoba, Canada.

Cindy Johnson and **Joelle Wolf** attended the TN Center of Nursing Symposium focused on the Institute of Medicine (IOM) Report October 13 in Franklin, TN.

As of November 17, **Fred Turner** has passed his LEED Green Associate Exam, administered by the Green Building Certification Institute in Washington, D.C. This course provides the knowledge and skill to understand and support green design, construction and operations.

Jillian Wills and **Sylvia Mayer** presented a paper "Exploring the World of Transcultural Nursing" at the Transcultural Nursing Society in Las Vegas, NV on October 19-21.

Frances Johnson attended the Regional NICU Conference on November 4 in Chattanooga.

On October 25, **Faith Laughlin** presented a workshop on the NAD REACH manual to faculty at Lester Coon Adventist School in Apison, TN. This manual assists Adventist teachers in working with students with exceptionalities.

Michael Cafferky returned from five-weeks of study in Cambridge, UK, part of his sabbatical. He studied with Dr. Richard Higginson, an Anglican-Christian Ethics scholar who has a special interest in business ethics. Higginson gave him feedback on three essays and a book review wrote while in Cambridge.

Adrienne Royo, Pierre Nzokizwanimana, and Carlos Parra made a joint presentation titled "Enhanced Learning Abroad and at Home Upon Return: Linguistic and Cultural Understanding for Global Competence," at the Council on International Education Exchange (CIEE) Annual Conference in New Orleans, LA on November 16-19.

John Beckett and **Colleen Mitchell** visited Northern Caribbean University on behalf of the Seventh-day Adventist International Board of Education. The purpose of the visit was to study and recommend approval for new programs of graduate study at NCU.

ENERGY-SAVING FUN TIPS

from Plant Services

Have you recently purchased a new refrigerator? If you have, that's great! New Energy Star-rated refrigerators use about half the energy that older models use. So that purchase will pay off in the form of lower electric bills. Or will it? That depends on what you did with that old refrigerator. If you moved it into the garage and use it to store extra food items, then you're probably spending all that you save...maybe even more! When you put a refrigerator into an area that is not insulated—such as a garage—it will use even more energy during hot weather. Add the fact that many older refrigerators lose a lot of their energy efficiency as refrigerants weaken and door seals start to leak, and you may be spending up to \$150 per year. You have to ask yourself, is keeping some extra food items refrigerated worth an electric bill that is \$10 to \$13 higher each month?

PHOTOS FROM THE PRESIDENT



“Looks like I made an unplanned appearance on ‘Good Morning America’ and The Today Show this week! Southern students Jessica Anzai and Daniel Wahlen, traveling with Southern’s annual Thanksgiving tour to New York city, took this cardboard cutout along.”

- Gordon Bietz -

BIRTHDAYS

- December 3 **Verlyne Starr**, Business and Mgt.
December 4 **Donovan Davis**, Visual Art and Design
December 6 **Judy DeLay**, Information Systems
December 7 **Barbara Beckett**, Records and Advisement
Brenda Flores-Lopez, Academic Admin.
Hollis James, Inst. Research
Beverly Rawson, Thatcher Hall
Bill Wohlers, Student Services
December 8 **Christopher Carey**, Advancement
Ken Caviness, Physics
Beth Snyder, Nursing
December 9 **Lisa Goolsby**, Business and Mgt.
Becki Wilson, Service Department
December 10 **Dan Boyd**, Food Services
December 11 **Januwoina Nixon**, Student Success
Laurie Stankavich, English
December 12 **Tim Korson**, Computing
Elizabeth Hankins, Thatcher Hall
Carol Harrison, McKee Library
Fred Turner, Architectural Services
December 13 **Tyson Hall**, Computing
December 14 **Cliff Olson**, Business and Mgt.
Ken Parsons, Music
December 15 **Hendel Butoy**, Visual Art and Design
Julie Hyde, Business and Mgt.
December 16 **Loren Barnhurst**, Chemistry
Josh Fraker, Campus Safety
Greg King, Religion
Timothy Mitchell, Plant Services
Beverly Orrison, Modern Languages
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 **Wendel Adams**, Plant Services
Jeff Gates, Nursing
Lilly Loza, Enrollment Services
December 27 **Judy Glass**, Music
Harold Mayer, P.E., Health and Wellness
John Youngberg, Technology
December 29 **Jon Crabtree**, Transportation
Danielle Filipov, Architectural Services
Don Mathis, P.E, Health and Wellness
December 30 **Barry Becker**, Transportation Services
December 31 **Michele McFarlane**, Inst. Research

EMPLOYEE SERVICE RECOGNITION

The following employees received recognition at the Employee Christmas Brunch on December 4. The criteria for service recognition is continual full-time service at Southern based on service record hours with a cut-off date of December 4. Due to the possibilities of computer and/or human errors, please contact Human Resources if you have any questions regarding this list.

35 YEARS

Phil Garver, P.E., Health and Wellness
Bruce Myers, Plant Services
Diane Proffitt, Nursing

30 YEARS

Jan Haluska, English

25 YEARS

Danita Payne, Campus Shop

20 YEARS

Barbara James, Nursing
Linda Wilhelm, Business and Mgt.

15 YEARS

Krystal Bishop, Education and Psychology
Ken Caviness, Physics
Ann Foster, Biology
Chris Hansen, Physics
Nancy Howard, Village Market
Carolyn Liers, Planned Giving
Owen Maupin, Plant Services
Mike McClung, Workstation Support
Dusty Miller, Talge Hall
Bert Ringer, Admissions and Recruitment
Jackie Rose, Village Market
Stephen Ruf, Journalism and Communication
Vinita Sauder, Strategic Planning
Bruce Schilling, Chemistry
Fred Turner, Architectural Services

10 YEARS

Linda Brooks, Visual Art and Design
Randi Buhl, Digital Networking
Debbie Case, Food Services
Andy Compton, Accounting Services
Pat Coverdale, Human Resources
Jana Dietsche, Student Finance
James Eason, Village Market
Doug Froom, Financial Administration
Carlos Martin, Religion
John Muaya, Service Department
Greg Rumsey, Journalism and Communication
John Sager, Talge Hall
Judy Sloan, PE, Health and Wellness
Nancy Soapes, Food Services
Brian Wilson, Village Market
Cindi Young, Financial Administration

5 YEARS

Justin Brooks, Purchasing Services
Adam Brown, Admissions and Recruitment
Peter Cooper, Music
Kelly Crawford, Health Services
Judy Dedeker, Nursing
Hollie Eirich, Inst. Research and Planning
Pamela Gammenthaler, Nursing
Jaclynn Huse, Nursing
Julie Hyde, Business and Mgt
Ron Johnson, Mathematics
Brooks Kirschmann, Campus Safety
Scott Kornblum, WSMC Classical 90.5
Lisa Kuhlman, Business and Mgt
Melodie Lopez, Graduate Studies
Lilly Loza, Student Finance
Januwoina Nixon, Learning Support Services
Rick Norskov, Biology
Pierre Nzokizwanimana, Modern Languages
Mary Anne Poulson, Religion
Jackie Price-Walters, Food Services
Josh Rhodes, Digital Networking
Kelly Sanchez, Computing
Gary Shockley, Village Market
Todd Wever, Landscape Services

Marketing and University Relations

editor | **Raquel Levy**

We welcome your comments and news.
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Congratulations!