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## Message from Minon...



This summer brings me the opportunity to visit with many SMC Alumni. I've just returned from Florida camp meeting, where a fine group turned out for a supper meeting and the organization of a Florida Chapter of the Alumni Association. The new officers are already planning a potluck for their group. I appreciated their decision to meet on Sunday rather than Sabbath. "When that many old friends get together," they reasoned, "some of the conversation may not be the kind that honors the Sabbath." I believe the Lord will surely bless their association.

Currently William Taylor and I are organizing alumni chapters in each conference of the Southern Union. If you'd like one in your city, just write the Alumni Office for supplies. Next, put notices of a meeting time and place in local church bulletins, and you're on your way. It's not complicated. Let's support our College, because we know it's God's College.

Now a word about Alumni Homecoming, October 20, 21, here on campus. We're excited about plans, which we'll share more fully in the next issue of COLUMNS. Here are a couple advance peeks:

For those who can extend the weekend a bit by coming on Thursday, we'll be offering your choice of a half-dozen or more mini-seminars in a range of subjects of current interest. These can be taken for personal enrichment and updating, or, by paying a nominal charge and completing a reading assignment and a project, for academic credit. I'm personally very excited about the seminars, and I hope to offer one myself in Biblical Narrative. Watch the next issue of COLUMNS for course descriptions and directions for pre-registration.

Another special feature this fall will be a Collegiate Chorale Sing-along. Don Runyan, current director, invites anyone who has ever sung in the Chorale to join the present singers in a special concert. He'll supply sheet music when you arrive, and there'll be a special rehearsal—a good time to get together with friends as well as to bless others with song.

We've got more up our sleeves for October, but space won't permit our telling it all this time. Let's pray that our weekend will be a time for the happy renewal of friendships, and more—a time for the working of our Lord's Spirit, to point us anew toward His great Homecoming. Till then, have a blessed summer, and don't forget to boost SMC.

Minon Hamm '66  
President, Alumni Association

### ABOUT THIS ISSUE

This year SMC reached the mark of conferring diplomas on 5,052 students since the first graduates were sent out in 1904. The cover pictures Terry Strong, accounting major from Columbia, S.C., receiving his diploma from President Frank Knittel, as he symbolically represents the 5,000th graduate. The picture was taken by communication major Donald Rima, '80. Articles for this issue were prepared by Administration officers, staff members, and communication students.



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# SMC Has Over 5,000 Graduates Now!

At the largest ceremonies for graduation that SMC has had so far, three speakers told the graduates that their services were needed to bring events into focus in order for the Lord to come back to earth for the second time.

Mrs. Nell Mohny, wife of the pastor of the First Centenary United Methodist Church, told graduates that their "point of view" in life could make all the difference in how they view events around them.

On Sabbath Elder H. H. Schmidt, Southern Union president, admonished the graduates to follow in the footsteps of those who had gone before them.

Brian Wilcox, Carolina businessman and former SMC student, told the assembly on Sunday morning in graphic form that they must look "outside themselves" in order to see themselves clearly.

Dr. Frank Knittel announced that this would be the last graduation that Dr. Cyril Futcher, Academic Dean, would be participating in. He will retire on June 30 after 54 years of denominational service.

In presenting the graduating class to the President, Dr. Futcher made the following comments, which SMC Alumni will find interesting:

"As this is the last occasion I will have the pleasure of presenting a senior class, it is interesting to cast a glance back over the last several years. For 16 years I have been intimately connected with the details of graduation at SMC and for 59 years before that the college graduated young people, with there being just one graduate the first year in 1904. The statistics of those 59 years compared with the last 16 years show a little of the growth of the College:

Year	2-yr. grad.	4-yr. grad.	Total
1904-1962	574	788	1362
1963-1978	<u>1049</u>	<u>2641</u>	<u>3690</u>
	1623	3429	5052

"You will see that this year for the first time we have a class of more than 400 and the total of all students graduated from SMC surpasses 5,000.

"Back in 1962 our 81 graduates represented 11 separate areas of study, but today's class represents 22 areas of study with 100 graduates from nursing, 37 from religion, 28 from business, 20 from pre-school and elementary education, 18 from biology, 16 from secretarial science, 14 from home economics and related areas, and many other majors with less than 10 seniors each.

"Almost 15 percent completed their work with academic honors, having a total GPA of at least 3.5 on a 4 point scale.

"These graduates, together with their parents are very loyal to their school. Indeed, when a little girl arrived in the home of one of our alumni some 18 or 19 years ago, they gave her names whose initials are SMC, and knowing the family, I am sure that this was not happenstance nor an accident."

There were 307 seniors who received diplomas; adding the 99 graduates who completed work in December 1977, this makes a total of 406 graduates of SMC for 1978. It is interesting to note that 81 seniors received diplomas the first year of Dr. Futcher's service at SMC and 406 graduated his last year at SMC.

Surely the Lord has been in this place! Christian education is growing by leaps and bounds in the Southern Union!



Dr. Futcher addressing 1978 graduates for the last time.



## Dr. Hanson Appointed New Academic Dean

By Jerry Dick Lien

Dr. Lawrence Hanson, currently chairman of the mathematics department, has been designated the new academic dean. He will assume the duties of Dr. Cyril Futcher who will be retiring at the end of the present school year.



Dr. Lawrence Hanson

Dr. Hanson's educational background includes a B.A. from Los Angeles State College, the M.A. from the University of California Davis campus, and a Ph.D. from Florida State University. It is felt by the administration that his background will be a great asset.

President Frank Knittel announced: "Dr. Hanson has been very active with the faculty working policy evolution. He has been the secretary of the Senate; he is presently the chairman of the academy-elementary school board, and he is the president of the local chapter of the Seventh-day Adventist Forum. His formal academic training and his experience give him a wide range of professional perspective, including secondary as well as collegiate education. He has a thorough knowledge of the computer, and this will give him immediate readiness to be involved with the cost elements of SMC," stated Knittel.

The president concluded his announcement of the choice for the new dean by saying, "I feel very comfortable in working with him, and he assures me the feeling is mutual. He is a person with whom it is possible to have a close personal and professional relationship without absorbing or threatening one another. I am truly pleased he has agreed to this change of labor and pace here."

## SPIRALING COSTS AND ADVENTIST EDUCATION

By Richard Reiner

Business Manager, Southern Missionary College

The inflationary spiral continues in the American economy, affecting prices and wages. Where, when, or how it will end, very few, if any know, not even the economists.

Seventh-day Adventist education, on all levels, is not immune to what is happening. Administrative personnel grapple with the problem, watching and cutting costs, trying to operate more efficiently, and reluctantly raising tuition and other costs to keep up with the ever-rampant, escalating costs.

Southern Missionary College, over the years, has kept its costs down in relation to its sister institutions across the United States. However, SMC has not cut the quality of its educational offerings, maintaining an excellent faculty and administrative team, genuinely concerned with the needs of its students and the expectations of its patrons.

The chart below shows the relative cost of SMC compared with its sister institutions for the 1978-79 school year.

The chart demonstrates what SMC has been trying to do over the years: keep its costs down to its students and patrons!

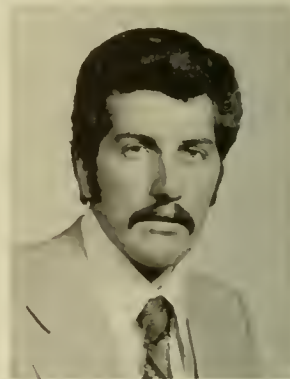
How does it do it?

1. By strong support from its constituency.
2. By ever-increasing enrollments. Over 1900 in 1977.

3. By industries, enterprises, and lease accounts that offset many of the costs.

4. By a strong student work program, providing productive work for every student who really wants to work.

5. By its faculty and staff being constantly vigilant about holding down costs. (The current budget was revised downward over two percent by cooperative efforts of all staff members.)



Richard Reiner

We are trying here at SMC to keep your college a viable, progressive institution, offering and giving a quality education at affordable, comparable costs.

Scholarship funds, loans, government grants—many avenues are open to the sincere student and his parents who are conscientiously seeking a Christ-centered education.

SMC stands ready to serve you as you stand ready to serve Him.

College	Tuition (Full load—15+ hrs.)	Min. Board	Room	Fees	Total
A	\$3,150	\$1,620 pkg.		\$120	\$4,890
B	3,150	\$1,665 pkg. (Max.)		21	4,836
C	3,192	\$630	\$600	121	4,543
D	3,255	595 Av.	630	45	4,525
E	2,878	\$1,450 pkg.		None	4,328
F	3,255	660	400	None	4,315
G	2,870	500	655 Av.	90	4,115
H	2,700	\$1,365 pkg.		36	4,101
SMC	2,880	595 Av.	590	None	4,065

# SMC Physicists Building Molecules Chart

By Eric Newhouse  
Associated Press Writer

A team of physicists is building a model which may replace a century-old table of the elements, advance the art laser design and looks like a parking garage.

The three-dimensional structure is a sophisticated version of Mendeleev's periodic chart of the elements, an index of 105 atoms by weight and physical properties and a science-classroom fixture.

Instead of dealing with atoms, however, the parking garage charts 5,000 diatomic molecules—two atoms linked.

Among other things, it allows scientists to predict the power inherent in different molecules, a boon for laser research.

"The people who build lasers are tearing their hair out trying to find molecules which will emit laser light at greater efficiency," Dr. Ray Hefferlin said. A physics professor at Southern Missionary College, in Collegedale, Tenn., he has worked on the model since 1972.

"This chart won't give all the answers, but I think it will speed the search," he said in an interview. "It will give people a good ball park estimate."

Hefferlin, nominated by the American Academy of Science to spend a year in the Soviet Union working with Russian scientists on molecular power output, said advanced computers permitted researchers at the Seventh-day Adventist college to compile the data.

The garage is built of 15 towers or stacks. In each a physical property like disassociation potential—the energy required to split two atoms—changes in a regular progression across the floor and up or down the stack from floor to floor.

"For example, this chart would allow a scientist to find the properties of radon oxide, which has



Dr. Henry Kuhlman and Dr. Hefferlin inspect Stack

never been measured," Hefferlin said.

"He would find radon oxide on the chart and look on the floors above and below for the chemical properties in which he was interested. These chemical properties follow very neat mathematical trends which would allow him to predict the missing number."

The next step is seeing if any of the 15 stacks can be combined.

"From an esthetic point of view, we'd like to reduce it to one stack, in which any property of all diatomic molecules would increase or decrease in a smooth and regular

progression," Hefferlin said.

Even Mendeleev wasn't able to do that. His chart was actually three charts—one for 44 simple atoms, another for 33 rare earth atoms, and a third for 28 transition metals. But it stands as the basis for atomic understanding. Hefferlin said his garage is sorely needed.

"Science is in a quandary now," he said. "Data is piling up so fast that people despair it means anything—some astronomers say the universe is chaos."

"We're creating order out of 5,000 pieces of hitherto unrelated data."

*Eric Newhouse's article is reprinted from the Chattanooga "Times."*



## Education Department Gets New Head

By Jerry Dick Lien

Dr. William D. Pearson, principal and business manager of San Diego Academy, recently accepted a call to head the education department.

Dr. Pearson will take the place of Dr. K. M. Kennedy, who became acting chairman two years ago when Dr. Stuart Berkeley went to Antillian College, Puerto Rico.

A native of Washington state, Pearson has taught on the junior high level at Spokane Junior Academy, Spokane, Wash.; Rogers Elementary School in College Place, Wash., and Loma Linda Academy. During his experience teaching in grades seven and eight, Dr. Pearson worked with student teachers in a self-contained classroom situation.

At San Diego Academy, he taught 9th, 10th, and 12th grade courses in English and journalism before becoming principal of the school in 1972.

In 1974 Dr. Pearson received his Ph.D. degree in leadership and human behavior with emphasis in educational leadership from the United States International University in San Diego, Calif. His dissertation title: "Community and the Seventh-day Adventist High School."

Pearson's B.A. degree in religion was gained at Walla Walla College in 1956. He also earned his M.A. degree in education from Walla Walla with an emphasis in the social sciences. His thesis title was "The Effects of Music on the Study Habits of Students."

When not in a classroom environment, Dr. Pearson's personal interests reflect his Puget Sound upbringing. He indulges in outdoor activities such as hiking, backpacking, tent camping, beachcombing, and kayaking.

Pearson plans to arrive in Collegedale in June.

## "Keepers of the Spring"

The ministerial department is sponsoring a new group called the "Keepers of the Spring," consisting of past, present, and future ministerial wives' auxiliary.

The "Keepers of the Spring" will be meeting at various religion department faculty members' homes, beginning at 3:00 on Sabbath afternoons.

Pertinent information that is of special interest to the wife of the future minister will be discussed, and there will be opportunity for questions and dialogue.

The first meeting was held Sabbath, February 28, at Dr. Douglas Bennett's home. Scheduled meetings will be held in the homes of Elder Jerry Gladson, Dr. Lorenzo Grant, and other ministers on campus.

Meetings are intended to help ministers and their wives learn necessary points of their service to the church which are not given in textbooks.

## SMC's Committee of 100 Plans for Improvements

The Committee of 100 for SMC, Inc., recently voted projects totaling \$438,000 for the development of the campus at Southern Missionary College, according to William A. Iles, President.

The membership at the annual meeting and the Committee's Board of Trustees voted the following:

1. Three handball courts and track base and surface improvement—\$98,000.

2. Upper Campus Promenade, a walkway beginning at the elementary school and consisting of plantings, shrubs, flowers, benches, and retaining walls, ending at the proposed Fine Arts complex—\$100,000.

3. New WSMC-FM Radio Station—\$240,000, half of which will come from other sources.

The annual meeting was both significant and momentous in that these factors were accomplished:

a. It was attended by the largest group (100 persons, representing over 50 memberships) since the dedication of SMC's gymnasium, the Committee's first project in September, 1965.

b. It marked the highest number of members—97—now in the Committee since the groundbreaking for the gym, held in May, 1965, when the membership was 100.

c. Sixteen new members have joined since the last annual meeting.

Officers re-elected to serve were: President, William A. Iles; Charles Fleming, Senior Vice President-Executive Director; William Hulsey, Vice President-Treasurer; John (Al) Sines, Vice President-Secretary; and Robert Merchant, Vice President-Assistant Treasurer.

### PLAN NOW To Attend HOMECOMING OCTOBER 20, 21

#### Speakers:

Pat Horning, '68  
Associate Editor, *Listen*  
Friday Night

Albert V. McClure, '28  
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# Dr. Futcher Retires After 50 Years Service

By Vanessa Greenleaf-Henson

English-Journalism Major



Dr. C. F. W. Futcher in a counseling mood.

It is 8:00 Wednesday morning and whoever is responsible for the traditional, weekly worship talk, has not shown up. Word mumbles around that the missing speaker had to make an unexpected trip to Florida. Mrs. Jane Brown, secretary to the President, leans back and whispers to Dr. Futcher.

Dr. Futcher gives the talk.

"Dr. Futcher has been a minuteman on numerous occasions," Mrs. Brown comments later. "He is always so gracious about accepting the task of giving the worship talk at the last minute and even though he hasn't

come prepared, he still gives us a very fine presentation."

Besides being able to give good worship talks, Dr. Cyril Futcher can also stir up the community by announcing his retirement from the office of Academic Dean of Southern Missionary College, a post he has efficiently held for the last seven years.

Before he took on that job, he was Director of Admissions and Records for nine years.

"So it's about time they put me out to grass!" he chuckles. (Even his laugh is exquisitely an Eng-

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lishman's!) "Seriously, everybody and everything has really been on pleasant. SMC is the nicest campus I've ever been on and the people have been the best to work with."

But does Dr. Cyril Futcher "deserve" the luxury of retirement?

His work for the church began 50 years ago, 15 years after his birth in Southampton, England. It was there at the British Health Food Factory, that he met for the first time Gladys Hyde, who was secretary to the sales manager.

After working at the factory for two and a half years, young Futcher went to his first Adventist school, Newbold College. Normally, a student would have spent six years at Newbold going through their academic program. Futcher did stay six years at Newbold, but two of those years were spent teaching. "I was in a hurry, so I finished in four," he explains. The next two years he taught history, math, geography, Bible, accounting, and English.

By this time, the young teacher had become a little more acquainted with that "eligible" secretary to the sales manager and had decided she was to be his wife.

But before they could marry, he had to come to the United States to attend Emmanuel Missionary College for two years for additional schooling; thus leaving his fiancée back home in England. "We didn't even see each other for two years!" Dr. Futcher reminisces. "So when these young men tell me they can't leave their lady-friend for a month . . .!"

His years at EMC were rather busy. When he finished, he had majors in religion and history, plus a minor in English. The young scholar also accomplished something else—he was the first to graduate from EMC with honors. And to do that, besides being eligible in the first place, he had to do quite an extensive piece of research.

"But I survived and made haste back to England where we (Miss Hyde and I) wasted no time in getting married!" The year was 1938.

The groom was scheduled to teach mainly math and science courses at Newbold while his bride was registrar and in charge of the secretarial department for a while.

Previously, as a student at Newbold, Futcher had asked President Murdoch why there couldn't be a course taught in Denominational History. Now two years later and two days before classes were to begin, Futcher met up with President Murdoch who informed him that there was, in fact, going to be a class of Denominational History.

"Great! That's just what we need!" was the ecstatic reply. Now it was the President's turn to be excited.

"Yes! and you are going to teach it!"

Dr. Futcher laughed as he related the incident. "You can imagine what I spent the next two days and nights doing!"

Along with his heavy load of work at Newbold, Futcher was also taking some post-graduate studies at the University of London where he obtained a math major and physics minor.

From Newbold, the Futcher family, increased by two, moved to West Australian Missionary College in January of 1949 where he was in charge of history, math, science, and registrar. His wife did not work because of the two children, Tony and Carol, and the third addition was to make his debut soon.

After serving at the Australian College for eight years, the five-member Futcher family, now including Terence, came on furlough to the United States and settled in Takoma Park, Maryland, where Futcher began his work on his doctorate as a sideline to his teaching at Columbia Union College. His doctorate was in the area of history and philosophy of education.

Then came the special year of 1962—the year the Futchers moved to Southern Missionary College.

Four years later, I moved, along with my family, to Collegedale and settled in a house across the street from Futchers. I was only eight years of age, but I can still remember being fascinated by his English accent. And the unique way he said "Righto" had me practicing for days to turn my southern accented "Righto" into a genuine, sophisticated English "Righto."

I will always remember him as the man who didn't yell at us neighborhood kids for playing "Hide and go seek" and using their big tree as the favorite hiding place.

His secretary, Evonne Richards will remember him as a boss who is non-pressurized, who plans ahead, and who is prompt to get things done.

"His ability to treat student #450 the same as student #1 has taught me a lot about patience," Mrs. Richards comments. "Sometimes secretaries have to cover for their bosses—I don't. He always lets me know where he is going."

"His favorite morning watch book is *Sons and Daughters of God*," Mrs. Brown, who works right across the hall, reflects. Then she sums up quite adequately the feelings of most people who know Dr. Futcher. "To me, Dr. Futcher exemplifies a person who is truly a son of God."



# Andrews University Chapter

Dr. Minon Hamm, '66, president of the International Southern Missionary College Alumni Association, along with William H. Taylor, director of Alumni Relations, met with over 100 persons for the formal organization of the Andrews Chapter of the SMC Alumni Association.

Dr. Hamm told the group about recent events on the campus including the largest enrollment that SMC has ever had, 1905, and about the progress the college is making in academic affairs.

Hostess for the organization was Mary Lou Cummings, '65, who organized the potluck supper, took the reservations, and did a splendid job of making everybody feel welcome.

A short worship talk was given by Steve Torgerson, '77. The following officers were elected:

Desmond Cummings, Jr., '65, president

Smuts van Rooyen, '64, vice-president

Mary Holmes Maxson, '70, secretary-treasurer

Ray Minner, '70, publicity secretary

Taylor gave a slide show on the progress on the campus, including the proposed Fine Arts Center which includes a music building-multi-classroom, an Art department and exhibition hall, the Communications department and radio station, and the 3,500-seat Fine Arts Auditorium. Plans are being completed for the structures, and it is hoped that construction can start in the spring of 1979.

Those alumni, former students, and former faculty members who attended the chapter meeting are as follows:

Mel Andersen, Assistant to Vice President, Andrews University.

Michael Armayor, student at Andrews; M. of Div. December '79. Sponsored by Georgia-Cumber-

land Conference. Marilyn Pumphrey Armayor is a surgical nurse at Memorial Hospital in St. Joseph, Michigan.

Beverly Babcock Botten, '67, is piano teacher and housewife. Husband, LeRoy, is director of the Computer Center at Andrews University. Children are Stephanie (9) and Elizabeth (5).

David Bauer, '56, Vice President Development and Public Relations at Andrews U.

Judith Blanton, '63, Program Director WAUS-FM.

R. Kenneth Blanton, '63, Assistant Dean of Students at AU and assistant to Recruiter for AU.

N. Sue Bremson, '75, English. "Working toward an MA in Counseling and Guidance. I love Andrews; I love Michigan; I love the weather; I love the people!!!"

Steve, '75, and Debbie, '76, Brown. "Working on M.A. in Religious Education for academy teaching. Will be here two years. Debbie is working in ICU at Memorial Hospital."

Ken Bryant, '75. At the Seminary working on M. Div. Going to the Florida Conference.

Luis Carlos, Jr. AS degree in '77. Construction Technology. "At present living with parents. Will be in the dorm (Mier Hall) in January. Finishing music major and religion minor."

Mike and Dottie Cauley, '75. "Mike will graduate with M. Div. degree from Seminary in December. Then we'll be going to the Georgia-Cumberland conference. We just had a baby boy on November 5, 1977. His name is Michael Richard."

James A. Clarke, '76, and Judy Wright Clarke, '76. James is sponsored by the Indiana Conference at the seminary where he hopes to receive his M. Div. in August, 1979. Judy is an emergency room nurse.

Denver W. Cavins, '77. Theology; Seminary student until 12/79. Kentucky-Tennessee sponsorship.

Irene Cross Kuist, '58. Accompanies academy choir; gives a few private lessons at home. *Home-maker #1*. Irene has a Bachelor of Music Education degree.

Bruce A. Closser, '49. Graduate Studies, English Department; part-time Instructor in English.

Tim Crosby, '77. Theology.

Jinnie Vee (Wilson) Fillman. Director of Day Care Center. Noel Fillman, '63. Chief Medical Technologist, Berrien Springs Hospital.

Raymond Gager, '56. Teaching Lakeshore Public Schools, grade 5.

Bill Garber, teacher at SMC 1970-74. Teaching communication, AU. Colleen Smith Garber, '71, teacher of communication, AU.

Dwight Herod, '75. "I will graduate from seminary in December of '78 and return to pastoral duties in the Carolina Conference."

Les Hess, J. D., '73. University of Florida law degree; looking for a job.

C. Mark Hynum, '77. Working towards the M. A. Religion, archaeology and ancient history (student at Andrews).

Bob Ingram, '58 and Glenna. Manager of Student Finance at AU.

Gloria Lee, '70. "Since graduation I have lived in Knoxville, Tennessee; Kettering, Ohio; and Silver Spring, Maryland. Presently, I am living in Berrien Springs, Michigan. I am working in Intensive Care Unit in St. Joseph, Michigan."

Nancy Lorraine Schwerin McBride, '70. "Husband Norman is teaching in the Business Department. He is an AU graduate. I am teaching private piano students and am secretary to Dr. Paul Hamel,

chairman of the AU Music Department. We have one child, a son named Lance Ryan, who is 3½."

*Andy McDonald*, '77. Seminary student. Sponsored by the Georgia-Cumberland Conference.

*Patsy (Rosen) Middaugh*, '72. "I'm married to Allen Middaugh, Andrews University 1972. Am a homemaker and am currently involved in giving a cooking school in our local church in Dowagiac, Michigan."

*Ray Minner*, '70. Public Information Officer, Andrews University. "My wife, Vida, and I have had a baby girl, Karen Janeen, born September 11. She is our second daughter. Jennifer Nicole is two years old."

*Gerald Leon Mobley (Jerry)*, '76. Called to Carolina Conference. Student at Seminary until December, 1978. Married to Joan Montross, '75. Child expected March 8, 1978.

*Jonathan Penner*. "Teaching at Lake Michigan College. Travel to Europe each summer as usual."

*Wilfred (Willie) Reyna*, '60. M.A., 1974. "Just returned from 8 years' mission service in Bolivia as pastor and teacher. Presently studying at AU. Wife, Gloria Herring, graduate of Union College 1967."

*Rene Ruttimann*, '75 and wife Renate. Rene is M.Div. student at AU.

*James F. Sawtell*, '77. Student at AU Seminary. Will go to Loma Linda and finish up the MSPH.

*Joseph Grady Smoot*, '55. President of Andrews University.

*Brian E. Strayer*, '73. "Living in Jackson, Michigan, teaching grades 7-10 History and English and P. E. in Junior Academy. Also preparing for Ph.D. work in history for 1978."

*Steve*, '77, and *Sheri (Sharon Clifton)* '74, *Torgerson*. Steve is M.Div. student at AU and Sheri is housewife and mother.

*Norman and Alice Trubey*, '57. Accountant at Andrews University.

*Ric Tryon*, '71. Married to Cynthia Rogers Tryon. Children: Timothy

1½ years and Linda 2 months. "Will finish M.Div. in March, '78 and will go back to Southern California Conference, Los Angeles area. Seminary Student Forum officer."

*Cecil Wear*, '72 and *Barbara Holland Wear*, '62. Cecil is accountant at Battle Creek Academy and Barbara is homemaker.

*Wanda Weikum*, '74. "I recently moved from Maryland to Berrien Springs. I now work in the Intensive Care Unit as an RN in the St. Joseph Hospital."

*Frances Wiegand*, '76. M. Div. student at AU.

*James D. Wright*. Attended SMC '75 to '77. Industrial Education. Biology major (pre-dent).

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### Chicagoland Chapter

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The Chicagoland Chapter of the Southern Missionary College Alumni Association was organized recently at a dinner meeting held at the Hinsdale Hospital, Hinsdale, Illinois.

Elected to office were the following:

President, Rick Hale, '75, Compensation Director, Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital;

Vice-President, Robert Ammons, '55, Ministerial Secretary and Lay Activities Director, Illinois Conference of SDA;

Secretary-Treasurer, Nellie Jane MacDonald, '40, Math teacher in junior high school; and

Publicity Secretary, Beverly Grundset, '74, Junior, Illinois College of Podiatric Medicine.

Others in attendance were:

Frances Ammons, '54, RN at MacNeal Hospital in Berwin, IL;

Terrance G. Dunder, '75, Process Metallurgist and wife, Rebecca L.;

Mark and Karen Gutman, both '76. Mark is pastor in Dubuque, Iowa, and Karen is Charge Nurse at Ennoble Manor Rest Home in Dubuque;

Freda Casil Hale, '73, full-time mother of son, Brian, born April 6, 1977;

David and Deanna (Miller) Serikaku, '76 & '74. David is RN in ICU-CCU and Deanna is ward secretary at Hinsdale Hospital; and

Franco Vega, attended '57. Security Guard, ordained pastor at Hinsdale Hospital.

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### Washington, D.C., Chapter

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In spite of a snowy evening, approximately 60 alumni, former staff members and students gathered at the Columbia Union College cafeteria recently to organize formally the Washington chapter of the Southern Missionary College Alumni Association.

The enthusiastic crowd spent some time in fellowship as well as listening to William H. Taylor, director of alumni relations, report on the progress of the college, showing pictures and telling about the development of the campus, particularly the proposed Fine Arts complex.

The chapter officers elected were as follows: Ingrid Christiansen, '66, president; Archa Dart, '22, vice-president; Patricia Mather Orange, '62, secretary-treasurer; and Carolyn Luce, '60, publicity secretary.

Others registered for the event were:

Elder & Mrs. Robert H. Pierson  
Robert C. McMillan, '53  
Elder & Mrs. Clyde O. Franz (Lois Mae, '34) '32

Elder F. C. Webster, '34  
Ms. Maude Brooke, '22  
Hazel Brook Snide, '40  
William S. Nelson, '66  
Alvin W. Galutia, '53  
Mildred Emanuel Bradley, '25  
W. P. Bradley, taught 1922-25  
Bill Roberts, '76  
Joy Darnell Spruill, '54  
Milford Spruill, '54  
S. L. "Buck" Alvarez, '58  
James Joiner, '53  
Mabel Mitchell Joiner, '53  
Ingrid Christiansen, '66  
Richard T. Speight, attended '59-'60

Bruce and Carol Freeman, '62  
Archa O. Dart, '22  
Marsha Koppel, '77  
December  
Barbara L. Palmer, '77



## Francis' Heart In Education

By Mathew Staver  
Religion Major, '80

What happened to the "all heart" man, who used to stroll the campus wearing a hat, dark grey trench coat, and carrying a bulging brief case? That man, of course, is Elder Robert E. Francis, professor of religion.

Due to a prolonged illness, Elder Francis hasn't been able to teach this semester. After recuperating for a while at the Florida Hospital in Orlando, Fla., he's back in Collegedale now continuing a doctor-supervised rest.

### 61st Birthday

Elder Francis will retire either at the end of this summer or in December. However, there is the possibility that he will continue teaching on a semi-retired basis.

Elder Francis celebrated his 61st birthday last semester. Being a member of the faculty of the religion department for the past 18 years, one of the longest employed faculty members of the college, he taught Teachings of Jesus, Adventist Beliefs, Foundations of the Advent Movement, Last-Day Events, and Christian Theology.

### Famous Charts

Elder Francis is a man greatly known for his charts, especially concerning last-day events. He said, "My theology has been greatly influenced by Elder Pingnot as to last-day events, by M. L. Andreasen concerning righteousness by faith, and by Elder Frazee as to my view of the sanctuary."

Elder Francis' theology is related to the glory of God. Its basic motivation is the vindication of God in the great controversy.

### Perfectionist

When he refers to himself as a perfectionist, he does not mean holy flesh, but that one can have perfection of character. "This," he insists, "is done by the grace of God."

"Now we have a mediator to atone for our sins, but during the time of trouble there will be no

mediator. So then if we sin, who should atone for our sin? That doesn't mean," he said, "we will ever be without grace or that we will stand by our own power. What it does mean is that our love for God will be so intense we will not want to sin. Our greatest desire will be to vindicate God before an on-looking universe, so much so that we would rather die than sin."

Elder Francis' mother died when he was only three years old and his father when he was five, so most of his early years were spent in an orphanage. When on his 17th birthday he left the orphanage, all he had was a cornet, a new suit of clothes, a suitcase, his training received in operating a linotype machine, and a ten-dollar bill.

Leaving the orphanage, he found himself for the first time in his life faced with the realities of the world amidst a persistent economic depression, and the never-ceasing problem of finding a job.

For a while, he lived with his sister—now by name Dorothy Hoovler—who, along with Bob, was not an Adventist.

But he began studying the Bible with Elder Youngs, pastor of a nearby Seventh-day Adventist Church. Elder Youngs invited him to go to camp meeting with him.

### Meets Vandeman

At the first meeting, Bob went inside the huge tent to find a good seat. Looking over the crowd and feeling very much out of place, a young man spotted him who was the same age. With a warm infectious smile he introduced himself as George Vandeman. "Bob, you should be in college!" Vandeman told him.

Bob was finally baptized through the instrumentalities of both Elder Youngs and George Vandeman, and for a while roomed with Vandeman at Washington Missionary College, now CUC. The two became best of friends and said Elder Francis, "George helped me a lot to



Robert E. Francis

have a true relationship with Christ."

### Beatrice Hopwood

While at Washington Missionary College, Elder Francis met Beatrice Hopwood and proposed. On November 11, 1938, they were married.

### Receives Calls

Upon graduation, Elder Francis received a call to pastor a church in the Potomac Conference, and also to operate a radio station in Bluefield, W. Va., along with two other pastors, called "Prophecy Speaks." Long hours were spent in driving to and from the radio station, and combined with the other duties of a pastor, Elder Francis was forced to keep a strenuous schedule.

A call then came from Union Springs Academy in New York, where Elder Francis accepted a job as a pastor and Bible teacher.

Later in his career, he taught at Shenandoah Valley Academy, and then in the 1960-61 school year he accepted the call to teach at SMC.

### "Heaven is A School"

Looking back, Elder Francis admitted, "Some of my 'choicest charts' have been the product of some of my students. Students have been a real inspiration to me, and the experiences have brought many joys.

"One can never completely retire from years of spiritual inter-relationships." And he has often said, "Heaven is primarily a school." He looks forward to the time when he can meet his student and faculty comrades with the matchless Christ in that better land.



# An Interview With Dr. Robert Reid Morrison

By Debbie Martin  
Journalism Major '79

From an office arrayed with myriad books bearing Spanish and French titles, and more Spanish than French, comes this interview for SOUTHERN COLUMNS.

"I took Spanish and French in high school and I've been at it ever since," said Dr. Robert Reid Morrison, Chairman of the Modern Languages Department at Southern Missionary College.

From his interest for modern languages in high school followed with higher learning, teaching experiences, and travel, Dr. Morrison's tongue for Spanish and French languages has been cultivated to fluency.

Morrison studied undergraduate work in Spanish and French at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. In 1950, after two years and eight months, Morrison was graduated with a B.A. degree in Spanish and a minor in Spanish and English; lacking only three hours from receiving a second degree in English.

"I probably should have stayed another term to complete the three hours, but I had the chance to graduate so I did," said Morrison, with a look of perplexed wonder as he ponders to fathom how he ever allowed himself to graduate without a degree in English. Morrison then shrugged his shoulders and said, "I guess I was just young and restless."

In 1954, after two years of military service in between time, Morrison completed his Master's program at the renowned Middlebury College in Vermont where, says Morrison, "if you were ever heard uttering a word in English on the campus, you were automatically expelled from the college."

In 1958, Morrison completed his doctoral work at the University of Florida where he studied Italian, Latin, German and some Portuguese. His dissertation, parts of which were researched at the National Library of Madrid, was done on "Religious Drama of the Golden Age in Spain." "I have hopes of someday going to Europe and having my work (dissertation) translated in Spanish and published as a reference book," said Morrison.

During his study at the University of Florida, Morrison taught part time as a graduate assistant.

In 1965, Morrison taught Spanish and French at East Carolina University where, says Morrison, "some of the greatest moments of my life were lived."

"In 1965 and 67, I was chosen as director of the National Defensive Education Act Summer Language Institute. The programs were designed to increase teaching effectiveness of secondary school Spanish teachers. Millions of dollars were appropriated by Congress to run the Institutes.

"As director, I had the responsibility of setting up the curriculum for each program, selecting a qualified staff and providing a schedule of co-curricular activities. Each program ran for seven weeks. Just seeing the participants grow from the experiences and activities, was worth it all. It was a marvelous task with marvelous reward."

Another exceptional moment in Morrison's life came



Dr. Robert Reid Morrison

in 1968 when he helped found the Adventist Teacher Language Association and served as the first editor of its journal, which is still in circulation.

Three years earlier, Morrison co-founded and was first president of the East Carolina Chapter of the National Railways Historical Society and is presently serving as the editor of the organization's newsletter.

Morrison's travels to Spain and other parts of Europe have provided education for Morrison outside the classroom.

After retirement, Morrison says he has hopes of visiting more of the Spanish and French speaking worlds.

A member of the Collegedale SDA church, Morrison serves as associate head elder. He is also the editor of the Collegedale church newsletter, *The Spire*.

Morrison is married and has two children, Gary and Karen, both of whom attend SMC.

Morrison has a sincere hope in the future of the Adventist church and its schools. He believes that the SDA schools will "survive until God needs them no longer."

To the question, "What is the state of the SDA church?" Morrison responded, "Our present leadership is looking into the whys of the delay of Christ's second coming. They are wanting to find out where they are going wrong. The members are admitting our past mistakes and attempting to right our wrongs. In this state of humility," said Morrison, "God can use us more effectively."

Dr. Morrison sincerely believes, "we, the SDA church, can go through under our present leadership."



Mark Godenick, a biology major from New Jersey, exemplifies the 406 graduates who received diplomas from President Frank A. Knittel on May 7, 1978.

**1928**

Alfred V. McClure will be the speaker for both Sabbath services at the 1978 Homecoming on SMC campus on October 20 and 21. He would like to meet all classmates who graduated with him then. Classmates listed in the "Golden History Book" are Charles A. Boykin, Millard C. Bradley, Leslie Butterfield, Nellie Ferree, Beulah B. Johnson, O. D. McKee, Mae Murrell Summer, and Wendell Wolfe.

**1949**

Frances Andrews is completing a year as charter secretary of the newly organized chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi. The Southeast Tennessee Chapter organized in

August 1976, and includes journalists south of Nashville and Knoxville who meet monthly in Chattanooga. William Taylor of the Alumni Office and John Summers, formerly of WSMC, are also members.

**1953**

Robert and Betty Jo Boynton McMillan came for graduation exercises this year to attend the graduation of their daughter Sally Jean. Sally will be teaching English at Highland Academy in September.

**1955**

Daniel Y. Loh, M. D., is in private practice at 17415 Plummer St.,

Northridge, Calif. 91324, and would like to hear from friends. He inquired about subscriptions to the *Southern Accent* and *Southern Columns*. There is no subscription price for *COLUMNS*. Just be sure we have your correct address in our files, and you should receive it automatically.

**1956**

Donald Holland, president of the Iowa Conference, and his wife Ann came back to SMC during May for the graduation of another child. His brother Sherman and sister-in-law Helen, came from Pensacola, Florida, to have a family reunion on campus.

**1963**

Jon W. Gepford has joined Battle Creek Sanitarium Hospital as assistant Administrator. He came there from New Jersey, where he was assistant administrator of Hackettstown Community Hospital. Before taking this position he was treasurer for a group of mission hospitals operated by the church in Bangkok, Thailand. The largest hospital in this group had 185 beds. While discussing his new position Gepford commented, "I think Battle Creek Sanitarium Hospital has a rich history and a great deal of potential. It is exciting for me to think about developing this potential." Gepford and his wife Patricia have two children, Kevin and Julie.

**1968**

James Woods, choral director of Highland View Academy, has been selected to become a member of Washington Cathedral Choral Society. This choir is under the direction of Dr. Paul Callaway and includes many government officials and ambassadors. Of the 55 persons who auditioned, only four were accepted. James Woods was one of them.

Ron Vincent, his wife, Carol, and three children have come to Kansas City where he teaches at Cedarvale Academy. He comes from North Carolina where he taught public school. At Cedarvale he has the tremendously arduous task of teaching 35 fifth and sixth graders and physical education for all students fifth through tenth grades.

1970

Richard E. Pleasants, III, is the new pastor of the Hyattsville, Md., Church. They came to Maryland from Dade City, Fla. He completed the M.Div. course at Andrews University. Richard's father is the Sabbath School secretary of the Florida Conference, and his brother, Jim, is the associate youth director in Potomac Conference. This is truly an SMC family.

1971

A new ministerial intern for the Northern New England conference is Kenneth L. Schriber. He has been assigned to the Burlington, Vermont, district. He is married to the former Andrea Vivian Nelson, and they have one child, Kenneth Andrew, who is six years old.

Dr. Penny Nelson, assistant professor of education at Nicholls State University, Thibodaux, La., recently attended the Fall Conference of the Reading Teachers Association in New Orleans. She has a regular feature in *The Louisiana Reading Teacher* called "Penny's Potpourri" which provides practical suggestions for teachers of reading. She was recently initiated into Phi Delta Kappa, an honorary society in education.

1972

Eldon Roberts has been principal and teacher in the Des Moines,

Iowa, School. Eldon came from Louisville, Ky., school, where he was also principal. His wife Holly also teaches fifth grade. The Roberts have a rich background of experience in the education field.

1973

Richard Griffin is the new dean of boys at Upper Columbia Academy. He has been associated with Oak Park Academy, and Auburn Academy, where he taught and assisted as dean. He and his wife Bettie have a two-year-old daughter Tara.

Phyllis McCluskey writes that last June she resigned her commission in the Army and returned from Germany. Now she is enrolled in the University of Texas at Austin working toward an M. S. degree in nursing. When she graduates in August, she hopes to work as a counselor.

Doug Bricker, M. D., is taking a residency in Radiology at the Reading General Hospital. His wife Kathy Brown, '73 got her M.S. in nursing while they were at Loma Linda and taught in the nursing school the last year there. Doug and Kathy have a little girl almost three and another "baby girl."

1974

Greg Rumsey is an associate in the Communication Department in the Colorado Conference. Greg and his wife Shirley have a new accomplishment of which they are very proud — a new son — Timothy Douglas, born on August 3, 1977.

Mary B. (Mahn) Hedrick left from San Francisco on September 20, 1977, to serve as elementary teacher Overseas School, Chiangmai, Thailand. She was accompanied by her husband, Earl L. Hedrick, going on a special service assignment.

1977

Bruce Yingling and his wife Judy Wuttke Yingling are teaching on the staff of Broadview Academy Lafox, Ill. Bruce teaches English and journalism and Judy is secretary and the principal.

Also on the staff at Broadview are other students from SMC:

Cindy and Loren Fardules came from Chattanooga, and Loren is dean of Boys at the Academy and Cindy is the school nurse.

Byron Grismore is teaching photography, and freshman Bible.

Nancy Helgren, former teacher at SMC, is now teaching health at Broadview.

Ernestine Underwood, assistant girls' dean at Laurelwood Adventist Academy, majored in physical education at SMC, and is able to practice her profession there.

1978

Don Jehle, a communication journalism major, is working in the Review and Herald Publishing Association. Others from SMC who are there are Ray Woolsey, Book Editor, Barbara Palmer, J. Schleifer, and Bruce Pierce, who are supervising various departments. If we have missed any, please let us know! Your letters to SOUTHERN COLUMNS are most welcome!

## SMC Students Chosen For LLU Programs

The following students from Southern Missionary College have been accepted into the Loma Linda University School of Allied Health Professions:

Deborah C. M. Anderson, Respiratory Therapy; Susan E. Lechl, Physical Therapy; Karen A. Rledge, Anesthesia; Ronald Stephens, Anesthesia; and Debra G. Wampler, Physical Therapy.



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- 3 - Sun., 8:00 p.m. - The National Band of New Zealand and the Maori Dancers  
4:00 p.m. - Workshop — The National Band of New Zealand  
9 - Sat., 8:30 p.m. - Pretzels - Rootbeer - Film Festival  
30 - Sat., 8:30 p.m. - "The Cross and the Switchblade" — Film

- 14 - Sat., 8:30 p.m. - SMC Music Department Annual Pops Concert  
21 - Sat., 8:30 p.m. - "The Best of Candid Camera" — Film, with Allen Funt, lecturer  
Alumni Weekend  
28 - Sat., 8:30 p.m. - Chattanooga Big Wheels — "Wheelchair Basketball Game"

- 8 - Wed., 8:15 p.m. - The U.S. Marine Band — "The President's Own"  
1:30 p.m. - Matinee — The U.S. Marine Band  
18 - Sat., 8:00 p.m. - SMC Orchestra — with guest artist

- 1 - Fri., 1:30 p.m. - Workshop with James Pellerite, Flutist  
2 - Sat., 8:00 p.m. - SMC Band Christmas Concert with James Pellerite, Flutist

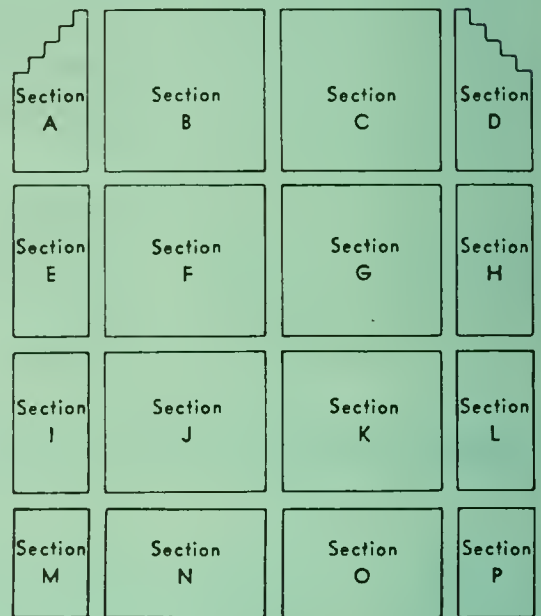
- 13 - Sat., 8:15 p.m. - "Brian's Song" — Film  
14 - Sun., 7:30 p.m. - Kodak Show — "Canada — Holiday in Pictures"  
24 - Wed., 8:15 p.m. - Chattanooga Symphony - Lee College Singers - SMC Collegiate Chorale — Brahms' "Requiem"

- 3 - Sat., 8:15 p.m. - Dick and Anne Albin, Folksingers — "Makin' Do With What You Have"  
4 - Sun., 10:00 a.m. - Workshop — Dick and Anne Albin, Folk Music Instruments — "Makin' Do With What You Have"  
18 - Sun., 8:15 p.m. - Paul Badura-Skoda — Pianist  
25 - Sun., 8:00 p.m. - Stan Midgley — "Colorado" Film-Lecture

- 24 - Sat., 8:00 p.m. - SMC Band with UTK Percussion Ensemble  
31 - Sat., 8:15 p.m. - Los Caballeros Chilenos — Folk Singers

- 7 - Sat., 8:15 p.m. - "Underwater Jungle Law" — Film - with Jean Michel Cousteau, lecturer  
13 - Fri., 1:30 p.m. - Workshop — The Balancing Knechts  
14 - Sat., 8:15 p.m. - Die Meistersinger — Spring Concert  
15 - Sun., 8:00 p.m. - The Balancing Knechts — College Days

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