

Southern Factor

March 2015

CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER

New Sculpture Completes Summerour Renovations

The newest addition to Summerour Hall was installed on February 4. Crafted from clay and covered in bronze, the sculpture displays Jesus kneeling next to a girl on a bench while pointing at the open Bible in her hands.

"This is the last project for the building, and I think it's perfect," said John McCoy, dean for the School of Education and Psychology. "The theme of the sculpture, 'I Am the Way,' is really what drives the School of Education and Psychology. It's all about pointing our students toward Jesus."

The statue is meant to portray Jesus as a teacher for whoever accepts his guidance. Because reading the Bible can be

a challenge for some, Gregory Johnson, sculptor of the statue, embraced the idea of Jesus acting as a personal coach.

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When McCoy originally approached Johnson about the project, the artist was enthusiastic at the prospect of creating a biblical piece, but task of deciding how to portray Jesus was daunting since the Bible makes minimal mention of his appearance. But ultimately, those details pale in comparison to the reminder of divine presence in our daily lives.

"While He may not physically come visit students in their dorm rooms, He's there nonetheless," Johnson said.

~Eloise Ravell



John McCoy, dean for the School of Education and Psychology, and sculptor Gregory Johnson (right) guide the installation.

NEW 'SUCCESS STORY' LISTSERV

Southern recently created an email listserv for employees to share success stories (of students, staff, alumni, donors, etc) in variety of areas (academic, spiritual, financial, social, etc). Stories@lists.southern.edu is an important tool for collecting these testimonies. We need to remind others—and be reminded ourselves—about the numerous ways God has blessed Southern. Marketing and University Relations will take each story, categorize it, and includes it in a searchable and login-protected database that will, in the next few months, be found at southern.edu/stories. If you would like to be added to this listserv, contact lucaspatterson@southern.edu.

HEALTH CARE PROGRAM HONORED

Southern has been ranked in the top five of a list honoring "Great Small Colleges for a Bachelor's in Healthcare Administration." According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, more than 73,000 health management and administrative positions are expected to be created between now and the year 2022. Southern is well positioned to meet that demand with a Long Term Care program that has room to expand its enrollment without stretching faculty or facility resources. To read the website's comments, or for more information about the ranking methodology, visit healthcare-administration-degree.net.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

Last May, 15 computer science students traveled to Peru and participated in a two-week mission project. The students, along with three faculty and staff, set up a computer clinic and started a college lecture series. [Click here](#) to read an article about the trip that was recently published in *Adventist World*.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

On February 19, **Deyse Bravo Rivera** and **Jessica Spears** presented “Learning from Failure” at The Collective in Knoxville, Tennessee, a conference for librarians striving to cultivate new ideas in their field.

Ben McArthur wrote the Introduction to *Adventist Maverick*, a festschrift honoring George Knight’s work in promoting Adventist history. The book has just appeared from Pacific Press.

Adrienne Royo will be presiding at a workshop titled “The Culture Driven Classroom: A How-to Guide.” The workshop takes place March 12 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, at the Central States Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages.

PERSONAL NEWS

Blake Laing and his wife, Teresa, welcomed their third child into the world on January 7. Silas Laing weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces.

Becky Djernes’ daughter, Karisten Djernes, received her bachelor’s degree from Southern in 2006 and went on to attend Loma Linda University. She recently completed her family practice residency at Erlanger. She is joining the Ooltewah Medical Services clinic, which will be opening in Cambridge Square at the end of March.

CHANGING FACES

SOUTHERN WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING:

Roger Driver, payroll manager, Human Resources
Marilyn Ball, cashier clerk, Village Market
Grace Whetsell, produce associate, Village Market
Brit Sigh, patrol officer, Campus Safety
Cathylen Robertson, international bar chef, Food Services
Nicholas Johnson, assistant department manager, Village Market

FOND FAREWELLS TO:

Timothy Meliti, supervisor, Landscape
Rosiris Camacho, international bar chef, Food Services
Sharon Johnson, cashier clerk, Village Market
Steve French, associate professor, Education and Psych.

BIRTHDAYS

March 1 **Dee Dee Boyce**, Landscape Services
March 2 **Ileana Riverovega**, Village Market
Dennis Schreiner, Service Department
Brian Wilson, Village Market
March 3 **Richard Long**, Service Department
March 4 **Nathan Erickson**, Plant Services
March 6 **Karen Glassford**, Chaplain’s Office
March 7 **Kathy Pires**, Enrollment Services
Alan Simonds, Technology Department
March 8 **Herman Odens**, Chemistry Department
March 10 **Randi Buhl**, Information Systems
March 11 **Michael Rumsey**, Enrollment Services
Penny Ball, Village Market
March 12 **Jessica Seard**, Human Resources
March 14 **Bruce Schilling**, Chemistry Department
Dennis Smith, Village Market
Dave Allemand, Plant Services
March 16 **Nancy Howard**, Village Market
March 17 **John McCoy**, Education and Psych.
March 18 **Cathy Olson**, Education and Psych.
Richard Schwarz, P.E., Health, and Wellness
March 19 **Jennifer Fisher**, Nursing
Herdy Moniyung, Information Systems
Kristie Wilder, Social Work
March 20 **Lisa Hyder**, Online Campus
Star Stevens, Religion
March 21 **Sandra McCollough**, Plant Services
March 22 **Andy Nash**, Journalism and Communication
March 23 **Billy Freck**, Village Market
Trenton Schwarzer, Campus Safety
Dorothy Turner, Purchasing Services
March 26 **Melodie Lopez**, Graduate Studies
Tom Moores, Plant Services
March 28 **Sandra Garcia**, Village Market
March 29 **Christine Moniyung**, Nursing
Marggie Pittman, Risk Management
March 30 **Patti Anderson**, Mathematics Department
Marty Hirschhorn, Plant Services
Jane Mote, Information Systems
March 31 **Tisha Looby**, Thatcher Hall
Anna Romuald, Chaplain’s Office
Ingrid Skantz, Marketing

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