President's Report


Guest Editorial

UP AT COLLEGEDALE

Years ago we used to sing a song that began with, “Come on down to Collegedale, it’s a good place to be!” I sang it with as much gusto as anyone, but I could never figure out what it meant to “come on down.” Much of what I did around Collegedale was up, not down. The first time I visited the college I traveled half of one night and part of the next day up to Collegedale. The first thing I did after arriving on the campus to enroll as a freshman was to crawl up the side of the hill to the dormitory. Minutes later the assistant dean took me up to third floor, up to the north end of the hall where he signed me up for a room.

My first chapel seat was up front. The first village student to invite me to his house came to my dorm room and asked me to walk up Camp Road to his home. Later I met someone else who also lived up Camp Road. We kept our friendship up and it led to marriage. Before we married, a College Days program cover pictured the two of us looking down from a window and shouting, “Come on down to Collegedale,” to all those visiting academy seniors. Something was obviously wrong. The people we were supposed to be shouting to were already down, but not in Collegedale, and we were up and already in Collegedale.

Several years after graduation we moved up to Collegedale again. One of the first things I noticed was that nobody sang “Come on down to Collegedale” anymore, even though half the college had moved down from the ridge into the valley. When old friends would ask us where we lived we would point up the side of the hill and say, “Up there on White Oak Drive, the last house on the upper side.” My first office was up behind what used to be the stage in Lynn Wood Hall. Later I moved to a new office up on the third floor of Brock Hall. When I moved again to Wright Hall, it was to the office next to the president’s, up on second floor.

Maybe some people came down to Collegedale, but I didn’t. Never. Getting here and staying here has always been an up experience, in more than one way. After watching several thousand others passing through this institution I have concluded that I have not been unique. Here our spirits have been lifted up. Here we have learned to look up. Here our vision of the future has been up. Here our perception of the Christ-centered life remains up. Here an understanding of our role as part of the human family was and is up. Here our faith in eternal verities has been up.

You will read elsewhere in this issue about other aspects of Southern College that are up. Evidently the institutional reputation of being up is up still more. Enrollment is up. The will to make good is up. The feeling of well-being is up. The spirit of unity is up. Commitment to the purposes of the college is up.

Being up is within the finest of Collegedale traditions. Visit the campus. Look us up. Enjoy the uplifting experience of participating one way or another in the life of this institution. Once you share what it is like to be up at Collegedale you will never want to give it up.

—Floyd Greenleaf
VP for Academic Administration

Southern College students watching a poised Chris Mitchell, center, demonstrate his mental and physical stability are, from left, Maria Leon, Pearlie Reyes, Mike Thompson, and Ingrid Skantz. For more on balance, see the President’s Report which begins on page 5. (Photo by Dean Kinsey)
THE SOUTHERN COLLEGE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA has been selected to perform in Carnegie Hall in New York City next May. This is its 20th season under the direction of Professor Orlo Gilbert. The orchestra has a membership of 78. Their schedule this year includes a grand alumni performance at homecoming church services October 29 (rehearsal 2:30 to 5:30 on October 28) and a seasonal performance of the Messiah on December 9 and 10. The symphony plans a concert tour to Europe in May, and would include performing in New York if the Carnegie Hall invitation is accepted.

A COMPUTER-VIDEO SYSTEM for teaching has been installed inDaniells Hall for use by the Mathematics Department. The system includes an IBM compatible computer with hard drive, a 14-inch color monitor, and a video player in a classroom cabinet, and a 26-inch TV monitor mounted above the chalkboard.

THE NURSING DEPARTMENT has received commendation for providing 10 years of medical staffing for Health Fair Alive. This Atlanta fair is sponsored by the American Red Cross, Chevron USA, Inc., and WXIA-TV 11. This year Community Health nursing students were assigned to the Lockheed-Georgia site where they screened about 350 employees.

As the college's own centennial in 1992 nears, the CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION of the Graysville Seventh-day Adventist Church takes place on October 22, 1988. In 1885 a Seventh-day Adventist from Iowa, E. R. Gillett, moved to Graysville, Tenn. Other charter members who joined him by 1888 to organize the Graysville Church included the names of Barstow, Crawley, Pierce, and Terry. In November 1890 a membership of 50 dedicated their new church structure free of debt. On February 20, 1892, school opened with 23 students. For the first month, until benches were ready for the classroom above the Cloise general store, classes were held in the church. Ferrying across the Tennessee River, the school moved some 30 miles south from Graysville to Collegedale in 1916.

An endowment of $100,000 to support the EUGENE A. ANDERSON Organ Concert Series has been gratefully received by the Music Department. This series was established in 1986 by Atlanta businessman and SC board member Eugene Anderson, and has encompassed six concerts on the Anton Heiller Memorial Organ each of the past two school years. Peter Planyavsky presented the first concert of the current season, early this fall. The series also includes concerts by Harald Vogel, October 25; Judy Glass, November 7; William Porter, February 7; and Klaas Bolt, March 18.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS reflect election-year interest of Collegedale's young citizens in the political process. The "Southern College Republicans" was chartered in November 1987, and the "College Democrats of America" in August 1988. Woody White is chairman of the Republican club and Gavin Bledsoe of the Democratic club. Both attended their respective national conventions. The 1988-89 Southern Season of campus programs was kicked off with an election debate between Ben Elliott, Reagan's senior speech writer, and Robert Kuttner, a fiercely opinionated economics correspondent.

Students Learn and Share in Field School

Fourteen ministerial students got on-the-job training this summer at the Field School of Evangelism held in conjunction with an Atlanta crusade. A number of the students are pictured above. Doug Bennett, professor of religion, coordinated their experience in personal and public evangelism from July 4 through August 20. Their main classroom instructor, and speaker for the "Revelation Now" series, was Ron Halvorsen, director of the Evangelism/Church Growth Institute of the Southern Union Conference.

"I feel that the field school was a tremendous success," says Dr. Bennett. He describes participating students as "exceedingly pleased." Students themselves describe the field school as "the greatest plan that Southern has developed for the training of ministers."

Students visited homes in Atlanta and assisted in evening meetings held at Perimeter North Inn. There have been 52 baptisms. One young couple has already visited Southern College with the hope of enrolling second semester. Follow-up meetings are continuing on Friday evenings. A similar field school is planned for next May and June in Charlotte, N.C.
“A Christ-centered manuscript on Adventist doctrines prepared by Norman Gulley, professor of religion at Southern College of Seventh-day Adventists, provided both inspiration and material...” for Seventh-day Adventists Believe... A Biblical Exposition of 27 Fundamental Doctrines, published this year by the Ministerial Association. Dr. Gulley’s contribution to the volume is recognized in the acknowledgements on page v. The book has 392 pages. A June printing of 100,000 followed the initial May run of 80,000 copies. At the faculty colloquium on August 14, President Don Sahly presented copies to Southern College faculty and staff.

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As assistant chaplain, Robin Williams directs Collegiate Adventists Reaching Everyone (CARE), the on- and off-campus ministry organization for Southern collegiates. She holds the distinction of being the first co-ed and the first non-ministerial major (she’s an R.N. finishing her B.S. in nursing) to serve in this Task Force position at Southern. Robin, a West Virginian, has used her medical skills as a Student Missionary in South Africa and as a summer camp nurse at Cohutta Springs Camp in Georgia. CARE operates over 30 religious student programs and organizations on the SC campus.

Recent staff retirements took place for Larry Rice, 29 years with the College Press as plant superintendent and assistant manager; and Jack Kelly, 25 years with the engineering department.

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Georgina Butterfield O’Brien, ’87, has joined the Nursing Department as an instructor. She was formerly employed by the Chattanooga Hamilton County Health Department. She teaches in the fundamentals area this semester, and medical-surgical second semester. She is also enrolled in the Andrews University master’s in nursing program offered on the SC campus.

Terry Martin, ’76, is now a full-time teacher (med-surg) in the Nursing Department. She recently received her master’s in nursing from Andrews University. Lola Scoggins has rejoined the nursing faculty, commuting from Dunlap to teach in the foundations area fall semester and the childbearing area second semester. New on the Orlando faculty are Ruth West (foundations) and Wiley Austin (sciences).

Katie Lamb, chairman of the Nursing Department, has been named chairman elect for the Council on Nursing Education for Seventh-day Adventist Schools of Nursing. With 148 associate degree nursing majors and 133 baccalaureate degree students, Southern College has one of the largest nursing enrollments among SDA schools.

As journalism interns Kevin Waite and Eric Jackson each had an article published in the May issue of the nearby metropolitan magazine, Chattanooga Life and Leisure. A third student, Baron Williams, took the accompanying photos. Eric and Baron both graduated in May. Kevin is this year’s Southern Accent editor. Real-world learning opportunities are also provided to broadcast journalism students by four television stations in Chattanooga.
Two years ago—September 22, 1986—I was inaugurated as the 22nd president of Southern College. Theme for the occasion was “Reaffirming Christian Values.” The exhilaration of this challenge is still felt on our campus today. The future is faced with optimism and courage.

During these past two years, Southern College has made significant progress. Progress based on and measured by a tradition of excellence that has been a part of this campus since its beginning in 1892. We are becoming known in many ways and places as the finest of the Seventh-day Adventist colleges in the United States. Those who have loved and supported this institution can continue to do so with a great deal of pride.

Our mission has not and will not change: to educate young Christian men and women who are recognized as leaders both in the church and in the society in which they work. Individuals who have strength of spirit, character, and intelligence. The fact that we are largely supported by the churches in the Southern Union of Seventh-day Adventists demands nothing less than our best efforts in completing this church’s mission. We live in an ever-changing society and culture. The need for the strongest Christian leadership is ever before us. Southern College has been responsive to these changes and is building a center of higher learning that is gaining attention and recognition.

The growth on this campus has been the work of countless hands, hearts, and prayers. The faculty and staff of Southern are an extraordinary group of dedicated scholars and servant leaders. Our students have come from 46 states and 29 foreign countries. Alumni grow increasingly supportive, trustees are providing vigorous leadership, and leading community citizens are offering generous assistance. It is through this close considerate cooperation that growth and advance are possible. A truly great college will always be the product of many loyal and loving hearts.

I ask that you read this report so you may know your college better. The future strength of our church and our country depends on how well we educate our finest young people. We solicit your support in providing the best in Christian education.
Balance

Balance is really the bottom line of the Southern College experience," remarked Dr. Don Sahly to a group on the occasion of the recent faculty colloquium. "If the college does not run a balanced program, it will soon come apart."

Adventist schools for nearly a century have billed themselves as aiming for the physical, mental, moral, and social development of students. Southern still does.

In order to fulfill these goals, however, it is essential to have some other balances in the background. A balanced budget is one of these. Managing a college budget is a tightrope act that involves nearly everyone on the teaching and support staff at Southern. As vice president for financial affairs, Ken Spears is familiar with the bottom line. And he has had the satisfaction of watching nine of the last ten annual budgets balance. "A balanced budget allows for a dynamic program," he said.

"One of our goals at Southern is an academic program that fills the needs of the students who come here," stated Dr. Floyd Greenleaf, vice president for academic administration. "It is essential to offer strong majors and the general education programs to back up a balanced liberal arts curriculum."

It must be working, as statistics show high percentages of choice placements year after year.

"Recreation and exercise are important to maintaining a balance in students' lives here at Southern." So stated Dr. Bill Wohlers, vice president for student affairs. "In former decades, many of the jobs available for students were labor intensive, requiring physical exercise. It's just not that way today.

"Recreation and social programs not only help balance students' lives. They are, in my opinion, essential contributors to academic success. The mind is only as fit as the body."

Southern's physical education department provides individuals with exercise options. Hiking, backpacking, camping, bicycling, swimming, jogging, and working out with weights are popular activities. For the team-conscious students, softball, volleyball, basketball, soccer, hockey, and Hawaiian football provide good outlets. The most popular individual sports are tennis, racquetball, golf tournaments, and the annual triathlon. Southern does not participate in intercollegiate sports.

Jim Herman is chaplain at Southern. His office sponsors a range of religious activities under the acronym CARE (Collegiate Adventists Reaching Everyone). "Students at Southern balance out their academic, social, and recreational lives by becoming involved with CARE," Chaplain Herman recently said, "We reach in as well as reach out. We want to meet people where they are; happy or hurting, we have something for them. We want to help them balance their lives.

CARE activities include sponsoring worldwide student missions, sunshine bands in the traditional vein, Sabbath School programs, and spiritual retreats. Other less traditional outreaches are Destiny (CARE's drama ministry), CABL's (Collegiate Adventists for Better Living) sponsorship of Youth to Youth, a positive peer approach to emphasizing drug-free living, and a number of recreational activities.

Cultural programs are an intrinsic part of Southern's balance. "The college's music department is committed to helping provide a cultural balance to life here at Southern," says Dr. Marvin Robertson, chair of the music department. "Several hundred students participate in private lessons, the Symphony Orchestra, Concert Band, Southern Singers, Something Special, Schola Cantorum, and Die Meistersinger male chorus." He continued, "We also sponsor the Chamber Music Series and the Eugene Anderson Organ Series which feature world renowned artists."

The newest thrust in the college's concept of balance involves most of the teaching and support staff of Southern. Phil Garver explains, "The staff have become conscious that we need to be better role models of the balanced life. We spent the better part of two days at colloquium becoming more aware of this, and participating in a lifestyle assessment program. I see changes ahead in our collective lifestyles that will reflect the Christian balance between the physical, spiritual, intellectual, and social aspects of our lives."

Nearly all of Southern's students have a job. While a job may be a financial necessity, it also helps provide balance. The responsibility of the workplace, the relationships developed, and the time management learned all add to the educational balance that Southern College offers.

Balance is the bottom line. And it's all holding together at Southern.
Financial Balance

Again Southern College operated with a balanced budget, an achievement marking nine of the past ten years. Endowment funds have grown from a quarter million dollars ten years ago to $6.21 million as of July 1, 1988. This includes $4.37 million for the Century II Scholarship Endowment—toward the $10 million goal by 1992. In addition it includes three endowed chairs which generate specific academic funding. This growing financial strength backs an educational program worthy of Southern's 96-year heritage.

The college is determined to keep tuition affordable and to provide a top-quality educational program. While college tuition charges rose an average of 7 percent this fall (9 percent at private colleges), Southern College held its tuition increase to less than 5 1/2 percent. Gifts from alumni and friends helped make this possible.

The student taking a full class load at Southern is paying $5,800 for tuition in 1988-89. Tuition at the ten Seventh-day Adventist senior colleges and universities in the U.S. averages $6,735. Across the nation students at four-year private colleges will pay $7,693 for tuition and fees on average.

To meet future challenges, endowment expansion and increased income to support annual operations are essential. Students and staff are grateful to those whose continuing interest, participation, and support contribute in tangible ways to the quality of life and learning at Southern College.

1987-88 Consolidated Financial Statement

The 1987-88 fiscal year ended on June 30 with a balanced operating budget.

INCOME

Student tuition and fees $6,630,889
Endowment income 57,316
Seventh-day Adventist Church 1,138,430
Other private gifts and grants 520,141
Other educational income 169,747
Other income 381,652
Auxiliaries* 3,235,041
TOTAL INCOME $12,133,216

EXPENSES

Instructional $3,343,776
Academic support 760,014
Public service 218,764
Student services 1,016,256
Institutional support 1,309,546
Plant maintenance 1,052,291
Depreciation (non-auxiliaries) 396,514
Scholarship aid 832,677
Auxiliaries 2,988,027
Debt service and equipment 205,000
TOTAL EXPENSES $12,122,865

INCREASE IN FUND BALANCE $10,351

*Residence Halls, Food Service, Rentals
Another school year brings with it new faces and names. This year at Southern College, nearly fifteen hundred students share the sidewalks and classrooms of our beautiful campus. Behind each face is a fascinating story. The three students you are about to meet represent every new student on this campus. Oh, their stories will vary, names and places are different, but they all share a desire for Christian education and have chosen Southern College to be their school.

—Written and photographed by Dana Knecht

Students

Tammy O’Quinn

What you notice first about Tammy are her Southern accent and her friendly smile. Not necessarily in that order. What may not be as obvious at first glance are her incredible talent and intelligence.

A graduate of Appling County Comprehensive High School in Georgia, Tammy received many awards and honors for academic ability. She was the STAR student for 1987-88, salutatorian of her senior class, and has won or placed in several essay contests.

Because of her high academic honors, Tammy was offered competitive scholarships to universities closer to her South Georgia hometown of Baxley. She turned them all down to come to Southern College. The decision wasn’t that easy, however, as Tammy explains.

“I really enjoyed my high school and never really considered Christian education because we couldn’t afford it. There were Friday night and Sabbath conflicts though, and many times I had to miss out on activities. At my graduation I left early because it was almost sundown, and I didn’t get to throw my cap in the air at the end. When I began considering colleges I prayed about it and the Lord worked it out so that I could come here. Now that I am here it doesn’t seem like there was any other choice.”

Tammy is majoring in biology with a minor in chemistry and hopes to attend medical school in the future. Her career goal is to specialize in medical research.

When Tammy was 10, her mother was diagnosed as having lung and colon cancer. Although the cancer has since cleared, Tammy has never forgotten her wish to unlock its secrets and prevent it from happening to someone else.

Growing up on a farm, without many people her own age around, Tammy has learned to love the close companionship of dorm life. “I love my roommate and suitemates,” she says excitedly. “In fact,” she says, “now that I’m here I wouldn’t go anywhere else in the world.”

As for the future... well, she takes it one day at a time. She has had to take out loans to be able to afford tuition, but Tammy is very optimistic and is convinced this is where the Lord wants her. “He’s gotten me this far,” she says. “He’ll take care of me.”

Jerry E. Rimer

There is no doubt in our minds that the Lord led us here,” says Jerry Rimer concerning his decision to attend Southern College.

Working as a production manager at a plastic bag manufacturing company in Greenville, S.C., Jerry was struggling with a very tough decision. He felt the Lord was telling him to go back to school and prepare for pastoral ministry. He was having a hard time accepting it, however, and he asked the Lord for a sign. Soon after that Jerry was laid off from his job and given no explanation except that his employers were revising the management structure. In fact, he was told they were very pleased with his work.

He couldn’t ignore this sign from the Lord, so he and his family moved to Collegedale where Jerry is now attending Southern College.

From the very beginning, Jerry and his wife, Judy, found everyone—administration to students—to be helpful and friendly. “After our first visit,” says Jerry, “we felt like we had known these people forever.

“I feel the men in the Religion Department are men of God,” he adds. “They are willing to stop and lend an ear to anyone.”
1988-89 Enrollment
With the arrival of the Centennial Seniors (freshmen who will graduate in 1992), student headcount has reached 1,443. This is 77 more students than last year's official figure of 1,366, a 5.6 percent gain.
Full time equivalency (FTE) enrollment of 1,169 represents a gain of 94 students over a year ago. Southern students come from 46 states, plus Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, and Guam. In addition, 75 residents of 29 other countries have enrolled.

A 36-year-old sophomore, Jerry is a little apprehensive about starting school since it has been a number of years since he attended classes.
Jerry works at the broom shop on campus (Supreme Broom employs about 30 students) when he isn't in class. His wife is still looking for a job to help with living and school expenses. They also have two children, Heather, 13, and Jennifer, 9.
As time permits, Jerry would like to pursue his interest in politics by joining a student club. He is also a musician and plays the trumpet, tuba, baritone, and piano.
Jerry hopes to finish his religion degree in two years. After that he hopes to pastor a church in the Southern Union. "We are willing to go anywhere," says Jerry. "Wherever the Lord leads us."

Laura's parents are very dedicated to Christian education and were more than willing to help when she and her twin sister, Lori, expressed an interest in Southern College. Knowing it would be expensive to send the girls to SC, Mrs. Clark moved to nearby Cleveland with the girls so they could commute to school every day. Laura's father stayed in Nashville where he works as a painter. It isn't easy for her family to be separated, but they feel it is important for the girls to be in a Christian school.
Mr. Clark makes the three-hour trip every weekend to see his family. Often on Fridays, Mrs. Clark will go pick him up after she gets off work as a nurse.
"I'm really glad I'm here," says Laura. "I think it is a great place to go to school." She is impressed with the Christian atmosphere and friendliness of the students.
During fourth summer session, Laura took Sociology as her first college class. "I was a little scared at first, but I was able to get a taste of college life," she says. She enjoys the faculty.
While here at Southern, Laura hopes to get involved in a number of CARE-sponsored activities. She was involved in outreach programs while she was at Laurelbrook School and would like to continue her work in that area. "I hope I can influence others for Christ," she says.
"So many people have influenced my life in a positive way and I would like to do that for others."
Laura is a hard worker and a very talented girl. She plays the clarinet and hopes to be in the college band. She received a $1,700 scholarship for her leadership and 4.0 GPA in academy. She also has a part-time job at Wendy's to help offset the cost of school.
Laura's family has made many sacrifices in order for her to attend Southern College and she appreciates so much what they have done. But there are always new challenges to face. The 20-minute drive to school every day has prompted them to look for a house closer to Collegedale, and school expenses are a constant worry. But Laura's mother is convinced that Christian education is the best way to go. "We will pray and the Lord will help us make it somehow."
Aid and Giving

The Generous Giver

Even though the major source of funds for current operations is tuition, Southern College received nine percent of total revenue from the Seventh-day Adventist Church and almost five percent from other gifts and grants. These sources of funds were in excess of $1,250 per student for the 1987-88 fiscal year.

Significant funding has come in the past three years with establishment of the Ruth McKee Chair for Entrepreneurship and Business Ethics, the Ellen G. White Memorial Chair in Religion, and the Ray Hefferlin Chair for International Research in Physics, as well as an endowment in support of the Anderson Organ Concert Series. The Century II Endowment grows daily and is expected to produce over $300,000 for worthy student scholarships this college year.

A look at the graphs below shows growth in alumni giving, both in sum and number giving. The average alumni loyalty gift this past year was $72. As foundations and corporations examine that alumni support, it has a snowball effect.

The Grateful Recipient

Last year four out of five students received financial aid. Nearly $4.8 million was awarded in the form of grants, loans, scholarships, and Federal Work-Study.

The college itself granted scholarships totaling more than $835,000 in 1987-88 and administered more than 50 named scholarships.

What this meant was that students who “couldn’t afford” to go to Southern College could manage it after all. This helping hand reached out to the busy hand of the student, and required, in most cases, a supportive family that contributed its fair share. Financial aid and on-campus student labor exceeded $5.6 million. Tuition and fees charged last year to the student body receiving this aid and part-time income totaled $6.6 million. (Books, board and room, etc., are not included in that figure.)

THANK YOU * THANK YOU
SC Research Reaches Far

Here's a professor whose passion for learning has involved his students in research recognized around the world.

Ray Hefferlin, professor of physics and senior faculty member (1955), traveled to Yugoslavia in August to present recent concepts of the Southern College research program at the International Symposium on the Electronic Structure and Properties of Molecules and Crystals. The symposium was sponsored by the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry. Hefferlin proceeded to Minsk, U.S.S.R., to lecture at the XVIIIth International Conference on Coherent and Nonlinear Optics, sponsored by the Soviet Academy of Sciences, and to Leningrad to visit with colleagues involved in related research.

The SC research project involves group theoretical analysis of periodic systems of atoms and, particularly, molecules. It embraces alternative graphical representations of molecular periodic systems. A recent concept in the SC research is how to construct periodic systems incorporating cluster magic numbers. Travel to these conferences was made possible by the endowment of the Chair for International Research in Physics. The endowment has also enabled the Physics Department to obtain scientific articles by computer network and to purchase useful books and software.

Educational Quality

The heart of Southern College is its qualified and caring faculty. All but two of the 76 full-time teachers already hold advanced degrees. Teachers are characterized by a concern for values, a commitment to service, and a biblically based world view.

A recent graduate now attending Duke University on a full fellowship has written: “...were I to relive the past, I would again attend Southern.” Each reason she cites is tied to the calibre of its faculty: a solid education, the camaraderie of faculty and staff with students, the opportunity to discuss philosophy and religion with educators who have thought deeply about their faith, an unusually caring attitude for the well-being of the whole person.

Students choose from 41 baccalaureate majors in 22 departments of instruction. Nearly all departments show growth this year. Business, nursing, religion, biology, allied health, and journalism are the largest in number of majors. The 180,000 volume library serves them well. Field study—whether it's birds in Florida, history in New England or Europe, evangelism in Atlanta, sociological issues and art in New York, flowers in the Smokies, or fish in the Bahamas—provides value-added learning.

Graduates of the college continue to win recognition and major fellowships. They are accepted at seminary, medical schools, and graduate schools.
A Fine Balance

Academic achievement does not occur in a vacuum. Work, religious growth opportunities, life in the residence halls, cafeteria meals, student activities and intramurals—each is a part of the balance at Southern College.

An attitude of service permeates the campus. Giving balances getting. Perhaps its strongest showing is in the Adventist Youth Service program. In 21 years Southern College has sent 356 Student Missionaries to countries ranging from Thailand and Korea to Iceland and Peru. There they have served for a year, teaching, working in a hospital, or perhaps even programming computers.

It doesn't stop there. More than eight thousand graduates of Southern have spread across the continent and around the world, carrying with them the beauty of a balanced life.

Looking Ahead

An articulation of goals and dreams for Southern College:

1. To activate and refine strategic planning as an ongoing process.
2. To achieve a $10 million scholarship endowment by 1992.
3. To institute a successful retention and assessment program.
4. To see graduates recognized as nationally competitive, verified by achievement on state board examinations.
5. To develop graduate programs in education and business as will be required by accrediting bodies and teacher certification boards.
6. To be recognized as an affordable option for higher education within the Adventist church as well as the local community.
7. To be responsive to consumer needs, making customer satisfaction a priority in every aspect of college life.
8. To become recognized as a learning community whose articulate, intellectually seeking students and teachers are known for their courtesy, nobility, and integrity.
9. To achieve substantial participation in research by students and faculty, made possible through the endowment of departmental chairs.
10. To make Southern College an educational resource center for the Adventist constituency of the Southern Union through their use of college facilities and programs.

Donald R. Sahly
President
1920’s

Jere Dyer Smith, ‘24, who is 92, and his wife, Glee (Bird), who is 87, reside in Loma Linda, Calif. They were married in the Lynn Wood Hall Chapel 63 years ago. Their nephew, Al McClure, ‘54, is the board chairman at Southern College.

Ethel (Sheldt) Wilkes, ’29, just retired in Simi Valley, Calif., after a teaching career. She looks back on her 5½ years fondly, calls the teachers “precious,” and adds that the school’s standards have been a wonderful help to her throughout her life.

Cora (Fox) Woolsey, ’23, turned 90 on February 6, in Boonsboro, Md., where she resides. She now has 8 great-grandchildren.

Margarita Merriman, ‘46, lives in South Lancaster, Mass., where she teaches music at Atlantic Union College.

Erwin B. Stewart, ’48, resides in Johnson City, Tenn. His granddaughter, Missy Greene, is now a senior at SC and makes the third generation student in his family.

Joyce Shirley (Young) Wood, ’46, lives in Mechanicsville, Va. Her eldest married son, Samuel, and her second son, Robert, are medical doctors. Her youngest son, Daniel, is a senior electrical engineering student at Old Dominion University. Both of her daughters are married and have children. Adriene has her master’s degree in Spanish and French from UNC. Patricia is an admissions officer in Washington, D.C.

1950’s

Rene Ramiro Alonso, ’52, and his wife, Waldina, ’52, have two children and reside in Kenne, Texas. Rene and Waldina started two new churches, one in Arlington and the other in Fort Worth. Rene is retired.

Rose (Schroeder) Chesnut, ’53, and her husband both work at the Review & Herald and live in Martinsburg, W.V. Their daughter is attending SC this year.

Laura (Hancock) Dupper, ’52, and her husband, Bill, have retired in Florida. She would like to hear from classmates: 909 N. Parrott Ave., Okeechobee, FL 33472.

1960’s

Gilbert Burnham, ’64, recently resumed his duties as medical director at Malamuto Hospital, Malawi, after a year spent as a research fellow in the department of medical helminthology, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. In May 1988 he received a Ph.D. degree from the Faculty of Medical University of London. Recently Burnham was awarded a U.S. $110,000 grant by the World Health Organization to investigate new treatment for onchocerciasis (river blindness).

John Wesley Fowler, ’64, just spent two years in the Africa-Indian Ocean Division as division secretary. He is now an associate professor at Andrews University Seminary on study leave for his Ph.D. in preaching and theology at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He and his wife, Marilyn K., attended ’61-’63, live in Louisville, Ky.

Ronald Fox, ’62, has set up his own business for the recovery of oil from spent wells. Ron spent time in the Soviet Union and in China discussing his method with experts and scientists. He says the visits were economically and culturally fruitful. He lives in Sandia Park, N.M.

M. Susan (Rozell) Pettitbone, ’66, visited Collegetdale this summer on furlough, and remarks that she likes what is being done for Lynn Wood Hall. The Pettitbone family has been living and working in Zimbabwe, Africa, for the past 12 years.

Carl Smith ’69, and Linda (Zuta), ’78 were married in Thatcher Hall on July 3. Linda is a secretary at McKee Baking Co., and Carl is a maintenance and planning scheduler there. The couple live in Collegetdale.

LeWana (Lyle) Rumsline, ’66, is the administrative secretary at La Sierra Academy. She lives in Riverside, Calif., with her husband, Jonath, and children, Lei, Lani, Julie, and Jeff.

Sylvia (Fowler) Marchant, ’63, and David Coggin, ’61, laid their wedding plans for October 9 at Florida’s Cullman Hotel. David owns and operates a Sears catalog store. Sylvia has three children, Herbie, Lisa, and Lori. Lori is a sophomore at SC.
1970's

John C. Cress, '77, is now chaplain at Walla Walla College and wife Pam is a social worker and director of a helpline. They are living in College Place, Wash., with their two children, Jana, 8, and Jaci, 6.

Donna (Taylor) Evans, '70, received her Ph.D. in education from Claremont Graduate School in May 1988. The research for her dissertation was conducted at SC and concerned the effects of Adventist college education on reflective judgment. Donna lives in Loma Linda.

Joy Evans, '78, owns a computer software and analysis company. Her husband, Ernie, is an outdoor therapy counselor. Joy is a counselor for a Chattanooga Pathfinder club. The couple lives in Chattanooga and are in the midst of renovating a 100-year-old home.

Linda Ann Foster, '79, has been attending North Texas State Univ. She has successfully completed her written and oral examinations for her Ph.D. in microbiology. She expects to complete her research and dissertation before December.

Donnie L. Giles, '71, and his wife, Sonja, reside in Clackamas, Ore., with their daughter, Christie, 2. He is currently specializing in vascular and general surgery.

Cynthia G. Johnson, '78, graduated last May from the Illinois College of Optometry with her doctor of optometry degree.

Cynthia (Hagerman) Phibbs, '78, works for a home care and responsibility company. Her husband, Lynne, is a supervisor at McKee Baking. They live in Collegeville with their two children, Christina and Curtis, and are active members of the Apison Church and Pathfinder Club.

Ron Reading, '74, and his wife, Dale (Corwin), '75, are living near Columbia Union College. Ron is a former physical education teacher at Blue Mountain Academy and is now teaching at CUC.

Frank Ricks, '76, and his wife, Valerie (Eiken), '71, have come to Collegeville where Frank is chaplin of Collegeville Academy. The Ricks have three children, Stephanie, 12, Wade, 10, and Nevin, 8.

Jonathan Shields, '76, and his wife, Maurine (Koles), '76, reside in Dayton, Ohio, where Jonathan works as the business manager of Spring Valley Academy. Maurine is a full-time housewife keeping up with their two children, Nathan, 7, and Esther, 3.

Beth (Willis) Smith, '76, is employed by a planning consultant for Family Stewardship Planning. She lives in Norcross, Ga., with her husband, Barry, attended in '81, and two daughters, Robbi, 7, and Caroline, 2.

Brian E. Strayer, '73, finished his Ph.D. in history in 1987 at the University of Iowa. He is researching the history of Union Springs Academy, his alma mater, and plans to present a paper on 200 years of Bastille historiography in November at the Western Society for French History at UCLA.

Chuck Williams, '70, and his wife, Suzie (Shacklet), '68, returned recently from three years in Singapore as publishing director for the Far Eastern Division. He is now in the publishing department of the Southern New England Conference. Suzie is a registered dietitian working on her master's in nutrition. They have three daughters, Marci, 17, Amber, 11, and Ginger, 9. The family lives in South Lancaster, Mass.

1980's

Four alumni graduated from the University of Tennessee Medical Center in Memphis in June:

Bryan Cheever, '82, now has a family practice residency in Orlando, Fla., where he and his wife, Becky (Chilton), '82, live.

Felizito Fernandez, attended 79-83, has a pediatric residency in Memphis. His wife is Lynette (Brown), '84.

Bruce Goeckeritz, '82, is a family practice resident in Augusta, Ga., where he and his wife, Laurel (Harder), attended 77-79, live.

Jeffrey Evans, '84, has a family practice residency in Huntsville, Ala. His wife is Laurie (Jackson), '84.

Larry Becker, '79, and his wife, Laura (Cox), '82, are residents of Warner Robins, Ga. Laura teaches clinical nursing at Macon College. The couple had a baby girl in February.

Orville Bignall, '86, has begun experimental work on an accelerator. He improved the resolution of the detector so much that people who did experiments earlier now want to do them over. Some time ago he passed his proficiency exam for the Ph.D. program at Florida State University. He is a member of the Physics Department advisory committee.

Gary W. Burdick, '85, is at the University of Texas at Austin doing research, both theoretical and experimental, in one- and two-photon spectroscopy of lanthanide rare earths. He has achieved three years as a National Science Foundation fellow and was accepted this past May to Ph.D. candidacy in physics. He plays an active role in the Sabbath School at the South Austin SDA Church.

Stefan Burnham, '81, and his wife, Kristi (Anderson), '82, have a son, Bradley, 5, and are expecting a second child in November. Kristi is working part time in IUC at E. F. Passo Medical Center. The Burnhams live in Zephyrhills, Fla.

Earl Cornell, '86, has been admitted to graduate study in physics at Vanderbilt. He has received $11,000 in support from the university.

Kevin Costello, '87, was married to Teresa Cook, a graduate of Southwestern, in May. They live in Keene, Texas.

NaLonna (Lea) Covrig, '87, is working at Memorial Hospital in Chattanooga as an RN. She married Bryan Covrig this past August.

Randy L. Cox, '82, is living in Madison, Tenn., with his wife, Anita (Cantrell), '79, and two children, Nicholas, 4, and Diana, 3. Randy is teaching band at Madison Academy and two local elementary schools. He is also working on his master's in educational administration.

Steven Fitzgerald, '83, has received his commission from the U.S. Navy officer candidate school in Newport, R.I., and graduated from the U.S. Navy Supply Corps School in Athens, Ga. He has been assigned to the USS Saratoga, an aircraft carrier based in Mayport, Fla.

John Henson, '80, and his wife, Vanessa, '79, are living in New York City. John has been accepted to a two-year fellowship at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in the area of neuro-oncology. Vanessa was accepted to graduate school at Hunter in NYC for studies in early childhood and elementary education.

Mark A. Jacob, '84, is an administrator at Baptist Hospital in Memphis and is doing his residency in Urology at the U.S. Naval Hospital in San Diego. He is also working on his master's in business at the University of Memphis. His wife, Barbara (Heiser), of Centerville, Ohio, proudly announces the birth of their first child, Jeana Lynn, on July 18.

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Renee (Gasson) Topham, attended '82 to '84, lives in Cordova, Tenn. She is a marketing manager for Memphis for Air Draulics Engineering Co. and now works on her master's in business at the University of Memphis. Her husband, David, is from Great Britain and is manager of an athletic store. Renee is sponsoring his track training for the 1992 Olympics.

Julie (McClarty) Van Raden, '87, was married to David Van Raden, attended '81, on January 1, 1988, in the Collegeville Church. The couple now lives in Kansas City, Mo., where Julie is rapidly gaining teaching experience from her special students.

Connie Westcott, '84, was married to William Harold Brackbill on June 12, 1988, in Talahassee, Fla.

Wendy (Innis) Whitehouse, '81, received her Ph.D. in biochemistry from Emory University in Atlanta this spring.

At Rest

STEVEN BERNARD WYCKOFF, 20, a nursing student from Decatur, Ga., died July 22, 1988, of multiple internal injuries suffered in a auto accident the previous day. The two-car accident occurred on rain-slick Apison Pike within two miles of the campus.

Students of Southern College served as pallbearers and flower girls for the memorial service held July 28 in Decatur. Interment followed in Newsite, Ala.

Steve was a graduate of Harbert Public School. He was enrolled at Southern in 1986. "The college is forever a better place because Steven walked our halls," commented Chaplain Jim Herman at the memorial service.

Steve was born April 24, 1968, to Lynda Wyckoff Berry. Others in his immediate family include a brother and two sisters, all of Decatur. His grandparents, William and Aline Wyckoff, reside in Alexander City, Ala.
**Homecoming 88**

**FRIDAY**
**Oct. 28**

- Ethics Seminar
  Dr. Jack Provonsha
  9 a.m. to 12 noon
  Ackerman Auditorium

- Registration on North Campus
  beginning at 9 a.m.

- SJC Founders' Day
  5 p.m. Buffet—Lynn Wood Hall

- McKee Bakery Reunion
  5 p.m. Academy Gymnasium

- Nicaragua Reunion
  5 p.m. Ledford Hall

- American Indian Art Exhibit
  Open House FM90.5 WSMC
  3 to 6 p.m. Brock Hall

- Evening Vespers, 7:15
  Cliff Port, '68
  Iles P.E. Center

**SABBATH**
**Oct. 29**

- "Early Bird" Walk
  6 a.m. E. O. Grundset
  Wright Hall

- First Service, 8:40 a.m.
  Ken Rogers, '78

- Sabbath School, 9:45 a.m.
  Victor Czerkasij, '83

- Second Service, 11:10 a.m.
  Ron Bentzinger, '65

- Potluck, 11:30-1:30
  Academy Gymnasium

- Potluck Supper, 5:30 p.m.
  Academy Gymnasium

- Alumni Business Meeting
  Tickets to Saturday night program

- Saturday Night Program
  7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
  Iles P.E. Center
  Symphony Orchestra with
  Guest Artist, Lyndon Taylor
  Awards Ceremony

**SUNDAY**
**Oct. 30**

- Time change 2 a.m.
  (Set clocks back one hour)

- Honor Classes Breakfast
  8 a.m. College Cafeteria

- Alumni vs. College 9 p.m.
  Annual Basketball Game

- "Southern Shuffle" 11 p.m.
  College Track
  5k; 2 mile; 1 mile walk
  Best 5k time—17.12
Set on coming home? We're set to have you! This Pre-Registration Form, if completed and returned to the Alumni Office, will help us be even more prepared for your arrival. Check the functions you wish to attend:

☐ Ethics Seminar
☐ Friday afternoon seminar(s)
☐ McKee Bakery Reunion
☐ "Early Bird" Walk
☐ Alumni Potluck—Sabbath Lunch
☐ Alumni Potluck—Sabbath Supper
☐ SJC Buffet
☐ Saturday night Program
☐ Southern Shuffle
☐ Honor Classes Sunday Breakfast
☐ Lynn Wood Hall Ceremonies

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